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THE NEW ZEALAND SENIOR TEAM 1997



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Hello to all!

Great to see lot's of feedback on the last issue - it seems that everybody is receiving their copies, and enjoying them! Remember if you have anything to say good, bad or otherwise - please send it in and we will print it! This issue is packed full of information, including the Senior NZ team and their trip to Vancouver to take on America's best, results from the Regional qualifiers, results from all the regional leagues, and more! Thank you to Levin Canucks, Jackals, Tauranga and Kapiti for your input this issue - photos and articles were great - we apologise that we can not print all your club news but unfortunately there is only so much space! But keep up the great work in keeping us informed. Well that is all from me - sit back and enjoy your read!

Cheers The Ed



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, another successful season is rapidly coming to a close with most of the Regional Leagues finishing up and no doubt clubs are preparing for their prize givings - but we still have a lot of hockey left before we finally wind up for the year.

Regional Squads are now selected with training camps to choose final teams, the Club National Championships from October 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, in Wanganui and the Inter-provincial Championships are to be held in early November again in Wanganui.

To all those who didn't make it this time, keep on training so you can make 1998 your year!

Your new N.Z.I.H.A executive have been very busy organising all things necessary to ensure our upcoming championships will be as successful as last year. We also have formed two sub-committees - one to address the ongoing structure of leagues, Regionals and Nationals as our sport grows in numbers and demands, and two to address all issues and opportunities associated with sponsorships.

I look forward to seeing you all in Wanganui - once again best luck to all!

John Short  
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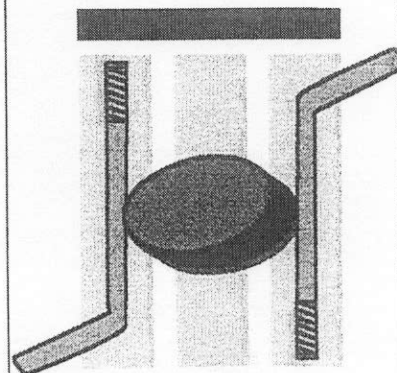
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## STATISTICS

We have just heard that the total number of members is around 1320! WELL DONE !!



# CLUB NEWS

## NEW CLUBS!

Welcome to the newly formed Levin Jackals, which alongside the Canucks has Levin now with two clubs - the Dunedin Loco's, and Marlborough Mavericks are new members to our Association - and Christchurch have changed their name to the Cyclones!

## LEVIN JACKALS

The Jackals is a new club who are based at the Levin Show grounds. They have two teams currently with two more due to get underway. Their senior team had an excellent Regionals and placed third equal with the Napier Sharks. The Jackals have very little experience in this senior side with only three members having played before - the rest being good rugby league players with no in-line skating experience - obviously they are learning to adapt their skills across to In-line Hockey.

The U14 Jackals has six existing players and six new players and with their goalie of six weeks experience placed a very credible 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Regionals after winning 5 out of seven games.

Below is a photo which appeared recently in the local Levin newspaper of the Senior Jackals side - a serious bunch about their hockey!



## LEVIN CANUCKS

The Canucks have been hard at work organising their new venue which is situated on the corner of Coventry and Sheffield Streets in Levin. They have been actively seeking sponsorship for boards, netting, ramps and seating etc. The Hillary Commission have donated \$1250 which will go towards a scoreboard and goalie gear for the U12 and U14 teams.

The Canucks are currently running trainings for U12, U14 Girls (good to see a girls team in this age group), an U14 boys, U18 and Reserves. They achieved a lot of success at the Regional Champs with the U14 and U18 both qualifying for Nationals.

It is great to see such a strong base of In-line Hockey in Levin, and we are sure that they can utilise their two clubs to help each grow and prosper!

