

canterbury Regional officials Newsletter



Greetings! Welcome to the first edition of the Canterbury Regional Officials Newsletter (CRON). The aim of this newsletter is to bring officials in the Canterbury region updates and information about officiating, as well as, share stories and profiles about our officials (An "official" being anyone involved in the enforcement, evaluation or organisation of the "rules of the sport"). The CRON is part of Sport Canterbury's push to provide better recognition and support for officials in the region and we are proud to say we are one of the leading Regional Sports Trusts (RSTs) in this area! This newsletter will be bi-monthly, so if you have anything that you think other officials might like to know about whether it be website links, articles, training opportunities or just interesting bits of info, then contact Janine Moy at Sport Canterbury and they will be included in the next issue.

The Regional Officials Network

It was a great delight to launch the Canterbury Regional Officials Network in June. The Canterbury Regional Officials Network is a support group for official's which aims to provide recognition, support, networking opportunities and professional development for officials in Canterbury.



Lesley Murdoch & Paddy O'Brien

It was kicked off with a great turn out of approximately 100 people at the Christchurch Netball Centre to hear Paddy O'Brien speak about his experiences as an official, as well as a few interesting stories about players and the situations he's been in! The Hon Trevor Mallard (Minster for Sport and Recreation) also used the function as an opportunity to announce the expansion of the Prime Minister's Scholarships to

include officials (more details on the PM Scholarships follow in the newsletter).

I would like to thank the Christchurch Netball Centre for hosting the launch of the regional officials network and their support of the event, and Lesley Murdoch for doing a fantastic job as MC.

The second Regional Officials Network was held in August at the Scenic Circle Cotswold Hotel. Interesting discussion around the perception of officials was the topic of the night with feedback given back to Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) for their research.

The next Regional Officials Network ...

The last one for 2005 will have an Olympic theme! The Christchurch officials that attended the Athens Olympics are coming together to share their experiences. This will be held in early December. Further details will be sent out soon. If you are not on the regional official's network mailing list please contact Janine Moy at Sport Canterbury.

Sport Canterbury Regional Officiating Advisory Group

Over the past year Sport Canterbury has been making a push to provide better support and recognition for officials in the region. However, we could not have done it on our own and have had the support and guidance of some very experienced and proactive officials in the

region. I would like to thank John Wylie - rowing, Lyndon McKendry - rugby, Avril Enslow - gymnastics, Jerome Raateland - ice hockey, Andrew Hercus - beach volleyball and Leon Blanchett - athletics for their help in getting the regional officials network up and running and for the support and guidance of Sport Canterbury's official programme. I appreciate the support!

If you have any feedback regarding the regional officials network or ideas for sessions please contact:

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Prime Minister's Scholarships

The announcement of the Prime Minister's Scholarships to include officials now means officials have the same opportunities as athletes and coaches to excel in their officiating careers and professional development. Elite and potentially elite officials can apply for scholarships of up to \$10,000 a year to enhance their development. For an application form and criteria contact Janine Moy at Sport Canterbury. **Applications for 2006 close Monday, 31 October 2005.**

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Olympic Research



"I am the keeper of the sport: if I'm not fair the sport loses"

Dr Tim Williams and Andrew Hercus from the Christchurch College of Education interviewed 29 of the 31 New Zealand officials that went to the Athens Olympics. The common themes from the interviews are summarised into careers, preparation for events, decision making, officiating 'trophies', officiating values and referent groups. If you would like to know more about how our Olympic officials think, email Andrew Hercus on Andrew.Hercus@cce.ac.nz

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CANTERBURY WINTER SPORTS AWARDS DINNER

Friday, 4 November 2005

We had a great number of officials nominated for the winter sports awards from across the codes. One of the largest categories in fact! Good on the Regional Sports Organisations (RSO's) for putting them forward. Hopefully we get a good turn out to support the nominees.

If you are interested in attending the sports awards contact your RSO who have been allocated tickets, otherwise contact Sport Canterbury. The cost is \$65 pp which includes a yummy three course meal, drinks, guest speaker and entertainment. If you haven't been before it is a great night for all the grass roots winter sports to come together and celebrate each other's successes. Also a great occasion to get dressed up for!

