



Badminton Manawatu AGM - Development Report for 2022

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Here are some of our highlights in 2022 – it's been a very busy year for us in the Manawatu. We have again invested time and effort in our rohe this year and continued to provide events, competitions and appropriate opportunities for all to participate. Thanks to our staff and team of volunteers that never fail to support and help grow the aroha of the game of badminton. Thanks also must go to Badminton New Zealand for their continued and valued support of our association.

Junior Reps Season - Sandra

What a busy season we've had we a sense of normality almost back in sport – lots of teams events and individual tournaments that players participated in. Great interest in coaching and good attendance all year from our players. 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. How lucky were we to get through most of the year even with COVID hitting staff, coaches, players, parents, families, badminton organisers throughout the country etc. We successfully applied for funding has also helped us to heavily subsidize this Representative programme – huge thanks to PUB CHARITY for assisting with hall hire, entry fees, shuttles. And MASONIC YOUTH FUND for assisting with entry fees.



Some of our HIGHLIGHTS

(u13/u15/u17/u19) began in February and 64 players selected:

- ✓ Training weekly Tuesdays in Arena and Cornerstone
- ✓ Due to high interest with 38 trialists, we added an extra u13 development squad with 12 members
- ✓ Girls Development Squad started in Term 2 and took place before Dev Squad on Thursdays in Rainbow Club – thanks Cassandra Feasey lead coach and Phoebe, Yutong, Isabella, Amy!
- ✓ Players taking part in individual tournaments – you are amazing to us. Well done for your bravery, spirit and court etiquette
- ✓ Central Regional teams – Manawatu had by far the most in any CR association with 12 teams taking part. Amazing effort especially when we had some COVID disruptions to coaches and players in first half of season.
- ✓ NZ Junior Teams Champs in July school holidays and we had 7 teams.
- ✓ Isabella Chen reaching NZ National ranking of No.1 in singles, doubles and mixed doubles
- ✓ U15 and U19 squad group going to Hawkes Bay
- ✓ Proud of all Manawatu players that played in NZ Nationals



Thanks to the entire committee/coaching squad for the work you do, without you all this simply wouldn't happen. Our coaches and managers all give up their time to coach/manage teams because they're passionate about badminton and love to see the progression made through the years.

Results:

2022 Central Regions

u13 Finals had 14 teams

Manawatu 1 = 1st Div 1

Manawatu 2 = 4th Div 1

Manawatu 3 = 4th Div 2

Manawatu 4 = 1st Div 3

Manawatu Boys = 2nd Div 3



u15 Finals had 7 teams

Manawatu 1 = 2nd

Manawatu 2 = 5th

u17 Finals had 8 teams

Manawatu 1 = 3rd Div 1

Manawatu 2 = 3rd Div 2

u19 Finals had 9 teams

Manawatu 1 = 2nd Div 1

Manawatu 2 = 4th Div 2

Manawatu 3 = 5th Div 2



2022 NZ Junior Teams Champs

u13 1 = 1st Division 2

u13 2 = 4th Division 2

u13 3 = 7th Division 2

u15 = 5th Division 2

u17 = 5th Division 2

u19 Team 1 = 6th Division 1

u19 Team 2 = 4th Division 2



NZJTC was a great experience again this year/well done to BNZ for a very successful tournament.

As a committee the JRC are very proud to have players that are invited to trial for NZ Squads and to train with our CR Development Camps – we hope that you enjoy and learn throughout these

experiences. The Manawatu badminton community continues to prove that we can compete with all of New Zealand and we must continue to work together, train together, challenge each other and make every training session count.

Finally, as always, the end of the junior season means we lose some U19 players - We'd like to wish David, Isabella, Amy, Leo, Lucas, Pea, Joanne and anyone else heading off to Uni all the very best for the years ahead and thank you for being such a great bunch of young players and a pivotal part of the Manawatu Junior Reps.





Senior Reps Season

MBA selected five teams to represent Manawatu in 2022. Two in Senior Div, 1 Masters, 1 Vets and 1 Super-vets. We started the season with trials and got together a number of selectors for the different age groups. The I-A ties kicked off in April and ended in September. We have also bid farewell and Bon Voyage to one of our longest standing Manawatu Rep Players, Simon Allan - Thanks for your sportsmanship, questionable serving and all the memories!



