

Hockey Wairarapa Awards Evening 2009

Finalists

Male Primary Player of the Year:

Hamish Finlayson: Hamish was captain of the Wairarapa U-13 boy's team that placed 5th at the 2009 Hatch Cup tournament in Invercargill. He also captained his M.I.S team that finished 2nd in the intermediate grade. Hamish is a very talented player and has a skill set of a player more mature player.

Bradley Annear: Bradley was captain of the M.I.S Gold team that won the intermediate 'A' section and was integral part of the Hatch Cup midfield. Bradley played most of the Hatch Cup tournament with a broken finger.

He has an excellent attitude and a huge future in the game.

Joseph Robertson: Joseph was the top goal scorer for the Hatch Cup team scoring nine goals including a six goal haul in pool play against Mid Canterbury. Joseph is a natural athlete and uses his speed and power to full effect.

Female Primary Player of the Year

Rebecca Perry: Rebecca has played consistent hockey throughout her primary competition for St Mathews and for the Collier Trophy representative team. She always gives it her best and is a good leader. Rebecca is a good steady half or back who has a high pass rate and is solid in the tackle.

Katie-Ann Saywell: Katie-Ann played amazing Hockey for Hadlow and for the Collier Trophy team. Katie-Ann has an exceptional work rate, never gives up, is a good leader and role model for her team mates and has exceptional vision. Her determination and gusto were an inspiration to her peers.

Lucy Terry: Lucy was the goal keeper and stand out player for the Collier Trophy team and for the M.I.S team. She has immense potential and could well go on to bigger and better things.

Contribution to Umpiring

Nic Towns: 2009 was Nic's first year umpiring. He umpired the intermediate 'A' grade every Monday, umpired men's and women's grades, the Olympic Stick tournament, junior Hockey and also representative Hockey. Nic helped recruit other people to umpiring and was the first person in the Wairarapa to receive the Local Badge.

He has got natural ability and has been a real asset this year.

Rochelle Retter: Rochelle helped with the Umpires Mentoring programme, held numerous Umpires nights for senior umpires, presented the umpiring sections of coaching courses, and assisted with players, coaches and other umpires learning and interpretation of the new rules. You could also see Rochelle around the turfs umpiring a wide range of games.

Sussanah Van Woerkom: Sussanah helped with the Umpires Mentoring programme, completed stage 1 of the level 1 umpires course, and was always willing to give others a hand to understand the rules. Sussanah umpired Premiere men's and Women's, College grades, other men's and Women's grades and got a semi final at Federation Cup which is the most prestigious secondary school girls tournament in the country.

Contribution to Hockey Wairarapa

Bruce Perry: Bruce put a huge amount of effort and work into getting the funding and support for the new turf, he was often at the turf physically helping and it's safe to say without him there would still only be one turf.

Bruce was also a great supporter of numerous Wairarapa rep, school and club teams, played for the mighty Tuatara's men's team and coached the St Mathews girls intermediate first eleven.

Steve Gallon: Steve put a large amount of his own time into resurrecting the gates and fences around the new turf doing an excellent job and saving a huge amount of money.

Brian Wilton: Brian spent a huge amount of his own time resurrecting the lights for the new turf and saved a massive amount of money too. The new lights look great and provide the facility with the state of the art lights needed for high quality action.

Lindsay Annear: Lindsay worked incredibly hard applying for funds for the Pavilion. He also managed the Hatch Cup team for the 6th straight year, took over from Paul Redwood as Chairman of the Hockey Wairarapa committee, and has been an avid supporter of all things hockey in the Wairarapa.

Male Colt of the Year

Trent Lett: Trent was consistently good in the midfield for both the Wairarapa College first eleven and the Wairarapa u-18 men's team, both of whom did very well. He was a stand out performer for the Barbarians side in the Clareville Classic Lower North Islands men's Indoor Hockey tournament too. Trent has an excellent attitude and puts his all into every game he plays. Trent was also invited to attend the regional coaching clinic held in Palmerston North and was ranked highly.

Ben Van Woerkom: Ben was a member of the Wellington Men's B team which won the top division of the national men's tournament. He was also a vital cog in the Wairarapa College first eleven and the Wairarapa u-18 men's side and the Barbarians indoor team. He has a brilliant skill set and can impose himself on any game as seen by his brilliant goal to help the Dalefield Men's side beat Kapiti in the promotion-relegation game. Ben was also invited to attend the regional coaching clinic held in Palmerston North and was ranked highly.

Nicholas Finlayson: Nicholas was selected in and played for the Wairarapa u-16 and 18 teams, the Wairarapa College first eleven, the Dalefield men's premiere team and was also in the Wellington men's team that won the national men's tournament. He achieved all this at the age of 16.

Female Colt of the Year

Ashleigh Marfell: Ashleigh was one of key reasons the Wairarapa u-16 girls placed a credible 8th in their national tournament. She has brilliant ball control and is calm and collected under pressure. Ashleigh represented Wairarapa at the regional coaching clinic in Palmerston North and was one of the top players their for her age and has a bright future in the game. Ashleigh was also a member of the successful St Mathews College first eleven.

Jess Lucas: Jess was selected in the Central u-21 women's team that competed in the national tournament in May. Jess also captained the Wairarapa College girls first eleven team this year and was one of the strongest players in the Wellington/Wairarapa premiere girls college grade.

