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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 second Auckland Ice Hockey newsletter for 2010.

## Editor's Message

The 2010 season is now well underway for Peewee, Midget, Junior and Senior Non Check leagues so we hope you are enjoying your season so far. Your league directors have worked hard to ensure the teams are balanced and also to ensure supportive coaches and managers are in place for all the junior teams.

NZ Under 18's and Ice Blacks recently successfully competed in the recent IIHF World Championships where the U18s won gold in Div IIIB, and promotion to Div II for next year, and the Ice Blacks finished 4th in a very competitive pool. This secures the Ice Blacks Div II ranking again for 2011.

On behalf of the AIHA congratulations to all Auckland players, coaches and management who contributed to the success of both teams. Game summaries are available on [www.nzicehockey.co.nz](http://www.nzicehockey.co.nz)

2010 NZIHL season is about to start so make sure to head along to the games and support your Auckland teams. Season passes are available through CubHub at discounted prices for all AIHA members.

Remember to forward any interesting news or photos to share with AIHA members to me at [marketing@aiha.org.nz](mailto:marketing@aiha.org.nz) and I will include them in the next issue.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this edition and until next issue - have fun, be safe and enjoy your hockey.

Donna



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## Peewee, Midget and Junior Leagues

We are now a few weeks into the 2010 season and would like to express our thanks to all the coaches and managers who have offered to share their time and skills with the Peewees, Midgets and Juniors this year. A big thanks also goes out to all the on-ice officials for your contribution to our games.

	<b>Team</b>	<b>Coaches</b>	<b>Managers</b>
<b>Peewee</b>	Hornets	Andre Dowman & Floyd McGregor	Mike Froger
	Scorpions	Jimmy (Tae Seok)	Maree Dobbs
	Cannons	Chris van Poppel, Peter Rooke & AJ	Debbie Rooke
	Flames	Paul Hyde & Edward Lisowski	Kevin Vince
<b>Midgets</b>	Seawolves	Shawn Henry	Gerry Vogel
	Barracudas	Braedyn Durbin	Leanne Staden-Lea
	Panthers	Phill Lyle	Michael Peterson
	Torpedoes	Michal Sebo & Michael Hopkinson	Ian Fraser
<b>Juniors</b>	Pythons	Rhys Williams	Megan Lawrence
	Redbacks	Michal Sebo	Wayne Hopkinson
	Sting	Mike Peach	Bruce Clow
	Storm	David Turner	Donna Reid
	Mariners	Yinman Chan & Craig Cowper	Paul Harrison & Keith McLeod
	Predators	Karl Peni & Russell Black	Janet Anderson-Bidois & Jenny Ellis

Just a reminder to ensure you wear the correct protective gear for every game and practice. This is to ensure your safety and we will be encouraging your team managers and coaches to check you have all your gear before stepping onto the ice.

The second payment for ice fees is due on/by 31<sup>st</sup> May and you will most likely have received a reminder of these from your league director. Please ensure these are remitted on time and if paying by internet banking we ask that you advise our treasurer of your payment (treasurer@aiha.org.nz).

Peewee and Midget	\$165.00
Junior	\$140.00

We look forward to you all having a fun and successful season - do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you would like to discuss.

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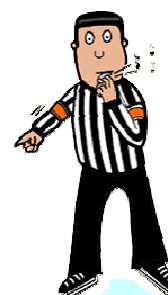
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## Can You Help?

Auckland Ice Hockey is always in need of dedicated hard working volunteers who are keen to help out to ensure the sport runs smoothly in the region and continues to grow in the right direction.

If you can offer your services in any, way, shape or form we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Günther Birgel at [president@aiha.org.nz](mailto:president@aiha.org.nz)



## Visiting team from Kelowna, Canada



Between 18-22 July this year an under 20 team from Kelowna, Canada will be visiting New Zealand. The team will be playing 3 games - one game each against the U19 Auckland rep team, the West Auckland Admirals and the Botany Swarm.

We are seeking billet families who can billet two or three players each and will be available to pick the players up from the airport, provide food and board for their billets, provide transport to games and generally look after the players in between their scheduled team activities.

The Kelowna team visit New Zealand every couple years and both the players and billeting families have found it an enjoyable and rewarding experience in the past. If you are able to help or have any questions please give me a call.

Previous visits by the Kelowna teams have provided entertaining and high calibre performances so it's a great opportunity to watch some top quality international hockey by these young players.

