



SIDEOUT

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OCTOBER REVIEW

WELCOME

Volleyball New Zealand are pleased to bring you the third edition of our SideOut Newsletter. All at VNZ have had a busy month with Club Champs, Australian Junior Volleyball Champs, World Secondary School Beach Champs and the AGM/Forum falling in the last month.

As well as this, 2 new members of staff have started in the office. Johann Timmer came in as the new Game Development Manager and Dave Keelty as the Volleyball Development Manager.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019/20

WHAT'S ON IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

North Island Juniors- Tauranga
26-29 November

South Island Juniors
Christchurch 26-28 November
Mauao Slam Beach Volleyball
Tournament (VNZ 4 star), Mt
Maunganui 7-8 December

Youth Women Open Selection
Camp 18-19 December

Nelson Super Slam Beach (VNZ
5 star), Nelson 11-12 January

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 52nd Club Champs we held at Bruce Pulman Arena at the start of October. A total of 54 Mens and Womens teams entered this years tournament.

In the Mens draw, there was strong representation from the South Island in the knockout stages, with Pines, Pioneer and Shirley all making the semi-finals along with reigning champions, Harbour Raiders. The first semi saw Raiders sweep aside Pioneer 3-0, the second semi was one for the ages as Shirley fought from 2-1 down to win 3-2 and set up a final against Raiders, which, once again went the distance with Raiders coming from 2-0 down to take it to a deciding set which Shirley ended up winning to take the Division 1 trophy home. The Division 1 MVP was Jake Darling from Shirley Silverbacks.

Division 2 saw the Waitakere Rebels defeat Pines Development 3-1 and Hamilton Huskies sweep aside Acez 3-0 to set up a Rebels, Huskies Final. Waitakere ended up winning the championship, defeating Hamilton Huskies 3-1 in the final. In the 3/4th place match, Pines Development came through in 5 sets against Acez. The Division 2 MVP was Mitchell Kerr-Bell from Waitakere Rebels.



Womens Club Champs

The Women's draw saw Harbour Raiders and Shirley Silverbacks top their respective pools. They were joined in the semi finals by G Force and Hamilton Huskies and, as with the mens draw, it was a Harbour Raiders, Shirley Silverbacks final. Unlike the Mens draw, the final did not go the full 5 sets, with Harbour Raiders taking it in 4 sets. The 3/4th place playoff was a very competitive game with Hamilton Huskies coming from 2-0 down to win 3-2. The Division 1 MVP was Makareta Rademakers from Harbour Raiders A.

Division 2 saw NZIS Centurions sweep aside G Force Development 3-0 and East Coast Bays Thunder defeat local rivals Harbour Raiders B 3-1. In the 3/4th Place Playoff, Harbour Raiders B claimed the bronze medal by beating G Force Development 3-1. The final was an exceptionally tight contest with East Coast Bays Thunder claiming the first 2 sets. NZIS Centurions rallied to win the 3rd and 4th sets to take it to a deciding set, which East Coast Bays Thunder took to claim the Division 2 Women's title. The Division 2 MVP was Hayley Flatz from East Coast Bay Thunder.



AJVC

The Youth Women traveled to Canberra for the Australian Junior Volleyball Championships earlier this month. The girls started the tournament with a 3-2 defeat to Victoria before bouncing back with a 3-1 victory over New South Wales later the same day. Day 2 saw the team suit up against Western Australia (WA) and, after fighting from 2-0 down, they agonizingly lost 3-2. This meant the remaining pool games were must wins and the girls didn't disappoint as they beat South Australia and Queensland 3-1 before a 3-0 victory against Australian Capital Territory (ACT) meant they qualified for the knockout stages where, once again, they defeated ACT 3-0. That set up a semi-final against WA, who had beaten the girls in the group stages. This time, the girls won 3-1 to progress to the final against Queensland. Despite their best efforts, Queensland won the final 3-0 meaning the girls had to settle for Silver medal.



