



TAEKWONDO UNION OF NEW ZEALAND July 2017 newsletter

Hello, All – and hope you are all getting through the winter okay. Passed the longest night, so we start to pull the sun back from the northern hemisphere!

1. Congratulations to the Aparima Club for hosting a very successful **TUNZ South Island tournament!** Lots of very positive comments! Thanks to Michelle, Bryan, and the Aparima Club with parents and community for all their hard work!
2. Now the **North Island invitational tournament** in New Plymouth is imminent – please note the last day for getting entries in to the tournament director! Again, a lot of hard work is already being done to ensure this tournament is a success.
3. And don't forget the **Top of the South tournament** coming up on Labour weekend!
4. A very successful **refereeing/corner judging/scoring equipment seminar** was held in Palmerston North last Saturday – 15 participants familiarised themselves with the computer and the electronic sparring gear. All the new rule changes were explained. It is hoped to run two of these seminars now in the South Island in the not too distant future. Thank you so much to our facilitators!
5. The **Examinations committee** is still working away on the dan grading schedule, and a draft copy will soon be sent to the Executive Council, and after that, the draft will be sent out to all instructors and examiners for comment. It has taken quite considerable time to get it to this stage, but we want to ensure we do it right.
6. **NZT (New Zealand Taekwondo) Update:** Recently, Master Oh of NZTA, and interim president of NZT, went to Korea and met with officials from the Kukkiwon and from World Taekwondo. He has had some very successful meetings, promoting our new Taekwondo governing body. At present, he is organising to successfully obtain recognition for our athletes to compete on the international stage. Despite the efforts being undertaken to exclude our athletes we remain positive that a successful outcome will be achieved. Watch this space!
7. It has been suggested that TUNZ starts a **"Member Watch"** for our newsletters – any successes that clubs have enjoyed, or anyone that an Instructor would like to mention, or any activity that a club would like to bring to our attention – would be included. Just flick a quick email to secretary@tunz.net.nz so I can publish this in our newsletter. However, please ask the person you are writing about if they give permission for their name to be published on the TUNZ website, and include their acceptance when you send the email item to me.

Remember, **if TUNZ can help you in any way**, please get in touch with me: secretary@tunz.net.nz

As I send this out, roads are closed all through the Lower South due to the recent polar blast. Think it is all moving north tonight – **keep safe and warm everyone!**

Yours in Taekwondo – Joan

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