Amanda Pottinger: Amanda was a stand out performer for every team she played in this year. She was captain of the St Mathews first eleven and played in the Dalefield premiere women's team, Wairarapa u-18 team, and the Wairarapa Women's team. Amanda was named 'player of the tournament' for the Wairarapa Women's team and also coached the St Mathews primary 'b' team.

Supporter of the year

Carol van Woerkom: Not only supported all her own children, but managed a team and also sent regular texts and faxes wishing representative teams well. Carol also takes the end of year team photos for various teams.

Carol and Mike should probably think about buying a caravan and parking up next to Ron they are at Hockey so much.

Mike Van Woerkom: Mike managed the Wairarapa College boys first eleven and vocally supported them and every other Wairarapa college team and Wairarapa representative team throughout the year.

Alan Brady: Alan talks to Chris Cogdale every Saturday on the sports round up radio show and does a great job publicizing Premiere and local Hockey. He has been doing for a long time and always comes off well. Alan was also the goal keeper for the Dalefield men's premiere team and played a big part in them winning the promotion relegation game and staying in the top grade in the Wellington competition next year.

Team of the year

Hatch Cup 2009: Were placed 5th at Hatch Cup making them the 5th best provincial team in the country. They were the top goal scorers at the tournament scoring a mammoth 33 goals, 38 including strokes. It has been a long time since our Hatch team has done so well and it bodes well for the future of Hockey Wairarapa, we will follow this age group through the ranks with much anticipation.

St Mathew's first eleven girls: The St Mathews first eleven placed 9th at Federation cup which is a good result considering it is the best secondary school girls tournament in the country, what made it better is the fact that they only lost the one game in the process. The only missed out on the top eight because of goal difference.

They won the prestigious Wellington/Wairarapa premiere college girls competition this year too, beating Wairarapa College in the final.

Wairarapa College first eleven Boys: The Wairarapa College first eleven boys were placed 7th at Rankin Cup, which is the best boys college tournament in the country and the best result since 2002, by any boy's college team.

this was an extremely hard category to choose not only the winner but the finalists also. There are two teams that missed out on being finalists that in any other year would have been close to winning it, they were: The Wairarapa u-11 girls rep team who won their tournament and were crowned the best u-11 girls team in the lower north island. Also, the Wairarapa College girls first eleven who placed 8th at Federation cup and 2nd in the wellington competition.

Coach of the year

Sharon Gates: Sharon coached the u-11 girl's team which won the regional u-11 tournament in Taranaki. She also coached the St Mathews 2nd eleven team which won the college girls grade. Sharon is always keen

to help at any coaching clinics and courses and spends a lot of time helping the junior Dalefield hockey teams. Sharon gained her level 1 coaching certificate this year.

Dave Finlayson and Dave Caldwell: Dave and Dave were the coaches of the Hatch cup team and both coached in the intermediate 'A' grade. They ran meticulous coaching sessions and got the best out of their teams and the individuals in them. Both Dave Finlayson and Dave Caldwell gained their level 1 coaching certificates this year too.

Fraser Mailman: Fraser coached 3 of the top four teams in the intermediate 'A' grade this year and his M.I.S gold team won the competition. Frazier has been coaching since 1971 and his achievements as coach include winning Federation cup, being runner up at the national u-18 girl's tournament and taking the Wairarapa men to 3rd in the country.

Again a very tough category to choose the winner and finalists from, other nominees that would have been close to winning the award in previous years were: Abby Hill, Willie Schaefer, Catherine Smith and Sharon Jolliffe and Mary Field.

Sportsman of the year:

Ben Van Woerkom: Ben was a member of the Wellington Men's B team which won the top division of the national men's tournament. He was also a vital cog in the Wairarapa College first eleven and the Wairarapa u-18 men's side and the Barbarians indoor team. He has a brilliant skill set and can impose himself on any game as seen by his brilliant goal to help the Dalefield Men's side beat Kapiti in the promotion-relegation game.

Rowan Yeo: Rowan was an inspiration to the Dalefield men's team this year where he constantly played well in a struggling team. He was one of the top goal scorers in the national men's u-21 tournament playing for Capital who won the tournament. It was the third time Rowan has won the tournament. Recently he was named in, and played for the Central Mavericks in the National League which is the best men's competition in the country. Rowan did well in his first year, and has the potential to make a big impact in years to come.

Willie Schaefer: Willie was a lynchpin in the Dalefield premiere men's team defense this year, if the ball got past him the player most definitely didn't. Willie also coached the Wairarapa u-18 men's team, the Wairarapa College first eleven girls team and the Wairarapa College second eleven boys team. Willie has made a huge impact in his first year back in the region.

Sportswoman of the year:

Amanda Pottinger: Amanda was a stand out performer for every team she played in this year. She was captain of the St Mathews first eleven and played in the Dalefield premiere women's team, Wairarapa u-18 team, and the Wairarapa Women's team. Amanda was named 'player of the tournament' for the Wairarapa Women's team and also coached the St Mathews primary 'b' team who placed 2nd in their competition.

Janeen Bruce: Janeen was named player of the year for the Dalefield premiere women's team this year. Janeen showed great leadership skills and displayed all the skills that took her very close to the New Zealand team in the past. Janeen was also a key member of the Wairarapa women's team.

Ana-may Playle: Ana-May was also a key player and a prolific goal scorer for both the Dalefield Women's and the Wairarapa Women's teams. Ana-may has an excellent skill set and a great hockey brain to match and is an asset to any team.