Game schedule:

Sun July 18th	7:15pm to 8:45pm	Botany rink	U19 Reps vs Kelowna
Mon July 19th	6:40pm to 8:10pm	Avondale rink	West Auckland Admirals vs Kelowna
Tue July 20th	6:45pm to 8:15pm	Botany rink	Botany Swarm vs Kelowna

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## NZ Junior Elite League — NZJEL

The NZ Junior Elite League games will be played during June, July and August with Auckland games scheduled as follows:

Sat June 12th	4:15pm to 5:45pm	Avondale rink	Auckland vs Southern
Sun June 13th	8:10am to 10:20am	Avondale rink	Auckland vs Southern
Sat Aug 17th	time to be confirmed	Avondale rink	Auckland vs Canterbury
Sun Aug 18th	time to be confirmed	Avondale rink	Auckland vs Canterbury

Good luck to all Auckland players selected for this exciting new league!

## Learn to Play Avondale — can you help???

We are looking for a volunteer to manage the Learn to Play programme at Avondale to ensure all players are welcomed, informed and the programme runs smoothly.

If this sounds like you and you are able to offer your help, please contact Grant Hay on [ltp@aiha.org.nz](mailto:ltp@aiha.org.nz) or 027 493 1565

## NZ U18's win gold at IIHF Div III Champs



### NZ U18's

Congratulations to the following Auckland players who represented New Zealand in the IIHF U18 Div IIIB World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico 14-20 April 2010:

Dylan Dickson  
 Jamie Lawrence  
 Remy Sandoy  
 Ryan Currid  
 Todd Elder

The New Zealand Under-18 National Team went to Mexico in March 2010 for the Division 3, Group B with tremendous expectations. This team had been developed from the National Under-16 team from 2006-2008, as well as from a silver medal performance in Chinese Taipei in 2009. We faced a daunting task, having to play a strong Mexican team (which had just been relegated from division 2), a committed Irish team, a mystery Israeli team that nobody knew of, and a physical South African team. We had a lot of work to do.

After a small camp in Auckland, the team left for Dallas, USA for its week-long training camp. Friendships were made with the local club, and we enjoyed the gluttonous and friendly American hospitality. After 6 days of intense trainings, we were ready for the IIHF World Championships.

We won our first game versus Israel, 9-8 despite blowing a lead of 5-2. We won our second game the next day versus Ireland, 5-2, and then got a deserved break for 3 days. We toured around and rested, all the while keeping perspective on our next two games. Game three saw another victory versus South Africa, 5-2. That victory set up a classic final versus Mexico on the final day of competition.

Against Mexico, we found ourselves down quickly, trailing 3-0 after the first period. We gained a bit of momentum after the second period, narrowing the lead down to 4-2. Going into the third, we had the inner confidence and fitness to believe we could win this game. The New Zealand dressing room during the intermission was very positive, and the coaches relayed a strong message (which will remain a mystery!). The Kiwis replied with 3 unanswered goals, to take the victory 5-4 and gold medal.

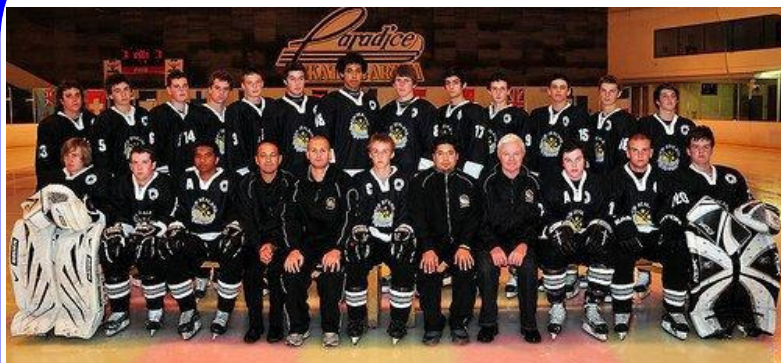
We subsequently earned promotion to Division 2 - where New Zealand belongs in international hockey.

Reported by:

Jonathan Albright, Head Coach  
 New Zealand Under-18 National Team  
 New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation

AIHA congratulates and thanks the NZ U18 coaches and management for their contribution to the teams success:

Jonathan Albright	Coach
Stacey Rout	Coach
Niel Frier	Manager
Doug Elder	Manager



NZ U18's



## NZ Ice Blacks retain Div II standing for 2011



Following an intensive training camp and exhibition games in Vierumaki, Finland the New Zealand Ice Blacks competed at the 2010 NZIHF World Championships Div IIB at Narva, Estonia from 10 to 16 April. Competing against national teams from China, Estonia, Iceland, Israel and Romania the Ice Blacks pulled off significant wins against both Israel (5-4) and China (2-1) to earn the right to retain their Division II ranking for 2011.