Senior 1
Men: Wei Lim, William Feast, Nathan Lau, Chris Sharrock, David Wu.
Women: Isabella Chen, Phoebe Young, Christina Stuart, Amy Su, Ying Han Ng.

Senior 2
Men: Sandeep Gupta, Kenny Giovani, Paul Foyall, Larry Young, Lucas Richardson.
Women: Jessica Rich, Danielle Skarrott, Yujin Lee, Jamie Choi, Sophie Shaw.

Reserves
Emily Beard, Malcolm Taylor, Wynn Llana, Jot Shin.



Super-Vets Team
Men: Simon Allan, Ian Angove, Shane Ogier, David Visser.
Women: Rosemary Asplin, Janice Cudby, Sue McDowell, Jo Smith.

Reserves

Masters Team
Men: Sandeep Gupta, Sujay Prabakar, Dylan Roberts, James Veitch, Wayne Young.
Women: Michelle Boudreau, Sandra Lynch, Fiona Miller, Tina Moon, Rose Wapp.

Reserves
Campbell Dodds, Warren Parker.



Vets Team
Men: Simon Allan, Greg Busch, Gary Teague, Wayne Young.
Women: Michelle Boudreau, Hazel Davies-Howard, Claire James, Rose Wapp.

Reserves
Dave Austin

Manawatu might not have a team in Wis/Slaz (Div 1 & 2 Inter-Association) yet, but some of our players are competed nonetheless! A huge well done to David Wu, Isabella Chen and Phoebe Young who played for Waikato, Wellington North and Wellington, respectfully!

All three picked up medals after winning a heap of games:

- Slaz 🏆 - David

- Slaz 🏆 - Isabella

- Slaz 🏆 - Phoebe



Clubs, Schools and Events

Affiliated Clubs

Not all clubs have returned players numbers to MBA, making it difficult to draw any trends or conclusions on numbers. COVID continued to impact the clubs as some others lost their venues under various Alert Levels. MBA decided to absorb the club portion of affiliation fees and as a result there was no fees charged to the clubs in 2022. Congrats to the Masters clubs, PN Badminton Club, Rainbow Club and Massey United Manawatu Badminton Club for surviving another challenging year. 2023 is sure to bring more disruption to play as we navigate COVID but we will do our best to provide safe playing opportunities for our community.



Competitions and Sanctioned Events

Manawatu ABCD Champs 2022 was the largest individual tournament run by Badminton Manawatu (excluding hosting national events). We ran 18 events with 126 entries over the two days. The high participation in the Manawatu ABCD Champs vindicates the decision to run the event once again. Additionally, the high (and growing) participation numbers year-on-year demonstrates the demand for the event.

The Manawatu Senior and U13 Open 2022 saw around 75% of participants not from Palmerston North, which is higher than in previous years. U13s ran 7 events and had 28 entries and the Senior Open ran 8 events with 49 entries. If local player entries were not abnormally low for this tournament, then this could have been the biggest sanctioned tournament run in the Manawatu. This event was run during a time of COVID resurgence in March 2022.

A new event that we were asked to manage was the Pistang Pilipino 2022 held on Labour weekend in Palmerston North; hosted by the Philippine Central Association, Inc. It has been especially designed to be a fun-filled three-day celebration from October 21 to 23. There were 12 events played with over 100 players from around NZ taking part. Great atmosphere and great fun had by all!





MBA continues to administer the Central Regions Badminton programme and generally deals with Junior Events. James is the co-ordinator, and the role is funded by 10 associations, Badminton NZ and NZCT has provided some funding in 2022. Localised and Regional junior team comps make up the bulk of the logistical work during the season. Junior Development and Coach Development has been prioritised also in 2022 with camps run throughout the region. James offers a level of professionalism to the CR group and ensures open communication and updated information for the associations.

Congratulations to Greg Busch and Simon Lin (WN) for achieving the status of Oceania Accredited Umpire following their assessment at the YONEX Sydney International.



