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Kia Orana kotou katoatoa,

What a year! 2016 has been full of exciting achievements which included 6 newly trained ShuttleTime tutors, our first junior team representing the Cook Islands at the AIMS Games in Tauranga New Zealand and our first Junior Nationals for our Under 11's and Under 15's

We had an increase in player participation and facilities with 8 newly marked courts in BlueSky Arena and 2 at the Mangaia Hostel. But all of this was only possible through the dedication and hard work of the committee and volunteers who sacrificed their time and effort to ensure venues were ready for the years events.

To our sponsors and stakeholders - none of our goals would have been achieved if it weren't for your generous support through prizes and financial assistance. Having you on board has lifted the profile of the code and secured a bright future for our many young up & coming athletes. We thank you for recognizing the importance of junior development and well organised sports and we look forward to strengthening those partnerships in 2017.

Oceania Badminton & BWF have given us so much great support and guidance throughout the year and I would like thank Julie, Nadia, Lynne & Robbie for always being there and for your patience. You have definitely pushed us to improve the level of badminton and provided opportunities and assistance for our junior player development—we are extremely lucky and grateful.

In 2017 we look forward to more exciting developments including our first Primary Schools Tournament and our next junior team to the AIMS Games. There are also plans to extend the ShuttleTime programme to the outer islands beginning with the island of Aitutaki where we hope to form a badminton committee, start social evenings for the community and maybe one day hold an inter-island competition

We would like to wish all our readers a great year 2017 and we look forward to continuing our work with your support

E Kia Manuia

Thomas Mereana-Ngauru
PRESIDENT



Oceania AGM



The Badminton Oceania Annual General Meeting was held on 21 February 2016 at the Ellerslie International Motor Inn, Ellerslie, Auckland. The Oceania Executive Board consists of Geraldine Brown, President (Australia), Nigel Skelt (Deputy President, NZ) Board Members: Loke Poh Wong (Australia), Gail Eraio (Cook Islands), Amanaki Latu (Tonga), Johanna Kou (New Caledonia), Michael Alezrah (Tahiti). Oceania Staff: Julie Carrel, Secretary General/CEO, (NZ) Lynne Nixey Administration Manager, (NZ) Nadia Bleaken, (NZ), Robbie Thackham (NZ)

The Cook Islands Oceania Board member Mrs Gail Eraio attended this AGM with our President Thomas Ngauru attending also as a delegate. Board members terms on the Oceania Board are two year rotational with the change this year being Mrs Leody Vainikolo of Tonga, replaced by Dr Amanaki Latu.

2016 saw the Oceania Board hold four meetings – physically meeting twice with two Skype conferences. A new member Papua New Guinea was welcomed this year. With the addition of this new member the Oceania region now consists of NZ, Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Tahiti, Guam, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Northern Marianas, Kiribati, Nauru, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Tuvalu. A major undertaking this year was the Badminton Oceania Strategic Plan 2016-2020 developed with the assistance and expertise of Mr Talemo Waqa, Oceania Regional Training Manager. Mr Waqa also does strategic planning for ONOC in the Oceania region. Cook Islands Badminton Association says a huge “meitaki maata” to Oceania Badminton for all their financial and administrative support, and advice over this year.

Gail Eraio

BWF AGM

What an experience !!! As the current Cook Island representative on the Oceania Badminton Board I attended this 77th BWF AGM and participated in an extremely interesting 4 days. Flying Air NZ with other Oceania Board members we arrived at Shanghai Pudong International Airport at 7.30am Thursday morning and were met by the Tournament Organising committee and were taken by bus for the two hour trip to our accommodation, the Jingling Grand Hotel, Kunshan. All meetings were held in the hotel – there were 25 floors in the Jingling Grand Hotel with one whole floor devoted to meeting rooms and halls. The main hall, Jingling Hall, catered for the huge BWF AGM of over 118 delegates who represented 105 countries worldwide. Oceania members attended the following meetings: Oceania Board meeting on Thursday 19th, the BWF Members Forum on Friday 20th, the BWF AGM on Saturday 21st and the BWF Women in Badminton meeting on Sunday 22nd.

The BWF AGM is an annual event held in conjunction with one of the top World Badminton events -Thomas and Uber Cup Tournament. Not all work and no play- we had the opportunity of seeing some of the semi final matches for Thomas and Uber Cup on the Saturday afternoon. Certainly made one want to aspire (at least) to those standards.

