



WELLINGTON INDIAN SPORTS CLUB INC

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Premier 1 Mens Final

The day was a typical cold, wet, windy Wellington winter afternoon. WISC spectators came in their droves. The weather conditions didn't deter them from supporting their number one team. The banner and balloons were up, even on the Dalefield banner. Blue and white cupcakes were enjoyed by the spectators during the game.



To make a P1 final is a massive achievement. It takes dedication, commitment and endless hours of training. On the day, the Mens A Team showed courage, commitment and had one goal in mind – to win the Premier competition. Although the result didn't go the way you wanted, gentlemen; the club is very proud of you - It was a brilliant game to watch.



Its Semi's and Final's Time!

Saturday 22nd August:

Premier 3 Mens - C Team v Kapiti (3 v 2) – Kapiti 2.45pm

Premier 3 Womens – B Team v Hutt (3 v 2) – NHS2 3.15pm

Reserve 2 Womens – Social Team v Kapiti (3 v 2) – Kapiti 1.15pm

Sunday 23rd August:

Premier 2 Mens – B Team v Naenae (2 v 3) – NHS1 1.00pm

Reserve 1 Presidents Team v Raju Budhia's Team (4 v 1) - NHS1 9.45am

Reserve 1 Shyam's Team v Upper Hutt (5 v 6) – Fraser 4.15pm

Let's get out there and support our teams

Go Indians, Go Blue!

Also...

Looking for old club uniforms, any photos taken this season. If you have any please contact me at sportsvp@wisc.org.nz

Sports VP
Bhavana Parbhu

Mens B Team

The Mens B team are now in the Semifinals this week at 1pm on Sunday 23rd August vs Naenae. As a repeat of last year's semifinal, where we won in strokes; it should prove to be a great game. This will be the 4th time we play Naenae this season, with two wins and a loss, but more importantly, a convincing 3-1 win against them only two weeks ago.

We have had a good run into the semis, having five wins, one draw and a single loss in the second round of the competition. Hopefully we can back up our performance this week and provide a repeat of last year and go on to defend our P2 title.

Jayraj Budhia
Mens B Team Coach

Womens Hockey

2 weeks until we'll be trying to fill up our weekend thinking of what we can do.

But before that comes around, why don't we all go and support our teams for the semis and finals!!

The C team finishing third after round robin play off against Kapiti for their semi final out in Kapiti at 1.15pm. With one loss and one draw against this team, it will sure be a good game to go and watch.

The B team with a couple of rocky games finished at a solid third and play off against Hutt, someone who they have not beaten yet. This weeks game is at NHS at 3.15pm.

If both these teams win their games, they will be playing for first place the weekend after.

The last couple of weeks of hockey are here! Before you start getting deprivation issues, you may as well get as much hockey in as you can. Hope to see you around the turf!

Jigna Chhika
Womens Hockey Rep

Womens A Team

Our P1 season has come to an end, with the full team back for our final two games. Our second to last game was against Eastern Hutt and our last against Victoria. In our game vs Eastern Hutt they came out hard putting a lot of pressure on us and by halftime we were down 3 nil. However mid-way through the second half we brought it back by scoring 2 goals in quick succession, exciting our supporters. We scored a third, evening the score but the goal was disallowed due to an earlier infringement. Eastern Hutt confirmed their win by a last minute goal bringing the score to 4:2 at the final whistle. It was a good game against the stacked former champions and a close call for them going into their semifinals the following week. A great competitive game from our team, helped especially by the return of Sophie Devine back from her Cricket Tour in India.

Our final game was an intense game for both teams as it was a playoff for 5th and 6th with neither team wanting to be in the promotion relegation spot. Oakley opened the goal scoring through an awesome top left deflection breezing past the surprised goalkeeper putting us in front however Victoria scored an equaliser not long after. It was 1 all till the full-time whistle with each team having a handful of opportunities but not putting them away. This resulted in golden goal extra time with only 9 players taking the pitch, it was nail biting hockey for those playing and watching. We dominated the extra time and it was only fair that we put away the winning goal, scored through a turnover and strong team play before hitting the backboard through Marie. Great season with awesome girls and lots of fun!

