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## Hi from the front desk!

This year was another busy year for basketball with the 2010 Koru Tour in January, peaking with the Tall Blacks performance at the FIBA Men's World Championships, and maintaining momentum with 37 tournaments throughout the country.

### 2010 – What a year

**Tournaments** – 37 well attended tournaments around NZ – thank you to the associations who came forward to host this year; your contribution is greatly appreciated. Recognition goes to:

- Gisborne – who successfully hosted their first tournament in 10 years;
- North Otago - able to host their first tournament for some time;
- West Auckland - stepping up and hosting all Zone 1 age group tournaments; and
- Palmerston North hosting the secondary school nationals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running.

**Junior Development** – 12 teams, and support staff, went to Albury on the annual Koru Tour.

Junior Tall Blacks attended the Albert Schweitzer tournament in Germany, NZ teams competed in 3 age groups at the Australian State Champs (U16, U18, and U20s), our U17 men's and women's teams competed at the FIBA Oceania Youth tournament with both teams making their respective finals. Unfortunately both went down to the Australian teams.

Palmerston North set the stage for the FIBA Oceania U18 Championships for both men and women. The Junior Tall Blacks and Junior Tall Ferns were unsuccessful against the Australian Emus and Gems.

A new opportunity saw a NZ men's team compete in a FIBA 3-on-3 tournament as part of the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore.

**Conference Basketball League (CBL)** – welcomed back to the BBNZ calendar with a one week tournament. Hutt Valley took the trophy over Porirua in the final. The Junior Tall Blacks competed as part of their preparation towards the FIBA Oceania U18 Championships.

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**Christmas holiday hours: Basketball New Zealand will be closed from Friday December 24 and will reopen Monday January 10.**

**Women's Basketball Championships (WBC)** – Brett and his team ran the WBC over three weekends in New Plymouth, Waitakere and Dunedin. NZ Force Harbour Breeze took out the 2010 Championship.

**National Basketball League (NBL)** – Wellington Exodus Saints took Waikato Pistons to an exhilarating three game finals series. "Saints" took their first title since 2003. Rookie coach and veteran player, Pero Cameron, can now boast 10 national titles – 9 as a player and 1 as a coach.

**National Teams** – Tall Ferns toured Japan in a 3 game series and secured their first win against Japan. The Tall Blacks finished 12<sup>th</sup> at the FIBA World Championships in Turkey following a tough road trip through Europe.

The Children of the World Camp; Turkey, and the Basketball Without Borders camp; Singapore, provided a fantastic opportunity for some of our youth to feature on the world stage.

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## Lowlights of 2010

**Canterbury Earthquake** - the damage caused by the massive earthquake is still being assessed but even with Canterbury Basketball's home under threat they pulled through and hosted the U13 Nationals. Cowles Stadium and QEII Stadium did sustain some damage but both held strong.

**Stadium Southland collapse** - the home of Southland Basketball was devastated as the roof gave way to the weight of exceptional snow falls. Fortunately the association relocated to the Velodrome and continues business as usual.

**Pike River Mine disaster** – the wider basketball community was affected by this tragedy. The local south island associations were directly impacted with family members or friends affected by these sad events.

As we are now at the end of the year I would like to thank every body that has been involved in basketball this year.

Coaches, managers, volunteers, tournament and league staff/volunteers and administrators. I hope you all have a well deserved Christmas break with your friends and family and see you around the courts in 2011.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Roslyn

## Rest in Peace – Peter Christian

We remember Peter with comments and thoughts from the Basketball Community:

*"He was a straight shooter and a great champion of basketball players below the top echelon and organised so many trips for teams to travel to the Pacific Islands over several years."*

*"I feel a tremendous sense of loss and will miss his companionship, generosity, good humor and wit."*

*"We have lost a unique and genuinely good man who loved and worked for our game and who became a legend in basketball, all done with great humour."*



Peter Lawrence Christian

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*"Throughout his time in the game Peter has always shown a passion for matters of a Constitutional nature, meeting procedures and protocols. In this regard he has enlivened many a BBNZ Annual Meeting with his plaintive cry of "POINT OF ORDER MR CHAIRMAN !".*

*"The game – any team game gives you the chance to demonstrate important values generosity, loyalty, humour, steadfastness and reliability, simplicity, but especially friendship; all qualities that Peter had in full measure."*

*"Peter...always left the discussion on the court and could sit down at after match functions and share a laugh."*



### New Zealand MASTERS GAMES

**Date:** February 5-7, 2011  
**Venue:** Springvale Stadium, Wanganui  
**Age Groups:** 35+, 40+, 50+  
**Sports Fees:** \$25 per person

Team entries close Saturday January 1, 2011. Team numbers: Min 7, Max 10. Every team is expected to supply at least 1 referee. Team referees will be paid. Depending on entries, Round Robin with Finals or Sections and Finals

For more information contact Bill Ashworth, 06 342 7704  
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<http://nzmg.com/>

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## NZ Team replica singlets available!