This well deserved recognition highlights the hard work that both Greg and Simon have put into officiating our sport and ensuring an outstanding player experience. Well done! Janice Cudby is hoping to gain qualification soon and needs to complete her final assessments.

We would like to say a big thank you to our volunteer officials for assisting us to continue to deliver quality local events – Janice, Richard and Greg. Another thanks to Sport Manawatu and the Palmerston North City Council for their investment which enables us to attract participants from all over New Zealand.



Schools

It was another full and successful year for school competition participation, offering a structured and social opportunity for school aged players to continue playing outside of school. The in-school and after-school Shuttle Time programme helps to generate interest in playing badminton, strengthening the pathway within primary and intermediate schools into our school competitions.

2022 School Competition Numbers			
Term 1 Yr 5678	Term 2 Sec	Term 3 Pri	Term 4 Int
1 8x Carnot	7x Awatapu	1x Carnot	8x Carnot
2 6x Cornerstone	11x Freyberg	6x CSNS	6x Cornerstone
3 1x LAC	6x LAC	2x Cornerstone	3x LAC
4 2x Parkland	3x Nga Tawa	4x Hokowhitu	6x Monrad
5 40x PNINS	12x PNBHS	3x Parkland	37x PNINS
6 10x Ross	18x PNGHS	1x West End	9x Ross
7 3x St Peters	2x OEC	3x Whakarongo	3x SPC
8 4x Whakarongo	4x SPC		2x Whakarongo
9	1x Waiopehu		
3 person teams	4 person teams	2 person teams	3 person teams
76 teams	64 teams	20 teams	74 teams
234 players	270 players	43 players	225 players
Total		772 players	

The Tu Manawatu Active Aotearoa fund administered through Sport Manawatu enables us to successfully deliver and activate badminton throughout our inactive community groups or schools.

Annual Shuttle Time numbers for 2022

A total of 2654 kids attended over 15,000 sessions! This doesn't include our rep squad numbers. Congrats to Josh and his team of coaches and helpers. Many of our Junior reps in the U17 and U19 age group volunteer as coaches at school holiday programmes or development squads – thank you!



Shuttle Time Report 2022

Participation		Participants				Quantity of participant sessions				
Location of Activity eg XXX school / community / event	Shuttle Time Teacher (Name)	Shuttle Time lessons/activities delivered	Unique individuals		Total	number with disability	sessions per week	weeks in program	No. of sessions per individual	Total number of participant sessions
			Male	Female						
Multisport Holiday Program	Joshua Curry, James Veitch	Lessons 1-10	125	125	250		2	1	2	500
Y-Way Hiwinui	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	10	6	16		1	10	10	160
Badge Classes - Cornerstone	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	20	10	30		1	7	7	210
Ross Intermediate	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	10	12	22		1	7	7	154
Waiopahu College Group 1	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	20	20	40		1	10	10	400
Freyberg Teen Parent Unit	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	0	12	12		1	3	3	36
Highbury Whanau Centre	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	12	6	18		1	3	3	54
Badge Classes - LAC	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10, 13-22	10	3	13		1	7	7	91
Levin Intermediate	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10,19-22	136	136	272		1	3	3	816
Freyberg PE	Joshua Curry, Sandra Lynch	Lessons 13-14	8	8	16		1	4	4	64
Parkland School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	8	2	10		1	4	4	40
College Street Normal School	Joshua Curry, Clive Roberts	Lessons 1-10	60	60	120		1	10	10	1200
Primary & Intermediate Schools Comp.	James Veitch, Sandra Lynch		122	102	224		1	8	8	1792
Secondary Schools Competition	James Veitch, Sandra Lynch		107	145	252		1	12	12	3024
PNINS Aims	Joshua Curry	Lessons 11-22	2	1	3		1	8	8	24
Te Kura O Wairau (Somerset Crescent)	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	100	100	200		2	2	4	800
Waiopahu College Group 2	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-22	15	15	30		1	16	16	480
Waiopahu College Group 3	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	6	14	20		1	1	1	20
College Street Normal School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	60	60	120		1	3	3	360
Hokowhitu School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	4	6	10		1	2	2	20
Badge Classes - Ross Intermediate	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-22	10	6	16		1	7	7	112
Levin North School	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	75	75	150		1	2	2	300
Monrad Intermediate	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	186	189	375	1	1	4	4	1500
Te Aroha Noa Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	18	22	40		1	1	1	40
MBA Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	10	10	20		9	1	9	180
Kelly Sports Holiday Program	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	10	10	20		1	1	1	20
Halberg Games Central	Joshua Curry, Cassandra Fe	Lessons 1-10	25	25	50	50	1	1	1	50
Monrad Intermediate - before school	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	12	12	24		1	2	2	48
YMCA - Youth	Joshua Curry	Lessons 1-10	8	8	16		1	2	2	32
Primary Schools Competition	James Veitch	Lessons 1-10	26	17	43		3	8	24	1032
Intermediate Schools Competition	James Veitch, Sandra Lynch		120	102	222		1	7	7	1554
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Total			1335	1319	2654	51	43			15113
				50%		2%				5.7
			female participants		PWD participants					sessions per participant



