



Coach workshop

From all reports was a HUGE success, even been labelled ONE OF THE BEST. All Coaches were relaxed, asking questions, getting up when required to help out demonstrating. Facilitators Janine on the Saturday was great and gave freely her training expertise on footwork. Carolyn & Bob on the Sunday morning doing the display were brilliant with Carolyn sharing some great ideas for coaches, and Bob was great with his explanations and on the sheets from a judge perspective. John was great with his structure session and even as the last facilitator for the Workshop on Sunday afternoon (when the coaches were suffering brain overload) the Coaches still were eager to learn and asked many questions and got up when he required them too.



NZ Championships

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

The 2018 NZ Championships to be hosted by Marching Waikato on 15/16/17 March 2018 now at CLAUDELANDS EVENT CENTRE HAMILTON. Official Opening to be held on Thursday, Qualifying March al Grades on Friday and Championship/Plate March on Saturday. Entry Fee U/12 \$430, U/16/Snr/Masters \$535



Shared Subscription

This season those members who introduced a friend under the shared subscription incentive last season will have 50% of their membership refunded IF they and the friend they introduced both register for the coming season. If you want to be part of the Shared Subscription incentive, 'introduce a friend' to marching. How it works; where an existing Marching NZ member introduces someone new in to the Sport of Marching, and that that person is a full paying member, Marching NZ, through the Association Membership Privacy Officers, refund 50% of their Marching NZ subscription in the following year. This is to be conditional upon both the existing and new member renewing after one year. A full paying member is represented by way of an individual registration other than as an Associate Member, and the 50% discount is to apply to the type of membership paid in year one. A member's discount is limited to 50% only regardless of the number of new members introduced.



August Volunteers

Dot Fairlie (Marching Southland)

For the last 20 plus years, Dot has been responsible for running Housie for Marching Southland raising considerable funds for marching. As with many Housie, failing numbers has seen it no longer viable to keep the Housie going. Much of the funding raised by Dot over the years, has been used to support Southland Teams by bringing in top coaches to train our Coaches, funding towards travel cost for coaches and judges to attend workshops, financial support to teams attending NZ Championships, and importation of judges to provide full panels at competitions. Dot would always go that extra mile to provide fun Christmas and Easter Housie afternoons and we are sure that the few elderly regular attendees will miss their Wednesday afternoons. Marching Southland thank you very much Dot






In the Diary

- Aug 20 Deadline for feedback to Group advisors on Judging Sheets
- Aug 31 Return all Association Trophies (ROP A19.3)
- Sep 24 Field Day hosted by Marching Southland
- Oct 07 Field Day hosted by Marching Canterbury at Nunweek Park, Harewood
- Oct 14 Marching Canterbury Opening Day at Nunweek Park, Harewood
- Oct 15 Marching Hawke's Bay Field Day at Marewa Park Napier
- Oct 15 Marching Wellington Field Day
- Oct 15 Opening Day for Marching Southland
- Oct 28 Marching Auckland Opening Day at Bert Henham Park, Mt Wellington
- Oct 28 March n Go Competition hosted by Marching Canterbury at Nunweek Park
- Oct 29 2 in One Competition hosted by Marching Hawke's Bay
- Oct 29 Local Competition hosted by Marching Wellington



Technical resources

1. Judges Training Kit, a resource for judges contains DVD's and a folder of judging sheets. Both new and experienced judges will benefit and should contact their Chief Judge for more information.
2. New Zealand Coach Magazine. coach information online at www.sportnz.org.nz/get-into-sport/coaching-guide
3. Technical Drills, released on 1st July and are available from the MNZ website