With summer around the corner look good in one of these light weight breathable singlets.

Children sizes **\$45 each** (NZ postage included)

Size	4 XS	3 XS	2 XS	XS
Length (cm)	58	62	67	69.5
Width (cm)	44	47	50	51

Adult **\$65 each** (NZ postage included)

Size	S	M	L	XL	2 XL	3 XL
Length (cm)	71	74	75	79	84	89
Width (cm)	54	57	59	64	64	67

### NOTE:

Length is measured from the top collar to the bottom of singlet.

Width is measured across the chest from under the arm.

To order a singlet please email [bbnz@basketball.org.nz](mailto:bbnz@basketball.org.nz) or ring BBNZ 04 498 5950.



*From the team at  
Basketball New Zealand we wish  
you all a Merry Christmas and a  
festive and Happy New Year*



**BASKETBALL**  
NEW ZEALAND

## Tournament Technical Commissioners – Thank You

Alan Godden  
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Looking forward to your continued support in 2011

## 2011 Tournament Calendar

DATE	U17 PREMIERSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
April 15-17	U17 Premierships Zone 1	TBA	TBA
April 15-17	U17 Premierships Zone 2	Tauranga	Tauranga City Basketball Association
April 15-17	U17 Premierships Zone 3	TBA	TBA
April 15-17	U17 Premierships Zone 4	Nelson	Nelson Basketball Association
DATE	U19 PREMIERSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
April 29-May 1	U19 Premierships Zone 1	Whangarei	Te Tai Tokerau Basketball Association
April 29-May 1	U19 Premierships Zone 2	Tauranga	Tauranga City Basketball Association
April 29-May 1	U19 Premierships Zone 3	Wellington	Wellington Basketball Association
April 29-May 1	U19 Premierships Zone 4	Christchurch	Canterbury Basketball Association
DATE	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
May 18-21	U21 National Championships	Christchurch	Canterbury Basketball Association
June 3-6	U17 National Championships	North Harbour	Harbour Basketball Association
June 3-6	U19 National Championships	Tauranga	Tauranga City Basketball Association
DATE	JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS PREMIERSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
July 16-19	Junior Secondary School Premierships Zone 1 & 2	North Harbour	Harbour Basketball Association
July 16-18	Junior Secondary School Premierships Zone 3	New Plymouth	New Plymouth Basketball Association
July 16-18	Junior Secondary School Premierships Zone 4	TBA	TBA
DATE	SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS PREMIERSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
July 20-23	Secondary School Premierships AA/A Zone 1	TBA	TBA
July 20-23	Secondary School Premierships AA/A Zone 2 Boys	TBC	TBC
July 20-23	Secondary School Premierships AA/A Zone 2 Girls	Cambridge	Waikato Basketball Council
July 20-23	Secondary School Premierships AA/A Zone 3	Porirua	Porirua Basketball Association
July 20-23	Secondary School Premierships AA/A Zone 4 Boys	Dunedin	Basketball Otago
July 20-23	Secondary School Premierships AA/A Zone 4 Girls	Christchurch	Canterbury Basketball Association
DATE	U13 PREMIERSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
August 5-7	U13 Premierships Zone 1	North Harbour	Harbour Basketball Association
August 5-7	U13 Premierships Zone 2	Tauranga	Tauranga City Basketball Association
August 5-7	U13 Premierships Zone 3	Hutt Valley	Hutt Valley Basketball Association
August 5-7	U13 Premierships Zone 4	Nelson	Nelson Basketball Association
DATE	U15 PREMIERSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
August 12-14	U15 Premierships Zone 1	TBA	TBA
August 12-14	U15 Premierships Zone 2	Rotorua	Rotorua Basketball Association
August 12-14	U15 Premierships Zone 3	Porirua	Porirua Basketball Association
August 12-14	U15 Premierships Zone 4	Dunedin	Basketball Otago
DATE	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
August 22-27	AA Secondary School National Championships	TBC	TBC
August 22-27	A Secondary School National Championships	TBC	TBC
DATE	OPEN PREMIERSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
September 2-4	Opens Premierships Zone 1	Whangarei	Te Tai Tokerau Basketball Association
September 2-4	Opens Premierships Zone 2	Gisborne	Gisborne Basketball Association
September 2-4	Opens Premierships Zone 3	Porirua	Porirua Basketball Association
September 2-4	Opens Premierships Zone 4	Westport	Buller Basketball Association
DATE	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION
October 17-21	U13 National Championships	Napier	Basketball Hawkes Bay
October 17-21	U15 National Championships	Nelson	Nelson Basketball Association
October 21-24	Opens & Wheelchair National Championships	Wellington	Wellington Basketball Association