

Annual Report 2023



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Our Patroness

Well Cook Island Badminton have had very exciting 2023 !!!!!

Our U15, U17 and U19 squads took part in several tournaments in New Zealand and Australia however the "icing on the cake" was the trip to Spokane in the United States ! That was an experience – it certainly opened many eyes to how the rest of the world operates and made us appreciate how well off we are here in the Cook Islands.

As our young players get older their need to go to New Zealand to further their education depletes our player pool to a certain extent. Our Cook Island coaches have gained an international reputation for producing good players as the majority of these students are absorbed into their local NZ clubs. However, the "heart always comes home" and on their return for holidays, etc they commence playing again almost as soon as their feet are back on Cook Island soil.

We continue to introduce Shuttletime in to the primary schools with visits to some of the outer islands by one of our coaches accompanied by a senior player. This year the islands of Mitiaro, Mangaia and Aitutaki benefited from our visit thus making it possible for students coming to Rarotonga for their secondary education to move straight into a sport that they are already familiar with. This grassroots programme has certainly proved successful and we have a number of very promising players coming thru'.

Cook Islands Badminton Association is blessed with some extraordinary people who continue to give to the sport of badminton, unstintingly of their time, energy and passion. These extraordinary people are well known to you and me - they are the members of the Executive Committee, the coaches, the players and especially the Parents who encourage, support and sometimes cajol their children.

We thank them all for their commitment !!!! Cook Island Badminton are also blessed with major local businesses and badminton supporters who for many years happily sponsor the national tournaments.

A huge MEITAKI MAATA to you all.

Best wishes and see you all in 2024.
Mama Gail

Message from our President

2023 was filled with so many blessings which I am so thankful for most especially the strength and wisdom to continue to lead this association.

But it has only been possible with some hard-working and passionate people right there by my side sharing that same dream

A Silver Medal at our first Oceania U15 Invitational then our first Mixed Open Team to compete at an Oceania Champs beating Tahiti & Tonga earning 4th Overall and 2nd in the Pacific, just amazing! Then more medals at Palmerston North and AIMS Games then our first U19 Team to the BWF World Junior Champs in Spokane, USA.

Every year we go from strength to strength with our ultimate goal to medal at our first Pacific games in 2027.

Meitaki everyone for your support and I look forward to an exciting 2024

Thomas Mereana-Ngauro



BEACH GAMES 2023

January 9th, the Nikao Beach Courts hosted the inaugural Air Badminton

Competition as part of the 2023 Beach Games. Teams fiercely competed in the one-day tournament, each aiming for the top spots. Despite strong opposition, team 'Young Gunz' stood out, dominating their way into the finals. Their exceptional

performance earned them the title of inaugural champions for 2023. With impressive skill and determination, they claimed the coveted gold medal and a well-deserved cash prize, leaving a lasting impression on the sandy courts and setting a high standard for future competitions.

RESULTS:
GOLD
Young Gunz
SILVER
Team Peneneke
BRONZE
Lord of the Strings





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Victor Oceania Championships 2023



Victor Oceania Championship 2023, Auckland, NZ



Team Results;

Pacific U15 Invitational Team Cook Islands - **Silver**
 Victor Junior Mixed Team Cook Islands - **5th Placing**
 Victor Opens Mixed Team Cook Islands - **4th Placing**

Badminton Cook Islands embarked on an unforgettable journey at the Oceania Badminton Championship 2023 held in Auckland, New Zealand. Their participation in various categories, including the U15 Invitational and U19, Opens individual and team events, was marked by exceptional skill, unwavering determination, and admirable sportsmanship. In the U15 category, the Cook Islands team emerged as shining stars, capturing the silver medal after a thrilling match against Tahiti. Their victory was not only a

testament to their talent on the court but also a result of their relentless dedication and hard work in preparation for the championship. Each member of the U15 team showcased remarkable teamwork, leaving a lasting impression on competitors and supporters. Similarly, the Juniors and Opens teams represented the Cook Islands with pride and determination, securing commendable 5th placing for the Juniors and 4th placing for the Opens team. Despite facing stiff competition from opponents across the Oceania

region, they displayed exceptional skill, strategic play, and admirable resilience throughout the championship. Prior to the championship, the U15 team participated in a rigorous training camp alongside other Pacific Islands, further refining their skills and fostering talent within the region. This experience not only enhanced their performance on the court but also strengthened bonds of friendship and cooperation among players from different backgrounds. The journey of the entire tournament was not without its

challenges, as they faced a change in venue due to flooding in the North Harbour area. However, their ability to adapt quickly and maintain focus amidst adversity underscored their resilience and determination to succeed. Despite the logistical hurdles, the team traveled to the Auckland Badminton Club in Gillies Avenue with unwavering determination, ready to compete at the highest level.



Inclusive Badminton

It's been wonderful working with our disability students from the Creative Centre, Autism Cook Islands, and local schools this past year. We organized classes where students could enjoy playing badminton and socialize with their peers. Hebrew Tom, our Shuttletime coordinator, made sure these classes were safe and fun for everyone involved.

