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WELCOME

NZISA had a productive first half of the year starting with the Under 23 Hockey Tournament being held at the end of January in Auckland, and with having our first Executive Meeting online in March. Unfortunately the Cricket Tournament at the start of January could not be held due to a combination of Covid-19 and a lack of team entries. We hope to see this event again in 2023.

NZISA also entered the 2022 Heritage Hockey Tournament in April. A summary of this event can be found further in this newsletter.

2022 marks 60 years of NZISA, and we are planning an event to commemorate this along with the presentation of NZISA awards, but due to the current Covid-19 situation this will occur in early 2023. In the meantime we look forward to the remaining events on our calendar including the Queen's Birthday Tournament in Christchurch and the Golf Open in Dannevirke.

We wish everyone all the best for their winter sports season, and look forward to your participation and support at our remaining events in 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Queen's Birthday Tournament

Saturday 4th June to Monday 6th June - Christchurch
Hosted by Christchurch Indian Sports Club

Golf Open

Saturday 24th September - Dannevirke
Hosted by Central Districts Indian Sports Club

Executive Meeting + Annual General Meeting

Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th October - Hamilton
Hosted by Waikato Indian Sports Club

60th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Night

Early 2023.

More details will be provided closer to each event.

UNDER 23 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

This years Under 23 Hockey Tournament was held on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January in Auckland and hosted by Auckland Indian Sports Club.

Given the country was still in the red traffic light setting, the venue could only cater to 100 players. Regardless of these settings Auckland did a fantastic job in hosting.

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.

Under 23's once again hosted the women's Fast Five competition and it was great to see three ISC's enter their women's teams for this event.

The 2022 results, tournament teams and MVPs are:

Results

Saturday

Game 1	Men's	Pukekohe v. Wellington	6-1
Game 2	Women's	Pukekohe v. Wellington	8-3
Game 3	Women's	Auckland v. Wellington	4-1
Game 4	Men's	Auckland v. Wellington	2-3
Game 5	Women's	Pukekohe v. Auckland	8-6
Game 6	Women's	Pukekohe v. Wellington	7-3
Game 7	Men's	Pukekohe v. Auckland	2-1

Sunday

Game 8	Women's	Auckland v. Wellington	4-4
		Golden Goal	0-1
Game 9	Women's	Pukekohe v. Auckland	3-5
Men's Final		Pukekohe v. Wellington	1-1
		Penalty Shootouts	2-4.

NZISA LIFE MEMBERS

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Nagin Lala
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UNDER 23 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT CONT.

Rankings

Men's

1st - Wellington, 2nd - Pukekohe, 3rd - Auckland

Women's

1st - Pukekohe, 2nd - Auckland, 3rd - Wellington.

Tournament Teams

Women's

Chaaya Govind, Kareena Bhana (Wellington), Karishma Kumar, Pritika Patel, Yashani Bhana (Auckland), Manisha Jeram, Sharmeena Leatham (Pukekohe).

Men's

Alex Deo, Keenan Bhikha, Keshan Narsai, Kieran Chhiba, Manraj Gill (Auckland), Aniket Singh, Brett Menezes, Kalpesh Morar, Milan Parsotam, Milan Patel, Netesh Sukha (Pukekohe), Devanand Bhikha, Kailin Dayal, Joshua Thuraisingham, Sajan Patel, Satish Cussins (Wellington).

Most Valuable Players

Women's

Kareena Bhana (Wellington), Priya Kanji (Auckland), Manisha Jeram (Pukekohe).

Men's

Aniket Singh (Pukekohe), Keenan Bhikha (Auckland), Sachan Dadrah (Wellington).

Next years tournament will be held in Christchurch and hosted by the Christchurch Indian Sports Club.



U23 Auckland and Wellington teams in action

Source: NZISA

2022 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT

Queen's Birthday Tournament is to be held in Christchurch from Saturday 4th to Monday 6th June and be hosted by the Christchurch Indian Sports Club. It has been sometime since QBT has been held in the South Island due to the Christchurch earthquakes in 2011 damaging the city and the old Porritt Park hockey venue, which last saw QBT in Christchurch in 2007.

This year will see QBT played at the Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub in Wigram where two international quality hockey turfs will showcase our premier hockey players from around the country.

Check out our website and Facebook page as we get closer for the tournament draw.