Sangita Patel
Captain, Womens A

Womens B Team

The Indian Womens' B team have fought hard this season, but have been unlucky in the last 3 games of the second round coming away with 2 draws and a loss. All season we have been moving around in the top 4 which has been a great booster which means we have made it to the semi finals. Come on down to cheer us on as we play an exciting game at the National Hockey Stadium (NHS) on Saturday 22nd August at 3.15pm. We have a great team of girls who are prepared for a challenge in the semis and will give it 110% as we have a good chance of making it to the finals. Hope to see you all there cheering on the sideline.

Tanesha Nagar
Vice-Captain, B Team

Junior Hockey

Our Junior Hockey season is coming to an end...which means summer is around the corner after a very cold winter. Hope you all managed to keep warm.

11 aside Hockey will finish up on the 12 September and the mini Hockey (6 aside teams) will finish on the 5 September.

Come support the last of the games, with the P1 Primary Boys coming 2nd close behind Hutt on 18 points who are coming first. P2 Boys are coming 5th and the Girls have managed to maintain their position in P1 Grade. Well done to you all.

The times of these games are yet to be scheduled, so hop onto the Wellington Hockey Website for game times. (Wellington Hockey Website/competition draws.)

Congratulations to all the Wellington Representative Players that have now been selected.

Hatch Team U13 Boys A Team

Nick Spencer, Stefan Millard, Finn Perrot, Theo Richardson, Joseph Stewart, Pranesh Patel and Harley Thornton

Curtis Cup Team U13 B Boys Team

Finnegan Murphy, Shakeel Morar, Akash Morar and Wil Gould

Colliers Team Girls A Team:

Ruby Baker

Rawleigh Team Girls B Team:

Selena Bhana

Good Luck to all the Wellington Representative Under 13 Boys and Girls for their respective tournaments in the next School Holidays.

Also, congratulations to all the junior boys and girls who participated in the WHA Under 11 Development Programme.

Junior Coaching Clinic – A coaching clinic was held a few weeks ago which was very well received. Thank you to WHA (Sophie Devine) who provided the coaching session. It was appreciated by all that attended.

Events coming up...

Photos – the date for the photos is still to be confirmed. I will send out the timetable of photo times via team emails.

Prize giving – is set to take place on Sunday 20th September at Kemp St conference Hall at 2pm.

Sandy Dayal
Junior Hockey Rep

Cricket

It may only be August but it's time to start thinking about planning for the 2015/16 cricket season. Team registrations to Wellington Cricket need to be sorted by mid-September and player registrations to the Club by the end of September.

I'll be contacting last year's captains to follow up on where their team is at but if you are new to the Club as a player or have a cricket team you wish to enter this season please email me at cricket@wisc.org.nz

Sailesh Patel
Cricket Rep

President Report

The Mens A Team

With the game before them going to extra time then a penalty shootout the Mens A Team final was delayed over half an hour- just enough for the rain to set in. The game, as expected ,was a tight one,with all the drama of awesome goals and heads held for opportunities missed by both sides. 2-2 at full time it went into two spells of extra time and then penalty shootouts. Unfortunately it wasn't to be our day and Dalefield got to lift the trophy for the first time in its history.

For the Mens A Team reaching the final was no mean feat and although I know there is disappointment at not winning the final you should be proud of your success.

To the many, many supporters who turned out for the game and stayed despite the weather thank you showing your team how much you value them. To the providers of WISC cupcakes, the banner and balloon hangers –thanks for bring WISC to the turf.

Nepal Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone from both the WISC and WIA communities who turned out to help with this worthy cause. Of course there are always those in the background who go above and beyond to make these events run like a well-oiled machine and thanks is never enough. There is an item later in the newsletter detailing how successful it was.

WIA Community Services Awards

On Saturday night the Wellington Indian Association held its inaugural Community Services Awards. They partnered it with entertaining show and I congratulate Turuna Bhana, President, and her Executive and other committee for a wonderful event.

Mohan and I attended on behalf of WISC to accept a Community Services Award from WIA to WISC. The details of this award are provided later in the newsletter. I thank the WIA for this special recognition.

So the Club Still Needs..

A Social Convenor and Administration Vice-President.

And also a Mens Hockey Rep. Jayesh Parbhu has decided due to other commitments that he cannot continue as Mens Hockey Rep. Jayesh worked hard for Mens Hockey and I appreciate the contribution he gave during his short time on the Executive. The hockey season is coming to an end but we need someone on board before the next elections please. We are looking to plan for next year

this side of Christmas and it is important to have representatives from all codes. And at the end of the day if no one steps up then, as per Club policy there will be no Mens Hockey.