Mixing and mingling with people from so many continents and countries around the world was an enlightening experience and reinforced the fact that while we are different culturally we all have some similarities – friendly and hospitable being two of them. Shanghai is a city with millions of inhabitants covering a huge area, flats, apartments and accommodations as far as the eye could see, motorways of 3 to 4 tiers, - one could get lost very easily, some truly magnificent buildings, the oldest having been built during the time of the British, French and American occupation in the mid 1800's, restaurants and eateries galore with food suiting most tastes. Transport was a diverse mix – old fashioned bicycles with a trailer on the back, 3 wheeler trikes, scooters, modern cars and even the old hand cart that we saw being used by the Chinese workers who were here on Rarotonga for the Te Mato Vai project.

Appreciative thanks go to the Badminton World Federation, Oceania Badminton Board and Administration, and Cook Islands Badminton for making this trip possible in so many ways.

Gail Eraio





Cook Island Sports Awards

The CISNOC Sports Awards Dinner is held annually and recognises the best athletes and officials from the various sporting codes played in the Cook Islands for their achievements over the last year. Held at The Edgewater Spa and Resort, Arorangi on Sunday 27th March it was well attended with groups and individuals from clubs and organisations around the island.

The guest speaker was to have been David Tua, a former heavy-weight boxer and his presence was eagerly anticipated. Unfortunately due to a double booking he was unable to attend, however the evening was a great success with all who attended saying that they had a great night, especially the winning nominees.

Cook Islands Badminton Association decided that badminton should be recognised as an up and coming sport and for the first time were amongst this year's fifty seven nominees for the awards. CIBA's

nominations for the awards were as follows:-

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| Sports Administrator of the Year | - Thomas Mereana-Ngauro |
| Women in Sports Trophy | - Gail Eraio |
| Sportsman of the Year | - Eric Gamez |
| Sportswoman of the Year | - Ngaoa Ranginui |
| Junior Sportswoman of the Year | - Hailey Kainga |
| IOC Sports Personality Award | - Thomas Mereana-Ngauro |

As the President of CISNOC said the judges had a tough time selecting the winners given the excellent field of nominations they had received for the various awards and CIBA were absolutely delighted that our President Thomas Mereana-Ngauro won the Sports Administrator of the Year, well earned recognition

Gail Eraio



OSEP Training

In April Hebrew Tom, Thomas Ngauro and Ngaoa Ranginui attended an OSEP training course held at CISNOC Olympic House and was delivered by Siniva Marsters and also attended by Makiroa Mitchell, President of Handball Cook Islands. The purpose of this course was a build up for Hebrew who would be attending the Para-Badminton workshop in Melbourne, Australia. The course was also to help CIBA develop their skills in being able to deliver programmes, organise training & coaching and game structures. Also the different roles in administration and how to run the association

properly working alongside the stakeholders, community organisations and other sports codes. We were challenged to create a new type of tournament associated with badminton with a little twist. So the new game we came up with was called "FANTASTIC FOUR". The whole aspect of the sports course gave us a wider knowledge and insight to the sport we love.



Hebrew Tom

Level 1 Coaching Course



BWF Level 1 Course 30th April to 1st May 2016 was held in Auckland over two weekends. The first Level 1 course was held at Epsom Girls Grammar School. Handily, the accommodation was a short walking distance from the venue. We met with Rose from Tonga and Johanna from New Caledonia as we were sharing accommodation. On the morning of Level 1 the three of us met our co-trainees; in total there were 20 who attended the course and came from Palmerston North, and of course the island ladies. Our tutors were Robbie Thackham and Fanny Megahwati and they were really knowledgeable and so helpful during the course. They had us introduce

ourselves around the room, and once a topic was introduced on court work they mixed the groups up to demonstrate concepts such as movement to shuttle and back to recovery position.

There was heaps of court work, with the most enjoyable segment watching one particular participant with amazing ability of feeding shuttles continuously. There were group discussions on Performance Factors, Tactics, Space, self and opponent awareness, Base position.

The second part of the BWL Level 1 was held in Auckland 20th August to the 21st August 2016 and we stayed at the same place sharing with Johanna at the same accommodation as before. The venue changed; we went to Waitakarere Badminton Hall and the same 20 attended.

The second part of the course we recapped our first weekend, then we moved on to Performance Factors – Tactics, Doubles tactics, Mixed Tactics for 75mins. And then 30mins for groups to deliver 3 lessons including warm up, and then 60mins feedback in groups to review and evaluate each groups sessions. Then finally a summary on day 3 and prepare for day 4. All 20 of us were assessed by Robbie Thackham, Fanny Megawhati and Tracey Hallam. My assessor was Robbie Thackham and the day after our training he gave me my lesson which was Forehand Net Drop. When I got my result from Robbie I was excited seeing that I did well in my Theory Test Assessment, Strengths in Planning, structured sessions and good use of questioning to encourage thinking. I received a Provisional Pass that I am very happy with for now. A big meitaki maata to BWF and Oceania Badminton especially Nadia & Lynne for making my travel so easy.

