



Manawatu Badminton AGM - Development Report for 2019

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JUNIOR & SCHOOL BADMINTON

Shuttle Time Programme

In 2019, our Shuttle Time Coordinator, Joshua Curry, continued to deliver coaching activities to schools within the Manawatu. The quality of the programme and success of its impact continues to feed through into our clubs, representative teams and schools competitions. There were 1956 participants that received an average of 6 sessions per participant. The time constraints and demand on Josh has led to the MBA to utilise the coaching capability of the GM and upskill other local coaches to assist with the delivery of Shuttletime in late 2019 and into 2020. We have created an excellent working relationship with Cornerstone Christian School which has helped us have a presence in the Kelvin Grove area of Palmerston North. We believe this is a good catchment area as it is full of families and thus new potential players.

Participation		Shuttle Time lessons/activities delivered	Participants				Total numbers	
			Male	Female	Total	number with disability	No. of sessions per participant	Total number of participant sessions
Massey Kids Club - Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	24	26	50		1	50
Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 11-22	9	6	15		12	180
College Street Normal School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	60	60	120		4	480
Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	23	26	49		8	392
Longburn Adventist College	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 13-18	8	12	20		8	160
Levin School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	20	20	40		4	160
Winchester School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	4	2	6		1	6
Festival of Cultures	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	20	20	40		1	40
Carncot School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	4	8	12		1	12
Kairanga School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	13	12	25		1	25
Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 11-22	9	8	17		12	204
Manawatu Home Educators	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 13-18	10	11	21		5	105
College Street Normal School	Clive Richardson	Lessons 1-10	14	10	24		7	168
Queen Elizabeth College	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 11-22	7	6	13		5	65
Our Lady of Lourdes School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	25	25	50		4	200
Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 11-22	10	11	21		12	252
Longburn Adventist College	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	25	25	50		4	200
College St Normal School	Joshua Curry/James Veitch	Lessons 1-10	90	90	180		4	720
PNINS (Aims)	Joshua Curry	Lessons 11-22	2	0	2		5	10
PNINS (classes)	Joshua Curry/James Veitch	Lessons 1-10, 11-22	59	61	120		6	720
Somerset Crescent School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	130	134	264		6	1584
Cornerstone Christian School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	60	60	120		3	360
Hokowhitu School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	6	4	10		2	20
Cornerstone Christian School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	2	6	8		2	16
Hokowhitu School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	160	160	320		5	1600
Ignite Sport Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	10	11	21		1	21
Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 11-22	16	12	28		12	336
Cornerstone Christian School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	10	10	20		9	180
PNINS	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	60	60	120		4	480
After School Badge Classes	Joshua Curry/James Veitch/Cassandra Feasey	Lessons 1-10	15	15	30		6	180
PN Junior Club	Steve Bastow/Trevor Jones/Ji Zhang	Lessons 1-10	22	18	40	1	30	1200
Sanson School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	10	10	20		2	40
PNINS (comp practice)	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 11-22	40	40	80		9	720
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Total			977	979	1956	1	196	10886
				50%		0%		5.6
			<i>female participants</i>		<i>PWD participants</i>		<i>sessions per participant</i>	

For the first time 6 week Shuttle Time after school badge classes were run during Term 4 making use of the Cornerstone facility. Students tick off a list of tasks at each level in order to achieve their badge (medal). This was to improve the transition of aspiring junior reps as well as to offer non rep coaching for social players. The program was a huge success with 30 participants from 7 different schools. Plans have been made to continue running these classes in all 4 Terms for 2020.



Josh has facilitated Shuttle Time coaching courses. Two courses were planned for 2019, however only 1 ended up running, in March 2019. This course was well attended with 7 participants (1 junior rep, 1 rep support coach, 3 club volunteers and 2 teachers). This extended our Shuttle Time numbers into the largest local junior club, as well as provided a basic intro to coaching for 2 junior support coaches. The second course was scheduled for later in the year to help promote Shuttle in Dannevirke, but 2 subsequent dates fell through and this has been scheduled for early/mid 2020.



Josh: "For me Our Lady of Lourdes was my favourite school to coach at. The students are excellently behaved, super enthusiastic about badminton and we had a lot of fun. It was my second year at the school so those returning students knew what to expect hence we quickly got into the swing of things and finished on a high with some intense class competitions. Sadly we only did 4 sessions per class but the school is keen to have me back for possibly even a whole term in 2020".



