



TAEKWONDO UNION OF NEW ZEALAND AUGUST 2017

NEWSLETTER

Good morning, All. It's been quite a dramatic winter for many of our members – particularly those in Otago and Southland, and in the Bay of Plenty region. We hope you are all getting property sorted now, and that any damage has not been too great.

- 1) The **TUNZ North Island Invitational Champs** is almost upon us (19 August) – should be a wonderful day in New Plymouth. Thanks to all those from the New Plymouth Club who are putting in so much time to ensure the rest of us have a good weekend.

- 2) The **Otago Poomsae Tournament** – is to be held on Sunday, 3 September – thank you to Green Island Taekwondo for undertaking these tournaments – appreciated by all who attend.

- 3) As I am writing this, **the TUNZ National Invitational Championships** (30 September/1 October) tournament package is almost ready to be sent out. Again, a great deal of work going on down in Wellington to ensure this tournament will run smoothly for all of us. Thanks to all those who are so involved.

- 4) **The TUNZ Black Belt grading schedule** (based on the Kukkiwon grading schedule) is almost at the stage of being sent to the Executive Council for their input. The small committee working on this has tried to include as many ideas and comments from instructors as possible. It is hoped that instructors will get a final draft for comment relatively soon. Please remember, there are no more TUNZ dan gradings (unless this is negotiated with TUNZ due to past delays and special circumstances in Kukkiwon certificate processing) – TUNZ have their own qualified Kukkiwon examiners who must be used at all dan gradings, and all candidates who pass the dan gradings will be Kukkiwon dans. This ensures that if they ever want to be coaches, athletes or officials at events that are greater than TUNZ tournaments, they can apply for their licences and do so. Please contact secretary@tunz.net.nz if you would like to contact a TUNZ Kukkiwon examiner to assist you with a dan grading.

5) NZ TAEKWONDO – Work is currently still being undertaken behind the scenes to ensure that all Taekwondo athletes within New Zealand are recognized by World Taekwondo. We will expect to hear of their decision in the near future and will certainly inform everyone of this outcome.

6) REFEREEING/CORNER JUDGING/SCORING EQUIPMENT SEMINARS – This seminar was attended by about 15 people in the Lower North Island, and feedback was positive. It was strictly a theory session, but athletes, coaches and officials got a lot out of it. The course is due to run in Christchurch on Saturday, 9 September, and in Dunedin on Sunday, 10 September. Parents who have an interest in the computer and the scoring system are welcome! Any questions, please contact secretary@tunz.net.nz

7) Poomsae Squads – the poomsae squads for the 4 TUNZ regions of the country should be fully up and running next year. The Upper South squads did not get off the ground this year, but will in 2018. At a recent meeting, Sam Price (Knox) (TUNZ National Poomsae Director) indicated that next year there will be a “regional team” approach so that all regions are catered for. Sue Keen has been the regional director in the Lower South for the year, and will continue to cater for this region, knowing she has support if she ever requires it. Chloe Ashdown, Sharon Knox and Joan Fountain will also assist Sam in the Upper North, Lower North and Upper South regions.

8) Kukkiwon Examiners’ Course – Canberra, Australia. TUNZ is assisting Sophia Haynes, a 5th dan from the Victoria University Club, to attend this 5 day course in early September. Sophia will report back to TUNZ after the event.

Kind regards – Joan

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