Ngaao Rangunui

Para-Badminton Workshop



In April 2016, 18 participants from 5 Member Countries plus 5 athletes attended a 3 day Oceania Para-Badminton workshop in Melbourne Australia, held at the Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre. The workshop was developed by BWF Development Manager John Shearer and facilitated by Marianne Lou from Badminton Australia.

It was a privilege to be part of this workshop and to represent the Cook Islands, alongside other countries like Australia, New Zealand, Tonga and Tahiti.

The workshop provided the skills to put a plan and strategy in place to develop

Para-badminton in our respective countries. Unfortunately for us here in the Cook Islands, we don't have any para-athletes however this is all part of our preparation for when para-athletes are identified in the future. The highlight of the workshop was when we had to work with the athletes and put ourselves in their shoes. We did coaching sessions with them and were able to understand their different needs and abilities as compared to able-bodied players. I must admit it was fun scooting around on the court in a wheelchair.

Hebrew Tom



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Tutors Course

On April the 16th at the Princess Anne Hall CIBA committee/volunteers Thomas Ngauru, Ahkim Tikaroa, Hebrew Tom, Tinomana Naea, Adrianna Skuros and Steve Cuthers got the opportunity to become certified Shuttle Time tutors under the instruction of Nadia Bleaken the Development Manager for Oceania Badminton. The course lasted two days covering the basics of ShuttleTime using the lesson plans and videos to prepare and deliver courses to primary and secondary teachers. The course was a real eye opener for everyone learning proper teaching techniques, fun games and how to keep lessons interesting.

On the final day we were all asked to prepare our first teachers course that we would deliver the following week. This also gave Nadia the opportunity to assess us as tutors and show us where we could improve. We would like to thank Nadia and Oceania Badminton for this opportunity and thank our sponsors Akaoa Lodge and Polynesia Car and Bike Hire. We also congratulate our six newly trained tutors and thank them for their time and effort.



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Tinomana Naea

Secondary & Primary Teachers Course

It was a rainy day at Papaaroa Hall where we the newly trained tutors with Nadia Bleaken were set to deliver the ShuttleTime course to 13 secondary schools teachers. Each tutor was given different games sections to cover from basic grips to net drills and fun games. It was also a good opportunity to sit down with the teachers to show them videos and discuss ways in which we can further develop badminton in our country. The teachers were eager to learn more about badminton and find ways to improve their skills to better prepare them for the upcoming competition and ShuttleTime programme.

The teachers were impressed by the equipment, resources and videos that were available and how organised the programme was. It was important that the teachers were confident and well equipped to deliver ShuttleTime in their individual schools. Most especially teachers from Te Uki Ou and Avarua school who were participating for the first time.

We would like to thank Papaaroa Hall committee for the venue and the use of their projector.

The Primary School teachers course was a first for our primary school teachers that came from Immanuel Akatemia, Apia Rutaki, Arorangi School, St Joseph School and Takitumu School. There were over 14 teachers that attended the course ranging from new entrants to grade 6. The main focus was working on basic hand eye coordination with the use of balloons. And because this was also the first time for them to try out badminton it was important that they were confident to deliver the programme by the end of the course. To finish things off we had discussions to plan lessons for the next 3 weeks and proposed dates for the primary school tournament in 2017.

Tinomana Naea





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College Programme

Over 350 students took part in this years college programme from year 7 through to year 13. Schools included Nukutere College, Titikaveka College, Tereora College, Papaaroa School, Te Uki Ou & Apii Avarua. We were pleased to welcome first timers to the programme Apii Avarua who started off enthusiastically with classes out on their outdoor tennis courts then moving to the Mangaia Hostel where with assistance from CIBA two courts were lined and used for the remainder of the term. Apii Avarua has the largest enrolment of Year 7 & Year 8 students in the country with a lot of talent and potential which was evident from day one. Apii Te Uki Ou was also participating in the ShuttleTime programme for the first time. And even though volunteers were unavailable to assist with classes at the school it was good to see parents bring their children to afterschool classes.

The level of play amongst the students had improved immensely from the year previous which allowed tutors to deliver more advanced classes. A lot of focus on improving basic skills, tactics, scoring and umpiring.

As in last years programme Year 7 classes were always a challenge as these players had little or no understanding of how to play badminton. But with the commencement of our Primary School ShuttleTime programme for year 4 to year 6 students they will be taught the basic badminton skills much earlier.

