



Newsletter

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WELCOME

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2019. The year is going by very quickly as we are already in May.

NZISA have already hosted 4 events this year with the Cricket Tournament in January, Under 23 Hockey Tournament in February and the Cricket Rep Fixture against Northern Districts Maori and an Executive Meeting in March so it has been a busy start to the year.

The next event on the calendar is the Queen's Birthday Tournament in Rotorua. It will be great to see many people participating and supporting their regions. The format has changed slightly and more is detailed in this newsletter.

We hope everyone had a fantastic season of summer sports and wish you all the best for the winters sporting codes that are well underway.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

Queen's Birthday Tournament

Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd June in Rotorua

Executive Meeting and Annual General Meeting

October in Auckland (date to be confirmed)

Golf Open

Saturday 26th October in Pukekohe.

2019 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

This years Cricket Tournament was held by first time hosts Central Districts Indian Sports Club in Palmerston North.

The weekend provided great summer weather to host the 5 teams that entered where a T20 format was played. The event also saw games played on well prepared grass wickets. Dinner at a local Indian restaurant on the Saturday night saw all teams attend and have a fantastic time.

A big congratulations to Bay of Plenty A who won the tournament in addition to winning the Air India Trophy which follows up from their victory at the 2018 tournament.

Game Results

- Game 1** - WISC 200/8 beat CDISC A 153/7
- Game 2** - BOPISC B 87/3 beat CDISC B 85/10
- Game 3** - BOPISC A 165/5 beat BOPISC B 142/10
- Game 4** - CDISC A 135/1 beat CDISC B 133/6
- Game 5** - BOP ISO A 67/3 beat CDISC B 66/10
- Game 6** - WISC 75/4 beat BOPISC B 74/10
- Game 7** - BOPISC A 101/2 beat CDISC A 100/9
- Game 8** - WISC 124/1 beat CDISC B 123/4
- Game 9** - BOPISC B 104/8 beat CDISC A 103/10
- Game 10 (Final)** - BOPISC A 105/6 beat WISC 105/10.

Tournament Results

- 1st** - Bay of Plenty A
- 2nd** - Wellington
- 3rd** - Bay of Plenty B
- 4th** - Central Districts A
- 5th** - Central Districts B.

Tournament Team

Ajay Kashyap (Bay of Plenty A); Akhil Pant (Central Districts A); Bharat Popli (Bay of Plenty A); Harjinder Singh (Bay of Plenty A); Karampreet Bains (Bay of Plenty A); Karamvir Benipal (Bay of Plenty B); Kishan Patel (Wellington); Manish Patel (Wellington); Mehul Chhagan (Bay of Plenty A); Midlage Ifthahar (Bay of Plenty B); Piyush Patel (Wellington); Sujay Prabakar (Central Districts A); Vivek Lala (Wellington).

Most Valuable Players

Ajay Kashyap (Bay of Plenty A); Akhil Pant (Central Districts A); Parv Metha (Bay of Plenty B); Roshan Patel (Wellington); Sanket Patel (Central Districts B).



2019 Cricket Tournament Winners Bay of Plenty A

Source: CDISC

NZISA LIFE MEMBERS

Jayant H. Patel
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Magan Ranchhod
Pravin Laloo

Nagin Lala
Hansa Parbhu

Jayanti Keshaw
Ashok Ganda

U23 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The Under 23 Hockey Tournament was held on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd February at the National Hockey Stadium in Wellington. 3 Men's teams entered including a composite team of a Barbarians squad made up of players from smaller clubs and those at university. Thank you to hosts Wellington Indian Sports Club and all umpires, officials, players and spectators for their involvement and support.

Game Results

Game 1 - Pukekohe 4 vs. Wellington 3

Game 2 - Wellington 3 vs. Barbarians 3

Game 3 - Pukekohe 3 vs. Barbarians 3

Game 4 (Final) - Pukekohe 2 vs. Barbarians 1.

Tournament Team

Alesh Sukha (Pukekohe); Alex Deo (Barbarians); Bijay Govind (Pukekohe); Cassius Malthus-Henman (Barbarians); Hiren Mani (Wellington); Jacob Sohota (Pukekohe); Jayan Kika (Barbarians); Jaylin Dayal (Barbarians); Kailin Dayal (Barbarians); Kalpesh Morar (Pukekohe); Milan Patel (Pukekohe); Netesh Sukha (Pukekohe); Sajjan Patel (Wellington); Sashin Parag (Wellington); Satish Cussins (Wellington).

