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Umpires Meeting

On Thursday May 13, Hockey Wairarapa held an umpires meeting for anyone wanting to upskill in the area of umpiring. New Zealand Hockey mentor Amanda Goad ran a slick presentation and everyone that attended got a lot out of it. The presentation is still available if anyone wants a copy emailed to them, if so please let us know.

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Local Girl named as non-travelling reserve for NZ U-17 team

Felicity Reidy has been named as a non-travelling reserve for the New Zealand under 17 team that will compete at this years Youth Olympics in Singapore. It is a massive achievement for Reidy who has recently played for Capital in the national U-21 tournament. She has been training hard since January as a member of the Wairarapa Hockey Academy and all her hard work has paid off. She is also part of the Wairarapa U-18 girl's team and the Wairarapa College 1st XI. Well done Felicity!

Representative trials

The following dates and times have been set for the Hockey Wairarapa Junior Representative trials:

- **U-13 Boys: May 27, 4-6pm.**
- **U-11 Girls: June 20, 8.30am -10.30am.**
- **U-11Boys: June 20, 11.30am – 1.30pm.**

Anyone wishing to trial should complete and return a nomination form to P.O Box 712 Masterton or chicano1310@hotmail.com. Nomination forms can be found on the website.

Coaching Forums

There was an outstanding response to the first round of coaching forums. Over 50 coaches attended the forums for the 3 different levels. The topic for the first round of forums was Recommended Playing Formations and it is great to see the majority of the attendees now implementing the formations.

The aim of the coaching forums is to educate coaches in various topics and to create some consistency in what our coaches are coaching and how they are doing so. If you would like to attend please contact Jesse Workman or Kelly Govan.



Megan Hull (in possession) was instrumental in the Wairarapa u-15 girl's team's success in Napier over the weekend.

Pavilion update

A terrific effort by the hockey community (namely you) means that we are on the home straight to have the pavilion completed by the end of June. Builders, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, drainlayers, hockey players, hockey players parents and hockey players grandparents....the list goes on!!!

Working bees will be held on 29th & 30th May, the 12th of June and the final clean up on the 19th June. Anybody interested in helping on any of these days please contact Kelly Govan on 06 3798133 or email waihockey@xtra.co.nz

U-21 Tournament

The Capital men's U-21 team recently won the national U-21 tournament held in Palmerston North. Wairarapa was represented by Dane Lett and Ben van Woerkom. Wairarapa College student Felicity Reidy played in the Capital Women's team who also excelled finishing third. Well done to these three players and to all the past Wairarapa players that were part of U-21 teams.



Wairarapa College, Wairarapa U-18 and Dalefield Men's player Benedict Van Woerkom holds the National U-21 trophy he won as part of the Capital men's team.

Rep action

Wairarapa recently hosted a U-15 boy's mini tournament. There was some great action and the local team played high quality hockey. They managed to beat their Manawatu and Taranaki counterparts, 1-0 and 7-1 respectively and then lost 3-4 to Wellington in a very exciting match. The U-15 girls also did very well, they were unbeaten in their tournament in Napier beating Hawkes Bay and Taranaki and drawing with Horowhenua. In u-18 action our boys drew with the highly fancied Hawkes Bay premier team and beat their development team and narrowly lost to Wanganui in a game that could have gone either way.

Continuing the trend, the Wairarapa u-18 girls also had some good results finishing with an 8-0 thrashing of Manawatu.

U13 Rep teams will be selected and named very soon, all teams will be put up on the website.

"Supporters Club"

There isn't much time left to secure a place on Hockey Wairarapa's "Supporters Club" Board which will be on show in the new pavilion. Please go to the home page on our web site and click the supporters club link to download the necessary form!!

Local Action.....

The Dalefield Premier Men's Team had a good start to the year, picking up a win and a draw in the first three games but since then have failed to fire. Player unavailability due to rep tournaments and injury have held them back but on Saturday they had a good win beating Victoria 8-4 at the National Hockey Stadium! The Wairarapa College boys and girls teams are both currently in first place in the Wellington Premiere college boys and girls competitions respectively. St Matthews are 1st equal with Wairarapa College in the girl's competition and Rathkeale are in 6th place in the boy's competition. It is great to see our college teams doing so well in the top college competition in Wellington and shows the strength of our college hockey.

In the Men's 1 competition, Featherston are currently on the top of the table. Former Dalefield premier players Josh Rogers and Gavin Champion have been leading from the front and it loos as though Featherston will be hard to bowl this year.

Dalefield are leading the women's 1 competition and are looking very strong. With the likes of Ana Playle, Jodi Graham, Abby Hill, and Jordan McGregor in the team, they are definitely going to be the team to beat this year!

Upcoming Events

- **Hockey Wairarapa Holiday Programme:** There is going to be a coaching clinic in the next holidays, this one will be open to any 6, 11 aside junior player. The players will be split into ability groups and will be given expert coaching.
- There will be regular **coaching forums** run for the duration of the hockey season, stay tuned for more details.
- **The Duncce Cup;** St Matthews 1st XI v Wairarapa College 1st XI, 1.00pm on Sunday 30th May on the THT.
- The official date for the opening of the new pavilion is June 26; it should be a great day. It is looking great!
- The National under 15 Boys Tournament is being held in Wairarapa between 12 and 17 July. It is going to be a huge event for Hockey Wairarapa and a good chance to show our wares



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