



It's Been a busy... couple of months; we just got over the South Island Secondary Schools, then it's been into training for and competing in the first ever Marlborough Water Polo Tournament, then 2 weeks later the first ever Marlborough Men's team competed at the Tier Two Senior Nationals. Some lessons have been taken from these events which will help the club grow. While some of the results might not be what we had hoped for, Water Polo NZ are noticing us and are keen to see the club grow. Well done to all those that participated in the referee's course, now you have the knowledge it's time to put it into practise, please let Bids know when you can referee games. Thanks to all those that have helped with the Tournament, Nationals, weekly games and trainings.



Ideas for next term

The committee has discussed some ideas for next term, we hope this will help to manage pool space and team trainings better. **Feedback is welcome.** Monday trainings: to be split into age group blocks for better one on one training. Under 12's and new to 2m will train from 5-5.45; Under 14's will train from 5.45-6.45; Under 16+ will train from 6.45-7.45. Age group Coaches to take each age group along with any helpers.

Wednesday teams: teams that have upcoming tournaments play as a team on Wednesday nights, for example Under 14's wanting to compete in the Nippers Cup and Nationals play as a team in Term 3 and 4; Under 16's wanting to play in Nationals play as a team. As Junior Secondary Schools and Senior Secondary Schools are mixed ages, these teams will need to be organised and train together prior to their tournament (probably Sundays).

Friday games/training: teams with upcoming tournaments are encouraged to play as that team vs all-comers. *Make sure you pay pool entry fee.*

Sunday training: 3-5pm for teams with upcoming tournaments. *Make sure you pay pool entry fee.*

Those older students that will still be at school next year and want to play in SISS, will play together in one team, until Term 1, when teams will play as their school team.

Fundraising

Harcourts Community Referral: if you are selling your property, list and sell with Harcourts and they will donate \$400 to the club and \$100 to their community fund. Even if it is not you selling but someone you know that is going to sell and they list and sell with Harcourts the club will benefit if they present the referral card to the agent at the time of listing, for more information talk to Martyn.

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Upcoming Tournaments for Marlborough Teams

Nippers Cup - Under 12's mixed; Under 14 boys & girls
29 Sept – 01 Oct, Huia Pool, Wellington

Junior Secondary Schools – Under 15 (Yr 9, 10)
Must be under 15yrs as of 01 Jan 2017 to be eligible
24-26 Nov, Jellie Park, Christchurch

NZ Under 14 Nationals – subject to performance at Nippers Cup
15-18 Dec, Tauranga

NZ Under 16 Nationals – subject to numbers
30 Sept – 04 Oct, Auckland

South Island Secondary Schools – Players from same school
Late March 2018, Jellie Park, Christchurch

To gauge interest please fill in sheet at Stadium Reception.

Special Thanks

To the sponsors of recent activities:

Pelorus Trust, Top Town Cinemas, Taylor Pass Honey, Nippys, Total Span, Bamboo Garden, Subway, Pak'n'Save, Teamline Swimwear, Sounds Air, Stadium 2000.

Website

James Hammond (the resident IT guru) has volunteered to re-design the club website. If you have any suggestions or photos, please contact James: james@jimmyah.com. Thanks for your hard work James, not only with the website but also in organising and coaching the Under 14's. The level of communication you have provided to the team and parents sets a high bench mark.

Wanted

Event Manager to organise/run the Marlborough Junior Water Polo Tournament next year. We need to get this tournament organised and into the NZWP and all NZ clubs calendar asap, so as teams can start planning to come to Marlborough next year.

Term Three 2017

Starts 31st July 2017. If you want to enter a team, please let Bridget know asap. If you don't enter your own team we will make up the teams. The more people that you encourage to play waterpolo, the more competition there will be, so get some mates to play, or challenge other people to enter a team. **Monday training will start again on 2nd August.**

Team Coach's-2017

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