Most Valuable Players

Kailin Dayal (Barbarians); Kalpesh Morar (Pukekohe); Hiren Mani (Wellington).



Pukekohe vs. Barbarian Players in U23 Final

Source: Kiran Parbhu Photography

EXECUTIVE MEETING

NZISA held their Executive Meeting in March which was hosted by Christchurch Indian Sports Club. A big thank you to them and to all delegates for attending especially as the meeting was a week after the Christchurch terror attack.

The meeting was very productive with organising of the cricket rep fixture, implementing changes to QBT format and the creation of a website to increase its profile.

NZISA has donated \$301 to the Christchurch Mayoral Fund to support the victims of the Christchurch attacks, with an additional \$1285 raised from the cricket rep fixture raffle.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT (QBT)

QBT is to be hosted by the Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club in Rotorua from Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd June.

Hockey will be played at Smallbone Park (194 Devon Street, Rotorua). Unfortunately there is no netball this year due to a lack of team entries.

Bay of Plenty will be hosting a QBT Social on the Sunday night starting at 6.30pm where tickets can be purchased from the hockey turf. More details are on the NZISA Facebook page.

This year the first hockey games will start from 10.00am on the Saturday morning. This is to allow all games to be played in 4 x 15 minute quarters which is also being implemented for the first time at QBT. The Managers Meeting will be held at 8.30am on the Saturday morning.

We request that all teams are in Rotorua on the Friday night so there is no delay to start times on the Saturday. The final draw will be sent closer to the weekend.

The following are the ISC teams that have entered and will be partaking in their respective grades:

Men's A Section Hockey

Pukekohe A, Christchurch, Bay of Plenty A, Wellington, Auckland A, Central Districts.

Men's B Section Hockey

Pukekohe B, Auckland B, North Harbour, Bay of Plenty B.

Women's Hockey

Pukekohe, North Harbour, Bay of Plenty, Wellington.

We look forward to seeing all players partake in this event and all spectators cheering on their respective regions.

CRICKET BALL CHANGE

NZISA have implemented a change in the type of cricket ball to be used at their annual Cricket Tournament. Balls are now to be Kookaburra Regulation 156g 4-piece white ball, with each participating team to provide 5 balls for the tournament. This will come into effect at the 2020 Cricket Tournament which is to be hosted in North Harbour.

NEW BLACK STICKS MEN'S PLAYER

NZISA congratulates Xavier Guy for making the NZ Black Sticks Men's squad. Xavier is a member of Pukekohe Indian Sports Club where he has played a number of NZISA Under 23 and QBT hockey tournaments in the past. He is also a midfielder for North Harbour in the National Hockey League. Xavier made the 2018 and 2019 Development Squads and made the Black Sticks for his debut match against Argentina in early April of this year.

CRICKET REP FIXTURE

The NZISA cricket representative fixture against the Northern Districts Maori cricket team was played on Saturday 30th March at Seddon Park in Hamilton.

It has been a long time since NZISA has had the opportunity to play a representative cricket match, and NZISA selected an experienced team which saw the game played with some memorable performances.

Batting first NZISA made 310/8 after 50 over's. Best figures of the innings were Bharat Popli making 132 and Sandeep Patel making 64, with Northern Districts' N. Gibson 2/57.

NZISA restricted Northern Districts to 102 all out in the 30th over with the highest run scorer Jake Gibson with 57 and Ajaz Patel taking 4/19, with NZISA winning by 208 runs.

The event concluded with dinner where all attendees had a great time. The evening also saw a number of great raffle prizes sold where proceeds, which totaled \$1285, were donated to the Christchurch Mayoral Fund supporting the victims of the Christchurch terror attack.

NZISA would like to thank the following for their organisation, support and sponsorship to help to get this fixture hosted to such a high level:

- NZISA delegates Praful Morarji (Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club) and Vinod Patel (Auckland Indian Sports Club) for organising the event and creating a quality team.
- All NZISA players: Aniket Parikh; Ajay Kumar; Ajaz Patel; Anish Desai; Anurag Verma; Ash Vodnala; Bharat Popli; Kamal Bains; Lavi Sandhu; Navin Patel; Prasant Dhanjee; Raj Majithia and Sandeep Patel.
- Dipak Patel for providing his time and skills as Coach.
- Richard Kane from Paladin Sports who supplied the great NZISA uniforms and donating the shirts to our players.
- Jayshree Keshvara and Tara Patel (Waikato Indian Sports Club) for organising dinner for the evening function.
- Sponsors: Freedom 2 Play (sports gift vouchers), Visique Rose Optometrists Hamilton (Ray Ban sunglasses), Rototuna New World Hamilton (glass encased signed cricket bat), and Jeet Raval and Ajaz Patel (cricket shirts and back pack).
- All players and management from the Northern Districts Maori cricket team who were great opponents, and who we look forward to future fixtures against them.

