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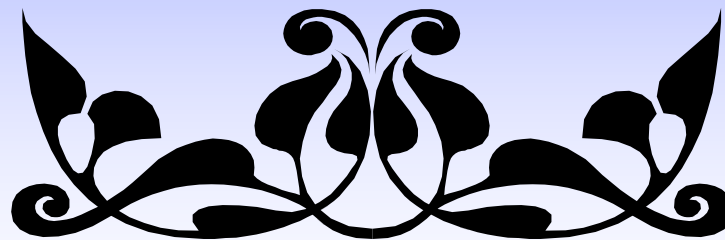
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## President's Report

Hello to all our members and readers, in a few weeks we will be heralding in spring and farewelling the cold and long winter nights. Having survived the weather you'll have the zest to attend to the outdoor chores and come along and watch the remainder of the hockey season games.

### "A.I.S.C. - 2008 season Top mens hockey club"

#### Hockey update

Teams are looking forward to finishing the hockey season with winning results. Fortitude, determination and tactics, are required if you want to succeed. Give 110 per cent and you will be surprised how you can achieve. Our men's teams are in the top four places in most grades and consequently should go through to the play-off rounds.

The clubs junior hockey teams are going through a cycle of rebuilding its playing strength and therefore do not be discouraged by this year's result. Next year you will be a force that will compete very well.

Our women's teams are also gaining in strength following on from last year's win and promotion, they are competing exceptionally well.

#### QBT celebration evening

The club celebrated with the two teams - Mens A hockey and Women's netball, their success at the NZISA QBT tournament in June. Once again, congratulations to the two teams on that accomplishment.

#### Age group hockey representative result

Congratulations also to the age group hockey representatives - men's and women's under-18, men's under-18 development and the under-16 boys all won their tournaments. The under 16 girls and under -16 girls development team finished a creditable third.

#### T&G Shield challenge

Central Districts ISC has withdrawn their challenge, and the next challenger by rotation Wellington B have also withdrawn their challenge owing to lack of players. North Harbour next in line can now lodge a challenge. We are waiting for a response from them.

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### **Saluting the past**

The NZISA Queens Birthday tournaments have always been keenly contested and very well supported. In the past when the events were held in Wellington, the Auckland teams and supporters assembled on Friday evening at the Central Railway station. Travellers would hire pillows and a blanket for the 12-hour train journey. The train would stop at all stations on its route, picking up passengers, many of whom would be players and supporters from other clubs namely Pukekohe ISC and Waikato ISC.

The carriages were not insulated the small slide windows and unsealed carriage doors created a cold draft making it an uncomfortable trip, particularly cold as you passed around Mt Ruapehu and the region covered in heavy snow. To help lift spirits there was a sing along or jokes from supporters who also brought along some warming up tonic.

Around midnight the train would stop at Taumaranui for refreshments –hot tea or if you were quick you could run into the town centre, get yourself a hamburger, sprint back to catch the train.

Arriving in Wellington at 7.00am after a restless night, a host would take you to their house as a billet, this way one met families and made new friends in the process. Next, it was off to the grounds to play as many as six games during the weekend which was physically hard on the body. After the tournament, it was the same train trip home and back in time for work at 8.00 am Monday morning.

These were great experiences and cherished by all who attended.

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### **Last months quiz section**

**Cricket Quiz:** A NZ player commonly known by his nickname "six pack" – What is his name and was his best skill?

**Answer:** Dipak Patel, played 37 test matches and 75 one internationals and is a right arm off-break specialist.

**Hockey Quiz:** He is the new captain of the Black Sticks and played for AISC last year.

**Answer:** Philip Burrows- nickname Boner. Phil has played 216 Internationals.

### **Cricket Quiz:**

What year did the club win its first cricket championship?

### **Hockey Quiz:**

What year did the club enter its first junior hockey teams in the Auckland Hockey competition?

### **Trophies**

Planning is underway for end of season prizegiving events. Trophies that the club won in the AHA competition must to be returned to the club. Individual club trophies also handed back to the team managers to return to the club.