2022 GOLF OPEN

The NZISA Golf Open is to be held on Saturday 24th September and be hosted by the Central Districts Indian Sports Club at the Dannevirke Golf Club.

With golf fast becoming a popular sport, especially for the younger generation, this event will showcase our talented golfers from around the county.

The rural location of this years event will sure be a hit with all players, so please get in touch with your local ISC to register. More details will be provided as we get closer to the vent.



HERITAGE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The New Zealand Heritage Hockey Tournament was held over Easter Weekend despite the threat of Covid restrictions in the months leading up to the tournament. To be able to have the event proceed and to welcome spectators was a fantastic result for everyone. We were encouraged with the support received from both Kolmar Sports Centre and Local Gecko Productions to live stream all games to those who could not attend.

Our two teams were selected from the best players available for the four day event. The women had a base of eleven Indian players and seven guest players who were from NZ Māori and other local clubs which helped with the depth of skill level. Compared to last year we were a lot more organised and competitive throughout the tournament. We did have a mixture of coaches over the weekend due to a number of circumstances, and give big thanks to Paresch Bhikha, Naveena Hira and Suresh Wallabh for stepping into these roles, in addition to the senior players who stepped up and took control.

The highlight was four of our players being selected for the Heritage Tournament Team: Ghalesha Singh, Manisha Jeram, Mischa Tattley and Shannon Deakin.

Our men's team had mixed results this year. Being defending champions the bar was set high and the competition fierce from other teams. We did have some key players missing this year due to work and injuries, but like the women's, we had the best 18 available. The team was coached by Yogesh Hari and Ketan Hari, and managed by Vanita Sukha. A big thank you to all three.

There were some hard-fought wins and narrow losses in shootouts. Two of our players, Netesh Sukha and Sajan Patel were picked for Heritage Tournament Team which was great to see.

NZISA would like to thank One Foundation and the following businesses who were kind enough to sponsor the teams. These campaigns are usually player and NZISA funded so we are grateful for all their support:

- Bhana Family Farms (Pukekohe)
- Finance New Zealand - Nilesh Bhula (Auckland)
- Masters Produce (Pukekohe)
- New World Rototuna (Hamilton)
- Safety Step (Wellington)
- Simply Steel (Wellington)
- Shires Fruit & Vege Market (Dannevirke).

Overall this year was another great event, and provided the platform for NZISA to gather our high level players. We look forward to entering both teams again in 2023.

Game Results

NZISA Women's

Game 1	vs. NZ Hockey Barbarians	0-3
Game 2	vs. NZ Maori Hockey	2-4
Game 3	vs. NZ Pasifika Hockey	0-2
Game 4	vs. NZ Heritage Barbarians	1-5

NZISA Men's

Game 1	vs. NZ Hockey Barbarians	3-3 (4-3 SO)
Game 2	vs. NZ Maori Hockey	2-2 (3-5 SO)
Game 3	vs. NZ Pasifika Hockey	0-6
Game 4	vs. NZ Heritage Barbarians	5-3

Tournament Team

NZISA Women's

Ghalesha Singh (Pukekohe), Manisha Jeram (Pukekohe), Mischa Tattley (North Harbour), Shannon Deakin (Guest Player).

NZISA Men's

Netesh Sukha (Pukekohe), Sajan Patel (Wellington).



NZISA teams in action

Source: Planet Hockey

ISC NEWS

Auckland

AISC have had a good year so far. They have had four 1-day cricket teams and one T20 team. Nimesh Patel has hit two centuries this season, and Dilipbhai Parbhu was selected for the Over 60 NZ Masters Cricket Team.

Hockey wise AISC have five men's, one women's, one girls and one boy's youth teams. Their Premier Men's Coach is Stephen Jenness, with Black Stick Dominick Dixon as goalie. Ex. Argentinian Women's players Rochio Gonzalez is the women's coach who is also overseeing all women's and junior development squads. Their Intercity Hockey Competition commenced on 26th March with Senior Grades on 2nd April.

AISC entered and hosted the NZISA U23's in January and had their Senior and Youth Prizegiving, with their Junior Prizegiving carried out online in March.

Bay of Plenty

It's been a great year for BOPISC's cricket team who has won both the local T20 and 40 Over Reserve Grade competitions. They've had an increase in playing numbers and with the interest shown by other members of the community, they are looking at entering two teams in next years competition.