On a brighter note our new Cricket Rep Saliash Patel joined the Executive for his first meeting a few weeks ago. We welcome Sailesh and are pleased to have Cricket for the 2015/16 season.

Some Months are more challenging than Others..

I mentioned last month that it had been a challenging one which saw Club policies questioned by a few. I have provided information on our fees policy and ask member/players if they think these need to be changed and if so how. The Executive can then review the feedback and determine if any changes need to be initiated at the next AGM.

And to finish on a high note...

Prizegiving is on 3rd October 2015.

Our 80th Birthday celebrations are well underway – see the poster.

Good luck to all our teams playing semi-finals and finals over the next two weeks. And to those teams playing their last game of the season I hope you finish on a high note.

Hansa Parbhu
President

Samosa Fundraiser for Nepal Earthquake Relief

What a wonderful community we have. At short notice, hundreds of members (pillars of our Club) responded to the fundraising cause, to assist the Nepalese recover from the devastating earthquakes in April and May this year. Their response came from:

- * generating orders from friends and/or work colleagues, collecting the payment and distributing the samosas;
- * helping in making the samosas on Friday and/or Saturday; and
- * Sponsoring the production costs.

Some members have been involved in all of the above. Your generosity is to be admired.

We had a very successful fundraiser, judging from the enthusiasm from all involved; all samosas were sold and over \$10,000 was raised. The funds will be passed onto the parent bodies of the organising committee, (WIA and WISC). They in turn will distribute the funds to a reputable international organisation that is assisting the Nepalese people.

The Joint Fundraising Committee of the Wellington Indian Association and the Wellington Indian Sports Club, thank the supporters for your time, effort and generosity.

I would like to thank Naenaben Chhima for asking the Committee to consider a samosa fundraiser for Nepal earthquake relief. The Committee unanimously endorsed the activity and within a month, we have raised over \$10,000 and enriched the soul of all supporters.

The organising Committee did a wonderful job within a short time, in driving this fundraising activity. Been a long time since we held a samosa fundraiser, but something you don't forget. We are already fielding questions on when the next samosa fundraiser will be held.

Nat Vallabh
on behalf of WISC/WIA Fundraising Committees



Playing Fees – How they are set

In last month's newsletter I talked about the previous months being challenging. One of the challenges was that a few players/members were not happy about the fees or the explanation provided to them about the fees.

The Club Fee Policy for Senior Teams has been in place for numerous years now and is as follows:

1. All sports in the Club are self-funded
2. Secondary school students are charged a reduced fee – this has been part of the Club practice for a long time and many older players would have benefited from it at some point

The only exception in respect of the above is that the Club subsidises Coaching Fees of \$1,500 for the P1 Mens and Womens Hockey Teams.

So.....what does self-funded mean? Basically all affiliation fees, all fees for games and practices, equipment purchased and any other costs associated with that sports for that season is a cost of playing and therefore attributed to players. These costs are allocated based on whether they are competitive or social. Any sponsorship received is allocated per player and then an adjustment is made to achieve a reduced fee for the secondary school players. A review of the fees by the Finance VP and President may see slight adjustments happen to keep the fees in line with past fees.

At the time we collect fees we collect the annual administration/membership fee which helps cover the cost of the website, communications to members, NZISA Affiliation Fees and associated costs, Annual Report costs, and any other administration costs that occur.

As I said earlier fees are set based on Club Policy. Your Executive is happy to consider alternative well-researched options. Please send your alternatives to president@wisc.org.nz.

What I am not happy about is to have is bank payments with the words WISC Stitch Up, WISC Full Rip Off, When Power goes to your Head, Hansa's Redundancy Fund sent through, or hearing that a team is talking on their social media account about not paying Club fees. Your Executive takes making sure fees are as low as possible and a fair reflection of the cost of playing seriously. While the opinions received belonged to a few they nevertheless caused stress to people who work hard to do the right thing.

Our fees in comparison to other Clubs:

	WISC	Upper Hutt	Eastern Hutt	Hutt	Victoria
P1 Teams	\$370				
Other Competitive	\$350				
Social	\$300				
Working Players					\$425
Senior Players		\$380	\$380	\$380	
Tertiary		\$300	\$290		\$375
Secondary Students	\$250	\$290	\$230	\$310	\$305
Committee Members					\$230

Equipment Costs

As part of calculating fees all equipment purchased gets coded to the sport – as all sports are self-funded. Where possible the Executive looks to seek sponsorship to cover the cost so players do not need to have it increase their fees.