## KAPITI RANGERS

The U10 and U12 sides travelled up to Tauranga at Queen's Birthday Weekend to take on the Nation's best in these grades. The U12 Rangers faced some very strong opposition from the Mighty Ducks in the first game - this was a tough game with the score ending in a draw 4-4. The second game saw the Rangers to be too strong for the Ravens and won 10-3. On the Sunday of play the Rangers had to win all three of their games to make the semi-finals - stepping up to the challenge taking all 3 games. This took the Rangers to their semi-final spot which was against the Glenfield Rage - the Rangers cruising through to the final on a 9-1 win. In the final they met a tough team from Auckland - the Mt Wellington Panthers - 2 minutes to go with the score tied up 4-4 the Rangers broke through the Panthers defence and scored the tournament winning goal to take their spot as overall champs. Reyon Kay, James Trevena-Brown, Chris Sands, Kayne Leggett, Jordan Crost and Goalie Jackson Payne - alongside the commitment of coach Dylan Fosskett were all key members in the Rangers success.

In the U10 grade the newly formed Rangers with no wins to date were faced with a formidable challenge at their first major tournament. After a taste of winning in their first game against the Mighty Ducks 5-1 - they continued on, beating the Devils and the Waihi Miners. Unfortunately the Blackhawks team proved too fresh for the young Rangers resulting in their only loss of the tournament. The Rangers regional rivals the Penguins were the last hurdle for this rapidly improving team and saw a draw thanks to an unflinching effort by the Rangers goalie Jason Galland. Hamish Carson and Matthew Long with the dedication from their coach Julie Carson contributed greatly in their teamwork and mental toughness displayed by these young players making them first class opponents on the national circuit.



LEVIN JACKALS SENIOR TEAS: (Back from left): C Feary, D Murray, W Tuhou, A Murray, R Batten, L Stewart (Front from Left): M Špeer, G Stewart, L Coburn, S Špeer



# REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

NORTHERN REGION	CENTRAL NORTHERN REGION	LOWER NORTHERN REGION
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## NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997 TEAMS

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# TAURANGA U10 & U12 TOURNAMENT

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TOURNAMENT

The Inaugural Tauranga Queen's birthday Tournament for the U10's and U12's was an outstanding success and all competing clubs asked that it become a permanent fixture. This junior "Bauer Cup" comprised of 6 teams in the U10 division who competed in a round-robin whilst the 12 teams in the U12 grade had pool play with semi-finals and a final.

The organisation was very slick with all 48 games right on time the whole weekend. The venue was a big winner – wooden floor with great spectator viewing and although it rained all weekend, no one inside the hall seemed to notice. The skill level was well ahead of last years nationals and also good to see each team coach nominating a Fair-play award for a player in their team - great for the future of the sport!

### UNDER 10

Six teams gave a lot of heart into the games - a very well drilled Blackhawks team was too good for the other five teams - their closest game was against the Mighty Ducks winning 7-1 - therefore taking out first place.

The Penguins were second with four wins and a loss, Kapiti a close third with three wins a loss and a draw. Also credit to the Waihi team who are all newcomers to the sport and managed a draw and four losses against some experienced sides.

This age group is fast becoming popular with parents and coaches obviously spending a lot of time with the youngsters.

#### RESULTS

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|-----------------|------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Blackhawks |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Penguins   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Rangers    |

**Top Scorer:** N. Bremner/Penguins  
**Top Goalie:** J. Demler/Waihi

#### FAIR-PLAY AWARDS

S Bell/Blackhaws, B Anthony/Mighty Ducks  
J Demler/Miners, J Galland/Rangers  
J Mears/Penguins, R Moore/Devils



U10 WINNERS - GLENFIELD BLACKHAWKS

### UNDER 12

A very even grade amongst the top four teams and after section play it was still anybody's title. In the first semi-final, Rangers turned up the heat defeating Glenfield Rage 9-1, the second semi-final saw Panthers edge out the Ducks 5-3 scoring 2 goals in the last 2 minutes.

The final (Rangers/Panthers) was an exciting game with around 300 spectators in a packed stadium on the edge of their seats cheering the youngsters on! The score see-sawed until the final minutes when the Rangers scored the vital goal to take the game out 5-4. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> playoff the Mighty Ducks defeated the Rage in a game 7-3 to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place.