ISF WORLD SCHOOLS CHAMPS

New Zealand sent 1 boys and 1 girls team to Sicily, Italy for the ISF World Schools Beach Volleyball Championships. The Boys representatives were Kyle Smith & Jarod Roberts from Hillcrest High School with the Girls being represented by Domi Menoita & Tamara Nu'u from Westlake Girls High School.

The boys had a very strong tournament, finishing in 4th (out of 11 teams) behind Brazil, Ukraine and India.

The Girls also had a very successful tournament, finishing in 6th (out of 11) behind USA, Brazil, Ukraine, French Polynesia and Hungary.



AGM/FORUM REVIEW

The VNZ Forum and AGM was held October 19 and 20th in Auckland.

All Associations except Taranaki were represented over the 2 days. The agenda was a combination of reviewing the previous year, discussing where organizational culture fits and who in fact Volleyball New Zealand is when we talk about the culture of our organization.

Technology is huge for all of us and often sport with its limit in investment falls behind in making things easier for its stakeholders and administrators. VNZ are looking at committing to digital technology for all athlete and team registrations and partnering with Associations. Southland shared their progress to date.

Membership data is critical for VNZ and we spent time discussing what is the best membership model for volleyball. We have landed close to an option and more information will be available shortly. Critical to VNZ moving forward and communicating with athletes and understanding the number of people playing our game will be have all athletes register as members.



The Forum tackled other questions including how zones can work best and what role VNZ should play, as well as the Events calendar. While we all ask the question as to why an event is held at this time, the Forum participants all discovered that moving the calendar around is actually very difficult due to FIVB limits, tours and school holidays.

Associations contributed their key success over the year and Canterbury and Harbour shared more specifically the work they were doing.

NEW ZEALAND BEACH TOUR

The New Zealand Beach Tour events have been confirmed for this coming summer, with the first event being the Mauao Slam at Mt Maunganui 7-8 December. Follow us on our Social Media platforms to keep up to date with everything in relation to this event or follow the link below.

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/beach-volleyball/2019-20-national-beach-tour/event-1-regulations>



MAUAO SLAM
NEW ZEALAND BEACH TOUR 2019/20
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NORTHLAND SLAM
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GISBORNE SLAM
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MAUAO SUPER SLAM
NEW ZEALAND BEACH TOUR 2019/20
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NELSON SUPER SLAM
NEW ZEALAND BEACH TOUR 2019/20
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AUCKLAND TOUR FINALS
NEW ZEALAND BEACH TOUR 2019/20
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AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

VNZ sent 3 teams in addition to the Youth women to Canberra to join the Australian Junior and Youth teams at their training camp.

Australian Institute of Sport is home to Volleyball Australia where they have their own courts with cameras to livestream all trainings and games. They have an indoor beach court and residential accommodation attached.

The New Zealand athletes trained each day with their NZ coaches and then played against the Australian teams. There was a good mix of wins and losses so the teams were quite evenly matched.

VNZ GDM Johann Timmer expressed his support for this tour to continue, "It was a great opportunity to participate with Volleyball Australia in the training camp. They certainly have exceptional facilities and resources at their disposal of which our athletes were able to experience. It was thoroughly enjoyable for all and I wish these opportunities can continue in the future."



FREQUENCY RELATIONSHIP

Volleyball New Zealand is thrilled to announce a partnership with Frequency, which will allow VNZ to deliver Regional Training Centres (RTCs) around New Zealand. Jonathan Barry, Managing Partner of Frequency, had this to say about the new relationship with Volleyball New Zealand:

"In our continued effort to support initiatives that align with our own, Frequency were seeking a cause that reflected our commitment to developing New Zealand youth in an endeavour that echoed our core values of teamwork, agility, understanding and leadership. Sponsoring the Regional Training Centres allows us to champion something outside the realm of our professional undertaking but that still shares those values and we are delighted to be able to work with Volleyball New Zealand to support New Zealand youth in such an endeavour."



The RTCs purpose is to assist in developing the next wave of potential New Zealand Senior representatives, by exposing them to more regular training with other quality athletes. There will also be new information for them on Nutrition, Strength and Conditioning, Mental Skills and Emotional Control. The RTCs will be focused on developing well-rounded athletes.

