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WELCOME

NZISA has had a productive second half of the year with Queen's Birthday Tournament being held in June in Christchurch. In September, the NZISA Golf Open was held in Dannevirke by Central Districts, where they again had a great number of golfers partaking in the event. A summary of these events can be found in this newsletter.

Our Executive Meeting and Annual General Meeting was held online in October where we started planning for our 2023 events.

This year marks 60 years of NZISA. It is a great achievement where NZISA has been crucial in keeping Indian sport alive throughout New Zealand, something our ancestors and founding members would no doubt have envisaged for us and future generations.

We wish everyone all the best for their summer sports season, and look forward to your participation and support at our events in 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cricket Tournament

Monday 2nd to Tuesday 3rd January - Rotorua
Hosted by Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club.

Under 23 Hockey Tournament

Saturday 11th to Sunday 12th February - Christchurch
Hosted by Christchurch Indian Sports Club.

Executive Meeting + 60th Anniversary Awards

Date to be confirmed - Auckland
Hosted by NZISA.

Heritage Hockey Aotearoa Tournament

Friday 7th to Monday 10th April - Location TBC.

Queen's Birthday Tournament

Saturday 3rd June to Monday 5th June - Wellington
Hosted by Wellington Indian Sports Club.

More details will be provided closer to each event.

2023 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

NZISA held their Executive Meeting and 61st Annual General Meeting in October via Zoom. The following executive and delegates were elected:

Executive

President: Vacant
Secretary: Chan Dullabh (North Harbour)
Treasurer: Kirit Makan (Pukekohe)
Auditor: Nayan Makan (Pukekohe).

Delegates

Auckland: Raj Pancha, Nilesh Patel, Vinod Patel
Bay of Plenty: Praful Morarji
Central Districts: Kiran Parbhu, Sanjay Patel, Sandeep Patel
Christchurch: Jaya Bhana, Priyanka Ravji
North Harbour: Paresh Bhikha, Husmit Uka
Pukekohe: Divan Parsot, Suresh Wallabh
Waikato: Jayshree Keshvara, Sunita Parsotam
Wellington: Hansa Parbhu, Pravin Laloo.

A big thank you to all of the above for their voluntary involvement and support of NZISA. NZISA do require more people to get involved, and welcome new members to become involved at any time.

If you would like to help organize, promote, and steer Indian sports within New Zealand, please contact us any of the delegates above. The NZISA Committee is a friendly and casual place to be involved.

2023 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The 2023 Cricket Tournament is to be held on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd January in Rotorua and be hosted by the Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club. If you would like to enter your team in this event, please urgently get in touch with your local Indian Sports Club. We need teams to enter make this event a success and promote cricket to our wider ISC membership.

NZISA LIFE MEMBERS

Jayant H. Patel
Vinod B. Patel

Magan Ranchhod
Pravin Laloo

Nagin Lala
Hansa Parbhu

Jayanti Keshaw
Ashok Ganda

2023 UNDER 23 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The 2023 Under 23 Hockey Tournament is to be held on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th February in Christchurch and hosted by the Christchurch Indian Sports Club. The event will consist of Men's U23 and Women's Fast-5 grades, which has been popular in previous events.

This tournament is a great platform for ISC's to showcase their younger players and get them more involved within the Indian sporting culture. It also provides a great step up to QBT, so please round up your players and enter your team ASAP.

2023 HERITAGE HOCKEY AOTEAROA

The Heritage Hockey Aotearoa Tournament will be back next year. After successful tournaments in recent years, and with the successes NZISA has had on the field, we look forward to fielding both Men's and Women's teams.

The event showcases high quality hockey and we hope this has enticed past and potential players to partake in 2023. If you are a player who is interested in playing in this event, please contact NZISA with your interest. Final selection for both teams will be confirmed in early 2023.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

This years QBT was held in Christchurch, and it had been a while since we were here due to the earthquakes, with the last tournament being in 2007. The team from Christchurch Indian Sports Club did a great job in hosting everyone, where hockey was played at the Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub where players and supporters were treated to new, high class turfs and facilities. Overall it was great to be back in the Garden City and we look forward to more tournaments in Christchurch in the future.