U12 WINNERS KAPITI RANGERS

#### RESULTS

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Rangers      |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Panthers     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Mighty Ducks |

**Top Scorer:** R Kay - Rangers  
**Top Goalie:** P Hope/Waitakere Stars

#### FAIR PLAY AWARDS

T Euera/Sabres, S Hope/Ravens  
P Chadwood/Stars, O Briggs/Avalanche  
J Re'cordan/Panthers, M Bell/ Ducks  
L Conlon /Fury, L Senf/Glenfield Rage  
D Whyte/Miners, J Barnard/Devils  
S Ostman/Penguins, R Kay/Rangers

## HAMILTON 3 ON 3 FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT

On behalf of the Senior Men we would like to thank all the clubs and players who participated in this event. It was an excellent tournament and a total of \$1,695.90 was raised for the Senior Mens New Zealand team and their trip to Vancouver.

A special thanks to the Redwings who donated their prize money back to the New Zealand team and also to Darren Blong who only took out his expenses and donated the balance. - to Sharon and her team at Roller Force thank you for letting the team sell sausages and chips and also collecting the spectator fee.

This is certainly a show of support for the New Zealand team members and was greatly appreciated by all involved.

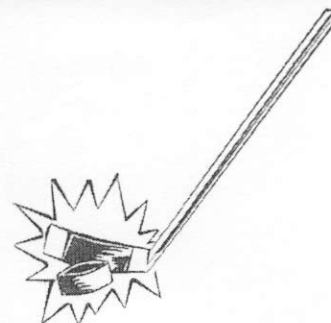
The social was a fine event and many enjoyed celebrating the success of the tournament.. It was good to see many players and officials from different regions socialising together - showing the friendship and comradeship which this sport develops

### THE RESULTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> KAPITI RANGERS  
2<sup>ND</sup> NAPIER SHARKS  
3<sup>RD</sup> TAMAKI REDWINGS A

This tournament was run by the Senior Mens team as a fund-raising event, for their trip to Canada, proving to be a great success. Perhaps rep teams and clubs can look at this method of fund-raising in the future for not only the financial benefit but also to bring together players from around the country on a social scale.

Unfortunately as previously mentioned one of the cars got broken into at the social and Jonathon Smarts hockey gear was taken - due to the nature of things taken it points very much to a player being involved. Please keep your ears and eyes open and in future try not to leave your hockey gear in the car at tournaments - as this seems to be a common occurrence. Also help each other out by reporting any strange characters around cars that do not belong to them - then hopefully we can cut down on these unfortunate incidents!!



## IIHF WORLD CHAMPS 1997

The 1997 International Ice Hockey Federation In-line Championships were held in Anaheim, California, U.S.A. and drew a total crowd of around 8,162 spectators.

U.S.A. outscored Canada 5-4 in the final to take the Gold medal - showing that on the International circuit the U.S.A. is on top for the sport of In-line Hockey. The Bronze medal game saw Switzerland defeat Russia 5-2.

Australia fared well and had some good results against Austria losing by 5-9, a closer game against the Netherlands losing 6-7 and outscoring Japan 13-6.

## FIRS WORLD CHAMPS 1997

Team U.S.A travels to Austria to take on teams from around the world in this tournament run by the Federation International de Roller Skating 1996 saw the team from the U.S.A. take gold and once again they take victory in 1997. They battled it out in the final against Canada but overcame them to take the honours 5-2.



# NEW ZEALAND SENIOR TEAM -CANADA 1997-

## A PLAYERS VIEW

### THE TEAM.....

On the 10<sup>th</sup> August 1997, fourteen of New Zealand's best inline hockey players gathered in anticipation for what was not only an unforgettable trip overseas, but history for New Zealand Inline Hockey. The team had been chosen to represent New Zealand at the 1997 North American Roller Hockey Championships (NARCh) in Vancouver, Canada, and are the first New Zealand Inline hockey team to ever compete at this level.

