



Korfball New Zealand Newsletter

November 2005

This is the first newsletter from Korfball New Zealand for some time. As a member or friend of Korfball New Zealand, we will endeavour to keep you more regularly informed through 2006.

AGM Marks Transformation of Organisation

The 2005 Korfball New Zealand AGM was held on 30 October in Nelson. For the annual report from the chair, please see:

<http://korfball.org.nz/archive/ChmnsRpt2005.pdf>

Highlights for the 2004/05 financial year included:

- - Successfully hosting the 2004 Asia Oceania Korfball Championships
- - The establishment of Auckland Korfball and Korfball Canterbury
- - The evolution of Korfball New Zealand from a Canterbury focused organisation to a truly national sporting body, active in the three main centres
- - Achieving recognition from Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC)
- - The development of a national tournament programme, with tournaments in Christchurch in November 2004, Taupo in January 2005, Wellington in May 2005, and subsequently in Auckland in July and Christchurch again in September
- - Formation of a new national squad, with players from all three korfball regions, to prepare for the next Asia Oceania Korfball Championships in 2006.



Action from Canterbury vs Wellington – September 2005

Positive Regional Progress Through the Year

• - **Auckland**

Auckland's first regular korfball competition was completed recently on Sunday afternoons at St Kentigern's College. Auckland Korfball has just marked its first year, holding an AGM on 14 November. Matt Day stood down as chair, but will remain on the committee in coaching and development roles. Kerry Wilson has taken over as chair of Auckland Korfball. To start 2006, Auckland will see New Zealand's first companies korfball tournament on 9 February – picking up on a successful concept that has run in London for the past few years, with corporate teams, mostly made up of beginners, and a strong emphasis on the social side of korfball.

• - **Wellington**

Six Wellington Korfball members recently qualified as referees, following a weekend course taken by Korfball NZ senior referee Ian Harding. Congratulations to Alex Gould, Greig Neilson, Jackie Derwin, Julia Hall, Mike Oppenheim and Raewyn Tse. Wellington Korfball has also been asked to assist organising a korfball challenge between the capital's professional rugby and netball franchises, the Hurricanes and the Shakers in December. This follows previous similar successful events in Canterbury featuring players from the Flames and the Crusaders.

• - **Canterbury**

After a break of a few years, Canterbury's korfball players have enjoyed a return to regular Tuesday evening outdoor korfball at Middleton Park, Riccarton, with eight

teams signing up for the competition, including a number of new players. A session for primary school children has also been running in conjunction with the adult competition, with a lively group of children from four to ten years old enjoying their introduction to the game. A competition for secondary school players also finished recently. Four teams from three local high schools took part – with the vast majority of these young players having their first experience of korfbal.



The youngest NZ korfers – in action in Canterbury

National Squad Preparation

A group of 30 players and officials, drawn from Auckland, Wellington and Canterbury, took part in a weekend camp on 29 and 30 October at Nayland College in Nelson – the second time the squad has visited Nelson following an earlier weekend camp in August. The squad, coached by Tim Asby, has been fortunate to recently secure the services of Helen Timms, of Christchurch, who has considerable business experience and has also served on the executive of Canterbury Netball for a number of years. Helen has been appointed as the manager of the squad.

Players are focused on selection for the New Zealand team that will compete in Hong Kong in July 2006 at the Asia Oceania Korfbal Championships – a qualification event for the 2007 World Championships that will be played in the Czech Republic. A Commonwealth Korfbal Championship is also in prospect in London for mid 2006 – for which squad members are also preparing. A successful Commonwealth korfbal tournament will help make a case for the inclusion of korfbal in the Commonwealth Games in the future.



Members of the national squad at the Nelson training camp

2006 National Tournament Programme

Korfball New Zealand's 2006 National Tournament Programme is in preparation, and subject to a few issues will be as follows:

- - 28/29 January – Taupo (outdoor tournament)
- - May (exact dates to be confirmed) – Christchurch
- - 16/17 September – Wellington
- - 11/12 November – Auckland

Oceania Regional Korfball Championships

Korfball Australia will host the inaugural Oceania Regional Korfball Championships from 11-13 March 2006. This event will include teams at Open, Under 19, Under 16 and Under 13 levels. Teams from Victoria and South Australia will be taking part. Assuming funds can be raised, we intend to send a number of New Zealand regional teams as well.

New Logo Adopted

Korfball New Zealand has officially adopted a new logo (see above). This is an adaptation of the previous logo, with the simple but effective incorporation of a silver fern, plus use of black, white and silver, firmly establishing the image of Korfball New Zealand as a truly national sporting organisation. The new logo was created by

Wellington korfballer Mike Oppenheim. It will be introduced for all official branding uses by Korfball New Zealand at the earliest opportunity.

International Youth Korfball Champs in Christchurch in 2007

The next Asia Oceania Korfball Youth Championship will be held in Christchurch in July 2007. It will be a qualification event for the following year's World Youth Championship, scheduled for Taiwan in 2008. The event is for players born since 1 January 1985. It will be a major organisational challenge for Korfball New Zealand, but promises to be an important showcase for our sport – and will likely attract considerably more than the two visiting teams that participated in the 2004 Asia Oceania Korfball Championship.

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