 <p>Blast from the Past</p> <p>1984 CCJ/CAI Seminar</p>	<p>CAI's gave approx. 15minute talks on topics that they were asked to prepare The problems of a Centre with only a few Teams and a long way to travel.... The future of some of our Teams is uncertain at this stage largely I feel because of the extent of travelling to attend meetings, competitions etc. Because we have so few Teams. Marching is not a very high standard. It is extremely difficult to motivate my girls into improving their marching when no matter how poor their performance they never go home empty handed. The solution unfortunately lies some 100miles away in our neighbouring Centre. To compete against better Teams, we must hire a bus (not a cheap exercise) and leave at 5.30am in time to march. For these reasons, very few trips. We therefore rely greatly on bigger Centres supporting our competitions as we have only one or two teams locally in each grade. The setting of competition dates is delayed until neighbouring Centres have announced theirs, so we can work around these dates to hopefully attract entries. A major concern and I'm sure one to all small centres is the lack of personnel to share the workload. Instructors and Judges alike must hold more than one position at Association and Centre level, sometime involving almost superhuman abilities come competition day! In our centre a recent special meeting was held of interested personnel to decide what action, if any, was to be taken to keep the sport alive. It was pointed out to those present that all persons holding position at Association and Centre have resigned and if replacements were not found the Association and Centre would go into recess. The reaction was encouraging with enough people coming forward to more than fill all vacant positions. So, fingers crossed we will be commencing the season with all those involved doing one job only whether it be instructing, judging or otherwise</p>
<p>Community Post</p>	<p>There are a few things you need to check before you apply for Community Post.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check your eligibility to apply and application requirements. • Find out what NZ Post offers and services you can apply for. • Only one application is accepted per organisation per region. • Community Post is designed to support project based programmes and is not to be used for general administration and newsletters. <p>Before completing your application, ensure you have a specific project you would like Community Post to support, details about how you are going to measure the project, plus project start/finish dates. Applications close 31 August. There are two application forms so ensure you apply using the correct form local/regional organisations</p>
 <p>Cyber bullying</p> <p>How would you Like it?</p>	<p>Cyberbullying is bullying which uses digital technology in some way. Email, cell phones, chat rooms, social networking sites and instant messaging can all be used to bully others verbally, socially or psychologically.</p> <p>Examples of cyberbullying include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sending abusive texts or emails • posting negative or inappropriate messages or images on social networking sites • taking and sharing private images, including sexual images • forming bullying groups on social networking sites • assuming the identity of a target online and representing them in a way that may be harmful to them or cause them distress. <p>With technology playing an increasingly important role in young people's lives, cyberbullying is becoming more prevalent. Read more about: Cyberbullying</p>
 <p>Board Meeting in brief</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held at Brentwood Hotel, Wellington with TWP in attendance • Association Board Mentors were reallocated and Associations to be advised • TWP reported very successful and positive Coach Workshop on 8/9 July with 31 Coaches attending • The meeting of Judging Group Advisors in Dunedin on 20th May was a worthwhile weekend, discussing judging criteria and judging sheets. Draft sheets are being tested by judges with feedback required by 20th August to enable the sheets to be released at the end of August. • Technical Details were released via the website on 1st July with a couple of amendments to the Under 16 and Masters Grade since to correct writer error and formatting issues. • Approval given to trial new judging positons for all Judges being 1metre back from the front and rear boundaries and seated for Technical A and for Display A & B Judges to be 5 metres left/right of centre circle. • The recommendation from the TWP to apply a 10-point penalty for Teams not marching 8/9/10 members was not approved by the Board. • Scheduled Administration Workshop cancelled this season and the Board continues working toward an Association Roadshow in August/September 2018. The CEO is to prepare a recommended list of recommended dates for each of the visits for the Board's November 2017 meeting. To also include consideration of time frame for visits (not exceeding 3hours) and to progressively add to list of topics to be covered.

- Membership growth strategies to continue this season. Shared subscription offered again and the success will be determined when members and the introduced new members register this season. Coach Initiative to continue this season also, the timeframe is reset for those Coaches having received a reward (that is a Coach will be rewarded for every three years of consecutive service).
- The Board were pleased with the support given by Associations at the Annual Meeting following the presentation summary from the Group for Change and the progress/direction the Board had taken. They then spent time discussing the 'next steps' and each Board Member will continue to champion a key idea and report back to the November Board meeting, viability, actions and timeframes.
- Board completed the review of all Risks on the Risk Register and will now focus each meeting on mitigation/actions/outcomes to reduce risks.
- CEO reported on a brief communication with Sporty re an online Membership registration process and has an online assessment with them to see that proposed system will meet our needs. E.g. multiple membership criteria, ability to register with more than one Team.
- Service Awards not presented at the Annual meeting have been handed to Board Members to present at an appropriate occasion
- Craig Rhodes conducted the Meeting Effectiveness Test, the meeting closed at 3pm



Island Championships

South Island Championships to be hosted by Marching Southland and held at Stadium Southland on 3rd December.

North Island Championships to be hosted by Marching Wellington and held at the Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua on 9 December



Running your Club

Recruiting and Retaining Volunteers ... Volunteers are the life blood of every club in New Zealand. They dedicate hours of time and energy every year, working in a variety of ways, completing necessary tasks. Without these people, clubs would cease to exist.
Who is the Volunteer

The Volunteer is a representative from the local community and all sorts of people volunteer; young people, grandparents, students, Mums and Dads, and for all sorts of reasons; to have fun, learn new skills, help others, share talents and abilities, give something back, make new friends, feel useful and needed, gain a new direction in life.

Why do we want/need Volunteers?

Volunteers fill many roles, it could be to coach sports teams, organize fund raising events, take care of the equipment, judge, umpire, referee, serve as a Club Officer (secretary, treasurer etc.) manage a team trip, run an event, polish the trophies.

What can we offer the Volunteers?

Your club is not the only club that would like more volunteers. What makes your club special, and promote those positive aspects of being a volunteer in your club like; making new friendships, learning new skills, the rewards, exciting opportunities, trips.

How to retain the Volunteer

Many clubs are really successful in attracting volunteers but do not hold volunteers for long periods of time. Volunteers want to feel needed, useful, part of the team, welcome. An induction is an essential part of any volunteer programme to ensure you will retain volunteers. Introduce them to the club, its history, how it operates, who is involved and offer training and ongoing support. Training can be linked to volunteer retention.

Training opportunities must be provided and your volunteers encouraged and supported to attend. Recognition is a very important factor which is central to volunteer retention.

To retain volunteers, you must recognize their efforts.

How do you recognize Volunteers?

Volunteers are very special people, but do they get the support and recognition so richly deserved. Have you thought of smiling and calling them by name, offering personal praise while on the task, listening to their ideas, reimbursing them for 'out of pocket' expenses, writing letters or sending thank you cards, providing certificates of appreciation, even tokens of appreciation like petrol vouchers or flowers, giving them identification badges and T-shirts to make them feel part of the team, acknowledging them at Committee Meetings and in Newsletters, presenting monthly volunteer awards or at Annual Meetings or a special Volunteer Dinner. Remember, without their efforts your club would cease to exist.



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