### Remember only winners get rewards

**Club Service Awards** – nomination forms for eligible candidates sent last month for members to make nominations of club members past and present so they can receive deserving recognition for their contribution to the club. Please complete and return to the club as soon as possible.

**Jayanti Keshaw**  
**President**

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## AISC MENS CHAMP 3A – ADELAIDE FUNDRAISER



**Date:** 22<sup>ND</sup> August 2009

**Where:** Balmoral Bowling Club

**Cost:** \$20.00 includes Dinner, Dessert, Door Prizes & Entertainment (A Tribute to Michael Jackson)

**ALL BLACK vs AUSTRALIA** on the big SCREEN.

Bar available at RSA/Bowling club prices.

**ENTRY TICKET ONLY** - PH -HUD 0274-798-045 for tickets.

See you all there.

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## Membership & Participation Portfolio

Hi Everyone,

Well who would have thought we are nearly at the end of the competition with a number of teams in the top 4 of there competition it going to be another interesting finish for all our teams.

Congratulations to all our junior representative players selected to play in the Rep tournaments this is a fantastic achievement for you personally and the club you represent.

The Men's champ 3A are having a Fundraising event at the Balmoral Bowling club. The team is off to the Festival of Hockey in Adelaide, Australia and invites all members to attend the fundraiser on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2009.

Lastly the club is looking for volunteers for our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2011. We need a large number of past and present members to help in a number of areas for this major milestone of the club. If you have a particular skill or talent please forward you name to myself or the club's E-mail address for us to collate and than co-ordinate sub committees accordingly.

That's all for now folks

**Jay Dheda.**

**Membership & Participation Director**

## Junior Hockey Report

We have been having some great hockey weather lately. Some warm clear sunny days have made hockey playing and watching a little more pleasant. We are more than half way through the season and it's great to see the junior teams playing with enthusiasm. Would you believe it, spring is just 3 weeks away! Following are updates of how the teams are doing so far.

### **Div 11 Keshaw (Silver)**

The Team consisting of new and young players has been put through a major test of playing in the top junior division and has suffered some big defeats. Overall they have tried their hardest but are still developing and I think will show promise in years to come. Having the experience now of what the big time is like; we can only be better for it into the future. Overall our size and skill level has not been good enough to compete

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in the higher grades and the physical presence of the opposition has been quite daunting at times. The team has had the success of a few Rep players, Jay Chauhan making the Hatch cup Development Team, Ashish K, Ajay S and Chhaya N making the Year 5 & 6.

Also I would like to thank Rakesh Parsottom for organizing the Players from the Prem 1 Team for coming out and taking the kids for a session during the Holiday's. It was quite a Buzz to have you guys out there, which was enjoyed by all the kids involved. Also thanks to Sailesh Vaidya for coming out and giving one on one Goalkeeper training.

### **Kiran and Anita**

### **D8 Pancha (Gold)**

As the season has progressed I do believe we need to strengthen our players with basic skills over and over and allow some consistency of players in regular positions so that they can learn their positional play. Unfortunately we are in a grade that I believe we can either swim or sink very quickly, just in a few moments of switching off. Goals are conceded very quickly, for instance in the last game we won the second half but fell asleep in the first half quite possibly shell shocked. In this grade the other teams are too good to go to sleep on.

I do believe our team has heaps of potential and guts and are learning what it takes to compete with players in teams that have built up rapport and developed over the last 2-3 seasons as a team. **Overall I am extremely proud of the players development to date.** I am a firm believer of strong performance regardless if we win or loose games

I was disappointed when we play poorly as a team in periods and have goals conceded very quickly against us because I know we are better and capable of holding our own with our skill level and I **have seen the team play well in periods** and need to build on that. We seem to fall down in **decision-making** play and are on the back foot very quickly. Player to player, team to team we can compete and perform, we must instil confidence in the kids and get the best out of them to their potential and focus on that and with time and patience we will develop as an awesome unit.

On a positive note **Mehul Patel, Devan Narsai, Jaiman Soma and Krishan Patel** were selected for the Western Division Rep team, Well done boys!

