



Newsletter

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WELCOME

This year has been one to forget for many given the presence of Covid-19 halting travel, creating lockdowns, cancelling events, and for some the loss of jobs. Although not as important as health and employment, the lack of sport for a number of months was not expected by us.

NZISA was heavily impacted like many other organisations with lockdown cancelling the Executive Meeting in March, the Golf Open in April and the Queen's Birthday Tournament in June.

With the country at Alert Level 1, we plan in anticipation that no further restrictions impact us and our events in 2021 so we can again participate at events around the country. NZISA recently had their Executive Committee and AGM and planning for next year is well underway. More details are outlined in this newsletter.

This is our last newsletter for the year so we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the best of wishes for the New Year. We look forward to your participation and support in 2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

Cricket Tournament

Sunday 3rd and Monday 4th January - Bledisloe Park, Pukekohe - Hosted by Pukekohe Indian Sports Club.

Under 23 Hockey Tournament

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st January - Harbour Hockey Centre - Hosted by North Harbour Indian Sports Club.

Executive Meeting

Saturday 20th March - Hamilton - Hosted by Waikato Indian Sports Club.

Queen's Birthday Tournament

Saturday 5th June to Monday 7th June, Pukekohe. Hosted by Pukekohe Indian Sports Club.

There are other events and fixtures being planned relating to cricket, hockey and golf and we'll provide an update on these as soon as they have been confirmed.

EXECUTIVE & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NZISA held their Executive Meeting and 59th Annual General Meeting on 31 October via Zoom. A productive meeting was held to get things moving for 2021. The following executives and delegates were elected:

Executive

President: Suresh Wallabh (Pukekohe)
Secretary: Chan Dullabh (North Harbour)
Treasurer: Kirit Makan (Pukekohe).

Delegates

Auckland: Raj Pancha, Vinod Patel
Bay of Plenty: Praful Morarji, Dr. Karandeep Lall
Central Districts: Kiran Parbhu, Sanjay Patel, Sandeep Patel
Christchurch: Jaya Bhana, Kalesh Patel
North Harbour: Husmit Uka, Shayla Dullabh
Pukekohe: Arjune Dahya, Kirit Makan
Waikato: Jayshree Keshvara, Sunita Parsotam
Wellington: Hansa Parbhu, Kishan Naran, Pravin Laloo.

A big thank you to all the above for their voluntary involvement and support of NZISA and their member clubs.

PRESIDENTS WORDS

This was my eighth year as President which has been great, and which was made easier with the help of Chan and the NZISA Working Groups who helped centralize our email and information flow. 2020 will be a year all of us will not forget.

This year has been a very difficult one for everyone in NZ with our whole country going into lockdown. I know all clubs had their own issues and struggles along with all unions, but hopefully everyone got through it okay.

Thank you to everyone on the committee for your time and effort. I know this year we may have only met via Zoom but all meetings still take time and I thank you for that. A big thank you to PISC, my home club, for your support and to Chan and all other Executive members for your support.

Suresh Wallabh
NZISA President

NZISA LIFE MEMBERS

Jayant H. Patel
Vinod B. Patel

Magan Ranchhod
Pravin Laloo

Nagin Lala
Hansa Parbhu

Jayanti Keshaw
Ashok Ganda

2021 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The 2021 NZISA Cricket Tournament is to be held on **Sunday 3rd and Sunday 4th January** at Bledisloe Park, corner of John, Harris and Queen Streets in Pukekohe. The event will be hosted Pukekohe Indian Sports Club.

Registrations are now open so please contact your local Indian Sports Club to register your team. The cricket tournament is always a great event to see in the New Year.

Although a cricket representative fixture has not been confirmed yet, those who are selected in the Tournament Team will have a chance to try out for any possible representative fixtures that NZISA may hold in 2021.

The final draw will be posted on the NZISA website and Facebook page once final teams have confirmed, around late December.

2021 UNDER 23 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The 2021 Under 23 Hockey Tournament will be held on **Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st January** at the Harbour Hockey Centre, 159 Bush Road in Rosedale, Auckland and be hosted by the North Harbour Indian Sports Club.

Registrations are now open so please contact your local Indian Sports Club to register your team. The tournament will also be open to a 'Fast 5' women's competition.

It is a great event to get the younger players involved prior to the hockey season starting so start gathering your teams.

2020 NATIONAL HONOURS

NZISA would like to congratulate the following who made New Zealand honours in various sports over the past year:

- Arun Panchia - Hockey, Men's Black Sticks
- Ish Sodhi - Cricket, Men's Blackcaps
- Jared Panchia - Hockey, Men's Black Sticks
- Jude Menezes - Hockey, Women's Black Sticks Assistant Coach / Goalkeeping Coach
- Tyler Lench - Hockey, Women's Black Sticks Development Squad
- Xavier Guy - Hockey, Men's Black Sticks Development Squad.



