

# Cook Islands









#### Kia Orana kotou katoatoa!

Since the election of new office bearers in may 2014 the Cook Island Badminton Association (CIBA) has never looked better. The injection of new and committed members into leadership roles is just what the doctor ordered and has seen the introduction of new and exciting opportunities for the badminton community.

Newly elected president Thomas Mereana-Ngauru's main focus was to firstly regain functionality within the association and financial stability as well as restoring it's good standing with the sporting community and key stakeholders.

2014 was about encouraging new and past players to pick up those racquets and help lift the profile of the code in the country. Our goal was to push the development of the sport in our schools and working towards the cook islands one day competing in an international event.

It was a highly successful year for CIBA and it was only possible through the huge commitment and combined effort from the committee. We were able to deliver a well organized and exciting programme for 2014 despite the challenges especially the lack of quality facilities and equipment.

CIBA have big plans for 2015 beginning with our participation at the Oceania Badminton Championships in February to be held in Auckland, New Zealand. We will also be holding the first ever college and primary schools badminton championships here on Rarotonga as well as introducing the code to the outer islands.

CIBA thanks all its key stakeholders, sponsors and it's players for their support throughout the year and look forward to continuing to build on those relationships in 2015

Kia Manuia.







**Social Badminton** evenings have continued the whole year round with an average number of 20+ players each night. Held every Monday & Wednesday from 6pm to 8pm at Princess Anne Hall it was an opportunity for players at all levels to socialize, learn and improve on their basic badminton skills. Over 100 senior play-

ers have taken part in the programme and we hope to double that number in 2015.

Junior Coaching was made available an hour before every social evening free of charge from 5pm - 6pm and carried out by development officers Eric and John. This was also made available on Monday afternoons at Papaaroa Hall in Titikaveka but due to the low attendance was discontinued

**Senior Coaching** sessions were implemented as part of Shuttle Time. Every Wednesday evenings for the first hour senior players were taken through stretching exercises and basic badminton drills to help improve their game.

**Equipment** was received through Shuttle Time from Nadia Bleaken (Oceania Badminton COO) which included a racquet bag full of racquets, nets and teaching manuals.









**Challenges** CIBA have faced through the year have been minimal but the need for a permanent and fully equipped playing facility is an issue that has become a priority for CIBA to resolve. Tereora College has been awesome making the Princess Anne Hall available for the majority of the time but priority is the school and their activities which at times leaves us without a venue especially during school exam periods. CIBA hopes

to set up alternative venues and has its sights on setting up courts in the Telecom Stadium.

2015 will be a big year for CIBA especially with preparations underway to compete at the Oceania Badminton Champs. Our main goal will be to setup an annual schools competition and use Shuttle Time to identify talented young players for our junior development program. We will be welcoming new members to the committee which will allow us to create new subcommittees for Player Development, Media and Promotion, Sponsorship and Fundraising and Events. This is all part of our Player Performance Plan we intend produce and implement next year.





#### **Shuttle Time Cook Islands**

January - December 2014

In 2014 through funding from BWF and delivered by our Development Officer Eric Gamez, we were able to introduce 'Shuttle Time' a schools badminton programme into our colleges and primary schools. Shuttle Time is about giving an opportunity to as many of our children to not only learn the basics of badminton but more importantly have fun with this exciting sport.

Shuttle Time is now being delivered regularly within our schools here on Rarotonga and we intend to introduce an annual schools competition and make Shuttle Time part of the school curriculum.

In 2014 we took Shuttle Time to Tereora College, Titikaveka College, Papaaroa School and many more schools around the island. We kept the community involved through the newspaper and radio, and regular updates on facebook. We held a junior development tournament, exposed the sport to over 200 children and created afterschool and holiday programs in the community.

In September Eric accompanied by John Taulu took part in an Oceania badminton training camp in New Zealand. John underwent Shuttle Time coaching which now allows him to assist with the delivery of the programme and tutor teachers to do the same.

Then in December over 20 new teachers, parents and community leaders went through special Shuttle Time coaches course as part of a drive to increase the number of teachers capable of delivering the programme within their schools and community. And as part of the development in the outer islands we had the opportunity to include teachers from Palmerston Island (pictured next page top right). They also received racquets, shuttles and nets to assist them in delivering the programme on their return.

