

NZTUA NEWS

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Australian Open 2008

Eight New Zealand officials have been selected for the 2008 Australian Open to be held at Melbourne Park in January. Congratulations to:

Payal Jain (Auckland)

Dimitar Trifunovski (Auckland)

Chris Temu (Auckland)

Matthew Burrell (Wellington)

Aidan O'Rourke (Wellington)

Paula Windelev (Canterbury)

Matthew Laurie (Canterbury)

Tony Brosnahan (Canterbury)

In addition, two New Zealanders living overseas were also selected: Blaze Trifunovski and Dion Fernandes.

The NZTUA Executive wishes the best of luck to all the selected officials. Eight umpires is the most New Zealand officials selected for the Australian Open since 2000 and it is a positive reflection on the quality of tennis officiating in this county.

ITF World Super-Seniors – 26 Nov to 9 Dec

Canterbury Tennis is hosting the 2007 ITF World Super-Seniors championships in November and December at two different venues in Christchurch and one in Ashburton. The event includes senior players from around the world. The first week is a teams' event and the second is an individuals' championships. NZTUA needs to appoint an ITF qualified tournament referee for the teams' event week, 17 additional referees or court supervisors for the teams' event and 10 for the individuals' event. An application form is enclosed with this newsletter.

Travel and motel style accommodation will be provided for referees travelling to Christchurch from outside the region. Reimbursement rates are \$95 per day for assistant referees (those with more senior responsibilities) and \$75 per day for court supervisors. All officials with the Tennis New Zealand Referees' qualification are able to apply. NZTUA especially needs referees from Auckland and Wellington to make the trip down for the event. Please contact Aidan if you have any questions or would like more information.

ITF World Senior Application due: 30 September 2007.

New Zealand Tour Events

Applications for the 2008 New Zealand Tour Events close on 31 August. Applications can be emailed in. Please ask Aidan for an application.

NZTUA appreciates that the reimbursement for the NZ Tour Events does not cover the costs of travelling to Auckland and staying in the city for the two weeks of the events. Working at the events is, however, essential for officials who want to improve their officiating and hope to apply for the Australian Open or an ITF Chair Umpiring School. To encourage New Zealand officials from out of Auckland to travel to the events NZTUA is therefore offering travel grants and subsidised accommodation for line umpires at the tournaments.

NZTUA aims to make ten \$150 travel grants available to officials on the following priority basis:

- a) Officials who have not previously worked the NZ Tour Events.
- b) Officials who have worked the NZ Tour events but not previously received a travel grant.
- c) All other officials who apply.

If you would like to apply for a travel grant please contact Aidan. More information will be available about the subsidised accommodation after acceptances are published. Remember to apply.

NZ Tour Event Applications due to ATUA: 31 August 2007

News in Brief

TNZ Refs' Course - CHCH

A TNZ Referees' Course will be held in Christchurch on 22-23 September. The course will start at 9.30am each day and be concluded by a short open-book exam. Any officials interested in obtaining the Tennis NZ Referees' qualification are encouraged to attend. All officials who pass the course are eligible for admittance onto the Tennis NZ Referees' Register. If you are interested in attending the course please contact Aidan.

Rudi Berger (1951-2007)

Former ITF Gold Badge Chair Umpire Rudi Berger died on 15 August after a battle with cancer. Rudi was a professional chair umpire for more than 15 years and regularly worked at New Zealand's Heineken Open up until the early 2000s. Many New Zealand officials will have kind memories of Rudi from those events and NZTUA is sure your thoughts will be with his friends and family.

Selections' Committee

The 2007-08 NZTUA Selections' Committee has been appointed by the NZTUA Executive. The Committee members are Tony Brosnahan (Chairperson), David Smith and Stephen Noble. Thanks to all those officials who expressed an interest in being on the Committee.

AGM Minutes

An electronic copy of the minutes from the 2007 NZTUA AGM is enclosed with this newsletter. If you receive the newsletter by post and would like a hard copy of the minutes, please ask Aidan and a copy can be sent out to you.

From the Editor

New Tennis Season

Welcome to the first NZTUA News of the 2007-08 tennis season. Like previous seasons, it seems that there will again be an increase of events requiring officials over the summer months so that means NZTUA and district associations very much need you to check the list of upcoming events on the back of the newsletter and let someone know if you are available to work on any of the dates listed. Two application forms have been included with this newsletter for ITF events held in December and January. Please consider whether you are able to officiate at them. Applications for the New Zealand Tour Events are due on 31 August and NZTUA is committed to helping New Zealand officials get there so remember to apply.

There are always more local events on each year than we have officials for and although they may not be as glamorous as the New Zealand Tour Events or Davis Cup ties, generally it is the officials who work more local events who also work the larger tournaments. Local events offer good opportunities to gain experience and the exposure they give you lifts your chances of being accepted for more prestigious tournaments, so if you are available please help out.

NZTUA Administrator's Position

After two years in the role as NZTUA Administrator, I have decided not to renew my contract when it expires on 31 December. NZTUA is therefore looking for a replacement Administrator and a job advertisement is on page 3 of this newsletter. A copy of the advertisement is available on the Tennis NZ webpage. Please feel free to pass it onto anybody you think might be interested. NZTUA is seeking as many applicants as possible.

Since starting in 2005, I have found the Administrator's role both challenging and interesting. It offers a wide variety of work and, despite the politics that come up from time to time, it is also rewarding. I start at a law firm in Wellington next autumn and I think it would be better for NZTUA to get a new person in the role over summer rather than have me continue right up until I start my new job. Until December though, I am still very much in the role as Administrator so if you have queries or would like my help with anything feel free to contact me.