Hope to see some of you there supporting the nominees!

Useful Websites...

http://www.fiba.com/asp_includes/download.asp?file_id=180 – Article: Mental Preparation: A key to success in officiating

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/official/index.asp> - Tool, articles, resources etc for officials

OFFICIAL PROFILE

In each issue of the CRON we will feature a profile of an official. The aim is to provide another avenue of recognition for officials in Canterbury. The person does not have to be high profile or experienced, just deserve a bit of recognition for their contribution!

THIS MONTHS' OFFICIAL IS ... **Wayne Stapley** (Canterbury Soccer Referees Assn)

Journey to Izmir Turkey, Universiade 2005

I was personally invited to accompany the NZ Universities Women's team to participate in the above event. I had been to Korea two years earlier with them to Universiade 2003.

The requirement for teams playing football is that they must take a referee with them. If they don't, they have to pay a fee of US\$2500. The referee must also have a FIFA (international) badge.

This is an amazing event that very few in New Zealand know about. In my opinion it is just like being involved in the Olympics. There were 8500 athletes plus officials. The Commonwealth Games is only going to have about 6000 athletes.

We arrived in Izmir after 32 hours of travel and

transit and were taken to the games village. This was basically a new suburb of high rises built on the hill. The referees and umpires were shipped off to hotels in town. Being a football country, the football referees got the best hotel by far. Pretty good accommodation for 3 weeks.



The whole NZ team consisted of about 120 athletes and officials from 8 different sports, including swimmers who had just been to World

Champs in Canada. We got there a few days earlier than most. I met with the NZ volleyball umpire and gymnastics judge in town over the first few days and did coffees and shopping together.

After a few days all the football referees had arrived and started to get to know one another. The English speaking referees kind of gravitated towards each other as the conversation was easier.

There were 24 referees in all from all over the world: France, Finland, Italy, Morocco, Canada, China Taipei, Japan (2), South Africa (2), Thailand, Czech Republic (2), Turkey (4), Korea, China, Brazil (2), Iran, Great Britain and myself to referee in both the men's and women's section. The assistant referees were all from Turkey.

We all got to referee at least 3 games each, some did more. Games were played every second day. The three games I refereed were in temperatures of 40, 38 & 37 degrees, however it wasn't as bad as it may sound. Every game has a match observer keeping an eye on the referee's performance.

The NZ team played 6 games in all and because I cannot be involved in their games, I only saw them play twice.



They just missed on qualifying for the quarter finals (on goal difference), but once again won the fair play award.

The opening and closing ceremonies were both sold out and there were about 60,000 spectators at each. I was in the stand for the opening ceremony and in the middle with the athletes for the closing.

I had a great time and spent a lot of the time with

the English referee (Mike Dean). He is a professional referee and referees in the Barclays Premiership. We had most meals and beers together, went shopping and went to a number of events such as, basketball, volleyball, swimming and athletics on our days off. He is a great bloke. We continue to email and he tells me what games he is refereeing in England and in Europe. A few of the games have already been shown here, live.

The people of Turkey were very friendly and the referee organisation took us on a trip to one of their lovely beaches and to Ephesus (the 3000 year old ruins). It was very interesting.

For more information see the home page for Universiade, Izmir 2005.

<http://www.universiadeizmir.org/en/>

Other Football Refereeing Journeys

In football (soccer) FIFA referees and assistants must retire the year they turn 45. This happened to me 31 December 2004. Yes one more day and I would have been on the list for another year.

I went to tournaments in the pacific area mainly over the 8 years I was a FIFA assistant referee as well as tournaments in Australia, Vanuatu, Cook Islands and here in New Zealand as well as the two previous trips I have mentioned.

The rate of our allowances depended on whether the tournament was a FIFA run tournament or not. For example, in Sydney in January 2004 for the Olympic Qualifying Tournament the assistant referees were paid \$400 a day and the referees \$600 a day for a 12 day tournament. I was happy to receive \$4800 and everything was paid for. Five star hotel and first class airfares.

I have been lucky to meet referees from all over the world in my travels.