School Holiday Programmes 2019

This is a school holiday Shuttle Time based programme aimed at children between 7 to 18 years old, with an emphasis on improvement and skill development. The programmes are 3 or 4 days long, held at PNINS and divided into beginner (morning) and advanced (afternoon) sessions. Thanks goes to Josh for his hard work in organising and delivering. This continues to be a great feeder for our U13 junior reps with 20 of the 26 that trialled for 2020 having taken part at some point in one of our School Holiday programs and 10 of those in 2019 alone.

- Programme 1: 23-25 January 16 participants
- Programme 2: 15-18 April 17 participants
- Programme 3: 16-19 July 21 participants
- Programme 4: 8-11 October 22 participants



Junior Development Committee

The JDC runs the junior representative programme here in Palmerston North. The JDC is made up of a voluntary group of coaches and parents and meets up ~8 times per year. Our Representative squads run from March to September annually and we run trials in March. Upon selection the players are divided up by age groups U13s, U15s, U17s and U19s; weekly training is on Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 5.30pm-7.30pm in CET Arena Manawatu/PNINS. In 2020 we had 7 junior teams (50 players) that play in various competitions throughout the country. We take part in the Central Regions Team Competition from April-June and the NZ Junior Teams Championships in July annually. Our teams all have volunteer coaches and managers for these competitions and sometimes for new parents this is a learning curve!

Chairperson Report - Ian Stuart

WOW! What a season we've had, didn't it just fly by!

I hope players and parents/supporters have had a great season. I'd like to thank all, we all live busy lives and sometimes it isn't easy being at a certain place at a certain time, but your efforts and support is invaluable as always.

It's been great to see the JDC grow this year, a lot more parent involvement than previous years which makes things so much easier for everyone and contributes to you guys having fun and being successful out there on court. Thanks to the entire committee for the work you do, without you all this simply wouldn't happen.

Likewise, our coaches all give up their time to coach you guys because they're passionate about badminton and love to see the progression you guys make through the years. Please put your hands together for you marvellous coaches!

This year Carol Mansfield replaces me as Treasurer for the JDC which I really appreciated, it came at a perfect time for me, thank you so much Carole for the excellent job you are doing for us all.

How did we go this season? Over all pretty good I think, some of the highlights are...

Central Regions

u13 - Manawatu 1 = 2nd place

u15 - Manawatu 1 = 2nd place

u17 - Manawatu 1 = 1st Place

u19 - Manawatu 1 = 2nd place

u19 - Manawatu 2 = 1st place

NZJTC

u13 Team 1 = 7th division 1

u13 Team 2 = 6th division 2 (14th overall)

u13 Team 3 = 7th division 2 (15th overall)

u15 Team 1 = 8th division 1

u15 Team 2 = 8th division 2 (16th overall)

u17 Team = 5th division 1

u19 Team = 2nd division 2 (8th overall)



I'd also like to congratulate Lucas and Matthew for being part of the June Bevan team who competed in Adelaide earlier this year. This is a U17 competition that Central Regions sends a team or two to every year and I would encourage all players to have a serious think about targeting this event.

We've had some juniors who individually have had some great success this year, you'll hear a bit more about that from their coaches during the awards.

As a committee the JDC are very proud to have three players that have been invited to the selection camp in their respective age group for the 2020 NZ Squad. Well done and good luck Phoebe (selected for U15 national squad), Isabella (selected for U17 national squad) and Christina.

Finally, as always, the end of the junior season means we lose some players who have been part of this group for a long time. I'd like to wish Jason, Jason, William all the very best for the years ahead and thank you for being such a great bunch of young gentlemen to manage over the last few years.



Term 1 Schools Competition (Years 5-8) February – April

This year saw a further increase in the numbers of teams and players entering our Year 5-8 schools competition, up to 75 teams from 12 schools, representing 180 players. All grades were mixed genders based on the ability of each team. The competition lasted for 7 weeks and we had 8 Divisions in total. As always, there was a huge amount of support from the teachers and parents and I'd like to thank them for all their hard work!



Terms 2 & 3 Schools Competition (Years 9-13) June – September

The disruptions at the Arena necessitated a significant change in format to this competition, which ran from mid-way through Term 2 until end of Term 3. Despite the disruption, we had 64 teams enter our secondary schools competition in 2019. This saw the introduction of tournament software to run one of our major events. The trial was successful, with students happy to be able to check draws and results online at will. The teams represented 9 different schools, although total numbers of players decreased slightly on the previous year to just under 300 students. The competition ran for 11 weeks and we had 6 divisions with teams playing-off for placing. As always, there was a huge amount of support from the teachers and parents and I'd like to thank them for all their hard work! On a positive note we have secured the same Monday slot for 2020 and are running an additional Secondary school 'Youth League', where we plan incorporate singles.