Rankings

Men's A Section

1st - Wellington A 2nd - Pukekohe A
3rd - Christchurch A 4th - Auckland A.

Men's B Section

1st - Pukekohe B 2nd - Auckland B
3rd - Central Districts 4th - Christchurch B.

Women's

1st - Bay of Plenty 2nd - North Harbour
3rd - Auckland 4th - Wellington.

Tournament Teams

Women's – Gurleen Gill, Kishona Fitzgerald, Manjot Lall, Oriwa Hepi, Priya Thappa Chettri, Shenisia Gouden (Bay of Plenty), Karishma Kumar, Manisha Jeram, Mia Wallabh, Mischa Tattley, Monika Patel, Risheeka Chhiba (North Harbour), Anisha Patel, Dhanika Patel (Auckland), Hena Raman, Roshni Parbhu (Wellington).

Men's A – Deelan Patel, Jaiden Gosha, Manraj Gill, Shae Ishwar (Auckland A), Daniel Panchia, Hitesh Dahya, Jared Panchia, Netesh Sukha (Pukekohe A), Ashley Neale, Cam Hayde, Mitch Hayde (Christchurch A), Hiren Mani, Jasdeep Singh, Kailin Dayal, Sajan Patel, Vivek Lala (Wellington A).

Men's B

Akshay Chauhan, Milan Ranchhod, Nilesh Patel, Vijay Patel (Auckland B), Alesh Sukha, Nathan Soma, Nohan Hensman, Umesh Hari (Pukekohe B), Akshay Patel, Shakeel Kanji (Christchurch B), Hitesh Patel, Sanjay Patel, Vijay Soma, Yogesh Hari (Central Districts), Hamish Ravji, Haresh Bhana (Christchurch B).



GOLF OPEN RESULTS

The 2022 NZISA Shires Golf Open was held on 24th September in Dannevirke, and what a fantastic turnout the event had. Over 80 golfers played in the Golf Open, as hosted by Central Districts Indian Sports Club. A big thank you to CDISC for hosting another great Golf Open in rural New Zealand.

The winners for this year are as follows:

Division One

- Winning Club - Central Districts
- Best Gross Score - 75 - Sameer Govind (Wellington)
- Runner Up Gross Score - 78 - Dylan Patel (Central Districts)
- Best Stableford Score - 37 - Logan McHardy (Central Districts)
- Runner Up Stableford Score - 35 - Rakesh Desai (Central Districts).

Division Two

- Best Gross Score - Kalyan Jeram (Pukekohe)
- Runner Up - Kieran Long (Central Districts).

Division Three (Ambrose)

- Jay Parag, Jayesh Patel, Monesh Patel, Nayan Patel (Wellington).

Longest Drive

- Sameer Govind (Wellington).

Closest to the Pin

- Keiran Long (Central Districts).



ISC NEWS

Auckland

AISC's hockey season included five Men's teams, one Women's, one Youth Boy's, one Youth Girl's and ten Junior teams.

Our Premier Men's team were boosted with former Black Sticks Stephen Jenness injecting his flair as a player/coach, and goalkeeper Dominic Dixon. The men competed in the inaugural Intercity Competition with Counties, reaching the semi-finals. They also competed in the Punjabi Tournament in Melbourne in September.

The Women's team, newly promoted to Division 2, reached their second consecutive final, losing on a penalty shootout. Auckland Hockey have offered them the opportunity of being promoted to Division 1 for the 2023 season, giving AISC the option of fielding two teams. The teams are coached by former Argentinian international Rocio Gonzalez, who has committed her services as Women's Coaching and Development Manager for 2023.

Cricket wise, AISC had five Men's teams playing 50 Over games. For the 2023 we are expecting to register six ODI teams and one 20/20 team. Dilipbhai Parbhu was selected and played in the NZ Over-60 Masters Team, who recently competed in a week long tournament in Brisbane. Hockey prizegiving was held in early November and the AISC AGM was held in late November.