It has always been a challenge accommodating so many students with limited playing facilities but teachers have always found a way to deliver the classes efficiently. What has also made classes easier to deliver are the ShuttleTime resources & plenty of equipment available. It's important that the schools are well equipped and receive support from the association as many codes have failed to do this and are losing the support of the schools or have been removed from the schools sport calendar.

We hope to welcome Immanuela Akatemia, Arorangi School and Nikao School to the college programme in 2017 achieving full participation from all secondary classes on Rarotonga. And just as exciting there are

plans to begin delivering ShuttleTime in the outer islands beginning with Araura College on the beautiful island of Aitutaki. We would like to say a big meitaki maata to the schools and volunteers who gave up their time to help teachers deliver the ShuttleTime programme.

Tinomana Naea





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2nd Inter College Tournament



A week before the 2nd Inter College Tournament was to be held, CIBA received approval for the use of the Bluesky Sports Arena, previously known as Telecom Sports Arena. The CIBA committee and volunteers quickly got together and taped down 8 courts in record time. This Tournament was to be the first ever badminton event to be held in the complex after waiting eagerly for some years. Our previous tournaments had been held in Princess Anne Hall at Tereora College which only had 4 courts but is still being used for social night games.

Six schools entered this year's tournament – they being Tereora College, Nukutere College, Titikaveka College, Papaaroa College, Te Uki Ou and Avarua School. Over 120 students participated in the tournament representing their schools in either the Juniors (year 7 & 8) or Senior (year 9 & 10) divisions with each division featuring boys, girls and mixed doubles. Matches were 10 minutes for each round of the round robin with a change of ends at 5 minutes. The kids played to their hearts content with some real amazing rallies and outstanding performances. The games were umpired by the CIBA committee, volunteers and 2016 AIMS Games squad members who were using the tournament as part of their preparations for the September competition. Having 8 courts allowed us to play more matches and allow more students to compete and more court time. The new setup in BSA was a bonus with its permanent seating enabling parents and spectators to get a good view of all the games. Over 150 matches were played without delay with the competition and prize-giving completed right on time. Next year CIBA we will be introducing singles as part of the Senior Division competition. With the AIMS Games now part of the badminton calendar and the anticipation of further overseas competitions we need to provide more singles competition for our students. Our volunteers & Sponsors were the backbone of our day with CITC and Avarua Bakery supplying very healthy snack packs to keep the players energy levels up and hunger pains down. Amongst the many valued sponsors we also like to thank Brian Mason for your sponsorship again this year, CI Table Tennis & Tereora College for your equipment, & Edgewater Resort and Spa sponsors of our major trophies and medals. We look forward to working with you all again in 2017.

Tinomana Naea



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2nd InterCollege Tournament Results



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Senior Girls Doubles Champions
TITIKAVEKA
Bernice Trego and Grace Matenga



Senior Mix Doubles Champions
TEREORA COLLEGE
Manamea Koteka and John Jesse



Junior Boys Doubles Champions
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Vaitoti Tupa and Kieran Luke



Junior Girls Doubles Champions
AVARUA SCHOOL
Kariana Hagai and Helina Maruariki



Junior Mix Doubles Champions
AVARUA SCHOOL
Troy Tangaroa and Tereapii Manuela



Senior Boys MVP
TITIKAVEKA COLLEGE
Mel Brown



Senior Girls MVP
TEREORA COLLEGE
Manamea Koteka



Juniors Boys MVP
NUKUTERE COLLEGE
Vaitoti Tupa



Junior Girls MVP
AVARUA SCHOOL
Kariana Hagai



Junior Overall Champions
AVARUA SCHOOL



Senior Overall Champions
TITIKAVEKA COLLEGE



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Primary School Programme



Takitumu Primary School, Arorangi School, Rutaki School, St Joseph's and Akademia Emmanuel all took part in our Primary Schools ShuttleTime Badminton Program all held in their respective school grounds. Approximately 400 students participated in the programme from year 2 up to year 6. Students were so excited to have an opportunity to finally have badminton at school and the excitement grew with every session. Tutors did well to encourage the teachers to actively take part in delivering the lessons and not just at CIBA scheduled times. It was the first time for CIBA to work with students this young and tutors were a little doubtful initially but by the second sessions the students were improving in leaps and bounds proving the programme a huge success.

Even though frequent inclement weather forced lessons into classrooms the lesson format did not change. St Joseph's School with over 60 children in year 5 & 6 were so keen they took advantage of afternoon classes 4 afternoons a week.

A big meitaki maata to BWF & Badminton Oceania for supplying ShuttleTime badminton kits full of nets, racquets, shuttles and resources. Also a big thank you to the Principals of each school for being proactive in allowing CIBA to run ShuttleTime in your schools.