Their women's hockey team is preparing to defend their title at QBT which is something BOPISC are looking forward to. Unfortunately they have had to postpone the Golden Oldies tournament but are looking to host this in 2023. All in all it was a highly successful year for BOPISC in terms of results and participation.

Central Districts

CDISC has had a good start to the year. Their 40th AGM was held in February where two new Life Members, Mahendra Naran and Jack Parag, were voted in. They also have a full committee with two new members becoming involved where there is now a good mix of young and old members volunteering.

CDISC also confirmed their inaugural Service Award recipients to 19 club members who have provided notable services to CDISC over the past 40 years.

CDISC is currently planning and looking forward to QBT in June, and their 40th Anniversary Celebration in July where both Life Member and Service Awards will be presented to recipients. CDISC are also preparing to host the NZISA Golf Open in September and expect this to attract a large number of players.

Christchurch

With Covid restrictions at the end of 2021, the year was a bit quieter for CISC. They were however fortunate enough to hold their 85th Jubilee dinner. It was a well attended evening with recognition being made to the tournament winning players over the first 50 years of CISC, and to members who were awarded Service Awards for their contributions to the club.

CISC held their 86th AGM on 24th April with a full committee and executive being formed.

The focus for CISC now moves to QBT which will be held at Ngā Puna Wai Sports Hub. The community is excited to welcome everyone back down South for the first time since 2007 and showcasing their great Southern hospitality.

North Harbour

Not supplied.

Pukekohe

PISC has kicked off the year participating in the Under 23s Tournament in Auckland with their men's and women's teams. The club are very proud of the teams and the results that came out of it, with their women's taking out the competition, and their men's finishing runner-up after a close shoot-out.

PISC have started the regular hockey season and have five senior teams (four men's and one women's) and four Junior teams (U9, U11, U13 and Funsticks) in their local competition.

Numbers have been low this year and it has resulted in the loss of two top senior teams from last year. Regardless, they are underway and putting up some great results.

Later this year, it is planned to have their Reserve Men's team enter into the Auckland Reserve Grade which will pose a new challenge to the group of young up-and-coming players, but it will be a great to test the water of Auckland competition.

Waikato

Not supplied.

Wellington

Not supplied.

Check out individual clubs websites and social media channels to keep up to date on their club events and team results.

NZISA FACT

Women's hockey in New Zealand started in lower grades in the early 1970's with Auckland and Wellington fielding teams in local competitions. Pukekohe did not enter a women's team in local competitions but were competitive at QBT due to many of their players played for local clubs, where some were provincial representative.

Following the first Indian women's hockey tournament in 1974, and the inclusion of a women's tournament at QBT in 1975, interclub matches were played on a more regular basis.

The improving performances by Indian women resulted in NZISA representative fixtures being arranged. NZISA's first ever women's representative hockey team was formed in 1985. The first match, against a Wellington invitation team was lost 0-5, but gave players valuable experience of hockey at that level.

If their first match ended in resounding defeat, the second NZISA women's match was much closer: a 1-2 loss to Wellington B. Wellington hosted their third NZISA representative match in 1989 when the NZISA women lost 0-2 to the Wellington Development Squad.

By 1989 women were playing premier club and representative hockey which attracted more discussions within NZISA. At the 1989 AGM a remit passed unanimously where clubs hosting NZISA representative fixtures should include both men's and women's games. NZISA women's had their first win in 1990 playing against Counties at Auckland Grammar winning 4-0.

NZISA women's played until 1998, and have had teams partake in the Hockey NZ Festival of Hockey and the recently formed NZ Heritage Hockey Tournament.



First NZISA Women's Representative Hockey Team, 1985

Source: NZISA

QBT 22
Christchurch

WHERE?
Ngā Puna Wai
Christchurch

WHEN?
June 4th, 5th, 6th
Queen's Birthday Weekend

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Games start mid-day Saturday. 9am Sunday. 9am Monday.
Finalised draw to come.
More information will be sent in the coming weeks to your Club.
Clubs - Auckland, North Harbour, Bay of Plenty, Central Districts, Pukekohe, Waikato, Wellington, Christchurch



QBT 22
Christchurch



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HERITAGE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

NZISA would like to thank the following organisations for their sponsorship and support towards our men's and women's hockey teams who competed in the 2022 New Zealand Heritage Hockey Tournament in April. Their support is greatly appreciated by NZISA and all our players. Please support these organisations where possible.



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