CIBA hopes to continue this programme within our schools extending out to the outer islands and building the interest and a good foundation and help develop badminton for years to come.









Social
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2014

The Social Business House League 2014 has its first champions!

Team 'Ride Rarotonga' captained by Adrianna Postrzygacz (pictured above - 2nd from left) were the inaugural winners of the Ray Marsters Memorial Trophy after a hard fought final against runner-up team 'BeaNga' captained by Ngaoa Ranginui (bottom left – on the left ).

Being the first real competition that many of our players had been part of meant the nerves were riding high. But when the adrenaline took over teams produced some really close and exciting matches. With a minimum of only 4 players many teams still found it difficult to maintain team numbers while others found that the more players they had the less court time everyone got. But with all this aside the competition was a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part.

For 6 weeks 8 teams battled it out at Princes Anne Hall each week playing for company pride and enjoying some friendly competition as well as the chance to win our weekly door prizes and more. A massive meitaki maata goes out to our very generous sponsors: Highland Paradise, Capt Tama's Cruises, Triad Panama, Palace Takeaways, Country Fried Chicken, Café Jireh, The Courtyard Café, Roadhouse Bar & Grill, The Salon, The Little Polynesian, Mary Taira Tom and Family, Land Court Services, The Beach Place and Matutu Brewery.

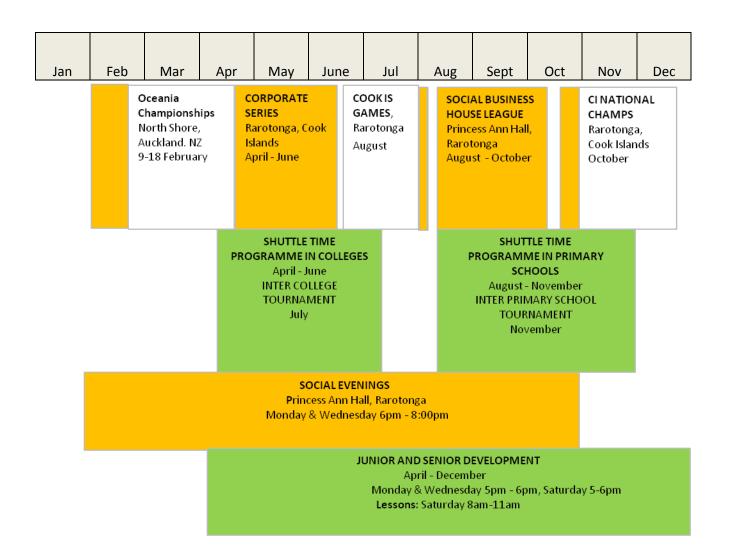
Thank you again to teams Nukutere, LAMJ, The Cooks and Telecom for your participation. And we encourage all businesses and players to enter next year as it promises to be just as exciting with even more prizes to be won. See you in 2015







## Cook Islands Badminton Association Calendar of Events 2015



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# **Cook Islands Badminton Association Financial Statement for 2014**

Opening Balance as at 31 Dec 2013

1 499.97

### Income

Allsports Funding	1 050.00
BWF Shuttle Time	7 480.00
Shuttle Time Teachers Course	2 741.79
Fundraising	2 596.90
Hall Takings	3 297.20
Interest	9.61

17 175.50

### **Expenses**

Shuttle Time Wages	8 300.00
Hall Hire	1 649.60
Administration	307.00
Stationery	107.35
BWF Fees	285.00
Training (Development Officer)	516.70
Equipment	262.42
Hosting	508.95
Restringing	90.00
Prizes	355.00
Uniforms	434.00
Maintenance	118.45
Freight & Customs	225.00
Bank Fees	64.10
Miscellaneous	30.00

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Closing Balance 31 Dec 14

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Accounts audited by Dyer Accounting

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**Badminton World Federation** 

Oceania Badminton Federation

Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee

Allsports Fund

Tereora College (Princess Anne Hall)

Papaaroa Adventist Hall

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Rarotonga Primary Schools & Colleges

Te Kainga O Pa Taunga

**Highland Paradise** 

Capt Tama's cruises

Triad Panama

Palace takeaways

Country Fried Chicken

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The Courtyard Café

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The Salon

The Little Polynesian

Mary Taira Tom and Family

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The Beach Place and Matutu Brewery.