



TAEKWONDO UNION OF NEW ZEALAND

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*a great deal going on lately finalising (and getting up and running) the 4 TUNZ Poomsae Squads - Upper North (Tauranga), Lower North (Palmerston North), Upper South (Christchurch) and Lower South (Dunedin). Two squads have already run their first trainings, very successfully, and with lots of positive feedback. Another squad this weekend, and another the next! National and regional poomsae directors all organised to cater for the various regions. Remember – this is open to instructors (**great way to stay up to date!**), and those students who want to improve their poomsae for tournaments and gradings. All dates, venues and times, and registration forms, are now posted on the website – but please contact secretary@tunz.net.nz if you require any extra assistance!

*also a great deal has been going on lately to finalise tournament dates and venues. This information is now on the website. TUNZ wants to sincerely thank all those who are involved with the organisation of these tournaments around the country – we know how busy people are, and we really appreciate the time you give to make tournaments work for the rest of the taekwondo community.

*one of the big things to come out of the Instructors' Camp was the formation of the TUNZ Facebook page, and the TUNZ Instructors' Forum group. TUNZ wants to thank the two young athletes who took on this job – they did the job so quickly, and their efforts are fully appreciated! Remember, if you wish to join the Instructors' page, you need to search TUNZ Instructors Forum and ask to join. This page is set up for instructors to feel less isolated and to be able to share successes, failures, ask questions and impart ideas!

*also a big thank you to our website administrator who is really on to keeping this up-to-date. We also appreciate all instructors getting in touch with us when they can't find something on the website, or when they want to bring something to our attention. Thank you!

*work continues on NZETKD formation – the creation of a parent body to help our TUNZ and Sejong athletes get GOLs and GALs (Global official licences and Global athlete licences). Talks continue with Sport New Zealand at this stage.

*TUNZ Executive Council elections are coming up this 27th May at the AGM. At present, these are our elected members:

President: Grant Beel (Green Island TKD, Dunedin)

Vice-President: Mark Tester (Karori TKD, Wellington)

Secretary: Joan Fountain (Taekwondo Manawatu, Palmerston North)
Treasurer: Ken Glassenbury (Tigers TKD, Christchurch)]
Council member: Darryl June (DJ) (Taekwondo Manawatu, Palmerston North)
Council member: Yorick Neal (formerly of Christchurch Olympic TKD)
Council member: vacant

If you are interested in nominating, or being nominated, for these positions (all positions are elected), please contact secretary@tunz.net.nz for further information, or use the nomination forms that will be sent out in the near future.

Forms connected to the meeting and to the election (AGM agenda, nomination forms, voting forms, proxy voting forms) will be sent out in a few weeks time. Please note that TUNZ fees must be paid for you to get optimal votes at the elections.

*the dan examinations' team are in the process of finalising the dan grading schedule, the assessment schedule, and the student log book in order to present the final package to the Executive Council at the meeting in May. A huge thank you to the work put into this by the team, and associated helpers.

Finally – hope everyone's trainings are going well! Please be in touch if you have any comments or concerns. No email unanswered! No such thing as 'stupid questions'!

Kindest regards – Joan
Joan Fountain
Secretary
Taekwondo Union of New Zealand