Term 3 Schools Competition (Years 4-6) August – September

This was the 5th year MBA have held our Primary Schools Competition, aimed at increasing participation in younger school children, who then carry this through to intermediate, secondary schools and local clubs. The aim is to also identify possible future junior reps and help their understanding of competition. We had 14 teams from 6 schools enter the competition Teams played 8 weeks of badminton in a one league round robin format. There was a huge amount of support from the teachers and many parents came down to support their children.



Term 4 Schools Competition (Years 7-8) October – December

This was the 12th annual Intermediate Schools Competition and numbers increased yet again, up to 75 teams representing 8 schools. The competition ran for 6 weeks and included 7 divisions (4 boys & 3 girls). Teams were made up of 2 players and played both singles and doubles. This year saw another shift in the ratio of girls playing with 33 girls teams and 42 boys teams. Many players expressed their desire to keep playing either in school, a club or as a Rep.





Manawatu U13 Open – 16 March

A one-day Badminton NZ sanctioned competition run by MBA at the Arena, alongside the Manawatu Open. A fantastic turnout of 34 players took part, of which only 5 were from the Manawatu. It was a full day of play with all 5 events running, as well as 3 plates. Overall, a great success, made possible with volunteers Richard & Danielle Skarott and referee Janice Cudby.

Manawatu U15 & U19 Open – 7 April

Two one-day Badminton NZ sanctioned junior competitions run concurrently by MBA at the newly built gym at Cornerstone Christian School. A total of 34 players took part, with a disappointing 9 in the U19 Open and a healthy 25 players in the U15 Open. A very full day of play, including all 5 u15 events and 3 plates as well as 2 u19 events and 1 plate. Manawatu were well represented and clinched 5 out of the 7 titles on offer. Once again, a huge thank you to Richard Skarott who volunteered helping to run the day.



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Affiliated Clubs

Not all clubs have returned players numbers yet, making it difficult to draw any trends or conclusions compared to last year. As with previous years, some of the variation can be accounted for in the guesswork used to track players numbers, particularly around casuals. With the national and global trend towards casualisation of badminton and sport in general, clubs will need to adapt and both offer a more flexible membership and better track numbers of players. The split between Massey & United has altered the full vs casual membership trends. The change in structure and membership for Massey has also resulted in a huge increase in full memberships, skewing any trends. After some discussion, Massey affiliated this year and we hope this partnership continues.

Clubs		2019		2018		2017		2016		2015	
		Full Members	Casual Members	Full Members	Casual Members	Full Members	Casual Members	Full Members	Casual Members	Full Members	Casual Members
Monrad	Seniors			21	14	15	24	26	10	34	0
	Juniors			4	0	2	4	2	4	2	0
PNBC	Seniors	53	10	29	30	53	40	43	60	36	60
	Juniors	22		27	1	26	0	25	0	24	0
Massey	Seniors	85									
	Juniors										
Masters	Seniors			11	7	14	14	10	20	11	0
	Juniors			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rainbow	Seniors			9	18	8	8	8	8	15	8
	Juniors			20	61	30	52	30	52	45	66
United (pre-2018 Massey)	Seniors	8	20	11	94	27	70	43	50	41	30
	Juniors			4	0	11	10	12	10	10	0
Totals	Seniors	146	30	81	163	117	156	130	148	137	98
	Juniors	22	0	55	62	69	66	69	66	81	66
	Total	168	30	136	225	186	222	199	214	218	164

Manawatu Open – 15 & 16 March

We ran the Manawatu Open 2019 alongside the Manawatu u13 Open at the Arena. In total 60 players entered the senior competition, in which all 5 events run as well as all 5 plates. Players competed from all over New Zealand, totalling 9 associations.

Thursday Night Badminton League

The ever-popular Thursday Night Badminton League ran for 7 rounds of between 4-6 weeks during 2019, with an average of 26 teams per round. This is another (slight) year-on-year decrease, without any common themes linking team withdrawals. Even so, the competition remains a major fixture in the weekly calendar of almost all local competitive badminton players, including many beginner and non-rep players. The competition also remains almost as profitable, with decreased teams and decreased overheads. However, the goal is to reach a consistent 32-team competition, maximising our venue hire and available court space. Plans have been put in place to engage, coach and encourage more players into badminton, through a MBA activities and Clubs to play TNBL regularly.