To see more information visit the Ice Blacks website at [www.iceblacks.com](http://www.iceblacks.com)

Congratulations to Auckland players: Lukas Birgel, Sam Boniface, Jordan Challis, Corey Down, Andrew Hay, Joshua Hay, Charlie Huber, Richard Idoine, Blake Jackson, Martin Lee, Zak Nothing and Ian Wannamaker.



## NZ Ice Hockey League



The 2010 NZ Ice Hockey League season is now just around the corner with round one games being held across the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June in Christchurch and Dunedin. You can expect to see some fierce competition this year as the 5 teams battle for national supremacy.

**West Auckland Admirals** are hoping to boost their chances this year with many returning players and some good imports from Finland, USA and Canada. With strong leadership from new coaches, Rodney McMillin and Jonathan Albright, and management by veterans Paul and Leesa Terlesk and Bernie Gouldstone, the Admirals are looking forward to their first game against Canterbury Red Devils in Christchurch.

With 10 Ice Blacks, plus a smattering of rookies, the **Botany Swarm** are hoping for a stronger performance than last year. The bench will start without any import players but expect the arrival of two players in July. Andy Kaiser will be driving the boys hard, with Andy and Sue Guest and Phill Lyle providing the team management. The Swarm will play their first game on home ice 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Dunedin Thunder** may be the team to watch this year as they bring in some high quality imports from France, England and Canada. With ex and current Ice Blacks James van Leeuwen and Paris Heyd expected to supply high quality coaching skills the Thunder has high hopes for this season.

**Southern Stampede** has a very experienced team and once again they will be looking highly competitive with strong coaching and leadership from Steve and Stacey Rout. As runners-up last year they will be chasing for a win in 2010.

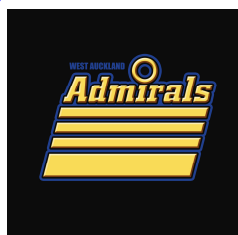
2009 NZIHL winners **Canterbury Red Devils** will be led by new coach Canadian Jonathon Whitehead and have imports from USA and France. Expect them to start strong as they will be hoping to maintain their top ranking.

Season passes are now available to through ClubHub at discounted prices for AIHA members.

<b>10 Game Season Pass</b>		<b>or Individual entry (via AIHA website or at the door)</b>	
Adults	\$80	Adult	\$15
Children	\$40	Child	\$8
Family	\$200	Family	\$40

For the first time we are offering corporate hospitality packages – see the attached brochure for details.

