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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AIHA

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Welcome all players, parents, officials, coaches, managers, spectators and fans to the August '09 Auckland Ice Hockey newsletter.

Editor's Message

How's your 2009 ice hockey season been going? We hope you are all enjoying yourselves and getting out on the ice and giving your best at all times.

We have been lucky this year to have had televised coverage of the awesome NHL Stanley Cup playoffs which screened on Sky TV. These games were fast and furious with the Pittsburgh Penguins securing that prestigious big trophy in the 7th and final game.

With our ice hockey fans hungry for more great spectator games we haven't needed to look any further than our own NZIHL. New Zealand's National Ice Hockey League games kicked off in June and we have followed the top teams and players from around New Zealand battle it out for national supremacy in the NZIHL's 5th season. Hopefully you have managed to catch the Auckland rounds and shown your support for our 2 local teams, the Botany Swarm and West Auckland Admirals. We have hosted some great games with many passionate and vocal followers—there's nothing better than having some fun and helping create a great atmosphere for these talented players.

With the final round being played this week at Avondale don't forget to diary these dates and head off for a few hours entertainment at the rink.

Hopefully none of you missed the incredible Ice Blacks performance at the Winter Games NZ at Dunedin this weekend with NZ taking the series in a penalty shoot-out. This is our first ever Ice Blacks win against the Aussies and there will be plenty of celebrating!

As always there is plenty of content in this newsletter so ...

A big thank you to all who contributed to this edition!

Until next issue,
Donna



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From the President

Ice Hockey is a great sport and Auckland Ice Hockey is a group of great people. It is very rewarding to see a large group of people have so much fun on and off the ice.

We are fortunate to have such a great team of volunteers. Many work very hard for a large part of the year making sure arrangements and people are in place. But I am very concerned that we don't have enough people sharing the workload and we need your help.

Is there something **YOU CAN DO** to help? Can you spare just a couple of hours per week to make our job so much easier? Areas of need are;

Learn to Play Programme.

Our number 1 priority. To initiate players from 6 years old and up and prepare them for Peeeweese.

Each week of school terms

Avondale 5.30-6.45pm Wednesdays

Botany 5.30-6.30pm Thursdays

Instructors - can be players 16 years & older who love ice hockey and kids. No experience or qualifications required. Helpers are also required to encourage and inform parents, collect fees, issue equipment.

This would be a great job for Grandparents.

Marketing National League Weekends (Admirals at Avondale & Swarm at Botany)

We need someone with passion to champion this cause. To deliver an affordable marketing program that fills the stands with fans every game. We have a better product than Basketball so this shouldn't be too difficult for the right person.

National League Game Director

We need a well organised person to make sure National League fixtures at each rink run smoothly.

The template has been written so it is just a case of making sure we have the right people for each job.

National Championship Director

Another well organised person needed to make sure the National Championships in August/September run smoothly. Most of the arrangements have been made so it is just a case of making sure they happen.

Disciplinary

Firm but fair people needed to sit on disciplinary hearings. This is not an onerous job but we need more people on the roster so hearings can be held at short notice.

Referees

Most players can become very good referees. Why not start your training now so you can continue to be part of the game on the ice after your playing career ends. There are great opportunities to travel for those who reach a very good standard. Help pay for your ice time.

Score Bench

To all non playing Mums, Dads, Sisters and Brothers. This is your opportunity to be part of the game and get close to the action without having to step on the ice. You will learn so much more about the game than you ever imagined.

Funding Applications

No players pay the real cost of playing ice hockey. Fees are reduced by receiving funding from gaming trusts. We need someone to concentrate solely on preparing and submitting these applications.

President Auckland Ice Hockey

After 8 years as President it is time for someone new to lead Auckland Ice Hockey. Someone with fresh thinking and renewed vigour. I will not be seeking re election in November so it is time to find a replacement.

If you think you might be interested in any of these positions please call me 027 493 1565 or email president@aiha.org.nz for more information.

Grant Hay

President

Auckland Ice Hockey

Peewees, Midgets and Junior Leagues

The Peewees, Midgets and Juniors are now only 2 games away from their playoffs and there have been some closely contested games, particularly in the Junior league.

