

TWENTY THIRTEEN

# NEW ZEALAND CANOE POLO

ANNUAL REPORT

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# NEW ZEALAND CANOE POLO

The New Zealand Canoe Polo Association is an incorporated society first registered in 1995.

The Association's mission is to 'promote and encourage all aspects of Canoe Polo in New Zealand for the future of the sport and its participants'.



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# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

What a busy year for canoe polo 2013 was.

Along with the usual domestic competitions, national league (A, B and C grades), inter-regional championships and schools nationals, NZCPA hosted the Oceania Championships at Easter and sent its Senior Women's Team to World Games in Cali, Colombia. 2013 also saw a change in the Executive with Maree Burnett taking a leave of absence from NZCPA. Previous board member and well known canoe polo personality, Cam Butler, was appointed as interim Executive Director for that period. I would like to thank Cam for his hard work throughout that period, and welcome Maree back to the role for 2014.

Following the first round of National League A, B and C grade in Christchurch, NZCPA in conjunction with Mainland Canoe Polo hosted Oceania Championships over four days at Easter at Lake Roto Kohatu. New Zealand entered two teams in almost all the grades with the B teams often giving the A teams a run for their money. Unfortunately Australia was not able to field any age group Women's teams. We are hopeful that in 2015, when Australia next hosts the tournament, they will be able to field teams across all grades. With Australia winning three grades (Men, Women and Vets) to New Zealand's two (U21 Men and Masters) Australia took home the Julian Carter Memorial Trophy. Thank you to all those involved in the event, it would not have been possible without you.

The strong showing by the New Zealand U21 teams bodes well for a continuation in the competitive nature for those teams on the world stage with teams being sent to World Championships in all four grades in 2014.

Due to their ranking as fourth in the world, the New Zealand Women were invited to compete at World Games in Cali, Colombia in August 2013. World Games is a multi disciplinary event for sports and events not currently competed for at the Olympics. Following disappointment from the Oceania Championships final, the team was out to prove a point. Solid performances in round robin play saw the team advance through to the semi finals. In a repeat of last year's World Championships semi-final, New Zealand squared off against Great Britain. After holding the lead at half time, a heart-breaking one goal loss saw Great Britain advance to the final. Another one goal loss saw New Zealand end up in fourth position. 2014 is going to be the Team's year to get back on the podium.

World Games also provided an opportunity for one of our top referees, Sean Thompson to further demonstrate why he is now classed as one of the World's top referees. Congratulations Sean.

The National Secondary Schools Championships were again held at the

Makino Aquatic Centre in Feilding. It was another great competition with some fiercely fought games across all grades. The calibre of performance shows that canoe polo has a bright future in New Zealand.

Auckland Canoe Polo hosted the Inter Regional Championships at the Quarry in Auckland. With an early October date all involved were pleased that the weather behaved. Following discussion with the membership, it has been determined that Inter-Regional's will now be run every two years with youth development being the focus in between. Inter-Regional's will next be competed in 2015, with 2014 being the first year of the development focused programme.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in canoe polo, be it as a player, coach, referee, scorekeeper, timekeeper, supporter or volunteer (and the list goes on). The sport would not be the same without you. I am looking forward to seeing you all poolside in 2014 and beyond.

Emma Matheson  
Chairperson  
NZCPA



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# Oceania Championships

The Oceania Championships Tournament was hosted by New Zealand at Lake Roto Kohatu, Christchurch during Easter, 29 – 31 March 2013.

In winning three of the five categories with sufficient entries, Australia regained the Julian Carter Trophy which has been held by New Zealand for a number of years. New Zealand will be going all out to get that trophy back in 2015!