Ahkim Tikaroa





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Just Play Village Sports Programme

CIBA joined Just Play Village Festival in March 2015 Rutaki School; the age groups were 5-12 years old. The children began with no idea how to hold the racket or how to hit the shuttle. By the end of session the review showed that 5% enjoyed playing Badminton, and then as Just Play Village Festival progressed each month from Village to Village, the number of children enjoying the play continued to rise. CIBA again joined the Just Play Festival in 2016. The first session was held in Tupapa (Avarua) where



189 children attended aged from 4-13. At the end of the session 20 children were asked which of the activities they preferred and 10% indicated their favourite of the day was Badminton, because the children from last year came back to play badminton through CIBA promoting the game in the primary schools and colleges

Our second to last Just Play Festival was held in October at Takuvaine. 44 children age 3-13 years attended and seven children were questioned on their involvement in the afternoon's activities with 100% saying they had fun and want to continue playing sports. Of these children 28% enjoyed playing badminton.

Our last Just Play Festival was held at Tupapa and Avarua. 145 Children age 4-13 years attended the festival, with the different codes. The NZ High Commissioner arrived for his first village festival and the Universal Children's Day Colouring Competition. Two Police Officers were present with their motorbikes to help build better community relationships. Kariana Karika attended to help with coaching the children. While watching Kariana interact with the little children a parent said she was amazed with her and was even more impressed when I explained that Kariana is one of our Under 15 members who represented her school at the Aims Games in September. That parent wanted to know how her kids might qualify for the Aims Game which shows the great exposure we get at these monthly events. Having lots of shuttles made it easy for coaching the little one's, supported by the great venues, the promotion on Local TV News, Radio and Newspaper.

Ngaoa Ranginui



Social Badminton Nights



Badminton Social Nights were held 3 to 4 times a week either at Princess Anne or St Josephs Community Hall from 6pm to 8pm. For just \$2 with racquets provided you were guaranteed a fun night of games and plenty of laughter and sometimes the odd tear.

During the year we had a few visitors who came to our social night. Sue and Noel from Tauranga found Badminton Cook Islands through Facebook and also through their local club, so while they were here on holiday in Rarotonga they decided to visit us. It's always nice to get some new competition so club members enjoyed playing against the couple from Tauranga. From us at CIBA, we would like to thank Sue and Noel for donating tube of feather shuttles and racquets which came handy for Aims Games squad training. Also all the way from Japan we had Ka-

tsuya join us for a couple of social nights. He took time to coach and advise members of the aims game squad.

Thank you so much for sharing your knowledge.

Social Nights continued the whole year through with over 100 members taking part.

Plans for 2017 are to provide competitive nights for elite and up coming junior players. These games will be an opportunity to improve and gain experience. *Whitney Henry*



NCEA Level Classes



Tereora College Year 13 & Nukutere College Year 11 students had the opportunity to gain credits by taking badminton as part of their NCEA level 1 & level 3 classes.

Although many of the students in level 3 had not received any coaching before they were very quick to pick up the basics. It was then a matter of learning court and play strategies for singles and doubles and how to score and umpire a game. By the end of the classes each student was able to hold a rally and score with little or no assistance. Having badminton part of the NCEA curriculum is a great achievement and has only been possible with the support of the schools and 'ShuttleTime' for providing excellent resources and equipment.

In future we would like to provide other colleges the opportunity to include badminton as part of their curriculums which will in turn lift the profile of the sport and give the students an opportunity to experience a new sport.

Of course the greatest obstacle is finding volunteers who can assist with delivering the classes during the day and at varying times but thanks to dedicated CIBA committee members each class was executed professionally and on time

Thomas Mereana-Ngauru



3rd Business House Competition

Our 3rd Annual Badminton Business House competition started on the 15th July 2016 and was held at the Bluesky Sports Arena. We had 12 teams that participated in the competition, 8 teams in the A Grade and 4 teams in the Social Grade. The competition included Woman's Doubles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

This year was a huge success not only did we have senior players we also had the junior squad training for the AIMS Games. The junior squad were put into teams with the seniors to gain more experience and fine tune their skills & tactics in preparation for Tauranga. Unfortunately due to a fire at Tereora College the competition was put on hold until the AIMS Games squad returned from New Zealand.

It was the first time having the Business Competition played in the arena & with 8 courts compared to Princess Anne's 4 courts more matches could be played and it was great to have the high ceiling and full sized courts but it did take a bit of adjusting to the lighting at first. We had many standout performances especially from junior players Francis Terepo and Teatuanui George who made the most of playing with the seniors. Poko Glassie and Makiroa Mataio were outstanding during the competition especially as they were only new to the sport.

