

Tournament Sub-committee Report for 2010-2011 season

This document is the activity report of the WPA Tournament sub-committee for the 2010-2011 season.

The following tournaments were organised by the tournament sub-committee:

Wellington Championship fixtures

Tournament	Venue	Number of teams participating	Winners
WPA Singles	Kapiti	42 + 3 more players for consulante on Sunday	Rex Hayes (Kapiti)
WPA Doubles	Park Avenue	30	Michael Rocks (Khandallah) Dirk Winnie (park Avenue)
WPA Triples	Kapiti	22	Yvonne Futchter (Wanganui East)/Barbara Johnston (Masterton)/Christine Strichen (Wanganui East)
WPA Senior Doubles	Horowhenua	24	Barbara Frampton/Brian Frampton (Otaki)
WPA Women's Singles	Park Avenue	16	Christine Strichen (Wanganui East)

Wellington championship fixtures above (with the exception of the senior doubles and the women's singles) were run over 2 days. For the WPA singles and the WPA doubles the opportunity was given for players to just enter for the consulante on the second day and also for players who did not qualify on day one not to play in the consulante on day two. Only the singles attracted entries for the consulante only and no players who played on day one opted out of the consulante on day two.

This scheme was not offered for the WPA Triples as it was felt that with so many players taking part in a triples event it was unlikely that there would be teams entering for day two only.

For the WPA Singles there was an increase in the number of players in the 2010 (42) from 2009 (31).

For the WPA Doubles There was a drop in the number of teams entered in 2010 (30) from 2009 (31)

For the WPA Triples there was an increase in number of teams entered in 2011 (22) from 2010 (19)

Non-championship fixtures

Champion of Champion Singles	Silverstream	8	Rex Hayes (Kapiti)
Champion of Champion doubles	Silverstream	8	Barbara Frampton, Brian Frampton (Otaki)
Champion of Champion Triples	Otaki	6	Kath Alison, Kaye Alison, Fay Doyle (Kapiti)

WPA Women's Doubles	Otaki	21	Barbara Nichols (Park Avenue) Shirley MacDonald Horowhenua
WPA Women's Triples	Kapiti	12	Barbara Johnston, Joan Miller (Masterton) Christine Strichen (Wanganui East)
WPA Open Triples	Manawatu	16	Morgan Choveaux (Windy Hills)/Michael Rocks (Khandallah)/Nico Toyne (Wanganui East)

For the WPA Women's Doubles There was an increase in the number of teams entered in 2010 (21) from 2009 (11)

2011 Interclub Competition:

There was a decrease in the number of clubs entering the interclub competition for 2011. The Western zone had a decrease of 2 teams entered (Windy hills and Wanganui East) from the previous year which left the West zone with 4 teams instead of 6 the previous year. The eastern zone had the same number of teams as 2010 (5).

The First Division was won by Park Avenue for the third consecutive year with Masterton runners up.

The Second Division was won by Hataitai with Horowhenua runners up.

Jacques Cochonnet Trophy

The Jacques Cochonnet Trophy is now moving around clubs regularly. Since February 2010 the trophy has changed hands 7 times. The trophy is now no longer dominated by 2 clubs as was the case in the first 10 years of the competition.

Trophies:

The biggest problem the sub-committee faced this year was the allocation of suitable trophies. We believe that for the any of the championship fixtures there should be an award for 3rd equal. The use of medals rather than trophies is appropriate.

Recommendations:

Two Day Tournaments:

During the year attempts were made to bring in pool play and the Swiss format was also considered. Due to the number of teams entered the easiest way to run the tournaments was usually random draw on day one followed by barrage on the second day. This system has its flaws (some teams may get an unfairly difficult draw and some may get an unfairly easy draw) but also has its advantages such as not having to seed teams and easy ability to choose the number of games required on day one.

One day Tournaments:

One day tournaments were usually run with 3 or 4 random draw games followed by semi-finals and finals with the exception of the WPA Open Triples which was run in 4 pools of 4 then semi-finals and finals.

It is the opinion of the tournament sub-committee that by and large players seem happy and comfortable with the way the tournaments were run in 2010-2011 and next year's tournaments should be run along the same lines as this year. For two day tournaments the start time could be extended out to 9.30am on day one to allow some players to travel on the day of the tournament and thus reduce accommodation costs.

The tournament sub-committee intends to allocate tournament venues in the coming year rather than call for expressions of interest. The following criteria will be considered when allocating venues;

- available facilities i.e. no of pistes
- lights etc.,
- travel for the majority of contestants
- demographics of previous tournament entry numbers

The tournament sub-committee is not in favour of having timed games.

The tournament sub-committee would like to thank all host clubs in the 2010-11 season and also the umpires (both playing and non-playing) who assisted in making the tournaments run smoothly. In particular thank you to Gwen Hill for co-ordinating umpires during the season.

We also would like to acknowledge the assistance given to the tournament organisers by those people who were not playing in the tournaments but operated the score bench for us and generally kept things running so that we could concentrate much more on our own play.

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