## Final Results

Men		Women		Youth		Veteran		Masters	
1st	Aus Men A	1st	Aus Women A	1st	NZ Men U21 A	1st	Aus Vets	1st	NZ Masters
2nd	NZ Men A	2nd	NZ Women A	2nd	NZ Men U21 B	2nd	NZ Vets A	2nd	Aus Masters
3rd	NZ Men B	3rd	NZ Women B	3rd	Aus U21	3rd	NZ Vets B		
4th	Aus Men B	4th	NZ Women U21 B						
		5th	NZ Women U21 A						



# Oceania Championships – NZ Teams

## NZ Men A

Jason Dalziell  
Carl Duncan  
Jed Graham  
Cam Gurney  
Kyzen MacDonald  
James Mitchell  
Connor Sellwood

## NZ Men B

Luke Dustin  
Matthew Fiso  
Nevan Hadley  
Philip Hart  
Alex Lowen  
David Isaacs  
Eric Gruden  
Sam Notman

## NZ Women

Tania Dugdale  
Erin Bolton  
Julie Bolton  
Kate Bolton  
Emma Matheson  
Olivia Spencer-Bower  
Jordan Housiaux

## NZ Women B

Emma Hicks  
Catherine Jefferies  
Gemma Potaka  
Britney Rolston  
Jordan Pearse  
Hannah Staples  
Haley Bertelsen

## NZ U21 Men A

Jordan Hinton  
Sam Hapeta  
Aaron Crabb  
Jade Johnson  
Ollie Maassen  
James Gibb  
James Long

## NZ U21 Men B

Tanek Gardner  
James Gilroy  
Cole Hawkins  
Ruifa Huang  
Alastair Kennedy  
Connor McNabb  
Callum Wilde

## NZ U21 Women A

Sophie Winton  
Bronte Bergquist  
Sarah Ralton  
Sammie Hicks  
Jordyn Pfeiler  
Sian Fendall  
Kaylee Potaka  
Kimberly Ronald

## NZ U21 Women B

Bridget Vickers  
Megan Devlin  
Lydia Nuttall  
Katie Craig  
Stephaine Dryfhout  
Shenee Nicholson  
Jessica Love  
Petra Sparks



# Oceania Championships – NZ Teams continued

NZ Veteran A
Phillip Lomax
David Oosterdijk
Paul Rountree
Sean Thomson
Lincoln MacKay
Aaron Vazey

NZ Veteran B
Cameron Butler
Shane Harvey
Andrew Candy
Carl Massarotto
Justin Randall
Gavin Brunton

NZ Masters
Kerin Hicks
Bruce Leslie
Ritchie Telfer
Bill Turvey
John Frost
Peter Housiaux
Peter Bolton











**NZ Schools Championships**

# Schools Championships

## Final Results

Senior Open Division 1	
1st	PNBHS
2nd	Horowhenua
3rd	Taradale
4th	St Johns
5th	HBHS
6th	Wairarapa
7th	Feilding
8th	NBHS
9th	Onslow

Senior Girls Division 1	
1st	Taradale
2nd	Wairarapa
3rd	Karamu
4th	Horowhenua

Senior Girls Division 2	
1st	NGHS
2nd	Karamu
3rd	Horowhenua
4th	Waikato Diocesan
5th	PNGHS

Senior Open Division 2	
1st	HNHS
2nd	NBHS
3rd	Karamu
4th	PNBHS
5th	Mt Albert
6th	Rongotai
7th	Otaki
8th	Hamilton
9th	Wellington
10th	Freyberg

Junior Open	
1st	Horowhenua
2nd	Hastings
3rd	PNBHS
4th	St Johns
5th	Wairarapa
6th	Feilding
7th	Onslow

Junior Girls	
1st	Taradale
2nd	Karamu
3rd	Feilding
4th	Horowhenua
5th	Wairarapa



PNBHS – Senior Open Division 1 Gold Medallists



Action from the Junior Open Final

# Schools Championships

2013 saw the NZ Schools Championship competition back at Feilding for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Returning is like visiting old friends who are so pleased to see you. Adie and her team at the Makino Aquatic Centre had the majority of the set up done.

What can be said about Schools Nationals which hasn't been said before, not a lot, so let's concentrate on the Schools and their students who arrive with such enthusiasm. Of the 6 grades being contested Karamu had medals in 5, 3 bronze and 2 silver and while gold may have eluded them this year they have in the past won many and I am sure they will again. Congratulations to Kevin Beaumont and Gregg Ross who have put so many years into these teams. 2013 saw Taradale Junior girls win for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, and their senior girls took out the Division 1 gold. Horowhenua College are in the medals each year and 2013 was no exception, gaining a silver in the Senior Open division 1, bronze Senior Girls division 2, and gold medallists in the Junior Open.