Seeking sponsorship takes time. Quotes need to be obtained and a resolution needs to be passed at an Executive meeting. The application goes in by the end of one month and we do not generally receive a letter detailing what funds have been provided until a month and a half after. As happens sometimes the timing does not work out as required but you cannot buy the equipment before you receive the sponsorship or the funding will be lost. We did make some mistakes where the equipment was concerned primarily for the competitive men's teams. As an Executive we have recognised that and will endeavour to put in a more robust process for the collection, assessment and purchase of gear in the future. And I want to counter the impression among some that we did not care enough for our players – not true at all, we just didn't quite get it right.

What happens when players don't play their fees?

Hockey fees along with the administration/membership fee are invoiced directly to individual players. The invoice clearly provides the due date, the Club bank account and an email address if the player may have a payment issue. Creating, checking and emailing these to around 250 junior and senior players takes a good few hours.

While 96% of all players either paid their fees on time or spoke with a member of the Executive the other 4% did nothing. This 4% cost the relevant members of the Executive valuable time re-sending invoices, checking the bank account, having discussions on what to do with regards to them. While most fronted quickly one or two decided to push the bounds of acceptability. In the end the only available choice after additional reminders was to inform the players and their team management that they were suspended until payments were received. Harsh for the team, but we could find no alternative - they did pay and so did not miss a game.

The past two years under the new invoicing system has provided some food for thought and we are re-financing our processes further to ensure every player understands their obligations.

With that in mind we intend to:

1. Set fees before the season starts
2. Notify players of the fee with a discounted fee if it is paid on or before the due date.
3. Inform players of the process if they choose not to pay the discounted fee by the due date
4. The Finance VP, Sports VP and President will decide all fee issues

As a Club we do need to keep evolving, reviewing, and updating the policies that are the foundation of our operational side. As players and members you can choose to be active and provide alternative options or solutions for the Executive to consider if you feel the Club can do better. We each have a responsibility as part of the WISC community.

Hansa Parbhu
President

Wellington Indian Association Community Service Award Presented to the Wellington Indian Sports Club

WISC's primary objective is to provide recreational and sporting activities. In the beginning our Indian community was the principal recipient of WISC's activities but now it has a huge cross section of participants from the wider community. WISC is 80 years old this year - a TESTIMONY to its commitment to provide the community with activities to support health and to socially bring participants together.

Currently Hockey and Cricket are its main sports catering from juniors upwards. Providing opportunity for players to learn and grow or simply play for the love of it is a valued part of WISC's administrative structure. WISC has enjoyed success at the highest levels winning team and club competitions in both cricket and hockey, and having numerous players attain regional and NZ status.



WISC also has a walking group, a vibrant social group – the Goldies, indoor workout sessions for the older age group and has many organisations and groups from our Indian and wider community regularly use and enjoy its Gymnasium facilities, including most recently the Hurricanes as they prepared for the Super 15 Final.



WISC and WIA have lived side by side for many years now. Jointly hosting the annual Bazaar has fostered harmony and a good working relationship between both organisations. WISC and WIA fulfil significantly different needs within the community BUT TOGETHER provide many opportunities for both the Indian community and wider community.

They are BOTH committed to continuing to build this relationship and share resources to achieve even more in the community. To recognise WISC's success and the success of the community partnership with WIA we present WISC with a WIA Community Service Award.

Upcoming Events...

22-23 August	Senior Hockey Semi Finals
29-30 August	Senior Hockey Finals
29 August	NHL Round 1 – Palmerston North
5 September	NHL Round 2 – NHS. Womens -12pm, Mens 2pm
12 September	Junior Hockey Finals
12-20 September	NHL Round 3 - Whangarei
26 September	T&G Challenge – WISC Mens B Team v AKL Indians B Team – 4pm NHS 1
3 October	WISC Prizegiving
17 October	NZISA Gold Tournament - Danniverke
18 October	WISC Turns 80!
18 October	WISC 80 th afternoon tea celebration
21-25 October	Stratford – Oceania Cup Hockey (NZ, AU, Fiji, Samoa)

