

NEWSLETTER

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Technical Memo's

- ◆ Nil



Coming up

- ◆ Association Championships
- ◆ NZ Championships
- ◆ Closing Days



Kiwi Jump & Jive

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AFTER CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTY

~ 5.00pm - 7.30pm ~
~ SUNDAY EVENING 15th MARCH ~



Marching Marlborough invite all teams and officials to an 'after the champs party' to be held in the **Jim Fraser Centre, Lansdowne Park**

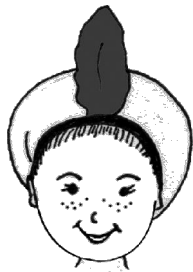
Celebrate your Teams success, celebrate the results of others, make new friends and catch up with old friends. No entry fee and soft drinks, light finger food, bar drinks available for purchase

And don't forget the 'Over 18 Sing Off' at the **Grove Tavern, Dobson Street** at 7pm

KIDS CORNER

A message from

Marching Molly



School is going really great and last week we had our swim sports. It was a really hot day but heaps of fun, and my team got a 3rd in the relay. I had to do one length of the pool of backstroke. Ms Smith was really pleased with our effort and wished there was a teachers race so she could have a swim too. Marching practise was last night and we just practised the technical plan and on Saturday morning at our next practise we will practise the display. We have a new travelling uniform. It is a red tee-shirt with our team name on, a blue skirt and we also have got white sunhats. I am getting excited because it is only one more week and we travel to Blenheim. Travel safe everyone and I will see you all in Blenheim. I am really getting excited now, only 9 more sleeps.....

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Some facts about – **SKELETONS**

The skeleton is the framework of bones that supports your body. Without it you would flop around like a beanbag.

The human skeleton is a bit like a suit of armour inside you, protecting all the important organs such as the heart, brain, and lungs. Despite its strength, the human skeleton is surprisingly light. It makes up just one-sixth of an adults weight.

The spine is the main support of the skeleton. It is made up of lots of different bones stacked on top of each other, allowing you to twist and bend. Between each bone there is a disc of rubbery material called cartilage. These discs absorb the pressure you put on your back. During the day the discs get squashed, so that by the evening you can be up to 1cm shorter than you were when you got up! The discs can spring back to normal, though.

You were born with 300 bones but by the time you are fully grown some of them will have fused together and you will only have 206. Girls and boys have slightly different skeletons. Boys have thicker and longer leg and arm bones. Girls have wider hipbones.

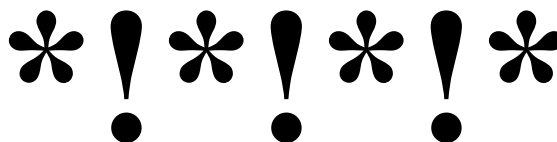
Your bones come in all shapes and sizes. The biggest bone is the hipbone. The longest bone is the thighbone, or femur. The smallest bone is the teeny-weeny stirrup bone deep inside your ear. And your 'funny' bone isn't a bone at all. It's a nerve found in your elbow. It's called the funny bone because it feels all weird and tingly if you hit it. Some people say your funny bone is called 'funny' because it lies next to a bone called the humerus!

To everyone having a birthday in March



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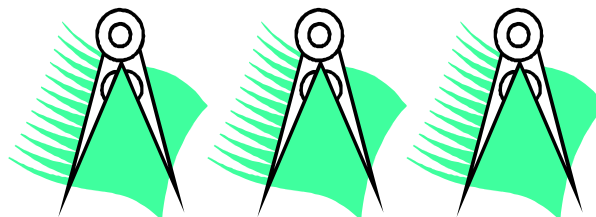
Bright Idea



Bunches of Lavender or clusters of cloves in living areas are a natural way of reducing flies in the home during the spring and summer months. Fresh cut flowers arranged with sprigs of mint can also achieve the same effect.

