



**Another busy season** is well underway. It's time to summarise some of the many events that have occurred since the last UIC News.

Here are a few items of interest from the NUS meeting (a full set of minutes are posted to our website)

- Bob Stanton the ISF UIC via SKYPE live-link participated in the SNZ Pitching Presentation by Debbie Mygind and a Discussion Paper to alter the Illegal pitching Penalty presented by Nicky Ogier.
- Wiremu Tamaki appointed as a Regional Deputy Umpire (at large).
- Local Association Annual reports will not be posted to the SNZ Umpires website in the future.
- Following practical evaluations, Mark Porteous (NH) and Rikki Thompson (CB) were regarded to Level 6.
- Jeff Weber (AK), Dave Beaumont (CB) and Gavin Shepherd (WN) to be invited to be assessed for Level 6 during the 2010/11 season.
- Mark Porteous appointed as the 2010/11 Trans Tasman Exchange umpire.
- The adoption of a new policy for the administration of the SNZ Umpire Annual Registration Fee.

**At the SNZ AGM** in August Wiremu Tamaki (WN) was named "Umpire of the Year" and "SNZ's Softballer of the Year". Distinguished Service Awards were bestowed on Nicky Ogier (CB), Daphne Turner (HV) and Lindsay Edwards (WG).

The traditional September Regional clinics were held in Otago, Marlborough, Wellington and Tauranga. Again there was a good attendance at each clinic with the ISF Certification candidates among this year's list of facilitators.

**The National Rules Examinations/Refreshers** in October is a permanent fixture on our annual calendar.

Congratulations to the following umpires who obtained their **Level 2 Rules examination pass**.

- David Rose (CB), Matthew Ngataki (CB), Simon Harris (CB), Pip Tuhoro (CB), Chris Agnew (CB), Shaun Cox (NH), John Collier (PB), Charlotte Meikle-John (OG), Sam Meikle (OG), Colin Weaver (AK), Simon Lindsay (NH), Victor Fortin (CB), Brad Fisher (NN), Paul Nistor (NN), Christine Rawlings (AK), Karoline Sione (NH) and Keith Marsh (HV).

**JUMP in Canterbury** An abridged copy of an email received from Marie-Lyne Fortin. (JUMP - Junior Umpire Programme - Canterbury)

"I just thought that I would give you a bit of feedback with. We started winter with 7 boys and 2 girls and we finished it with 4 boys and 2 girls (A few casualties along the way). They trained all winter with Nicola. Until yesterday we had no JUMP training since the earthquake as some of our JUMP families have been hit quite hard and also because the CSA premises have been closed for a wee while. The boys have also started their own softball season and train twice a week and again play U19s plus their regular U16 games. Nicola and Mark are now quite busy with the senior umpires so David Beaumont is now responsible for the training and **the kids LOVE him!** This is good because they listen.

Danielle Richardson, our eldest JUMP trainee proves to be a very good umpire and Nicola has moved her to umpire Saturday mornings. She is a uni kid and has heaps of potential. Jess Marychurch is 14 year old like the boys and is just starting to get her head around umpiring. The boys have also passed their exam this week with some great results especially for a 1st time. David Beaumont put them in a room all together and kick started them with the exam and they did it collectively at first, then they split and did it on their own. David and I are extremely proud because our son Victor did the exam entirely on his own. The boys will start their 1st umpire duty this coming week-end under the watchful eye of Mark. They are a bit nervous so I will be there to be the **JUMP** mum."

"I heard from Derryl French that Nelson is also starting **JUMP**. It is just GREAT!"

## International umpiring appointments for the record included

- Wiremu Tamaki (Plate) championship game, 2010 ISC World Tournament, USA.
- Nicky Ogier (1<sup>st</sup> base) gold medal game, ISF Women's World Championship, Venezuela
- Jeremy England, Mark Porteous and Gavin Shepherd have been appointed to the first three rounds of the Gillies Shield Tournaments held in Australia which White Sox will attend.
- Australia will be send an exchange umpire to both the Men's and Women's Open.
- We await a reply from the ISC to confirm if we will host an ISC exchange umpire this season.
- We still await confirmation on the Black Sox pre-Christmas programme. EOI are yet to be called.

**ISF UmpSchool** - many of you are now registered with UmpSchool. Nicky who is our ISF UmpSchool Account Administrator and NZ Rules Examiner has produced the following statistical comparison.

### Country Summary

The country summary displays aggregate statistics by rule for your country. You can view different versions of this information by changing your product, member type, and time frame selection.