Overall this event was highly successful and provides great promise in seeing this fixture become a regular event.

Result

NZISA won by 208 runs.

Most Valuable Players

Bharat Popli (NZISA), Jake Gibson (ND Maori).



NZISA vs. ND Maori Cricket Representative Fixture

Source: NZISA

ISC NEWS

A summary of recent news from the 8 Indian Sports Clubs:

Auckland

AISC has 5 Men's hockey teams and 2 Junior teams for 2019. Unfortunately no Women's team are entered this year. AISC had a good turn out for their Junior muster. Their inter-city competition started on 16th March.

Bay of Plenty

BOPISC had their Men's cricket team make the club competition semi-finals. Their Men's hockey team has also started in their inter-city competition. The club is now focused on organising for QBT in Rotorua.

Central Districts

CDISC had their AGM in March. No new faces joined the committee. Sanjay Patel carried on in the Presidents role for 2019. Younger club members who participated did very well in the U23 Barbarians hockey team that played in February.

Christchurch

CISC had their Annual General Meeting in February. A new President, Jaya Bhana, was elected for 2019 along with a full committee. CISC are looking at adding new social events.

North Harbour

NHISC had Husmit Uka and Shayla Dullabh continue as President and Secretary along with 12 executive members on the committee. They are in their last season at the current hockey stadium with the 5 turf facility to be open in 2020. 5 Men's hockey teams are playing in this years hockey season.

Pukekohe

PISC hosted Golden Oldies in October 2018. Their AGM recently elected 14 committee members. A T20 cricket team played in the local competition. The hockey season has 6 Men's, 2 Women's and 5 Junior teams. They are now organising for the NZISA Golf Open in October and QBT in 2020 which is PISC's Silver Jubilee year.

Waikato

WaikISC are currently looking for new members and are hoping to get younger members involved in their club.

Wellington

WISC had their AGM at the end of March. The summer had seen 5 cricket teams enter. Winter has 1 Women's and 3 Men's hockey teams enter, including a P1 team. Their hockey season started on 5th April.

NEW CHRISTCHURCH HOCKEY TURFS

Christchurch has two brand new internationally certified hockey turfs at the new Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub that opened in December 2018. Hockey is the second sporting code to take up its new home following the official opening of the athletics track and field facilities in October 2018. 12 outdoor tennis courts and two rugby league pitches are due to open soon. There will also be two multi-use community playing fields, a shared sports hub building with administration facilities, public toilets, changing facilities, children's play zone, athletics building and covered seating.



Nga Puna Wai Sports Hub Hockey Turf

Source: Christchurch City Council

NZISA FACT

One of the most significant developments in Indian sport was the acquisition of a trophy which would become the most cherished in New Zealand Indian sport.

The New Zealand Indian Central Association minutes of 13th April 1963 recorded that Mr Morari Soma of Auckland was permitted to address the Conference regarding activities and aims of the newly formed Indian Central Sports Organisation. He intimated that the Organisation was looking for a donor for the proposed "Dhyan Chand Trophy" which was to be the prize presented to the winning team competing at the annual hockey tournament. He suggested that the Organisation would be honored if New Zealand Indian Central Association, as a parent body, would agree to donating this trophy. After discussions it was moved that the Indian Central Association donate the trophy to the Central Sports Organisation. The motion was carried and the amount of £25 was also approved to purchase the trophy.

The trophy was contested for the first time in 1963 with Wellington hosting the tournament. Wellington won the first event and followed with another win in 1964 with Auckland winning in 1965. Christchurch won in 1966 being the first 'minor' club to do so. Pukekohe won for the first time in 1972 and Central Districts in 2008 with Bay of Plenty, North Harbour and Waikato still competing at QBT for their first win.

NZISA AFFILIATED INDIAN SPORTS CLUBS

Auckland Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.aisc.org.nz
Pukekohe Indian Sports Club www.pisc.co.nz
Bay of Plenty Indian Sports Club (Inc.)
North Harbour Indian Sports Club (Inc.)

Central Districts Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.cdisc.org.nz
Wellington Indian Sports Club (Inc.) www.wisc.org.nz
Christchurch Indian Sports Club
Waikato Indian Sports Club