Current standings (as at 13 August):

Team	Points	Current Standing
Peewee		
Cannons	20	1st
Hornets	18	2nd
Flames	10	3rd
Scorpions	0	4th
Midget		
Barracudas	24	1st
Seawolves	20	2nd
Torpedoes	10	3rd
Pythons	8	4th
Peewee Reps	7	4th
Panthers	4	6th
Junior		
Redbacks	18	1st
Predators	17	1st
Mainers	16	3rd
Sting	8	4th equal
Storm	8	4th equal
Midget Reps	5	6th

Safety Gear

All junior grades, please remember that all safety gear is required to be worn ALL THE TIME - that means trainings and games.

There are no exceptions to this rule.

If you are not wearing all the correct gear you will be asked to leave the ice.



2009 Peewee Flames (Avondale) and Hornets (Botany)

Premier League

2009 Premier League - Regular Season Standings

	<i>Team</i>	<i>Games</i>	<i>Wins</i>	<i>Losses</i>	<i>Draws</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>GD</i>
1st	Sharks	9	6	3	0	12	16
2nd	Marlins	9	5	2	2	12	16
3rd	Knights	9	4	4	1	9	-8
4th	Whalers	9	1	7	1	3	-24

Top 10 Regular Season

			<i>Team</i>	<i>Goals</i>	<i>Assists</i>	<i>Points</i>
1st	Jesse	Trepanier	Sharks	16	10	26
2nd	Charlie	Huber	Marlins	9	13	22
3rd	Anthony	Nathan	Marlins	12	8	20
4th	Robbie	Chamberlain	Knights	12	7	19
5th	Josh	Hay	Sharks	11	5	16
6th	Sam	Moses	Marlins	10	5	15
7th	Dylan	Dickson	Knights	5	7	12
8th	Phill	Lyle	Marlins	5	7	12
9th	Yinman	Chan	Whalers	7	4	11
10th	Mike	Dobbs	Knights	3	8	11

2009 Premier Goalie Stats - including Premier Final

	<i>Team</i>	<i>GP</i>	<i>Minutes</i>	<i>GA</i>	<i>Shots</i>	<i>Save %</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>D</i>
Andre Dowman	Sharks	10	349	28	220	87.27	6	3	
Michael Hopkinson	Marlins	10	322	37	222	83.33	4	2	1
Luke Christie	Knights	8	360	39	258	84.88	4	3	1
Greg Davis	Whalers	8	361	39	249	84.34	1	6	1
Mike Parsons	Marlins	5	137	10	76	86.84	1	1	1
Kane Easterbrook	Sharks	3	32	4	32	87.5			



2009 Premier Final between Sharks and Marlins (thanks to Peter Idoine for photos)

After a 3 month regular season the 2009 Premier finalists were finally found.

1st place SHARKS vs 2nd place MARLINS

All 3 regular season games between the Sharks and Marlins were decided by 2 goals or less. Regular season history indicated that the final could potentially be a tightly contested game between the top two 2009 Premier teams.

Premier final result—SHARKS 11 vs MARLINS 4

On the day the Sharks played with determination & aggression which lead to a superior display of puck possession & control. This allowed the Sharks to make the most of their scoring opportunities over the 3 periods & lead to the Sharks out shooting the Marlins 42 – 25. After a dose 1st period where the Sharks lead the Marlins 4 -2, the Sharks then took control of the last 2 periods to capture the Easton Premier Cup with an 11 – 4 win. Congratulations to 2009 Sharks.

Top 3 Sharks final performers:

KC Ball with 4 goals + 2 Assists - 2009 Premier Final MVP

Josh Hay with 3 goals + 2 Assists

Jesse Trepanier with 4 Assists

Top 3 Marlins final performers:

Sam Moses with 1 goal + 1 assist.

Charlie Huber with 1 goal + 1 assist.

Lyle Idoine with 1 goal + 1 assist.

I would like to express my gratitude & say "Thank you" to the 4 managers & 2 coaches of the 2009 Premier teams. Without their dedication to AIHA premier hockey it would make it extremely difficult to even have a premier league in Auckland.

Andy Guest

Wayne Hopkinson

Gerry Vogel

Bernie Gouldstone

George Pilgrim

Andy Kaiser

Sharks Manager

Marlins Manager

Knights Manager

Whalers Manager

Avondale Premier Coach

Botany Premier Coach

In finishing I hope that all of the players involved in the 2009 Premier League, the managers, coaches & supporters enjoyed the 2009 Premier season & I look forward to seeing you all again in 2010 Premier League.

Congratulations to all of the players selected for the 2 NZIHL teams (West Auckland Admirals & Botany Swarm).