It was great to have Gail Lewis, Rena Aumata, Mateariki Clan & Jennie George gracing our courts for the first time and certainly not the last. The uniforms this year were not compulsory but PHAB Beauties still came out looking fierce as always. The prizes this year included vouchers for 'Swimming with Turtles', Charlie's Stand-up paddle boarding and food, Hightide family pizza meals, Mama T's meals and consolation prizes.

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Mateariki Clan

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AIMS Games 2016

The AIMS Games are an annual school championship held in Tauranga, New Zealand for Year 7 and 8 students from over New Zealand and the Pacific competing in over 20 different including badminton. This year over 9,300 intermediate school children participated in what was the largest turnout in the history of the AIMS Games. Trials began in May at Princess Anne Hall, Tereora. These were held over a period of 3 weeks with 30 children vying for a spot in the team that was going to the AIMS Games 2016. The team category's, were boys and girls singles and boys and girls doubles. Selection's of players were made with these categories in mind. It was very difficult to choose the initial as all showed great potential and commitment. 8 students were chosen but after some deliberations with the CIBA committee and Oceania the final squad was chosen. The 10 players were from Avarua School Kariana Hagai and Nicolea Mateariki and from Nukutere College the girls were Avana Hagai, Unaonga Tiera, Teatuanui George, Eleanor Wichman and the boys were Damus Matakino, Francis Terepo, Vaitoti Tupa & Kiarn Whatarau. Training began straight after selection with 2 hour sessions 4 days a week. In addition a few members of the squad played up in the senior division of the schools inter-college tournament against year 9 & 10 students and reaching the semi-finals of the boys and mixed doubles and the final of the girls senior doubles.



Various events were held to raise funds to help send our Aims Games team to Tauranga. The first event was a Mufti Day held at both Avarua Primary School and Nukutere College with the funds raised going towards expenses for each player and the purchase of gifts for Tauranga Intermediate as part of a cultural exchange. Each school presented a personally engraved 8 string ukulele to their hosts. The next event was a Badminton Marathon held in St Joseph Hall where friends and family sponsored each player to participate in a marathon of badminton related exercises and quizzes. It was a great afternoon of fun with plenty of friends and family sponsoring so generously. Our final event was "Dinner with the Stars" an event to remember which attracted a large crowd of over 120. On the programme were items and a fashion parade performed by the team presenting all their playing and travelling uniforms including their track-suits sponsored by Bank South Pacific. A big Meitaki Maata to our major sponsor Edgewater Spa and Resort, Bank South Pacific with other contributions from The Islander Hotel and the Badminton Swingers dance troupe.



The next day on Sunday the team and families gathered for Mass at the St Josephs Cathedral and received a special blessing from Fr Freddy for a successful and safe trip. Then 4 days later the team flew from Rarotonga to Auckland, then caught the Intercity Bus to Manukau City where the team changed buses again to the Intercity Line to travel down to Tauranga via Thames and Paeroa. Arriving on Friday afternoon we settled in to our private holiday homes that were in close vicinity of the Badminton venue and right next door to Tauranga Intermediate. The following day we had an cultural exchange with pacific students of Tauranga Intermediate which included the exchange of gifts and nice welcome lunch and welcome cake. Then it was straight into business with a training session with Robbie Thackman alongside the team from Tonga and players representing Tauranga Intermediate. At the end of the session each of our players received a brand new yonex racquet courtesy of Oceania badminton. After a great session we were treated to dinner by Tarita John & family, Teei & Family & Ngaire Utanga at the hot pools the perfect end to a long.

Sunday Grand Opening. What an extravaganza that was ! The two teams from the South Pacific, Cook Islands and Tonga received complementary tickets to attend the evening and were said to have given the AIMS Games an international flavour and we were given the royal treatment and brought into the stadium last to a standing ovation



Competition Begins: On Monday the competition kicked off with Boys & Girls Singles Pool play. Each player was placed in a pool of 6 or 7 players then depending on their placing after round robin play they moved forward into the knockouts. Those who came first in their pool went on to Division 1 Knockouts where the medal winners would be decided. Second place in the pool went on to Division 2 Knockouts and so forth. Initial nerves were obvious but once Kiarn took the court for the first game and recorded the teams first win they grew in confidence. Standout performances came from Francis & Kariana who reached the quarter and semi-finals respectively in Division 2.