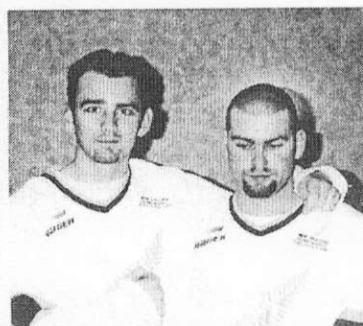
After several training camps the team was named - Jarrod Kent, Jono Smart, Mark McCort, Alan Wood, Damion Green, Rodney McMillian, Jarrod Parker, Jason Goertzen, Corey Down, Dion Bunt, Gary Wood, Josh Spelchen, Lee Ranchod, Finton Greggains,, Roland Weber.

### THE TOURNAMENT...

The NARCh finals were held at the Great Pacific Forum in Delta, Vancouver. This enormous complex has four separate rinks, two ice skating rinks and two roller skating rinks surfaced with Flight Deck tiles (which are used on professional inline hockey rinks) each rink is the full NHL size with Glass around the boards, a facility far superior to anything in New Zealand.

The NARCh tournament itself is the largest inline hockey event in the world. It has a total of 33 sponsors and involves around 1400 regional teams within the USA and Canada. Teams have to make it through Bronze and Silver division tournaments before entering the Gold division at the NARCh finals.

New Zealand was invited to be one of the 21 teams competing at Gold division level, from here five teams enter the Platinum division to determine the overall National Championship winner. The winner of this event is named best regional team in the world.



JARROD KENT AND  
TEAMMATE JONO SMART

### THE TRIUMPHS

The first game played by NZ was against the Dusseldorf Rams, the German national champions who were also invited to NARCh. The game was fast and physical but NZ won convincingly 7 to 2. This game was a warm up game and a confidence builder for NZ as they prepared to enter the NARCh senior finals. The high level hockey played at NARCh was like nothing ever experienced by the NZ players before. The games were much faster and physical than any thing played in New Zealand, and the skills shown by some players were just amazing. Needless to say the NZ team had their work cut out for them.



NEW ZEALAND TEAM CELEBRATES THEIR EFFORT AFTER THE TOURNAMENT

The first team faced were the Back Handlers, a young and very fast team from Edmonton. Without knowing what to expect NZ were caught off guard and were four goals down early in the first period, a gap which they were unable to close. After the game the team felt disappointed but prepared for the next game.

Game two was against Team Bauer, a phenomenal team which included RHI legends Chris Nelson and Stephaine Desardains, in fact 12 of their 13 players were currently or had previously played professional hockey.



**NZ FACES OFF AGAINST TEAM BAUER IN GAME TWO**

The NZ team lifted their game to a higher level against team Bauer, they were more prepared and more determined. With the score only 4 - 0 going into the second period NZ still had time to catch up but the frustrated Bauer team showed too much experience and closed the game at 8 - 0.

Another loss but the coach and team were happy with the way everyone had played, even members of team Bauer were impressed with the effort NZ had put in.

The last game for NZ was against Rollerblade Rage, another fully sponsored team who had come 4<sup>th</sup> at the 1996 NARCH finals. The Rage were another quality team who showed a high level of speed, skill and experience beating NZ by 8 goals.

After the game both teams gathered for photos and as a sign of their sportsmanship the NZ team were given Rollerblade Rage hats and T-shirts.



The New Zealand team placed a very credible 14<sup>th</sup> out of the 21 teams entered in the 1997 NARCH Tournament, an outstanding result against teams of such a high calibre, and an accomplishment for all team members to be proud of.



**THE NARCH TROPHIES**

## THE THANK YOU'S

The New Zealand Senior Inline Hockey team would like to thank the following people for their superb efforts and guidance without which the trip would have not been possible.

