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Our website has received a good number of visits this past month. There have been 439 Visits as of 18.12.08. At the busiest time of the Hockey year the website was averaging 71 Visits a day.

People have been checking the site out for Twilight draws and results, the new 'RDO's Corner', the photo's page and to get all the latest news – including what is happening with the new turf and the pavilion.

New photos on the page include; the new turf, Pathways participants, and twilight 2008.

Scorching Summer Clinic

Hockey Wairarapa are pleased to announce that they have secured the services of two Blacksticks to help coach at the Scorching Summer Clinic on January 27, 28, and 29. Registrations are available from the website or by emailing Jesse Workman at chicano1310@hotmail.com. Places are filling up very quickly so make sure you get in quickly before it is too late. Onlookers, coaches and Hockey supporters are welcome to attend the clinic to observe what these top quality coaches are teaching.

'The Clareville Classic' Indoor Hockey tournament

The inaugural 'Clareville Classic' Indoor Hockey Tournament was held on the 7th of December and it was a great success. Teams from Wairarapa, Hutt/Wellington, Manawatu and a Barbarians team competing for the trophy it was always going to be hotly contested. In the end, Wellington/Hutt came up trumps beating Wairarapa in a thrilling finale to a great day out.

Hockey Wairarapa RDO Jesse Workman initiated the event in hope of reviving the game nationally. It is going to be an annual event and by the looks of it will be a greatly anticipated part of the Hockey Wairarapa calendar for years to come.



Work has begun on the new turf



Update on the new turf from the Wairarapa Sports Artificial Surface Trust

Funding is now in place to complete the new turf, the irrigation and the lighting. The Trust has received great support from a number of people to help make everything happen and special thanks must go to Brian Wilton and Bernie Lett who have been project managing the lighting and irrigation.

January will see the completion of the asphalt & footpaths and the start of the fencing, irrigation and lighting. The turf will most likely go down in late Feb/March.

Coaching Update

Catherine Smith, the Wairarapa under 11 girls coach, has just attended the level 2 Hockey coaching course in Christchurch; she is now part of a select group of level two accredited coaches in New Zealand.

Twilight Update

Twilight ran smoothly and attracted a good number of participants this year. The various competition winners are on the 'Results' page on the website.

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The Player Pathways group undertaking a beep test during their first session.

Support still needed for pavilion

Work has begun on the new turf and it is starting to resemble a high quality-playing surface already. Complimenting the new surface will be a brand new two-storey pavilion with changing rooms, a bar, kitchen, toilets, lounge and extensive balconies. There have been some considerable donations made but we need more to ensure we can start the pavilion as soon as possible. Companies can help the cause by buying hoardings for either turf or by donating products. Juken Nisho has already donated the timber for the upstairs framing and just recently, there were considerable donations by Wairarapa College and Dalefield School. Individuals or families can assist by joining the supporters club and in the future donating their time for the actual building of the pavilion.

Player pathways programme

sixteen players have been selected to take part in the Hockey Wairarapa Player Pathways Programme. They will be given expert coaching and shown a path that will give them an excellent chance of reaching their potential, and playing either international or NHL level Hockey. Guest coaches for the Pathways group include; Niniwa Roberts (Blacksticks), Darryl Cochrane (Lecturer and x-Blackcaps fitness conditioner), Mark Harris (Athletics NZ), Mike Walsh (sport Wellington and x-Black socks coach). The group will meet fortnightly; the first session was December 3, 2008 the athletes were subjected to two fitness tests; a beep test and a RHIET test both of which are very hard but were made even harder because of the very hot conditions. The athletes also had presentations on goal setting and Hockey specific training methods. The PowerPoint presentation on conditioning or training for Hockey presented to the group is now available on the Hockey Wairarapa website in the RDO's corner section.

Other players will be inducted into the programme as the older ones move on to tertiary education and/or move out of the region.

On the Way

- **6 aside tournament on the 20th of December**

On the 20th of December Hockey Wairarapa are running a fun tournament for all under 11 and 13 rep. players from 2008. Registrations are in and the process of mixing the players into teams had begun.

- **School visits**

Contact Jesse Workman (0274258784 or chicano1310@hotmail.com) if you would like to be part of the Hockey Wairarapa school visits programme for 2009. Ten schools have already been booked.

- **Indoor Hockey**

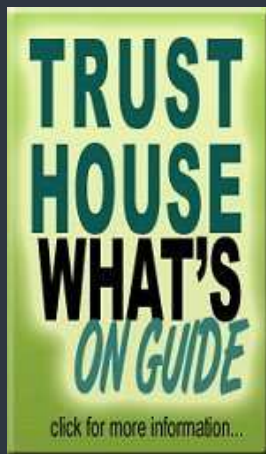
The registration forms have been sent out for Indoor Hockey 09; please get them back to Hockey Wairarapa ASAP to ensure the draw is completed quickly.

- **Level 1 and Small Sticks coaching courses**

In February next year Hockey Wairarapa are going to be running a level 1 and Small Sticks coaching courses for all those budding Hockey coaches. Watch this space for more info or give the office a ring on 06 279 8133

- **Coaching Forums**

There will be monthly coaching forums starting in February 2009. The forums will be open to any Hockey Coach and will be a good way to get all coaches in harmony and allow coaches the chance to network.



For further information about Hockey Wairarapa contact:

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For full draws, results and Hockey Wairarapa information visit www.hockeywairarapa.org.nz