Every day gaining more experience, meeting new people, learning their different styles and techniques and coping in an overseas tournament. Doubles competition began on Wednesday afternoon using the same game format as in the singles competition with our best results coming from Unaonga & Eleanor coming 3rd in Division 2. The exposure for our players was extremely beneficial an ideal tournament for future teams to attend. Overall the team did extremely well are looking forward to carrying on their training. The squad also attended the "Disco Night" held at Tauranga Intermediate Hall and had a ball of a time at "Flipout" Trampoline Park courtesy of the AIMS Games organisers and sponsors who also gave complementary AIMS Games 2016 hoodies for each of our players. On our return we were hosted in Auckland by Alice Marsters and family before landing back in Rarotonga to a airport full of family and supporters who then hosted the team to a Homecoming Dinner and sharing at the St Josephs cathedral basement. CIBA would like to recognise the generous financial contribution from Oceania Badminton, their vision and support. Thank you to the AIMS Games committee for the opportunity and your hospitality, our Cook Island family and friends in Tauranga, to all our sponsors, players, families and friends for your commitment and support - Meitaki Maata

Gail Eraio

Boys Results	Singles	Doubles
Francis Terepo	Division 2 Q-Finals	Division 2 4th Placing
Vaitoti Tupa	Division 4 Round 1	
Damus Matakino	Division 2 Round 1	Division 2 6th Placing
Kiarn Whatarau	Division 3 S-Finals	

Girls Results	Singles	Doubles
Kariana Hagai	Division 2 S-Finals	Division 3 Winners
Nicolea Mateariki	Division 2 Round 1	
Teatuanui George	Division 2 Round 1	Division 2 4th Placing
Avana Hagai	Division 4 Winner	
Unaonga Tiera	Division 3 Q-Finals	Division 2 3rd Placing
Eleanor Wichman	Division 2 Q-Finals	

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CI National Badminton Champs 2016



Cook Islands' top players finished off the badminton year 2016 with the CI National Championships. It was also the inaugural Junior National Champs which saw young players compete in Under 11 and Under 15 Divisions in both doubles and singles. The tournament was held over 2 days at the Bluesky Arena and was a huge success with an excellent turnout in all divisions. Our open mens' and womens'

draws doubled from last year making for some exciting battles. Badminton has really been gaining momentum with over 80 players participating in both the Junior and Senior Divisions. It goes to show how our increasing development in the schools and community is starting to show some positive results. Outstanding performances in the Juniors came from young Te Pa Tupa of Matavera who took out both the singles and doubles Under 11 titles. Then in the Boys under 11 division brothers Te Pa & Noah Kelly of Nikao battled it out in the Singles competition final with Te Pa the eventual winner and 2016 Champion. There are some talented juniors coming through and CIBA hope to continue with their development in 2017. Not forgetting our seniors who impressed especially juniors Teatuanui George & Kariana Hagai in the open women's singles catching everyone's attention by making the semi-finals. CIBA look forward to making this a bigger and better competition in 2017 with the inclusion of further junior age groups and inviting players from the outer islands and even New Zealand.

Thomas Mereana-Ngauro

Prize Giving & Xmas Function



On a soggy November night the Cook Islands Badminton Association hosted their prize giving & Xmas function at the Cook Islands RSA. The committee decorated the venue with a lot of festive cheer really sharing that Christmas spirit. It was a great turnout despite the depressing weather with everyone getting right into the spirit of the night which included fun games that at one point meant finding certain under garments. Adrianna Skuros came up with some great games to entertain the crowd like badminton bingo, charades, guys serenading the ladies, dancing on bars, human wheelbarrows and much more. Not even the rain could dampen the party vibe as the room was continuously filled with laughter. It's amazing the lengths people (badminton players) will go just to win a pineapple lump. And most importantly no-one went home hungry thanks to the beautiful spread that everyone put together. We would like to thank the committee for their hard work and the players & supporters for making it a night to remember