Congratulations to Rob Cox, Kerin Hicks and Peter Bolton who spend many hours with their teams. It was also great to see Feilding medal this year with a bronze in the Junior Girls grade.

Spot prizes are supplied by the sale of the school apparel

and Polo Mania who sponsor spot prizes by contributing \$ for \$ the sale of apparel, plus the fair play awards and this year gave away a boat to one lucky young lady.

Competitions like the NZ Schools Championships could not run without the input of several people, all of whom give up their time so willingly. Michael Beauchamp - head ref, Phil Parry - refereeing and competitions council, Lynne Russell - Camp Mum to all, Kate Bolton - refereeing and tournament team selector. Kris Claman who does such a great job with the draw, and the many people who pop in during the competition to support and help out. Thank you one and all.

Penny Dustin  
Schools Director



Head Referee Michael Beauchamp  
refereeing the junior final





# National League Championships

# National League Championships

The National League Championship continues to grow in popularity each year. An impressive 43 teams entered the 2013 National League Championship which saw club teams battle it out on the court during the seven tournament competition.

This year was the first year in some time where we had all A, B and C grades compete at the same North Island venue on the same weekend. Lake Pupuke in Auckland hosted the event which saw 3 courts set up and all grades playing along side each other.

## Final Results

A Grade Open	
1st	Viking Black
2nd	Justice
3rd	Aunties Army
4th	Expose
5th	Viking Gold
6th	Kaos White
7th	Kaos Blue
8th	Bailiffs
9th	Otaki
10th	Knights

A Grade Women	
1st	Valkyries A
2nd	Generation Y
3rd	NemMrs
4th	Sirens
5th	Anarchy
6th	Hoochie Toochie

B Grade Open	
1st	Viking Silver
2nd	Viking Allstars
3rd	Slackers
4th	Nua
5th	Hurricanes B1
6th	Titans
7th	Hurricanes B2
8th	Viking Platinum
9th	Rappa
10th	Demons
11th	Armada

B Grade Women	
1st	Hurrikets B1
2nd	Barbi Army
3rd	Vicious & Delicious
4th	Valkyries A
5th	Hurrikets B
6th	Valkyries B
7th	She Devils

C Grade Open	
1st	Larrikins
2nd	Hurricanes C
3rd	Otaki
4th	Viking Red
5th	SPIVS
6th	Miscreants
7th	Wolf Pack
8th	Viking United
9th	Viking Green





**Inter Regional  
Championships**

# Inter Regional Championships

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The 2013 Inter Regional Championships were held at Lake Pupuke in Auckland during the weekend of 5 - 6 October 2013.

awarded to the most successful region. 2013 saw Central retain the overall trophy.

The best of the best from each region compete for medals in U18, U21, senior, and veterans categories with an overall trophy

NZCPA would like to thank Youthtown for their funding support.

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## Final Results

Senior Open	
1st	Central
2nd	Australia
3rd	Mainland
4th	Northern

Senior Women	
1st	Central

Veteran Open	
1st	Northern 1
2nd	Central
3rd	Northern 2

Youth Open	
1st	Central
2nd	Mainland
3rd	Northern

Youth Women	
1st	Central
2nd	Northern

Junior Open	
1st	Central
2nd	Northern 1
3rd	Mainland
4th	Northern 2

Junior Women	
1st	Central
2nd	Northern





# Regional Report

# Northern

Fresh out of the 2013 Oceania campaign, which saw many Northern players compete for NZ, Northern Region has shown good growth in the last 12 months, mostly due to increased efforts in Schools Canoe Polo Development.

Last year showed an increase in Schools Canoe Polo, with 11 teams playing in an Auckland League from 5 schools, as well as 4 schools playing in Hamilton, and Te Puke restarting it's involvement in canoe polo.

This has led to an increased presence in Club based canoe polo for National League, Inter Regional's and Schools Nationals from Northern teams.

Our National League campaign has been strong, with 2 teams playing A grade, 1 playing B grade (placing 3rd) and 2 C grade (one team placing 1st).

We also drew on the youth base to have a good

presence at the Inter Regional's competition, competing in most men's finals, and winning Vet's, although having to borrow women from Mainland/Southern/Central to fill the U18 and U21 spaces.