Thank you

Karl Peni

Premier League Director

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NZ Ice Hockey League



With just the final round left to play the Canterbury Red Devils and Southern Stampede have been the teams to beat this season. Both teams have battled for first place with the Red Devils currently on 26 points and the Stampede on 24 points. Devils Christopher Eaden is the first player in National League history to have scored more than 50 points and is currently sitting on 57 points with his teammate, Paris Heyd, in second place on 44 points. In 3rd place we find last year's champions the Botany Swarm with the West Auckland Admirals in 4th and the Dunedin Thunder in 5th place.

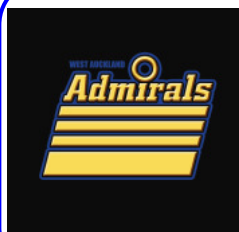
The Admirals and Swarm meet in the final round with games at Avondale rink this week and we hope you will encourage your family, friends and neighbours to come along to these last games and encourage our Auckland teams to do well. Without the assistance of the hockey fraternity we will not meet the financial requirements of running this league and supporting our teams, leaving the league in danger of being shelved.

Game times: Tuesday 25th Aug at 7:15pm and Saturday 29th Aug at 5:30pm.

Both the Swarm and Admirals have given several of their rookies some ice time. Congratulations to the rookies who made the squads. They are:

Admirals – Andrew Gouldstone, Dylan Dickson, Franz Vogel, Jeremy Chai, Matthew Roxborough, Morgan Pugh, Remy Sandoy

Swarm - Colin Henderson, Dion Guest, Michael Attwell & Sam Moses.



- Andrew Hay - Swarm
- Blake Jackson - Admirals
- Corey Down - Admirals
- Jordan Challis - Swarm
- Josh Hay - Swarm
- KC Ball - Swarm
- Lyle Idoine - Swarm
- Martin Lee - Swarm
- Zak Nothling – Swarm

NZ Ice Blacks vs Australia

Congratulations also to the players who were selected for the NZ Ice Blacks squad who took on Team Australia in the Winter Games NZ played at the Dunedin Ice Stadium this weekend.

The Ice Blacks defeated Australia for the first time so this really was a momentous occasion.

The scores were:

Test 1	Team Australia 8	NZ Ice Blacks 2
Test 2	NZ Ice Blacks 5	Team Australia 4

SERIES WINNERS: NZ Ice Blacks (after penalty shootout)

Player Profiles - NZIHL Rookies

Botany Swarm #28: Sam Moses

West Auckland Admirals #10: Jeremy Chai

How long have you been playing, and what first got you interested in ice hockey

Sam - I was about 8. Mum knew a friend who played and my older brother and sister both played so I was exposed to hockey from a really early age and was keen to take my turn

Jeremy - I played inline hockey for about 10 years and then switched over to ice about 3-4 years ago

Do you play other sport or is hockey your single focus

Sam - Have dabbled in other sports but hockey gives me an adrenaline rush which I just haven't got from playing any other sport

Jeremy - I've played all sorts of sport but only hockey seriously

What have been your biggest achievements to date

Jeremy - Being selected for the 2008 NZ U18s and the 2009 Admirals would be my highlights to date

Sam - Travelling overseas, selection for the NZ U20s and the 2009 Swarm and playing in the Nationals

What have you had to sacrifice to get this far

Sam - Playing in many teams means my social life has to take a back seat - but it's not a sacrifice as I want to be playing

Jeremy - Mainly the sacrifice of time but I don't mind because it's what I want to be doing

Do you socialize with the other players, does hockey flow over into all aspects of your life

Jeremy - I like hanging out with the other Admirals rookies when we are travelling and get on well with all the players

Sam - I live a fair distance away from the rest of the team but have formed strong friendships and spend much time with them at trainings etc

Have you traveled at all, when, where and why

Jeremy - I have been to Mexico with the NZ U18s, Canada and travelled around NZ with the Admirals

Sam - From age 15 to 17 I lived in Montreal with a family friend, attended correspondence school and played as much hockey as possible. I also travelled to Vancouver with the Kiwi Raiders when I was younger and we travel around NZ with the Auckland rep teams

Do you have a favourite team and/or player and why

Sam - Steve Yzerman from the Detroit Red Wings is a great player and of course I support Montreal after living there for 2 & 1/2 years

Jeremy - My favourite players would have to be the Russian forwards, they are so skillful

What do you think you will be doing with hockey in 5 years time

Sam - I'll definitely still be playing, possible overseas thru university. I plan to keep challenging myself to reach my potential

Jeremy - yes, for sure. I am off to Buffalo, New Jersey tomorrow morning to play and train with the Jamestown Jets for the next 6 or 7 months so I plan to be playing for quite some time

What would you say to junior players to inspire them to aim toward making an NZIHL team in the future

Jeremy - Keep working hard as hard work really pays off. Don't take it too seriously because you also have to have a laugh

Sam - Enjoy! Play hard as there's no greater feeling than playing well. Keep remembering that feeling of doing your best. Motivate and support others just as you have been supported by those around you.