General News

The new NZTUA Executive has set itself a very busy programme as it prepares for the approaching tennis season. In addition to the organisation of summer events and the appointment of a new Administrator, NZTUA is also seeking feedback from its members on its draft constitution and in October will distribute information on the proposed new NZTUA National Officiating Uniform. Both items have been the product of working groups established by the 2006 AGM that reported back their progress in May of this year.

Please take the time to consider the revisions to the NZTUA constitution and if you have any suggestions make a submission back to Executive. The Executive hopes that a new constitution, which has already been subject to much consultation and has more to come, will help unite the Association and provide a framework that all members and district associations can agree on.

NZ Wheelchair Open 2008

The New Zealand Wheelchair Open has changed its dates for 2008 from February to 15-18 January. The event is held in Christchurch and requires chair umpires and line umpires. All officials should receive a chair and line umpire application form for the event with this newsletter. Please return applications to NZTUA.

The New Zealand Wheelchair Open is an excellent opportunity for national level chair umpires to gain ITF match experience. Chair umpires will receive their travel costs to make the trip to Christchurch and motel accommodation during the tournament. All chair umpires that aim to attend a white badge school some time in the future should consider officiating at the event. Don't forget to get your application in.

NZWO Applications due: 10 October

Draft NZTUA Constitution

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the draft NZTUA constitution.

The NZTUA Executive is now calling for submissions on the draft constitution. Any officials, district associations, regional centres or other people are entitled to make a submission. Enclosed with the newsletter is a submission form. It would be appreciated if you could complete a submission form for each proposed change so that there is a set format for all the submissions from around the country. After this round of consultation the NZTUA Executive will make changes as it thinks appropriate and circulate another draft constitution. If you have any questions about the draft or the process please contact Aidan.

The 2007 NZTUA AGM approved the following consultation timeline for the new constitution:

31 August 2007: NZTUA Executive to circulate first draft constitution.

31 October 2007: Submissions on draft constitution due back to NZTUA.

31 December 2007: NZTUA Executive to circulate second draft constitution.

31 March 2008: NZTUA to have held a Special General Meeting to ratify the new constitution.

First Submissions due: 31 October

Position Vacant



Administrator – Location Open New Zealand Tennis Umpires Association Incorporated

New Zealand Tennis Umpires Association Incorporated is seeking an Administrator, subject to funding, for a 0.3 position, to coordinate and manage the activities of the Association between 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008.

The Administrator is responsible to the Executive for:

- The general administration and financial management of the Association.
- Communication between NZTUA, its members and other tennis bodies.
- The organisation of tennis officials for national and international tennis events.
- Working with Tennis New Zealand to promote and grow tennis officiating in New Zealand.

The successful applicant will have:

- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- The ability to work independently without supervision.
- Strong interpersonal skills.
- A good knowledge of Microsoft Office applications including Word and Excel.
- Experience with financial management including MYOB software and Inland Revenue requirements.
- A passion for tennis.

For more information, including a job description, contact Aidan O'Rourke, telephone 021 537714 or email aidan@paradise.net.nz

Applicants can send a copy of their covering letter and CV to the email address above or the following address:

New Zealand Tennis Umpires Association Inc.
PO Box 13759
Johnsonville
Wellington

Applications Close: Monday 10 September 2007

Upcoming Events

If you can work any of these events please fill out the application form attached or for local events (not the ITF World Seniors or NZ Tour Events) contact your District Association at the details below:

AUCKLAND

Auckland Spring Tournament	Referees	30 Aug – 4 September
Borwns Bay Club Open	Referees	14-16 September
Pompellier Spring Tournament	Referees	15-21 September
Auckland Championships	Referees	24-28 September
Rules of Tennis Course	Chair Umpires	7 October
Counties Junior Open	Referees	20-22 October
Auckland Open	Refs, Chairs, Lines	5-11 December
NZ Junior Championships	Refs, Chairs, Lines	14-18 December
Akld Christmas Tournament	Referees	19-23 December
NZ Residentials	Refs, Chairs, Lines	19-23 December
NH Junior Open	Referees	27-31 December
ASB Classic	Line Umpires	29 Dec – 5 January
Heineken Open	Line Umpires	5 – 12 January

WAIKATO BAYS

Bay of Plenty Junior Open	Referees	29 Sep - 1 October
Waikato Spring Junior Open	Referees	3-7 October
Labour Weekend Tournament	Referees	20-22 October
Waikato Junior Open	Referees	7-13 December
East Coast Junior Open	Referees	14-17 December

WELLINGTON

Wairarapa Open	Referees	8-9 September
Wellington Spring Open	Referees	1-5 October
Labour Weekend Tournament	Referees	20-22 October
Hutt Valley Junior Open	Referees	15-19 December

NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

Nelson Summer Open	Referees	13-16 December
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CANTERBURY

South Canterbury Junior Open	Referees	22-24 September
Tennis NZ Referees' Course	Referees	22-23 September
Canterbury Spring Tournament	Referees	30 Sept – 5 October
Mid Canterbury Junior Open	Referees	19-22 October
ITF World Seniors Teams	Referees, Chairs	26 Nov – 1 Dec
ITF World Seniors Individuals	Referees, Chairs	2 – 9 December
Canterbury Xmas Tournament	Referees	20-24 December
NZ Wheelchair Open	Chairs, Lines	15-18 January

OTAGO

Otago Spring Junior Champs	Referees	26-29 September
Queenstown Junior Open	Referees	24-25 November
Otago Junior Champs	Referees	15-17 December

Tennis New Zealand is currently working on its event calendar for January to June 2008. As soon as that is available the remaining summer events will be listed in the next NZTUA News.

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SCTUA:	Clare Palliser	(03)6880896, cadpalliser@xtra.co.nz

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