This year there were 6 Northern Schools at Nationals, competing in all but Women's Open grades, sadly one other team had to withdraw at the last minute.

We are showing similar issues with other regions, in women's development, and an increase efforts is being focused in that direction, as well as developing the youth talent to bring them up to A grade next year.

Andrew Candy  
Northern Canoe Polo

# Central

Central was well represented at the 2013 Oceania Championships held in Christchurch in March. The players performed well but NZ was unable to retain the Julian Carter Memorial Trophy.

Central held a development camp in Levin, with players being selected to attend the Under 18 Tournament held in Naenae. Players were also selected to represent Central at the Inter Regional Championships held at The Quarry, Lake Pupuke in Auckland.

Central again won the overall trophy winning all grades except the Veterans grade, which was deservedly won by Northern.

We were successful in accessing funding for pool hire and travel and accommodation to attend the Inter Regional competition.

Central held a coaching course in Feilding, attended by 12 coaches. This was run by Kate Bolton and Peter Bolton. It was pleasing to see that the majority of these coaches have continued to provide coaching for their clubs.

The success of Central Canoe Polo is due to the commitment and dedication of it's committee members, coaches, players,

volunteers and supporters. In particular we wish to recognise Penny Dustin's huge input into the success of Central Canoe polo.

Central will continue to be a major force in New Zealand Canoe Polo for as long as our dedicated volunteers continue their work. Thank you to our funders for 2103: Endeavour CommunityTrust, Infinity Foundation & Pub Charity.

Yours in Polo

Peter Bolton  
Central President



# Mainland

Mainland Canoe Polo Association (MCPA) is run by a dedicated committee of eight, with representatives from each club. Recently we have increased our focus on developing canoe polo at a local and school level, and what a success it has been!

Schools polo has seen a substantial increase in numbers for this season. In Term 1, the Christchurch Schools Summer League we had 21 teams from 7 different schools, up from 14 teams last year. This is about 120 players and is probably the highest number of school players the MCPA region has ever had. This increase in numbers stretched our limits for gear and people, especially coaches and referees. But this is a good problem to have and is been addressed. We are very grateful to 4 or 5 local elite players who come every week after university or work to help us out, especially with refereeing. We are also grateful to the teachers and parent helpers, without whom the competition could not happen. In addition to the games played, students and parents were wanting more.

So, Saturday coaching clinics began, seeing 33 players coached by four A Grade national league players from the Burnside Canoe Polo Club. Parents and teachers were very impressed with the standard of coaching and we hope to continue this in Term 4.

In August, several schools, Middleton Grange, Burnside and Mairehau are hoping to travel to Invercargill for the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament, despite this being an out-of-season tournament for Christchurch schools.

There are also school players in Greymouth, playing in their local club competition, and normally Greymouth High School will attend the South Island Secondary Schools Championships.

At a local level, each year in Christchurch two leagues are held, one in each of Spring and Summer, consisting of two Grades, Premier and A Grade (this is a combined grade, including beginners). Due to our only venue being outdoor at Lake Roto Kohatu, games are limited to the daylight savings months so that we have enough light.

The Premier Grade sees 15-20 of our top level players enter as individuals, battling it out to become the 'Strongest Link'. In the A Grade, Burnside is still our most dominant club, but we have some younger players (some new to the region) challenging the older teams which is good to see.

The most recent Summer League has seen the A grade increase by three teams to a total of 8 teams. Contributing to this is the University of Canterbury Canoe Club (UCCC). They have been pleased with the increasing levels of interest in Canoe Polo. We've seen three teams participate in both Spring and Summer Leagues. The two additional teams have been the result of increased publicity by UCCC amongst its members. They have commented on how a beginners league would be helpful (so players don't feel immediately outclassed), so this is something we will look at as Spring approaches this year (however time constraints and volunteers overuse may become a problem). At the end of each league MCPA puts on a BBQ on finals night, which has been a great way to get all of the players from both grades together.

Inter-Regionals 2013 saw MCPA enter three teams, Senior Men's, Open U21, Open U18. All three teams played some great polo. This year's Squad was a very young one. Players came away from the tournament having learnt a lot and having their eyes opened to the level of the sport, particularly at the U18 level. As usual the squad couldn't have gone ahead without the support and commitment of the many Coaches and Managers. Like many other regions, MCPA struggled to field teams in the Women's grades, meaning this year we had two women playing in our MCPA open teams.