**Get in on the action and support your team!!!**



# NZIHL Game Schedule



Date	Teams	Location	Game #	Puck drops	Game Finish
5-Jun-10	CRD vs WAA	Christchurch	1	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
6-Jun-10	CRD vs WAA	Christchurch	2	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
5-Jun-10	DNT vs STP	Dunedin	3	6.45 pm	8.45 pm
6-Jun-10	DNT vs STP	Dunedin	4	3.45 pm	5.45 pm
12-Jun-10	DNT vs CRD	Dunedin	5	6.40 pm	8.45 pm
13-Jun-10	DNT vs CRD	Dunedin	6	3.40 pm	5.45 pm
12-Jun-10	BSW vs STP	Botany	7	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
13-Jun-10	BSW vs STP	Botany	8	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
19-Jun-10	WAA vs DNT	Avondale	9	6.15 pm	8.15 pm
20-Jun-10	WAA vs DNT	Avondale	10	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
19-Jun-10	CRD vs BSW	Christchurch	11	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
20-Jun-10	CRD vs BSW	Christchurch	12	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
26-Jun-10	STP vs CRD	Queenstown	13	7.00 pm	9.00 pm
27-Jun-10	STP vs CRD	Queenstown	14	4.15 pm	6.15 pm
22-Jun-10	BSW vs WAA	Botany	15	7.00 pm	9.00 pm
27-Jun-10	BSW vs WAA	Botany	16	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
2-Jul-10	STP vs WAA	Queenstown	17	7.00 pm	9.00 pm
3-Jul-10	STP vs WAA	Queenstown	18	7.00 pm	9.00 pm
3-Jul-10	BSW vs DNT	Botany	19	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
4-Jul-10	BSW vs DNT	Botany	20	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
10-Jul-10	CRD vs STP	Christchurch	21	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
11-Jul-10	CRD vs STP	Christchurch	22	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
6-Jul-10	WAA vs BSW	Avondale	23	7.00 pm	9.00 pm
11-Jul-10	WAA vs BSW	Avondale	24	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
24-Jul-10	DNT vs WAA	Dunedin	25	6.45 pm	8.45 pm
25-Jul-10	DNT vs WAA	Dunedin	26	2.15 pm	4.15 pm
24-Jul-10	BSW vs CRD	Botany	27	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
25-Jul-10	BSW vs CRD	Botany	28	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
31-Jul-10	WAA vs STP	Avondale	29	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
1-Aug-10	WAA vs STP	Avondale	30	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
31-Jul-10	DNT vs BSW	Dunedin	31	6.45 pm	8.45 pm
1-Aug-10	DNT vs BSW	Dunedin	32	2.15 pm	4.15 pm
14-Aug-10	WAA vs CRD	Avondale	33	5.00 pm	7.00 pm
15-Aug-10	WAA vs CRD	Avondale	34	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
14-Aug-10	STP vs DNT	Queenstown	35	7.00 pm	9.00 pm
15-Aug-10	STP vs DNT	Queenstown	36	4.15 pm	6.15 pm
21-Aug-10	CRD vs DNT	Christchurch	37	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
22-Aug-10	CRD vs DNT	Christchurch	38	4.45 pm	6.45 pm
20-Aug-09	STP vs BSW	Queenstown	39	7.00 pm	9.00 pm
21-Aug-09	STP vs BSW	Queenstown	40	7.00 pm	9.00 pm
4-Sep-10	x1 Game 1vs2		41		
5-Sep-10					
18-Sep-10	SI vs NI	South Island	42		

## News and Upcoming Events

### GOALIE CLINIC AUCKLAND July 11th & 12th

Rick Parry and Jeff Bonazzo are scheduling a Goalie Clinic to be held in Auckland on the weekend of 11th and 12th July. If you are interested and would like further information please contact Jeff on: [jeffbonazzo@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffbonazzo@hotmail.com)

### ICEINLINE CENTRAL 75th JUBILEE July 2nd to 4th

This year, Iceinline Central (Inc), formerly known as the Alexandra Winter Sports Club, is 75 years old and are celebrating their 75th Jubilee with a dinner and fun weekend at the rink in Alexandra during the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> July. If you have been involved with the club in any capacity, this could be a great chance to catch up with old friends. Please contact Dianne Elliott on [diane.alex@xtra.co.nz](mailto:diane.alex@xtra.co.nz) for further details.

### KELOWNA U20's Auckland Visit 18th to 22nd July

Kelowna U20s play 3 games against Auckland U19 reps, Admirals and Swarm from 18th to 20th July

### NATIONALS August 5th to 8th

This year the National Championships for Peewees, Juniors and Woman will be held from 5th to 8th August in Gore. See further details [www.aiha.org.nz](http://www.aiha.org.nz) and [www.nzicehockey.co.nz](http://www.nzicehockey.co.nz) closer to the date

### NHL STANLEY CUP GAMES ON SKYTV

Check your SkyTV guide and set the NHL games to record - they play on Sky Sport 2 and 3 this year!

### WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

<a href="http://www.aiha.org.nz">www.aiha.org.nz</a>	Auckland Ice Hockey Association
<a href="http://www.nzihl.com">www.nzihl.com</a>	NZ Ice Hockey League
<a href="http://www.nzicehockey.co.nz">www.nzicehockey.co.nz</a>	NZ Ice Hockey
<a href="http://www.iceblacks.com">www.iceblacks.com</a>	NZ Ice Blacks
<a href="http://www.iihf.com">www.iihf.com</a>	International Ice Hockey Federation
<a href="http://www.nhl.com">www.nhl.com</a>	National Hockey League (USA)

Facebook Groups	- West Auckland Admirals
	- 2010 Botany Swarm
	- New Zealand Ice hockey team the "Ice Blacks"
	- NHL Back on NZ TV
	- NZ Hockey Hub



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Keep checking the AIHA website to find out what's happening locally:

- ⇒ latest news
- ⇒ hockey events
- ⇒ league statistics
- ⇒ links to NZ and International hockey sites
- ⇒ and much more