SHUTTLE TIME NEW ZEALAND

Shuttle Time is a wonderful programme that aims to give kids of all ages & abilities an enjoyable & accessible badminton experience. Get your kids involved in the world's fastest growing sport sport!

This programme is for children 7 - 18 years.

The Merit/Bronze class is perfect for beginners, while Silver/Gold programs are best if you are looking for a challenge or someone wanting to develop their skills.

Cost: \$10 (incl GST for Cornerstone Students)

For more information about Shuttle Time, visit www.badminton.org.nz

For enquiries about the programme, email enquiries@badminton.org.nz or call 021 0491897

**Shuttle Time Merit/
Bronze/Silver/Gold Classes**

**Time: Fridays,
Merit/Bronze 3.45-4.30pm
Silver/Gold 4.30-5.15pm**

**Venue: Cornerstone
Christian School Gym, 119
Mihaere Drive**

**Date: Feb 18th - Mar 25th
(6 sessions)**





Thursday Night Badminton League

TNBL ran for the entire year, we managed to complete a whopping 9 rounds in total. However, this was only possible with the help and assistance from the Arena as it became available for several extra weeks that we would not normally expect to have. This year saw an increase in the social grades with many new family and school teams taking part. The age range goes from 7 years old to 75 years old and we continue to provide an event that caters for everyone in the rohe, no matter what age or ability. Thanks to our main volunteer Richard Skarott for his time and reporting skills, and those that step in when required.



FUNDRAISING

We continued to fundraise and apply for funding in 2022. Thursday Night Badminton League continues to be our biggest revenue earner, again thanks to James for managing this and Richard for volunteering every Thursday. The income from our other competitions (day-events and schools competitions) also assists with funding the operations of our association.

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. School's competitions have increased year on year even through COVID times showing us that the tamariki and rangatahi have an appetite to participate in this sport. Entry fees for these tournaments assists the association to continue to develop our sport.

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



A new fundraiser that was offered to us in October was to sell Christmas Trees in association with Turflands/MBA coach Gary Teague. We allocated the fundraising efforts to the representative programme and planned a volunteer roster with all available rep players and/or their families. A huge effort throughout November and December proved highly successful and a whole lot of fun! Norwood kindly provided us with a venue on Tremain Avenue and Turflands set up the venue to sell sell! This fundraiser raised over \$10,000 towards representative costs and over \$3,000 towards junior development coaching camps in 2023. Thanks to everyone for being involved especially at the farm and to all those that purchased a tree from us!



A huge thanks must go out to the following trusts and charities for their support in 2022:



Lastly, a the biggest thank you must go to Badminton New Zealand, all our stakeholders, our volunteers, officials, coaches, managers, clubs, committee/Board members and players who enable us to deliver badminton to the community and keep coming back for more!

2023 will prove to be another challenging year with cost of living increases and talks of a recession. We are lucky to have such a loyal and interested community that are always here to support us. We appreciate everyone who has shown us aroha this year and look forward to enjoying some on court fun and shenanigans next season. We will continue to try to offer opportunities to our community and will continue to seek funding to assist participation. Our Board are keen on strategic development in line with Badminton NZ and Sport NZ goal setting. The Board are constantly recruiting and are keen to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved.

Kia Kaha & Nga Mihi

Sandra James and Josh