



WELLINGTON INDIAN SPORTS CLUB INC

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

80th Birthday Afternoon Tea

Sunday 18th October, our actual Birthday. Please come along, we'd love to see you.

80th Jubilee Ball / 80th Birthday Afternoon Tea

Please read the poster and please call for your tickets – remember we have a deadline of 31ST October.

WISC's Awards Night – Recognising and Celebrating Outstanding Performance

I have written more about this event later in this newsletter but for now I'd like to say a big congratulations to all the winners.

AWARDS NIGHT RECIPIENTS:

Sportsperson Of The Year	<i>Sophie Divine</i>
Daji Lala Administration Award	<i>Shirena Bhana</i>
HOCKEY	
Mens A Team Player Of The Year	<i>John Forsyth</i>
Mens A Team Kanti Vasani Fair Player Award	<i>Aqshai Lala</i>
Mens B Team Player Of The Year	<i>Prashant Chhika</i>
Mens B Team Most Improved Player	<i>Hiren Mani</i>
Womens A Team Player Of The Year	<i>Evelyn Spiers</i>
Womens A Team Most Improved Player	<i>Michaela Chan</i>
Womens B Team Player Of The Year	<i>Jasmine Kaa / Meenakshi Chhagan</i>
CRICKET	
Mens A Team Player Of The Year	<i>Umesh Patal</i>

A narrative on the recipients will be provided in the November newsletter.

Last month I thanked all those involved in looking after our teams but at our Awards Night I took the opportunity to acknowledge a special group of people who our competitive teams could not have managed the season without – their coaches. It is a time consuming job, with highs and lows and is done because of a passion for the game and a desire to help the team. And sometimes because no one else will do it! Three of our four competitive teams had player coaches - Chris Thomas/Joel Baker (Mens A), Sophie Divine (Womens A) and Jayraj Budhia (Mens B) and this role takes it to a whole new level of commitment. So to our player-coaches and Onny Gajardar/Raj Chikha (Womens B), I sincerely thank you on behalf of the Club for your commitment to your team and the Club.

Representative Results

Congratulations to John Forsyth (our P1 Men's Goalie), Hemant Lala (Coach) and Jason Hilton (Assistant Coach) of the Capital Men's National League Team for taking out the title for the first time since 2010.

The Capital Women's Team containing our own Sophie Divine, Sangita Patel and Anita Punt (NZ Black Sticks and long term Club supporter) came 7th out of 8 though they did draw their pool game with eventual winners Auckland.

Congratulations to our very own Chuni Bhikha - Coach of the Wellington U15 Boys Team that won the U15 Boys Premier Tournament, beating 15 other teams to the top spot. The team contained 5 ex-junior WISC players – Devanand Bhikha, Graeme Murrell, Jaimon Govind, Praneel Vallabh, Sajan Patel, Satish Cussins, and Tim McKibbin – great achievement.

And then we have the U13B Boys Team who won the Curtis Cup final, beating Manawatu 3-2.

The following boys were from WISC P1 Junior Team were in the team (from left to right) Finnegan Murphy, Akaash Morar, Shakeel Morar, and Wil Gould. Well done boys.



Cricket

The season is about to begin. The Executive welcomes all new players to the Club and wishes all teams a successful and enjoyable 2015/2016 cricket season.

And the Club Still Needs

A Social Convenor, Administration Vice-President, Men's Hockey Rep.

Hansa Parbhu
President

2015 AWARDS NIGHT

Congratulations to all of the WISC Awards recipients honoured on Saturday night.

Many thanks to Bhavana (Sports VP), Bhovan, Nerosh, Jigna, Palak, Anesha, Roshni, Monika, Sangita, Sailesh and Johnny for organising this event. The photos, slide show, uniforms display were all a nice touch to making the Royal feel like our own, along with the Indian nibbles provided. Thanks to Bharat and the Royal staff for their assistance with the evening.

Awards Nights / Prizegivings – why do we have them?

- To acknowledge / celebrate the achievements of our teams (while winning is the ultimate achievement it is not necessarily the only one)
- To acknowledge / celebrate the outstanding performances of individual players
- To acknowledge and thank coaches and managers
- To recognise and show appreciation for outstanding administration and other contributions

The evening usually recognises our social teams first and builds to recognising our administration/other contributors along with the competitive team awards and is lastly the Sportsperson of the Year Award. Why this order? To recognise and values the level of work and commitment our competitive teams and players make to play their sport.

In the past few years we have altered the evening to reduce the time the event takes and changed the venue to one more suitable to our younger players / member (perhaps to the

detriment of our non-playing members) in the hope of engaging those who the evening is mostly about.

And yet on Saturday night, while our women's teams were present, we had maybe half the Men's B Team and one player from the Men's A Team present when the event kicked off at 7.00pm (some B Team players turned up just at the end). The recipients of the Men's A and B Team's Most Improved Awards and Player of the Year Awards and the Men's A Team Fair Player Award were not present.

As President I was disappointed for our Awards Night organising team - a significant amount of planning and work went into this event and it is hard on those involved when players don't turn up. While we can accept that some players may have had other more important commitments, to have others choose not to turn up raises many concerns. And it is time we tried to sort this out.

I have been told on a number of occasions that there is a "disconnect" between the Club and its competitive men's players. The Executive and I struggle to understand what is not happening that is creating this "disconnect" – we run their sport, we work hard to provide sponsorship to reduce fees for all players, the Club contributes to the cost of the A Team coach, we continuously ask the teams to provide reports on their season for the newsletter to help build the support for them, we put together last minute flyers for their semis and finals encouraging members to get out in support, we organise an Awards Night to acknowledge and recognise their season. Maybe we (the Executive) are too invested in the day to day running of the Club for all players / members to understand what is creating this "disconnect" for one group of players.

So....we need these players (or even the members who keep saying there is) to provide some honest insight into defining this "disconnect" and working with the Executive or a nominated group to find solutions to turn it around and create a more positive environment and understanding between all parties going forward. Then when we hold an Awards Night for the 4 reason stated above we have the buy-in and support of all teams and players and it becomes a true Club celebration.

Hansa Parbhu

President

Junior Hockey October 2015

Just a reminder;

Prize giving is this Friday, 16th October at the ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie in the Matarangi Room at 5pm.

See you all there.

Sandy Dayal
Junior Hockey Rep

75th Jubilee Books

75th Jubilee books will be available for sale at the 80th afternoon tea on Sunday.