<b>Coach</b>	<b>Jeff Burns</b>
<b>Trainer</b>	<b>Matt Down</b>
<b>Manager</b>	<b>Noel Wilson</b>
<b>Assistant</b>	<b>RudyVanVlerkin</b>
<b>Physio</b>	<b>JoanneGoertzen</b>



**THE NZ TEAM AFTER THEIR GAME WITH ROLLERBLADE RAGE**



## NZ SENIOR TRIP

### MANAGEMENT REPORT

The New Zealand Senior In-Line Hockey team visited Vancouver to participate in what is widely known as the worlds hardest and toughest In-line Hockey competition – The North American Roller Hockey Championships. The team left New Zealand on Monday 11 August and returned Monday 25 August 1997. The team consisted of 15 players and 5 officials.

Having arrived in Vancouver, early Monday afternoon, we encountered our first difficulty – Rental Vans, what we call vans which have room for luggage, are interpreted to be just vans for bodies to sit in, not for luggage as well. This was quickly fixed by swapping a van for a station wagon which allowed for the luggage to be carried along with the team.

Arrival at our accommodation of Simon Fraser university was met with approval by all, plenty of space both inside and outside. Excellent facilities, training grounds and each person with a separate room. We had four full days before our first game of the championships which was sufficient time for all to recover from jetlag. I would suggest that any future tours to this part of the world ensure that they have at least the same time to recover from jetlag before attempting to play in a championship.



NEW ZEALAND TEAM MEMBERS GET READY TO TAKE ON DISNEYLAND!

Arrangements were made to have a training run at the Westcoast roller Hockey rink in Surrey on Wednesday evening, this allowing players a chance to stretch and have a good workout before Fridays game. Indeed, the training run was in fact a game against the German team competing at NARCh. The team played well and ended winning the game 7-2. A boost for the upcoming championships. I feel however, careful consideration must be given about playing games before the championships as the opposite effect could happen if we were to have lost the game.

It was a pleasure to work with the management team who were able to work efficiently and effectively towards the goal of providing the players with the opportunity to play In-line hockey with some of the best players in the world. The Physiotherapist is a must, and without, some players may not have made it onto the floor.

The trip was a good learning experience for all players and officials, a great tournament but realistically, we should not look to compete at this level for at least another 2-3 years.

We must provide training camps for all ages on a regular basis (3-4 times per year) and collate and record all results. We need to have stronger, faster and fitter players to be able to compete, and show consistent results at all levels.

To conclude this report I would like to give my upmost appreciation to the players and the spirit in which they played the games. It was a pleasurable and enjoyable trip and I am proud to be part of the Team.

Noel Wilson  
N Z Senior Team Manager



## APOLOGY

To Adam and Steve Cooke (with an e) for spelling their name incorrectly! Also we omitted to mention that Adam Cooke is a member of the Tauranga Mighty Ducks..



## Buy-sale-swap!

### FOR SALE:

**HOCKEY SKATE - H6**  
Size 9, Aluminium Frame, as new, \$300.00

**KITCHENER ROCKET 400 STICK** (Right) Fibreglass, Junior, as new \$20

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Barbara

## UP-AND-COMING EVENTS



### NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 1997

As most of you are probably aware by now the Nationals are being held in Wanganui between the 4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> October 1997 at the Jubilee Stadium. The U10, U12 grades run from the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, the U14's run from the 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, the U18's start on the 6<sup>th</sup> and finish on the 8<sup>th</sup> and the U16, womens and Senior grades start on the 7<sup>th</sup> and run until the final day being Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1997.

This event is being run the same as last year with each team playing in a round robin (each team plays every other team and the team who has the most accumulated points wins). If last year is anything to go by, the games will be very even and provide for exciting spectating.

There is a social on the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> see the the event organiser at the Nationals for tickets. If you would like to pop down and see this amazing event, but unsure of what time your favourite team is playing – check with your local club for times of games as all clubs will have received a programme by now.

