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# SHUTTLE TIMES

## JANUARY 2009

Welcome to the 2009 Season.

The 2008 season ended on a busy note for me, so apologies for not getting the final edition of the shuttle times for 08 before your clubs closed.

Thank you to all those clubs who recognised and thanked their volunteers for the tremendous work they do. It was great to see that not only

were they nominated in the Annual Waikato Badminton Associations Awards, but also the Sport Waikato District Awards with some winning their categories - with two being selected as finalists at the Perry Foundation Waikato Regional Sports Awards held at Mystery Creek and hosted by TV3's Hamish McKay.

At the end of last year I had the privilege of joining the Cambridge Badminton Club's day session on their end of year jaunt with the purpose of presenting the Administrator of the Year Award to Lorraine

Courtney. I was invited to join them for lunch and spend the rest of the day with them and what an awesome day it was. It is my belief that the warm, friendly and social atmosphere, along with competitive play opportunities, make the club the success it is today.

All the best for the 09 Season and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Best regards,

**Jan Laurie**

**SportsForce Badminton  
Development Officer**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Some dates to pencil in your diary now are:

- Free Coaching Clinic Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March
- Junior Non-Rep tournament 29<sup>th</sup> March
- Level 1 Coaching Course/Refresher Sat/Sun 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April
- Mark Dean Mixed Doubles Tournament Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

The calendar for this year's events at the Waikato Badminton Association is in the final stages of completion and will be distributed to all clubs shortly. If you wish to have your own copy of the calendar please email me and I will send you one electronically, likewise if you wish to receive the Shuttle Times this way as well.



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# CLUB NEWS

## Cambridge Badminton Club's Annual Day Session Xmas Tour

This tour is held yearly and run by Mary Bear, our excellent Club Captain, who has the ability to keep everyone guessing on where we are going to end up - last year we were bussed over to Te Puke on a team building course. A brilliant day.

This year, we didn't go far from our own back yard so to speak. First we did the orienteering course at Hamilton Gardens, after all 20 of us being split into teams of 3 we were sent on our merry way to find clues that were placed in gardens and some hidden by previous "team mates", 21/2 hours later most of us were finished, some of us ran out of steam and time so went back to the restaurant to have refreshments and lunch...

After that, we were off again Kahikatea Drive's cars it was amazing to see some showing signs of competitive driving trying to get their mates off the course and some of us out on a Sunday Drive but the most important thing was some had experienced something they hadn't ever tried before...

After that, putt putt golf was organised - you could tell the experienced golfers, a few had hole in ones and a few of us spent most of our time retrieving our golf balls from other places other than the holes.

A big thank you to Mary – a lot of time and thought put into another great day!



*Pearl Martin; Roz Mathews; Mary Bear; Margaret Shaw*



*Roz Mathews; Mary Bear; Suzzane Murfit*

## Excellent new free website service for sports clubs, teams and players!

[www.sportsground.co.nz](http://www.sportsground.co.nz) launched last week, and our interpretation is that it's like facebook for sport, but with a fundraising tool built-in. It was built in full consultation with sport, and is designed to make it easy for sport to communicate with players, volunteers and supporters – and to raise money along the way.

Your club or RSO's contact details are probably already on the sportsground site. If your club or sport is not there, you can request for it to be added.

- It's free, and you don't have to get sponsors – but why wouldn't you try?
- You just need to register, and then can go in and start editing the pages on your own website. It's really simple – like operating word – and you don't need to know anything about file formats or image sizes.

- Club sites can then have team sites associated. Then individual player sites can be associated with a number of clubs, a number of teams, a number of sports etc.
- People can sign up to receive emails when you update the site.
- You can have your own URL (ie [www.myclub.co.nz](http://www.myclub.co.nz)) pointed to the Sportsground page, if you like.

Sportsground only launched last week, and is already quite popular. There is a sister site for schools, same concept – [www.schoolground.co.nz](http://www.schoolground.co.nz). Regional Sports Trust commercial managers from around New Zealand have all received it positively, and if they couldn't pick any holes in the security, or find any hidden catches, we reckon it must be pretty good.

## CONGRATULATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

### Announcing the Winners of the 2008 WBA Annual Sports Awards

**Service Award:**

Aдрианна Балл (Horsham Downs Club)

**Coach of the Year:**

Paul Webb (Hamilton Junior Club)

**Administrator of the Year:**

Lorraine Courtney (Cambridge Club)

**Volunteer of the Year:**

Stuart Johnston (Waikato Masters Club)

**Court Official of the Year:**

Bikash Mukherjee (Te Rapa Club)

### Winners of the Sport Waikato District Awards

**Waipa District:**

**Service to Sport Award:**

Lorraine Courtney (Cambridge)

**South Waikato District:**

**Administrator of the Year:**

Rick McDonald (Putaruru Club)

### Finalist in the Perry Foundation Waikato Regional Sports Awards:

**Administrator of the Year:**

Carol Leydon-Davis (Hamilton Club)

**Junior Sportsman of the Year:**

Oliver Leydon-Davis (Hamilton Club)

Finalist for the Regional Sports Awards are selected from all the winners of the District Sports Awards along with the nominations from Hamilton City so to even make it as a finalist is an enormous achievement.

### Watties Volunteer

### Coach of the Year:

Vaine Nicholson (Putaruru Club) was named as a

finalist in the above award. While Vaine did not win the big award she was recognised at an evening function held at the Waikato Rugby Stadium along with other selected finalists.

### Waikato Secondary School Sports Awards:

**All Rounder of the Year:**

Michael Fowke (Hamilton Club)

### Umpiring Achievement

In September 2008 our very own Bikash Mukherjee passed his final assessment at the North Shore City International Tournament to become a qualified Level 1 Umpire.

Bikash has worked hard over the past two years, taking every opportunity to upskill himself and gain the necessary knowledge to achieve his goal.

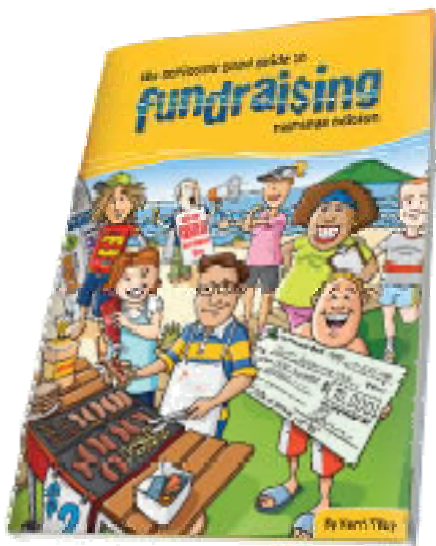
At the annual awards last year Bikash was awarded the WBA Court Official of the Year. He is a member of the WBA Management committee, Te Rapa Badminton Club and is also serving on their committee.



# FUNDING NEWS

The seriously good guide to fundraising is out now and available for those in the Waikato region free of charge, I have some copies available so if you wish to receive one please contact me and I will organise to get one to you.

Attached with this newsletter is a copy of the Trust Waikato Grant Application Form and the schedule for closing dates etc. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any assistance with these forms or any other grant application form.



## Trust Waikato is coming to a town near you...

Trust Waikato staff are out and about in our communities this month with a series of Road Shows.

If your group is looking to apply for funding in 2009 then come along and talk with us.

We want to ensure that community organisations know where and how to access our funding.

The Trust Waikato Road Show will be in:

<b>Tokoroa</b>	<b>10am -12noon</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	South Waikato Artspace, Leith St
<b>Putaruru</b>	<b>2-3pm</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Putaruru Plaza, Kensington St
<b>Huntly</b>	<b>10am-12noon</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Riverside Rooms, Main St
<b>Te Aroha</b>	<b>2-3pm</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St John's Ambulance Centre, Burgess St
<b>Hamilton</b>	<b>10-4pm</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Funding Expo, Hamilton Garden Pavilion
<b>Thames</b>	<b>10am-12noon</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Baptist Centre, Mary St
<b>Waihi</b>	<b>2-3pm</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Waihi Memorial Hall, Seddon St

**Perry Foundation staff** will be joining the roadshow in Tokoroa, Huntly, Thames and Waihi.

To find out more about Trust Waikato funding visit our website [www.trustwaikato.co.nz](http://www.trustwaikato.co.nz) or call 0800 436 628.