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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The New Zealand Inline Hockey Championships were held in Wanganui in September. The Wanganui Lightning Club are to be congratulated for their assistance in organising the event this season. Competition was fierce with the final results as follows:

**Under 10:** Canucks 1st, Stingrays 2nd, Lightning 3rd, Ravens 4th

**Under 12:** Miners 1st, Tigers 2nd, Dragons 3rd, Ravens 4th

**Under 14:** Canucks 1st, Jackals 2nd, Ravens 3rd, Tigers 4th

**Under 16:** Snipers 1st, Canucks 2nd, Blackhawks 3rd, Ravens 4th

**Under 18:** Panthers 1st, Ravens 2nd, Redbacks 3rd, Fury 4th

**Senior Women:** Devils 1st, Jackals 2nd, Panthers 3rd, Redwings 4th

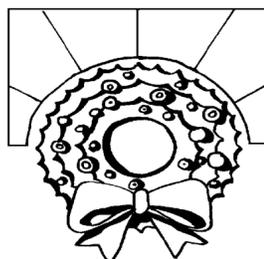
**Senior Men:** Panthers 1st, Ravens 2nd, Devils 3rd, Jackals 4th

**Premier:** Redhawks 1st, Rangers 2nd, Whalers 3rd, Sabres 4th

An amazing highlight this year was the filming of the Under 10 final by Television One along with interviews with some of the players. The event finally made the television 6 o'clock sports news and was beamed around the country. One comment that got back to the organizers shortly after we made our screen debut was a phone call to the organizers advising "we saw your "babies" on TV!"



Levin Canucks Captain, jubilant after winning the Under 10 National Championships Final September in Wanganui.



Seasons's Greetings  
On behalf of the NZIHA Executive, please have a safe and enjoyable Christmas / New Year and we look forward to your continued participation for 2004.

### NZIHA WEBSITE

Keep yourselves up to date with information by visiting the New Zealand Inline Hockey Website.

All game results for National Events are available. Results were updated regularly during both national and Inter Regional championships.

[www.nziha.com](http://www.nziha.com)

## INTER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oops, they did it again and again and again, The Lower North Region have again won the overall Regional Championship and were presented with the Inter Regional Trophy for the sixth time in as many years. Overall points for each region were: Lower North (20), Northern (15), Central (13) and Southern (6). The gap is being closed—maybe next year!

Grade Results were: **Under 10:** Lower, Central, Northern, Southern  
**Under 12:** Lower, Northern, Central, Southern  
**Under 14:** Lower, Central, Southern, Northern  
**Under 16:** Lower, Central, Southern, Northern  
**Under 18:** Lower, Northern, Central, Southern  
**Under 20:** Lower, Northern, Central, Southern  
**Senior Women:** Northern, Central, Southern, Lower  
**Masters:** Northern, Central, Lower, Southern  
**Open Men:** Southern, Northern, Lower, Central

Two mixed region Junior Women's teams were invited to play a 3-match demonstration series of games at Inter Regional Championships in Palmerston North. The girls played well and it was pleasing to see the numbers of 16 & Under players developing their skills in this grade.

Selectors were hard at work watching all players in their age grades for New Zealand trial squads. Invitations for final trial were in the post a week later for trial camps later in November and December. Final team selections will be finalised shortly thereafter and successful players will be named before Christmas.

**Lower North region once again hosted a very successful Inter Regional Championship.**

## EDITORIAL

Reflections...  
parents, coaches, managers

There are more important things in a child's life than playing for a winning team or being selected for a representative team. Unfortunately this seems too often forgotten in the competitive atmosphere that organised sports generate.

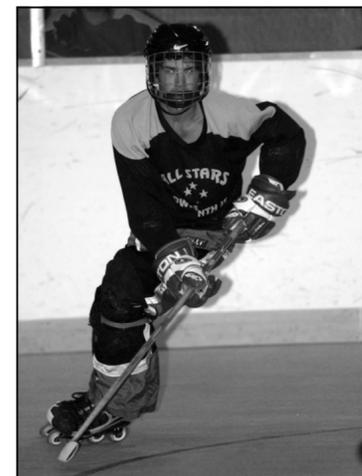
**Sport is fun.** Wasn't it because inline hockey can be a fun game to play that we initially became involved? Sport has other values. It can provide exciting challenges and opportunities for character building. But what kind of character? Well, that's up to us.