Senior Representative Programme

This year saw Manawatu represented in the top division in Super Vets, and the Vets 1 team winning Division 2! Below is a list of every team, player and their final placing the each division. Overall it was a good season for the Green Machine, with all teams either remaining in their divisions or being promoted.

The MBA would also like to thank Michelle Boudreau for organising the fantastic end of year casino night, of which many senior reps attended.

Teams:

- Senior 1 Division 3 **7th Place**
 - Josh Curry (Manager), William Feasey, Jason Lau, Ben Mcewen, Chris Sharrock, Wayne Young, Emily Beard, Chloe Benadie, Isabella Chen, Fiona Miller, Chanel Shum, Christina Stuart, Helen Su.
- Senior 2 Division 5 **4th Place**
 - Paul Foxall, Jason Liu, Chris Mcewen, Sujay Prabakar, Jamie Sanson, James Veitch (Manager), Cassandra Feasey, Jessica Rich, Danielle Skarott, Jovanah Smith, Rose Wapp.
- Masters 1 Division 2 **8th Place**
 - Shane Ogier, Sujay Prabakar, David Reardon, David Rogers, Malcolm Taylor, Wayne Young (Manager), Michelle Boudreau, Claire James, Fiona Miller, Christina Moon, Rose Wapp.
- Masters 2 Division 5 **5th Place**
 - Steve Arathoon, Dave Austin, Greg Busch, Paul Foxall, Sandeep Gupta, Kooi Tan, Sonya Birchler, Janice Cudby, Kim Hildred (Manager), Jo Smith, Pui-Ching Tan.
- Vets 1 Division 2 **1st Place**
 - Simon Allan, Greg Busch, Shane Ogier, Dave Rogers, Michelle Boudreau, Claire James (Manager), Jo Smith, Rose Wapp.
- Vets 2 Division 4b **5th Place**
 - Ian Angove, Matheus Batlajeri, Mark Dobson, Nick Miller, Kooi Tan, Rosemary Asplin, Janice Cudby, Suzie Hilbourne, Jo Smith, Pui-Ching Tan (Manager).
- Super Vets Division 1 **6th Place**
 - Simon Allan (Manager), Ian Angove, Nick Miller, Shane Ogier, Rosemary Asplin, Janice Cudby, Sue Mcdowell, Mary Roberts, Jo Smith.



Sport Manawatu Whanau Fit Programme

Manawatu Badminton got involved in Sport Manawatu Whanua Fit programme in both the Dannevirke and Foxton areas. The program is designed to give local communities access to a range of sports during the year to keep active while promoting a healthy lifestyle. As a part of a Racket Sports module Josh went to deliver 2 sessions each to a group of 30 participants in Dannevirke and 15 in Foxton. Sport Manawatu were incredibly impressed with how the badminton sessions were run and enjoyed by all participants. After the Foxton session Sport Manawatu gave us feedback that when participants had a choice between racket sports for the final night of their program they all unanimously chose badminton to do as the most enjoyable!!



Para-Badminton

James and Josh participated in a Badminton NZ led Para Badminton weekend workshop in February. This involved learning about interacting with Para athletes, coaching para athletes and how to get Para players involved in our sport. As a result a Para Badminton 'Have a go' evening was run in March which 3 participants attended. Oliver Linton (far left in photo) was one of those three that attended. He has been training weekly with Josh for the entire 2019 working towards the Oceania championships early 2020 where won a silver medal in his SL3 singles class!



FUNDRAISING

We continued to fundraise in 2019. Our Racket stringing service continues to create income for the association with particular thanks to our stringer Richard Skarott.

The professionalism and quality of our competitions also attracts schools players and players from the wider community.

Thursday Night Badminton League continues to be our biggest revenue earner, again thanks to Richard for administering this every Thursday. The income from our other competitions (day-events and schools competitions) also assists with funding our association.

Yonex rackets and grips were also available to buy from the MBA and this provides us with some extra income for our activities.

A huge thankful must go out to the following trusts and charities for their support in 2019:



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Lastly, a the biggest thank you must go to all the volunteers, coaches, managers, clubs, committee members and players who enable us to deliver badminton to the community and keep coming back for more!

THANK YOU!