Referee in Chief Report

Hi everyone, hope all is well with you all.

It's been a busy time with the Premier League coming to an end, National League games and all the other leagues still in full swing.

Firstly, I must thank all of the Auckland Officials for their continued effort over the last months. We are still very short on numbers, and therefore the workload has been huge on a few of you. Your commitment and desire to get out there on the ice officiating is much appreciated and hasn't gone un-noticed.

It is with this in mind that I put forward a request to both current and former players who might be interested in getting onto the ice as an official. It is a rewarding and exciting way to stay involved in Ice Hockey in a different facet other than just playing the game, or coaching.

There are many possibilities with how far you can take your refereeing experience, from officiating Peewee games, up through the Junior grades, and then onto SNC, Premier, and possibly NZIHL ... the sky is the limit. There is also no set amount you need to commit to. If you choose to only do one night a month, or three nights a week, your contribution at all levels is most welcome. You will receive a uniform and whistle, and any training and guidance to get you started. And you will be put on games with an experienced referee to help with starting your transition into officiating.

I hope I don't miss anyone, but special mention must be made to officials who have started over the last few months:

Al Tamepo, Dwight Fray, Saskia Van Well, Tamzin Collins, Ilse Wiid, Maddie Henry, Harry Biggs, Brent Parker and Steele Mildwaters

Congratulations on getting involved and good luck for your future in officiating our great game.

We also have referees returning from time away from wearing the stripe - thanks to Dave Turner, Paul Taillon and Duane Finch for coming back to the fold.

There are also officials who have done their first National League appointments. Mark Hareb and Kevin Friesen have lined their first games, as well as Braden O'Loughlin and Michal Sebo who refereed their first games at this top level.

Keep up the good work everyone, and see you on the ice soon.

Braden O'Loughlin

Referee in Chief

Auckland Ice Hockey Referees



Upcoming dates for your calendar

Date		Rink	Time
25th Aug	NZIHL - Admirals vs Swarm	Avondale	7:15pm
29th Aug	NZIHL - Admirals vs Swarm	Avondale	5:30pm
28-30 Aug	National Champs - Senior Non Check & Women	Both	
10-13 Sep	National Champs - Peeewees, Midgets & Juniors	Both	
21st Sep	Peeewee, Midget and Junior Season Finals	Botany	
18th Oct	Junior Prizegiving at Alexandria Park		

2010 NZIHF Summer Development Camps

NZ Ice Hockey Federation have announced the 2010 Summer Development camps which will be held in Dunedin. The U13 camp will be held Jan 19-23 and the U16 camp from Jan 25-30. These will be run by Jeff Bonazzo, National Coaching Coordinator for the New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation with guest coaches including Coach Csaba for the U13 camp. AIHA members are being offered a discounted rate of \$300.00 for U13 players and \$375.00 for U16 players to help offset the cost of travel and Jeff may be able to help with finding billet families if required. Dunedin Holiday Park is recommended for local, good value accommodation. See www.dunedinholidaypark.co.nz for further info.

These camps are always great fun and an awesome way to increase your skills and game knowledge whilst meeting fellow hockey players from all over New Zealand. Your league director will be able to advise further information or download the forms from the AIHA website.

Thanks to BSport Radio

AIHA, Botany Swarm and West Auckland Admirals would like to express their thanks to BSport for featuring Ice Hockey, and specifically the NZ National Ice Hockey league, on their Wednesday morning breakfast shows.

If you have missed out hearing these live, please visit www.aiha.org.nz for the links and listen to the many interviews with our players and coaches including Andrew Hay (Botany Swarm) and Jeff Bonazzo (Admirals).

Check out www.bsport.co.nz and tune into 1476AM- from 8:30am each Wednesday



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- ⇒ hockey events
- ⇒ league statistics
- ⇒ links to NZ and International hockey sites
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