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

NELSON	1 st March 2009
CANTERBURY	1 st March 2009
SOUTHLAND	1 st March 2009
WAIKATO	7 th March 2009
WELLINGTON	8 th March 2009
NEW ZEALAND	13/14/15 March 2009

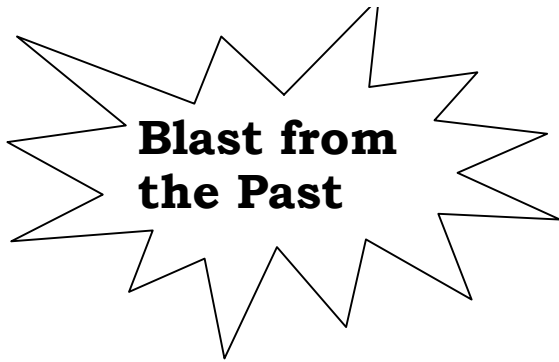


TECHNICAL CORNER



GOOD LUCK to ALL TEAMS for the NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

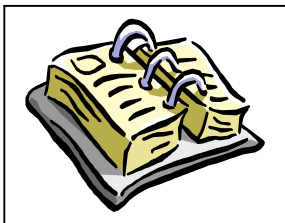
Brentwood
HOTEL



Blast from the Past

March

- 1951 The Aulesbrook Rose Bowl was presented for the first time to the 3rd place team in the championship march
- 1952 The Australian Marching Association invited Grenadiers (Whangarei) and Balmoral (Timaru) to visit Australia the next month
- 1956 Llenoc Juniors of Pukekohe were granted permission by the Dominion Executive of the NZMA to visit Australia for Easter.
- 1957 Cameron Highlanders won the South Island senior championships at Christchurch
- 1960 NZ Championships were held in Greymouth
- 1973 360 teams registered
- 1992 A pin/badge for holders of Service Certificates to be introduced by NZMA
- 1993 Neill McKenzie retires as Editor of Quick Step - the official magazine of the NZ Marching Association



Calendar of Events

March

1	Competition	Hawke's Bay
1	Competition	Wellington
1	Nelson Championships	Nelson
1	Canterbury Championships	Canterbury
1	Combined Southland/ Otago	Gore
7	Waikato Championships	Waikato
8	Wellington Championships	Wellington
20	Closing Disco & Awards	Southland
22	Closing Day	Nelson
29	Closing Day	Marlborough

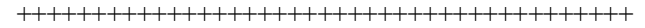


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HEALTH TIP

Go nuts!

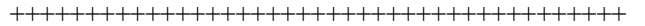
Not only are Brazil nuts a good source of thiamine, (which helps the body's cell function) and magnesium (an essential for the body's natural process) but just two Brazil nuts a day gives you your required selenium needs. Selenium has antioxidant properties and new studies show that it may also help prevent prostate cancer



2011 NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

Associations are invited to make application to host the 2011 NZ Marching Championships as outlined in ROP NZC1-2

All applications are to reach the CEO no later than 1st May 2009 for consideration at the Board meeting on 23rd /24th May.



NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

MARCHING MARLBOROUGH NZ CHAMPIONSHIPS SOUVENIR LIST

- Pens @ \$2.00
- Key Rings @ 4.00
- Marching Marlborough Badges @ \$8.00



- Nationals Badges @ 10.00
- Calendars @ \$15.00
- Teddy Bears @ \$10.00



- Coffee Mugs @ \$8.00
- Nationals DVD @ \$35.00
- Marching NZ Badges @ \$5.00

Gala Tickets @ \$15 purchase at
www.tdtasman.co.nz
or phone 0800 224224

Entrance to Lansdowne Park
@ Gold Coin

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL TEAMS



February Board Meeting

in brief ..