JUBILEE BOOK

2012 was the NZISA's 50th Jubilee but its story extends back to the 1930s with the founding of the first Indian Sports clubs in 1935 and 1936 after being inspired by the touring All India Hockey team. Sport became a vehicle that assisted young Indians to integrate into a sports mad New Zealand.

Eight member clubs were formed throughout New Zealand and under the banner NZISA; they have recorded fifty years of national hockey tournaments and expanded to include a multitude of sports throughout the year for men and women of Indian descent in New Zealand.

This beautiful 240 page hard cover publication outlines the history of NZISA and its member clubs and contains numerous photographs collated from sportsmen and women and spectators.

This is a must have book for all sporting enthusiasts. At the great price of \$40 each (plus postage), this book can be purchased by contacting NZISA or your local Sports Club.



PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE

Hockey New Zealand have the inaugural Sentinel Homes Premier Hockey League from 12th November to 6th December 2020. The head-to-head eight team (four men and four women) round-robin competition sees a number of players make one of the four regional teams. NZISA would like to recognise and congratulate the following:

- **Central Falcons Men's:** Umesh Parag (Manager).
- **Hauraki Mavericks Men's:** Arun Panchia, Cam Hayde, Daniel Panchia, Jared Panchia and Shae Iswar.
- **Northern Tridents Men's:** Netesh Sukha, Mitch Hayde and Xavier Guy.
- **Northern Tridents Women's:** Tyler Lench and Jude Menezes (Head Coach).

Check out Sky Sport Next on YouTube for live coverage of all matches to be played in the Premier Hockey League .

ISC NEWS

A summary of news from the eight Indian Sports Clubs:

Auckland

AISC had four men's, one women's and three youth teams for the hockey season. Their Division 1 men's won their competition. Stephen Jenness has joined the club from Wellington to work with their junior team.

Bay of Plenty

BOPISC are gearing up for the local cricket competition. Their Golden Oldies hockey event was postponed due to Covid-19 where they are recommencing planning for the event to occur over Labour Weekend in October 2021.

Central Districts

CDISC had a quiet year without QBT. The club has a new Life Member (Kanu Ravji, past NZISA Treasurer) who has been club secretary for 30 consecutive years. Their AGM will be held in early 2021, looking to celebrate the clubs 40th anniversary in 2022 along with holding the NZISA Golf Open.

Christchurch

CISC are currently in caretaker mode and looking for additional committee members. They are currently reviewing club rules and focusing on local community events.

North Harbour

NHISC had their first hockey season at the new Harbour Hockey Centre where they had five men's teams, two making the finals. Their season was disrupted by Covid-19 but extended to mid-October. Their 30th anniversary celebrations were postponed till 2021.

Pukekohe

PISC had their 75th Jubilee this year, although celebrations were postponed due to Covid-19. QBT was also postponed till 2021. Their club had five men's, two women's, one youth and five junior teams which played a half season this year.

Waikato

WaikISC have been busy helping the local Indian Association fundraise, and are looking forward to the cricket season.

Wellington

WISC celebrated their 85th anniversary this year. Their P1 hockey team performed well without a coach. Five hockey teams made the finals with three winning their matches. The club recently held their prize-giving where two new Life Members were recognised (Bhovan Lala and Rupal Parbhu).

NZISA FACT

Golf has become an increasingly popular sport in the Indian community in New Zealand. Originally being organised outside of NZISA as a way of enticing former hockey players to try golf, the popularity of the event grew over time to see a large number of players taking up the sport.

In seeking to widen its membership, NZISA established its own golf tournament in 2005. Initially the event was divided into two events, the Northern Tournament for players residing north of Taupo, and the Southern Tournament for those living south of Taupo.

The first event was hosted by Pukekohe Indian Sports Club at the Onewhero Golf Club, with North Harbour following the year later at the Takapuna Golf Course. Christchurch hosted the first Southern Tournament in 2009 at the Windsor Golf Club.

In 2011 the tournament was given a new identity, being called the NZISA Golf Open, and where a new trophy for the overall club winner was introduced.

The event has been played in many parts of the country as all eight Indian Sports Clubs have now hosted the event, some a number of times. The event has also been played at a number of different golf courses in both urban and rural locations around the country which has added to its appeal.

Wellington and Auckland have supported the event well with their large golfing groups being regulars at the event, with all other clubs increasing their players dependant on event location. The first event in 2009 attracted 27 players and has increased ever since, the highest ever being 72 at the event hosted by Central Districts in 2015 in Dannevirke.

This years event was postponed due to Covid-19 lockdown but the next NZISA Golf Open is to be held in Auckland in 2021, hosted by Auckland Indian Sports Club. The final date and venue will be confirmed in the new year.



NZISA Golf Open Division 1 Trophy

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