- Do we sometimes sacrifice a child's development in the interests of fielding a competitive team?
- When a player is charged with dangerous or disrespectful behaviour, what do we do? Try to get the player off, no matter what? Deny? Blame others? Discredit rules? Search for loopholes?
- When a referee makes a crucial call against our team, do we shout or scream, or abuse?

What does this teach our children? We must remind ourselves that it is our responsibility to nurture our children, to instil in them value systems and an appreciation of sport, not to teach them how to avoid responsibility. We should consider the value of sometimes sacrificing short-term interest in seeking long-term benefits for all concerned.

**We must be vigilant in keeping an eye on what's important in the long run.**

*Our children are watching.*



## Inline Hockey Level One Coaching Courses Coming to your Region in 2004

The New Zealand Inline Hockey Association have formed a partnership with Great Britain and developed an inline hockey specific coaching for coaches course. Three preliminary courses have been held throughout the country to ensure the content is understandable and related to the topic. Course schedules will be available in the new year on the NZIHA Events Calendar. Check it out!

### NZIHA EXECUTIVE

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**News On The Refereeing Front.**

The NZIHA referees committee congratulates the following referees on their recent promotion to level 2:  
Peter Lind, Rhys Nolan, Bill Lefever & Luke Christie

During the recent National & Inter-Regional Championships it was noticeable that many players, coaches, managers and parents do not understand just what determines where a face-off takes place.

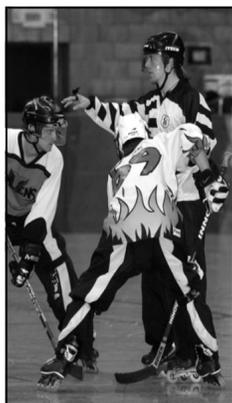
To assist in understanding why a face-off is held at a particular spot an informative chart will be circulated to all clubs to explain the face-off locations..

The NZIHA referees committee extends to all a very merry xmas, a happy new year and looks forward to seeing you all again in 2004.

Our sport needs more referees – *try it you may like it.*

**GET INTO the ZONE...Become an Official**

Contact your regional referee representative and find out when your region are hosting their next referee course. The sport needs you...



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Thanks goes to Bruce for his attendance at both nationals and Inter Regionals supplying all those action shots!  
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**Inline Headliners**



**Massey University Blues Awards**  
Back Row: Brooke Kemsley ( Ravens), David Thomsen ( Lightning), Sam Beardman ( Lightning), Todd Richardson (Lightning),  
Front: Anna Carrington ( Ravens) Binh Trinh ( absent)

All recipients were NZ representative players at Oceania 2003. David, Sam, Todd and Binh played in the Massey University Inline Hockey team winning the gold medal at the Easter University Games in April and were named in the NZ Universities Inline Hockey team.

**Otago University Sports Awards**  
John Thomsen  
**Otago University Blues**  
**Otago University Sportsperson of the Year**

Otago University broke from tradition, unable to separate their two top sports achievers and opted to make a joint award for Sportsperson of the Year. John, for his achievements in Inline Hockey during the 2003 season, he assisted with the development of the Dunedin Inline Club, represented NZ at Oceania and at the IIHF World Championships and was Captain of the Otago Inline team winning silver at the University Games in April. The joint recipient was a student who had represented New Zealand in the Silver Ferns netball team in Jamaica.

**Auckland University of Technology Sports Awards**  
Casey Redman  
**AUT Blues Award**  
for outstanding achievement  
**AUT Sportswomen of the Year**  
for outstanding performance

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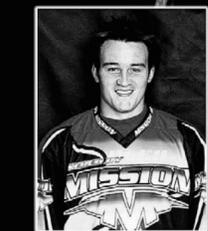
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**MISSION'S SPORTSPEOPLE OF THE YEAR! CONGRATULATIONS!**

**John Thomsen**  
Otago University Sportsperson of the year 2003 for his outstanding performance in Inline Hockey

**Casey Redman**  
Auckland University of Technology Sportsperson of the year for outstanding performance. AUT Blues Award for Outstanding Achievement

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