Hebrew Tom

Results



**Under 11 Girls Singles
Champion**
Te Pa O Te Rangi Tupa



**Under 11 Boys Singles
Champion**
Te Pa Kelly



**Under 11 Girls Doubles
Champions**
Te Pa Tupa & Chian Naslund



**Under 11 Boys Doubles
Champions**
Shane Tuteru & Adam Terepo



**Under 15 Boys Singles
Champion**
Francis Terepo



**Under 15 Girls Singles
Champion**
Tetuanui George



**Under 15 Boys Doubles
Champions** Francis Terepo &
Damus Matakind



**Under 15 Girls Doubles
Champions**
Unaonga Tere & Kariana Hagai



**Open Womens Singles
Champion**
Adrianna Skuros



**Open Mens Singles
Champion**
Eric Gamez



**Open Mix Doubles
Champions**
Ira & Eric Gamez



**Open Mens
Doubles
Champions**
Vincent Manlangit
& Eric Gamez



**Open Womens
Doubles
Champions**
Adrianna Skuros
& Kariana Hagai

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Vicki Semple Thank you for being such awesome competitors at the AIMS Games - on & off the court. Can't wait to welcome you back in 2017
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Reece Whatarau Tight game, hey mate?? Well done, and good luck with your semi-final. Chur
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Teresa Kaiui Baby avana yaaaaay super happy aunty right here
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Kathy Numanga Wearing Well done you all of you!
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Johnny Taulu Go Hard Cooks
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Taeupa Tutakiao-Tupa so happy for your Avana, Kiarn and also Francis. Well done
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Vic Kim Badminton with bare feet!
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Jennie George Sooo awesome! Badminton Cook Islands starting them young and they are doing sooo well!! Can't wait to see the Cook Islands showing themselves true competitors in future Oceania Badminton and South Pacific Games comps!!! For a start!!
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Congratulations to all out Under 11 competitors!
Under 15, Under 19 & Open Division continue tomorrow





Taeupa Tutakiao-Tupa Awesome you lot
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Ahkim Tikaroa Too good under 11 kids
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Nadia Bleaken Congratulations Thomas and team Badminton Cook Islands for putting on "one of the best run sporting competitions" and also to my friend Raitiavatea Herman for the win!! Hugh Graham Daru Graham
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Juliet Rufina Marsters congratulations Teatu, bring on 2017.
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Pauline Davison Well done. Looking gorgeous.
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Jennie George Yay Teatuanui George
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Gail Lewis Looks like all had a great Comp, I am back next week so I will play in the next one. So see you all, or some of you on the courts soon.
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Kamil Krajewski Ada tradycyjnie zapraszam na meczycho na trawie w Siedlcach!
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Adrianna Skurosz Ahh the action!!!
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Katsuya Hashimoto
July 14, 2016 at 12:06am

Kia Orana! It was really nice to meeting you all guys last week! I w... See More

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Sue Stevens
June 18, 2016 at 8:41am

Great to see you all in action , we will come on down to see you at AIMS Games

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Cook Islands Badminton Calendar of Events for 2017

Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	CIBA AGM 30th March		Oceania & BWF AGM 18th—20th May Gold Coast AUSTRALIA				Business House Comp 14th July — 1st September BSA Arena		CIBA Nationals 20th—22nd November BSA Arena	
	ShuttleTime Teachers Course 19th April Princess Anne		ShuttleTime College Programme 8 weeks May—June 2017		Inter-College Tournament 30th June BSA Arena		AIMS Games 10th—15th September Tauranga NEW ZEALAND		Primary School Tournament 17th November BSA Arena	
		AIMS Games Trials 12 weeks March—May Monday & Wednesday					ShuttleTime Teachers Course 18th October Princess Anne		ShuttleTime Primary Programme 23rd October—November 2017	
Senior Social & Competitive Badminton Evenings Tuesday & Friday										
Junior Squad Training Under 11, 13 & 15										
Afterschool Junior Programme & Village Sports										

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AUDIT REPORT

To The Readers of the Financial Statements of

Cook Islands Badminton

We have audited the attached financial statements of the Cook Islands Badminton. The financial statements provide information on the financial performance and its financial position for the period ending 13 January 2017. This information is stated in accordance with the generally accepted accounting practices and principles appropriate for nonprofit organisations.

Responsibilities of the Executives of the Society

The Executives of the Society are responsible for the preparation of its financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position and the results of its operation as at 13 January 2017

Responsibilities of the Auditor

It is our responsibility as auditors to express an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Executives of the Society and report accordingly.

Basis of Opinion

The audit includes examining on a random test basis accounting records and other evidence relevant to the amounts disclosed in the financial statements. We obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary and assurances that the financial statements are free from significant misstatements, whether caused by error or fraud.

We have no other interest with the Society, other than our capacity as auditors.

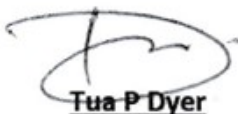
Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept and the financial statements of the Cook Islands Badminton comply with generally accepted accounting practice and give a true and fair view of its financial position and the results of its operation as at 13 January 2017.

Our audit was completed on 27 February 2017 and our opinion expressed at that date.

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Oceania Badminton Federation

Cook Islands Sports & National Olympic Committee

Tereora College (Princess Anne Hall)

Papaaroa Adventist Hall

Mangaia Hostel Committee

St Josephs Community Hall Committee

Rarotonga Primary Schools & Colleges

Te Kainga O Pa Taunga

Vaiakura Villas

PHAB Pharmacy

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