Dave Keelty, Volleyball New Zealand's Volleyball Development Manager, said "the RTCs are a vital step in our athlete development programme, so it's great to have Frequency on board to help make these a reality. The fact we can use the RTCs to develop not only Volleyball skills in our athletes, but expose them to other key pieces of knowledge like mental skills, nutrition etc is fantastic".

Locations for the RTCs will be announced in November, with coaches and athletes identified through December. Athletes will be given Strength and Conditioning programmes to work on over summer, with the Volleyball specific development beginning after the New Zealand Secondary School Championships in April.

ACKNOWLEDGING PEOPLE IN VNZ COMMUNITY

At Club Champs last month, VNZ were able to recognize the contribution to Volleyball for both Karl Tyrrell and Sam Ryburn.

Karl Tyrrell has been involved in officiating since 1989 when he completed his Grade C course whilst in the army. In 2000, Karl traveled to Fiji for the Oceania Championships where he officiated the mens final, which led to him becoming an international referee in 2003 and later, an FIVB International Referee in 2014. Some of the events that Karl has officiated at include: Commonwealth Volleyball Champs, Asian Champs and FIVB World League. Karl has also worked in administrative roles for Volleyball Southland, Canterbury Volleyball and Volleyball New Zealand where he was able to share his experiences with many of our up and coming referees.

Sam Ryburn, former Womens U23 coach and current Shirley Womens coach was also recognised at Club Champs.



Sam has been an excellent coach to have in the VNZ system and has formed excellent relationships with all of his players. The most common comment in regards to Sam was that "He is the most passionate coach and demands maximum effort and commitment from all of his players." Sam has balanced coaching roles with Burnside High School, Shirley Silverbacks Women and the National U23 Womens team in the past year and his commitment and enthusiasm for the game has not wavered throughout this period.

Everyone at Volleyball New Zealand would like to thank Karl and Sam for there hard work and commitment to Volleyball and wish them all the best for the future.

Looking ahead to the future of the game, Brady Nicholson traveled to AJVC with the Youth Women last month. His superb knowledge and professionalism led to Brady being named as first referee for the Bronze Medal match in the U19 Mens competition. We are thrilled to see Brady's hard work paying off and being rewarded Internationally.

DECEMBER INDOOR SELECTION CAMPS

The Youth Women (Born 2004-2005) will have an open Selection Camp running on 18-19 December in Napier after the U15's Provincial volleyball champs. Follow the link below to sign up for this opportunity.

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/performance/2020-youth-women-s-open-selection-camp>



Board Members

Two Board members were voted in at the VNZ AGM on October 19th 2019. They were Donna Milne for a 3 year term and Jud Hadfield for a 2 year term.

The Board Appointments Panel then interviewed two applicants and agreed unanimously that Lucy Pomeroy and Lauren Fleury be appointed to the two vacant Appointed Board Member positions for a three-year term.

Lindsay Corban, Chair of the AP

Date: 31st October 2019

ATHLETE IDENTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

If you are attending North or South Island Juniors and would like to get feedback on your game, the sign up for this Athlete Identification Opportunity. Registration for this closes 19th November. Nearly 200 people received feedback last year at our secondary school events.

If you are interested in signing up, follow the link below.

<https://www.volleyballnz.org.nz/events-competitions/schools/athlete-observation-at-2019-junior-champs>

NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND JUNIORS



ATHLETE IDENTIFICATION OPPORTUNITY

Registration Closes: 19th
November

OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS ATTENDING
NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND JUNIORS



TIME OUT



What an excellent opportunity the VNZ AGM and Forum was to touch base with virtually all the Association's, to check in on progress and to start making plans to partner further throughout the year.

VNZ has had limited resources to contribute to Association's in the recent past but hopefully now the office is in a better position to contribute to growth and development. The opportunity to review the past year has revealed that despite limited staffing, much was still accomplished for the sport.

Commitment to technology and a CRM in each Association will enable VNZ to capture details of all our players and enable direct communication. We are looking forward to this being rolled out and a progressive membership model that everyone buys into.

It was great to hear the Association's key successes over the last year and VNZ will look to assist in continuing to build upon those.

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