Bay of Plenty

The club has had a great year which started with the Women's team winning at QBT. It was great to win the tournament for the second year running. Our cricket team has just started its season and is currently undefeated in the Reserve Grade. Over the years we have been proactive in providing coaching for our players, and this year have had a coach from Ireland come and join our joint Premier team. The club recently purchased a car for the coach to use during his stay, and we have been doing a lot of fundraising to cover these costs. We have been fortunate to have the support of many local businesses who have kindly sponsor us.

We are now looking to host the 2023 NZISA Cricket Tournament. We hope that the clubs can reach out to their communities and organise a team so that we can have a good tournament in January.

All in all, BOPISC is functioning really well. We have been very proactive in creating opportunities for members, and have been very successful on all fields.

ISC NEWS CONTINUED

Central Districts

CDISC has had a busy second half of the year. In June we attended QBT in Christchurch where we entered a Men's B team. It was great to be back in Christchurch where we had mixed results over the weekend. The passion from our players, management, and supporters is always a delight to see, and what makes a great weekend away, in usual CD style and fun.

In July we held our 40th Anniversary Celebration where two new Life Members, Mahendra Naran and Jack Parag, were presented their awards. We also awarded 19 Service Awards to club members who have provided notable services to CDISC over the past 40 years. The event was fantastic and had many speeches to highlight and reminisce about the history (and antics) of the last 40 years. The formalities of the night can be found on our clubs YouTube channel.

In September we hosted the NZISA Golf Open at the Dannevirke Golf Club. We had a fantastic turnout of 81 players, and a number of supporters in attendance. This is the second time CDISC have hosted this event, and to have another large number of participants was great.

Our committee now enjoy a quiet time leading up to the holiday period, and will finish off by having their last Committee Meeting over dinner in December.

Christchurch

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North Harbour

The NHISC season started under Covid restrictions, and proved challenging at times, but we're grateful to finally have a complete season under our belts after two years of disruptions. NHISC has a reasonable 2022 season in the North Harbour competition, with our Premier 1 team competing in the Auckland/North Harbour Intercity competition, which is arguably one of the strongest competitions in the New Zealand hockey scene.

We competed well over the season with a relatively new team and a host of debutants. Our battle of the bridge with AISC in the competition saw both teams win one a piece at the respective home turfs, and placing in similar positions in the competition table.

Our Premier 2 team was the highlight of our club, winning the regular competition with two games spare, and then going on to win the final, all whilst introducing several young and new players to the team, along with a return to play for several seasoned players, adding to an existing brand of hockey with a very inclusive culture.

Pukekohe

Not supplied.

Waikato

Not supplied.

Wellington

2022 was another enjoyable and successful year for the club. While our cricket team had a mixed season, one of our players, Parimal Patel, had the highest number of runs in the division, which is fantastic. In hockey we had 30 mini players, 75 junior players, a Premier 1 Men's Team and 4 Men's and 2 Woman's social teams.

We started the year with two stellar performances at U23s and QBT with both Men's teams being victorious. We were also pleased to be able to send a Women's team to these events for the second year in a row.

The highlight of the season however had all of our senior teams make top four, and then have five in the finals, where two teams were playing each other. We began the finals run with our Premier 1 Men's Team lifting the Wellington Premier 1 trophy, and then went on to win the Men's Premier 3 and R1 competitions and the Women's P3 competition!

Operationally, it has been a rebuild at the Executive level, but we have still managed to carry out the day-to-day management of the club, including recently celebrating our successes and people at our Awards Night. We look forward to 2023 and especially hosting our fellow NZISA teams at QBT in June.

Check out individual Indian Sports Clubs websites and socials to keep up to date on their news and events.

NZISA WEBSITE

A reminder that all information regarding upcoming events, and latest news, can be found on our website at

www.nzisa.org.nz

NZISA AFFILIATED INDIAN SPORTS CLUBS

Auckland Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.aisc.org.nz
Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club (Inc.)
Central Districts Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.cdisc.org.nz
Christchurch Indian Sports Club

North Harbour Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.nhisc.org.nz
Pukekohe Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.pisc.co.nz
Waikato Indian Sports Club
Wellington Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.wisc.org.nz