



# New Zealand Canoe Polo Quarterly Newsletter

## 2015 Auckland Quarry Champs

The Auckland Canoe Polo Quarry Champs are held every year in January.

It started as a chance for Kaos (the ACP A grade team) to get in some early season games, but has grown to 2 day Tournament with over 20 teams playing A, B, and C grade games on two courts.

This year we saw the usual teams from Eastern and Central but for the first time we had teams from as far away as Christchurch and a team of visiting international players which helped make the games interesting.

Playing on outdoor courts is a little risky with the chance of poor weather but, as always, Auckland turned on the sunshine and we had two stunning days with bright sunshine, little wind, and fantastic polo.

In C Grade Viking Green dominated the competition, winning all of their games and taking out the finals. It was a close competition between the remaining teams with Dads Army and Larrikins managing to get some consistency to place 2nd and 3rd.

B Grade started in two pools. Guvnors, HBHS, Slackers, and HB Extras dominated their pools in round 1 and made it to the top pool for round 2. Things were very close in round 2 with all team losing at least once and a draw or two in there just to make things difficult. In the end HBHS and Guvnors made the final. HBHS had previously beaten Guvnors, but Guvnors managed to control the game and come out with the win.

A Grade was dominated by Viking Black and Unknown (the international team) each winning all of their games, and while Unknown had better wins, they were beaten by Viking Black in the round robin. Viking Black eventually won in a close fought final.

Stacey Verner  
Auckland Canoe Polo

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## Atahua Cup – C grade results

Palmerston North produced both fantastic weather and a great rain storm three days prior which refreshed the Lagoon with nice clean water and raised the water levels.

C Grade was again well subscribed with 12 teams entering the comp.

Teams from Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Horwhenua, Wellington and Local Kiwi, played out a well fought and strong C grade tourney.

The Final was Viking Green Vs Onslow with Green taking the win.

The Third fourth play off was between Egregious ( Hawkes Bay) and Dads Army( Kiwi), with Egregious taking the win for

third place.

1 Vikings Green  
2 Onslow  
3 Egregious  
4 Dads Army  
5 Vikings Cobalt  
6 YOLO play POLO

7 Pixies  
8 Multiple Scoregasms  
9 Viking Blue  
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12 Panthers

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### Upcoming Events

#### April 2015

Oceania, Victoria Australia, 9-11 April

National League A Grade Tournament,  
Palmerston North, 18-19 April

National League B&C Grade Tournament,  
Auckland, 25-26 April

#### May 2015

National League B Grade Tournament,  
Otaki, 9-10 May

National League C Grade Tournament,  
Levin, 9-10 May

National League SI B&C Grade  
Tournament, Gore, 9 May

National League A Grade Finals, Hamilton,  
16-17 May

National League B&C Grade Finals,  
Naenae, 30 May – 1 June

## Christchurch National League 1<sup>st</sup> round results

| Open A Grade    |               |        |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| Place           | Team          | Points |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Viking Black  | 20     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Justice       | 16     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Expose        | 14     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Kaos          | 12     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Viking Gold   | 10     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Hurricanes    | 9      |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | Kaos 2        | 8      |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> | Viking Bronze | 7      |
| Women A Grade   |               |        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Generation Y  | 20     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Valkyries A   | 16     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | NemMrs        | 14     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Avengers      | 12     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Anarchy       | 10     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | Valkyries B   | 9      |
| Open C Grade    |               |        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Guvnors       | 20     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Demons        | 16     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Bailiffs      | 14     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Steamers      | 12     |
| Women B Grade   |               |        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Pearls        | 20     |
| Open C Grade    |               |        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Burnside A    | 20     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Burnside B    | 16     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Evaporators   | 14     |

## National League teams for 2015

NZCPA has had a record number of teams enter in for our premier national competition for 2015. This year 50 teams have entered overall. Below is a list of the teams by grade, and which club they will be representing.