- ◆ A one-day meeting held at the Conference Centre at Wellington Airport
- ◆ Sarah Anderson from SPARC attended the meeting and updated the Board on SPARC activities
- ◆ Membership figures for the year very disappointing (down 215 members)
- ◆ Board Members registered to attend four upcoming SPARC Seminars
- ◆ All twelve Associations filed end of year accounts with the Director of Finance with 7 recording surpluses
- ◆ Some Associations slow at paying the NZ Championships levy to Host Association
- ◆ Funding application for TV coverage declined
- ◆ No Plate March for Senior and Masters Grade
- ◆ Two Championship trophies have been replaced because of damage and loss
- ◆ Implementation Plan of recommendations from the Satisfaction Survey to be distributed to Associations for comment
- ◆ Good response to feedback reports from Associations on the new Association structure
- ◆ TWP briefed the Board on new F&I plans for next season
- ◆ 5 Judges doing Judging Accreditations at NZ Championships
- ◆ Good number of trainee judges but not many completing local qualifying this season
- ◆ Membership retention at 54%, recruitment at 36%

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

As per ROP A7.4, applications in writing close with the CEO on 10th May for the following Board Appointments.

Technical Manager
Director of Coaching
Director of Judging
Coaching Accreditation Presenter
Judging Accreditor
Marketing Co-ordinator
Trophy Custodian
Publications & Merchandising Co-ordinator

All applications will be considered at the Board Meeting on the 24th May 2009. Term of appointment is for 12 months effective 1 July 2009. For a copy of the Job Profile of any position contact your local Association Secretary.

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CHANGE of Contact Details - new email address

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## Random Rules - Constitution and Rules of Participation

### RULE 3 POWERS

The Powers of Marching New Zealand are to:

- 3.1 Make and amend Rules of the Constitution, at any Annual Meeting.
- 3.2 Make and amend Policies and/or Rules of Participation, at any Annual Meeting.
- 3.3 Define boundaries within which each Association shall operate.
- 3.4 Establish rules and conditions for the operation of Associations, their Clubs, Teams and Members.

### RULE 5.2 BOARD

The Board shall comprise a President, Director of Finance and four other Board Members.

### RULE 6 ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

#### 6.1 Notice

The Chief Executive Officer shall inform Associations, Life Members and members of the Board at least ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the date, time and place thereof.

The meeting shall be held by 30 June in each year.

### A4 POLICIES/RULES OF PARTICIPATION

The Board and an Association may propose to rescind or amend an existing Policy or Rule of Participation, or add a new Policy or Rule of Participation, at each Annual Meeting of Marching New Zealand.

### A6 STANDING WORKING PARTIES

The Board will formulate, and review on a regular basis, Terms of Reference prepared in accordance with the Board Organisational Policies, that it may add to, amend or rescind, and these will be printed as an addendum to the Rules of Participation (by way of information).

### A16.6 MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATIONS

The Board may grant Honorary membership, for a specific limited period of time, to any Australian Marching or other Overseas Marching or Drill Team wishing to take part in any Championship, Competition, Display or Gathering organised by Marching New Zealand or an Association.

### NZC11.3 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

In addition, there will be North Island versus South Island Challenge Trophies made available for the weekend of the New Zealand Championships, adjudged on the best average Team placings achieved in the Technical Drill phase and the Display phase, competed for collectively by each of the Teams in each of the Grade/s competing over the weekend. These placings will be taken from the Qualifying March.

### NZC13 COACH/JUDGE INTERVIEWS ..

1. At New Zealand Championships, Judging Sheets will be available at the conclusion of each competition march. There will be Coach/Judge interviews at the conclusion of the Qualifying March only.
2. If a Team Coach subsequently feels it necessary to question or comment on the completion of a Judging Sheet/s, then the Coach will write to the Director of Coaching (with a copy to their own Association Coaching Co-ordinator). The Director of Coaching will reply, after consulting with the Director of Judging and Technical Manager if considered necessary. If the Team Coach is still not satisfied after receiving the reply from the Director of Coaching, then a letter may be forwarded to the Board to consider the matter.