### **Suresh Patel**

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### **D11 Kesry (Red)**

The team seems like it's finally coming together after a string of losses. In the last few games the players have been passing well between themselves, defending hard and have had a 'never give up' attitude. This has led the team to have some encouraging wins. The game played on the 8<sup>th</sup> Aug was quite exciting with goals going back and forth between the 2 teams, with our team coming out on top, winning by 3-2. A well deserved win! Keep it up team. If you play as a team you will win as a team!! On the social side of things, we also had a team bowling session, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed!

### **Vanita Morar**

### **D8 Lala (Red)**

At the beginning of the season we only had 6 players and it looked like we wouldn't be able to put a team together. We managed to find another 2 players and started in the Blue Grade, which was too high for the skills of our first time D8 players. We lost all our Blue Grade games in Round 1. Once we regraded down to the Red Grade the team have done much better winning almost every game.

### **Sadhana Patel**

### **Minis VB Patel**

The team is progressing nicely. They are certainly having fun and playing some nice hockey. It is good to see them all try their best and enjoy themselves.

### **Vijay Dahya**

### **Minis Kanji**

Hiya all! Our newly established Minis Team – Kanji are well and truly underway. We have played a few games now and although we have yet to win a game we are having fun and learning to play together as a team. The kids have picked up a few new skills and confidence is growing thanks to the efforts of Sailesh (Sai) and Vijay at practices. A big Thank you to the parents for all your support and encouragement!!!

### **Gita & Dharmesh**

### **Team Member Items**

I live and breathe hockey. In Australia I used to play goalkeeper. Pretty much everyone in my family plays hockey and so I believe hockey runs in my blood. I love playing hockey, I try and play hockey as much as I can in my free time. I'm not the best hockey player, but I do try my best, and I know with practice I will become a better player. I think that hockey is a great sport and I'm really proud to be apart of it. **By Hamish Patel (D8)**

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My hobbies are hockey and crystals. Zac Power Mega Missions are my favourite books. Lego is one of my favourite toys. Run-escape is my favourite game on the computer. I like my XBOX out of all. I like playing soccer too. I like my neighbours and also enjoy the cinemas. **By Jayden Metha (D8)**

I love playing sports. It is cool to get to know the Auckland and different Hockey fields. I like my coach and manager. I have learnt lot from the games and playing in the right position. I enjoy playing computer and PSP games too. I have a lot of games. **By Anand Bhikharidas (D8)**

I was sitting in front of the smart board as my teacher scrolled down the daily notices. I saw the winner of the 'CD cover design' that will be on the Blockhouse Bay Intermediate School's greatest hits CD. Then my heart stopped beating. The winner of the CD cover competition was ME!!! I was flattered. Ten minuets after that, the music teacher came into my room and gave me a thirty dollar gift voucher to use at the CD and DVD store. Once again I was flattered. **By Ameesh Morar (D11)**

### **Websites**

Check out these web sites for more information

[www.aisc.org.nz](http://www.aisc.org.nz) – Auckland Indian Sports Club

[www.akhockey.org.nz](http://www.akhockey.org.nz) – Auckland Hockey

**Junior Co-ordinator: Ramesh Bhana 0274 711 759 or 274 6993**  
[ramesh5922@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:ramesh5922@yahoo.co.nz)

Parents are welcome to offer assistance in any capacity. If there is anyone, or you know of anyone interested in coaching, managing or umpiring please contact Ramesh Bhana.

*If you wish to add an item to the Junior section of the newsletter, submit to [vanitamorar@hotmail.com](mailto:vanitamorar@hotmail.com) by the last day of each month.*

**Vanita Morar 021 184 8887 or 627 3405**

### **The End**

If you have an item of interest to your fellow club members please submit to Varsha ([varsha.patel@ihug.co.nz](mailto:varsha.patel@ihug.co.nz)) by the end of the first week of each month to be included in that month's newsletter.

Please find **attached Club Service Nomination Forms**.

That's it for this month folks.

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