| Open A Grade        |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Expose              | PNCC                     |
| Hurricanes          | Hawkes Bay Canoe Club    |
| Justice             | Burnside Canoe Polo Club |
| Kaos 1              | Auckland Canoe Polo      |
| Kaos 2              | Auckland Canoe Polo      |
| Viking Bronze       | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking Black        | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking Gold         | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Women A Grade       |                          |
| Anarchy             | Burnside Canoe Polo Club |
| Avengers            | Burnside Canoe Polo Club |
| Generation Y        | Otaki Canoe Club         |
| NemMrs              | Burnside Canoe Polo Club |
| Valkyries A         | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Valkyries B         | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Open B Grade        |                          |
| Bailiffs            | Burnside Canoe Polo      |
| Demons              | Other                    |
| Guvnors             | Burnside Canoe Polo      |
| Hurricanes B1       | Hawkes Bay Canoe Club    |
| Hurricanes B2       | Hawkes Bay Canoe Club    |
| Hurricanes B3       | Hawkes Bay Canoe Club    |
| Knights             | Wellington Canoe Polo    |
| Slackers            | Auckland Canoe Polo      |
| Steamers            | Invercargill Canoe Polo  |
| Viking Iron         | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking Silver       | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking Steel        | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking White        | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| B Grade Women       |                          |
| Hurrikets B1        | Hawkes Bay Canoe Club    |
| Hurrikets B2        | Hawkes Bay Canoe Club    |
| Maelstrom           | Auckland Canoe Polo      |
| Panthers            | Wairarapa Paddlers       |
| Pearls              | Invercargill Canoe Polo  |
| Valkyries B         | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Valkyries Ravens    | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| C Grade Open        |                          |
| Burnside A          | Burnside Canoe Polo      |
| Burnside B          | Burnside Canoe Polo      |
| Evaporators         | Invercargill Canoe Polo  |
| Hurricanes C        | Hawkes Bay Canoe Club    |
| Lemurs              | Auckland Canoe Polo      |
| Manics              | Wairarapa Paddlers       |
| Multiple Scoregasms | Auckland Canoe Polo      |
| Otaki               | Otaki Canoe Club         |
| SPIVS               | Hawkes Bay Canoe Club    |
| Te Puke Thunder     | Other                    |
| Viking Blue         | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking Dad Army     | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking Chrome       | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking Cobalt       | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Viking Red          | Kiwi Canoe Polo          |
| Yolo Polo           | Auckland Canoe Club      |



### Board Profile: Emma Manohar

Born: Hastings  
Lives in: Wellington  
Husband: Aalok  
Polo club: Wellington Canoe Polo

First started polo: 2001 at Havelock North High School.

Emma began playing canoe polo in fourth form at Havelock North High School. Her reason for playing was that several of her friends had won the junior girls national title and she did not want to miss out on all the fun and glory. She was part of the team to win junior girls gold at that year's secondary school nationals, before gaining bronze (2002), silver (2003) and gold (2004) in the senior girls division. At 15 she was selected for, and captained, her first representative team being the Central U18 team for Interregionals in Christchurch, since then she has been selected for a number of Central and New Zealand age group and senior teams.

After high school, Emma travelled to Wellington to attend university and after graduating that is where she has stayed. After taking some time off polo to focus on studies, Emma returned to canoe polo in 2009 and made the step up from age group was part of the team who came to senior level playing for the Women's B team at that year's Oceania Championships. Emma made her debut for the NZ Women's senior team as vice captain at Oceania Championships in Palmerston North in 2011. She was then vice captain of the team who came fourth at World Championships in Poznan, Poland in 2012, and fourth at World Games in Cali, Colombia in 2013. Emma loves the high intensity nature of the sport and the tactical side of the game. Her main playing attributes are her leadership, team spirit, and commitment.

Emma has been a board member since 2011 and Chairperson of the board since 2012. Emma is a solicitor who currently practices in resource management and environmental law for a commercial firm in Wellington.

Polo involvement:

Oceania Championships: 2003 (NZU21), 2007 (NZU21 captain), 2009 (Women's B vice captain), 2011 (NZ Women's vice captain), 2013 (NZ Women)

World Championships: 2012 (vice captain)

World Games: 2013

National league: 2002-2004 (Hawke's Bay Hurrikets); 2005-2007, 2009-2013

(Wellington Sirens)

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## Current Vacancies

NZCPA are currently seeking applications for the competitions director and the squads director positions. Both of these positions are exciting opportunities and we welcome applications until 24<sup>th</sup> April. All applications are to be sent to Anita at [nzcpaexecdirector@gmail.com](mailto:nzcpaexecdirector@gmail.com)

Position descriptions and applications forms can be found on our NZCPA facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/nzcanoe poloassoc>

## Next Issue

April is looking to be a very busy month for New Zealand Canoe Polo. Make sure you tune in to read about our teams and how they went at Oceania. And also the full results of the secondary school championships, and our national league events.

## Board of Directors

Michael Beauchamp (President)

Peter Bolton

Emma Matheson (Chairperson)

Cam Butler

Alison Neilson

Kirsten Demanser-Wilson

## Executive Council

Executive Director – Anita Sharrat

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Communications Director – Brenda Clayton

Competitions Director – vacant

Funding Director – Megan Bolton

Refereeing Director – Sean Thomson

Schools Director – Penny Dustin

Squads Director - vacant