

WPA Tournament Sub-committee Annual Report 2018

The following is tournament sub-committee report for the 2017/2018 season.

Wellington Championship fixtures

Tournament	Venue	Number of teams participating (previous year in brackets)	Winners
WPA Singles	Horowhenua	38 (37)	Michael Rocks (Khandallah)
WPA Doubles	Kapiti	21 (24)	Cowper (Hataitai) / Michael Rocks (Khandallah)
WPA Triples	Manawatu	14 (17)	Sharon Cannon (Wanganui East) Myles Cowper (Hataitai) Michael Rocks (Khandallah)
WPA Senior Doubles	Horowhenua	24 (20)	Dave Gatchell (Horowhenua) Ann Hogg (Otaki)
WPA Women's Singles	Horowhenua	30 (20)	Annick Le Guen (Kapiti)
Shooting Championship	Kapiti	15 (7)	Nico Toyne (Hataitai)

Non-championship fixtures

Champion of Champion Singles	Upper Hutt	7 (8)	Alan Taylor (Kapiti)
Champion of Champion Doubles	Otaki	4 (7)	Moises Burgos / Dave Gwerder (Upper Hutt)
Champion of Champion Triples	Otaki	6 (5)	Enoka Smiler, Monica Smiler, Tangi Rasmussen (Naenae)
WPA Women's Doubles	Kapiti	18 (11)	Yvonne Futchter (Wanganui East) /Annick Le Guen (Kapiti)
WPA Women's Triples	Kapiti	8 (8)	June Cody, Kathy Gatford, Lynne Shepherd (Kapiti)
WPA Open Triples	Otaki	21 (14)	Annick Le Guen (Kapiti) Christine Strichen, Claire Wilson (Wanganui East)
Interclub	Kapiti	9 teams from 9 Clubs in Division 1. 9 teams from 5 clubs in Division 2. Last year 8 clubs all together	Division 1 Horowhenua Division 2 Kapiti (Pink)

Host Clubs:

Thank you to all the clubs who have hosted tournaments in the past 12 months. Your support and willingness to allow your club facilities to be used is much appreciated by the sub-committee and players.

Umpires:

Once again, we say a big thankyou to Jack Gazzard who gives his time freely to be a non-playing umpire. It is very much appreciated. Also thankyou to all the players who have assisted with measuring and when required rulings when there has been no official non-playing umpire present.

A big thankyou also to David Corley who umpired in several champion of champion tournaments and the women's tournaments.

Tournament Scorers:

Thank you also to Jan McCarthy and Brian Frampton and all the other people who have assisted with either scoring or running the event at some of the tournaments we run.

Interclub:

At a WPA Meeting it was voted/passed to have the interclub competition run on 27th January and would consist of teams of 4 and would be done over one day. The tournament sub-committee organised a tournament in 2 divisions run on the Swiss System. Each club that entered at least one team had a team in the first division. Any subsequent entries went into the second division. This resulted in an entry of 9 teams in each of the divisions.

Judging by comments made the day was a success and it was great to see many players out on the terrain that we have not seen for many years.

The tournament will be run in the same format for 2019 with a few minor alterations made to enhance the smooth running of the event.

WPA Open Triples:

It was decided that the Open Triples would be moved from Manawatu to Otaki to see if it attracted more entries with a more central location. This appeared to work as there were 21 entries which was considerably more than the previous few years. This is not a reflection on Manawatu in any way as they have always done a great job of hosting any tournament. It was a case of a more central venue attracting more players for a one-day tournament. The tournament sub-committee will look at Otaki to host this event again if they are willing.

Jacques Cochonnet Trophy:

This trophy was held by 5 different clubs over the 2017/18 season. It is good to see it moving around. There was only one default in that period which is a big improvement on the previous year.

Women's Tournaments:

After the down-turn in number the previous season it was great to see the playing numbers up by 24 overall, 7 more in each of the doubles and triples and a massive 10 in the singles. Thankyou to Claire Wilson for the work she has put in to making these tournaments so successful.

Inter-Region Matches:

Wellington unfortunately didn't regain any of the inter region trophies we played for. Canterbury hosted (Ashburton) and retained the Tri-Star for the second year in a row. However, the Wellington team performed well and came a respectable second which was a great improvement on the fourth place the previous year. Auckland travelled to Manawatu for the Chanticleer match which they comfortably won for the second year running.

At this point a date for the Hawkes bay Match could not be agreed and has not yet been played. The boule is in Hawkes Bay's terrain to come up with date that is suitable to them.

Finally, we would like to thank Claire Bradburn who, even though she is no longer on the tournament sub-committee for helping out with arranging trophies and winner's shirts where applicable.

Graeme Morris and Claire Wilson
Tournament Sub-Committee.