Each year Burnside Canoe Polo Club runs South Island Champs on behalf of MCPA, and 2013 was no different. This tournament is a well-supported by other teams and this year saw 19 teams from around New Zealand, with only 8 of these teams from Christchurch. Burnside (BCPC) used the tournament as a selection event for it's National League Open A teams. The teams, Burnside Blue and Red finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> respectively. In the B Grade, all the local teams finished up strong with Burnside Women taking out 2<sup>nd</sup> place in an all women's final. The event was well organised by Tom Neilson with support from a large number of Burnside members.

MCPA are grateful to all their administrators and volunteers and are looking forward to another strong spring/summer season in 2014-15 and are hoping numbers will continue to grow in spite of the lack of pool training facilities.

Nicole Symons  
MCPA Secretary



# Southern



# World Games

# World Games

The World Games is effectively the Olympics for non-Olympic sports. It is an amazing experience with huge opening and closing ceremonies and many different sports on the programme including skydiving, sevens, and of course Canoe Polo. The top 5 women's teams from the previous World Championships in Poland 2012 qualified; Germany, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and France. The USA also qualified as the highest ranked Americas team to pick up the host country spot as Colombia couldn't field a team. Travelling to Cali, Colombia would not be my favourite holiday destination with it's high crime and murder rate but the importation of 2500 extra police made it feel safe enough.

This competition is a round robin of the 6 teams and with 5 of those teams in with a chance of the semis, two wins should be enough to make the semis.

Our first game was against Germany and we were outplayed losing 3-1. The next against Great Britain was much the same losing 4-2 but learning plenty about them for later. Game 3 against France was the turning point where we really started to play well and gain some confidence. Down 4-3 at half time due to errors on our part, we came back to win 5-4 due to some great goalkeeping from Hannah and a cheeky long shot from Emma Hicks.

The game against the USA was all about goal differential (the USA finished the tournament with a goal difference of -114) and we won 21-1, but not by enough to protect us against Australia. So a win or a draw was required to make the semis.

Playing hard, we shocked them with a great start and led 4-0 just before half time. Two dubious refereeing calls gave the Aussies two GPS goals, but the team stayed strong and went on to win 8-4.

For the Semi-final against Great Britain we had learnt that only 3 of their players would shoot and so we covered them for any shots or passes and backed our goalies to save anything from the rest. This worked really well in the first half and we led 4-1 at half time. In the second half they pressed and with the best pressing team in the World they put us under a lot of

pressure and scored 4 goals to zero in the 2nd half. This final result was a 5-4 loss, very disappointing for all when the game was there for the taking.

The 3rd/4th match was another against France, we were by far the better team and dominated the game restricting them to just 8 shots but unfortunately they scored 4 of those and we could only manage 3 from our 18 shots.

World Games is by far the best event to attend with it's huge crowds, celebrity status for the athletes, and the high level of competition crammed into two days. New Zealand will be aiming to go one better and bring home a medal at the next World games in Poland in 2017.

Special thanks to Polo Mania and RJ's Licorice for their support of the Team.

Nick Burnett  
NZ Women's Co-Coach



Top left: Tania Dugdale, Nick Burnett, Emma Matheson, Emma Hicks, Jordan Housiaux, Hannah Staples, Peter Housiaux.  
Bottom left: Erin Bolton, Kate Bolton, Julie Bolton.

# Awards

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The New Zealand Canoe Polo membership recognises the efforts of tireless volunteers with the following awards.

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## NZ Canoe Polo Medal

Sean Thomson

## Most Valued Referee

Michael Beauchamp



# Membership

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The following clubs make up the New Zealand Canoe Polo Membership.

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## Northern Region

Auckland Canoe Polo

## Central Region

Canoe Polo Hawkes Bay

Horowhenua Canoe Club

Wellington Canoe Polo Ass.

Otaki Canoe Club

Wairarapa Paddlers

Kiwi Canoe Polo Club

## Mainland Region

Burnside Canoe Polo

White Water Canoe Club

University of Canterbury Canoe Club

## Southern Region

Deep South Canoe Polo Club



# Our Supporters