### NATIONAL PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provincial teams from all the regions have now been selected to compete at a new event this year – the 1997 National Provincial championships – this event will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of November 1997 at Jubilee Stadium in Wanganui. Top players from different clubs join forces to represent their region over two days of top grade hockey in New Zealand.

Teams are already in training for this event – and from what I have heard so far, all the players, coaches and managers are looking forward to it.

# TIPS AND HINTS

## 10 TIPS TO MAKE YOU AN AWESOME PLAYER!!

### ATTACKING



- **USE THE BOARDS** –get around a defender by using the boards to pass the puck around them – fly past them for a one-on-one with the goalie!

- **PASS TO SCORE** –the person without the puck is the most dangerous, pass at the last minute to leave the goalie dead and gain a great assist on your buddies goal.

- **KEEP YOUR HEAD UP** – if your head is down you can't see where to pass or shoot –head up and a whole new world emerges!

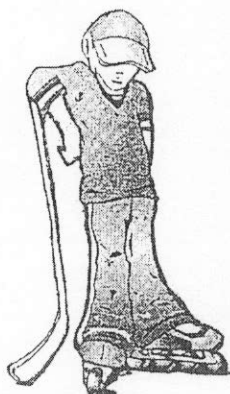


### SHOOTING

- **REBOUNDS** - always look for a rebound off a shot – rebounds are harder for the goalie to stop as s/he is already committed.

- **SHOOT THE PUCK** – if you don't shoot you can not score - try and get your team to have at least 20 shots before the final buzzer in a game

- **2-1 BREAKAWAY** – play the pass, go to the player with out the puck and stay in between him/her and the puck – this gives the goalie a clear view to stop the shot.

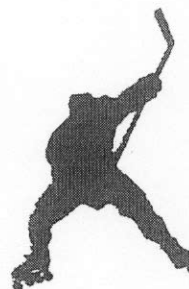


### DEFENDING

- **1-ON-1** - skate backwards and push the player wide, watch the players chest NOT THE PUCK.

- **GUARD THE SLOT** – Use your body in to keep any opposing player out of your zone and also the goalies view!

- **DEFENSE CAN ATTACK TOO** –get involved in the attacking play– long shots especially slap shots when there is a lot of traffic in the slot will often result in a goal.



### GOALIES

- **STICK DOWN** – keep your stick on the ground & shots won't sneak through

- **WATCH THE PUCK** – never take your eye off the puck!

- **KNOW WHERE YOU ARE** – always ensure you are covering your posts, and know where the goal is!

- **WORK THE REBOUND** – if you give out a rebound, immediately clean it up - so that an unguarded player can't sneak a shot!





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CAMBRIDGE  
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**MATAMATA KINGS**  
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**TAURANGA MIGHTY DUCKS**  
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**TOKOROA RSC**  
P O Box 319  
TOKOROA  
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**WAIHI MINERS**  
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**WHAKATANE AVALANCHE**  
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WHAKATANE  
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**NEW PLYMOUTH RAVENS**  
New Plymouth Roller Sports Club  
P O Box 695  
NEW PLYMOUTH  
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**SHARKS**  
Napier Inline Hockey Club  
6 Brewster St  
NAPIER  
Attn: Brian Wilkie

**WANGANUI LIGHTNING**  
167 Mt View Road  
WANGANUI  
Attn: Denise Gordon

**WANGANUI HURRICANES**  
C/- 264 St Hill Street  
WANGANUI  
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**MANAWATU DRAGONS**  
P O Box 774  
PALMERSTON NORTH  
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**LEVIN CANUCKS**  
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**LEVIN JACKALS**  
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LEVIN  
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**KAPITI RANGERS**  
P O Box 442  
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**CAPITAL PENGUINS**  
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Karori, WELLINGTON  
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**TAWA IN-LINE HOCKEY CLUB**  
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**NELSON WHALERS**  
P O Box 379  
NELSON  
Attn: Kay Harris

**MALBOROUGH MAVERICKS**  
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Grovetown, BLENHEIM  
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**CHRISTCHURCH CYCLONES**  
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