Rule	Total Questions Taken	Overall Average Score
Rule 1 - Definitions	688	75.62%
Rule 2 - The Playing Field	152	76.26%
Rule 3 - Equipment	164	72.26%
Rule 4 - Coaches, Players and Substitutes	249	75.89%
Rule 5 - The Game	295	74.92%
Rule 6 - Pitching Regulations	266	77.90%
Rule 7 - Batting	265	73.12%
Rule 8 - Batter-Runner and Runner	508	73.31%
Rule 9 - Dead Ball - Ball in Play	131	84.22%
Rule 10 - Umpires	234	83.07%
Rule 11 - Protests	183	77.35%

Ave Score is consistent with SNZ 2010 Rules exam results – Average 74.5%

Rule	Total Questions Taken	Overall Average Score
Rule 1 - Definitions	1749	74.56%
Rule 2 - The Playing Field	84	79.25%
Rule 3 - Equipment	211	79.62%
Rule 4 - Coaches, Players and Substitutes	556	74.93%
Rule 5 - The Game	233	73.27%
Rule 6 - Pitching Regulations	494	84.73%
Rule 7 - Batting	282	66.51%
Rule 8 - Batter-Runner and Runner	352	66.42%
Rule 9 - Dead Ball - Ball in Play	343	80.90%
Rule 10 - Umpires	286	77.09%
Rule 11 - Protests	29	54.72%

**ISF UmpSchool** is accessible at [www.ruleboxsoftware.com/isf.aspx](http://www.ruleboxsoftware.com/isf.aspx). This new era web based training tool is a must for all umpires who want to be involved with the future training system. The interactive rules tests will help you increase your knowledge and set you on the path to be the very best you can be. Also available through UmpSchool is the newly revised ISF 3/4 Umpire Mechanic System, the Umpire Manual, the Case Book, Rule Interpretations and Technical Bulletins.

**National Tournament appointments.** There continues to be a challenge to balance our programme development requirements with individual expectations whilst still working within budget. As you will see from the first schedule to be released next week that we have eighteen candidates undertaking grading field evaluations. SNZ has advised that teams attending the Junior and the Second Division Secondary Schools tournaments will be required to supply an umpire as a condition of entry. If you are financial and wish to attend, you are encouraged to contact a school in your area and advise them you are available to assist.



**The next Oceania ISF Certification Seminar** is scheduled for February 2011 in Brisbane, Australia. Details are currently being finalized between Australia and the ISF and will be available as soon as they are confirmed. SNZ's candidates Rikki Tourangi (AK), Mark Porteous (NH), Jeremy England (WN) and Dave Shedlock (WN) are well into the seminar lead-in programme.

**The next Regional Coordinators Meeting** will be held at the ISF Headquarters in Plant City, Florida following the ISF Certification Seminar being held in conjunction with the World youth Cup. Among the agenda items are the review of a number of field mechanics, the adoption of a new evaluation format and the consideration of the ISF Umpire re-evaluation programme.

**Access to the ISF 2010 Pitching Presentation** has been emailed to all Oceania National Federations and their Umpire-in-Chief's for wider distribution. The significant contributions from Softball New Zealand and Softball Australia, along with the lead-in contribution from Softball Canada in the production of this presentation is very much appreciated by the ISF International umpiring staff. Access to the latest on ISF umpiring is available at <http://www.isfsoftball.org/english/umpiring/umpiring.asp>



**Oceania update** recently Bob Stanton has contacted all National Federations with records of ISF certified umpires. By now your returns to Bob will have been sent confirming the current activity status of all your ISF umpires. Additionally there has been a request for contact details of each National Federations Umpire-in-Chief. Unfortunately we await details from some members of our Confederation.

**Palau Umpire Clinic** was held in July in conjunction with the 7th Micronesia Games. Kevin Broomhall – Sate Director of Umpires, Victoria, Australia facilitated this clinic with assistance of Baklai Temengil (Manager PNOC) and her staff, and Palau Softball officials.

Activities consisted of two phases; Pre-accreditation umpire clinic, divided into class room theory and on diamond practical; and Accreditation assessment of both theory and practical. Theory assessment used for this clinic was the 2010 Australian Basic theory assessment. Practical assessments were carried out during Micronesia games, prior to the finals. The Oceania five level grading system developed for the Oceania Region and accepted by Papua New Guinea and Samoa was adopted. The following table provides the successful umpires and the accreditation level attained.

First Name	Family Name	Country	Level
Tobias	Marbou	Palau	4
Millan	Isack	Palau	3
Leo	Teriong	Palau	3
Simon	Pinaula	Guam	3
Rosendo	Skang	Palau	2
Johnson	Joshua	Palau	2
Alvino	Kenty	Palau	2
Glen	Santos	Guam	2
Grace	Ongalibang	Palau	1
Rebel	John	Marshall Islands	1
Dwight	Ngiraibai	Palau	1



L to R: Dwight Ngiraibai; Alvino Kenty; Tobias Marbou; Rebel John; Leo Teriong; Kev Broomhall; Simon Pinaula; Rosendo Skang; Grace Ongalibang; Johnson Joshua; Glen Santos; Millan Isack.

Quote: "You can't change the past, but you can ruin the present by worrying about the future. You will never hurt your eyes by looking on the bright side!!" Kevin Quinn

**Wayne Saunders**  
**Umpire-in-Chief**