These classes are a big part of our Shuttle Time program on Rarotonga, helping to make sports more accessible for our disability community. Thanks to partnerships with the Ministry of Education and CISNOC, we've been able to create more opportunities for them to participate in the sport they love. It's all about empowering them to follow their passions and stay active within our community.

By working closely with our stakeholders, we've improved our programs and opened up new possibilities for our disability community. With support from organizations like the Ministry of Education and CISNOC, we're reaching more people and providing more chances for them to join in and enjoy badminton. Together, we're building a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone can thrive through sports.



NCEA Classes

Cook Islands Badminton has been helping Tereora College teachers and students with NCEA Level 3 Badminton classes.

We've also sponsored the trophy for the top Sports & Leisure student in Level 3 for the fourth year in a row. This support shows their commitment to encouraging students' interest in badminton and recognizing academic excellence in sports at Tereora College.

Youth Leadership Award

More than 8 school-aged players gathered at the Telecom Arena in Nikao to take part in CIBA's Youth Leadership Award classes. With an ever-expanding group of young players joining, it became crucial to have the necessary assistance and support for our Shuttle Time program, including teachers and coordinators.

The award provided these young leaders with the skills necessary to effectively run ShuttleTime sessions in their schools and communities. By empowering them with leadership abilities, we aim to ensure the sustainability and growth of badminton programs across schools and communities, fostering a love for the sport among the younger generation.



Afterschool Classes

Every year, CIBA holds afterschool classes for kids aged 6 to 13, once a week during terms 1, 2, and 3. This year, the classes were held at the Telecom Sports Arena with help from Pacific Coaches participants and Junior squad players. These classes let kids play badminton and are perfect for those who want to play more. They also help find talented players who could represent the country in the future with more training.



Shuttle Time



Eight individuals, including parents and management, convened at Constitution Park to undergo the ShuttleTime Teachers Course facilitated by Thomas Ngauru , a program crafted by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) to equip educators with the necessary skills for teaching badminton to children. Throughout the course, participants delved into various aspects of the game, from fundamental rules to effective teaching methodologies, all within a supportive and interactive environment. By engaging in the ShuttleTime Teachers Course, these individuals not only enhance their understanding of badminton but also play a crucial role in advancing sports education within their community.

Upon completion of the course, participants will receive certification enabling them to implement the ShuttleTime program in schools and communities. This certification empowers them to promote the growth and development of badminton at grassroots levels, thereby fostering a love for the sport among young learners. Through their dedication to enhancing sports education, these individuals contribute significantly to nurturing future generations of badminton players.





SINCE 1891

*Proud Sponsors of the Annual Primary
School Badminton Tournament*



7th Annual Primary School Program & Tournament

The Annual Primary School Tournament marks a significant event on the CIBA calendar, providing an exciting conclusion to the school program each year. While Apii Nikao aimed to defend their title, Apii Avarua emerged as the victor this year. Almost providing us with a repeat of the previous years tournament.

This year's tournament took on added importance with the inclusion of schools from Aitutaki, such as Apii Vaitau, Apii Araura, and Apii Tekaaaroa, thanks to the generous support from Badminton World Federation and Air Raro. Their participation added to the competitive spirit of the event, enhancing the overall experience for all involved.

CIBA extends its sincere gratitude to sponsors Badminton World Federation, Badminton Oceania, CTC and Air Raro, as well as to all participating schools and volunteers, for their invaluable support. Their contributions are instrumental in ensuring the success and expansion of such events, fostering a strong sense of community and creating lasting memories for everyone.



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Tournament results

Year 4 Girls Doubles Champions:
Apiai Nikao- Moana Matheson & Nena Moeara
Runner Up:
Apiai Arorangi - Mahana Tuariki & Angelina Teiho

Year 4 Boys Doubles Champions:
Apiai Nikao - Kayden Nicholas-Herman & Jeremiah Elikana
Runner Up:
Apiai Avarua - Konrad Hunter & Amosa Maui

Year 5 Girls Doubles Champions:
Apiai Nikao - Elimoeana Napa & Ziah Ngaata
Runner Up:
Apiai Avarua - Ruapine Tereapii & Katrina Toru

Year 5 Boys Doubles Champions:
Apiai Avarua - Francis Cowan & Trevyon Kae
Runner Up:
Apiai Te Uki Ou - Christian Williams & Kiva Pick-Heath

Year 6 Girls Doubles Champions:
Apiai St Joseph - Mahana Emile & Katie-Anne Rouru
Runner Up:
Apiai Avarua - Moana-Sky Napa & Tera Rongo

Year 6 Boys Doubles Champions:
Apiai Nikao - James Nicholas-Herman & Tehoa Samuel
Runner Up:
Apiai Avarua - Numangatini Halston & Rigan Wichman

Overall Champions for 2022

1st Apiai Avarua 141 points
2nd Apiai Nikao 111 points
3rd St Joseph's School 96 points





If you are what you eat,
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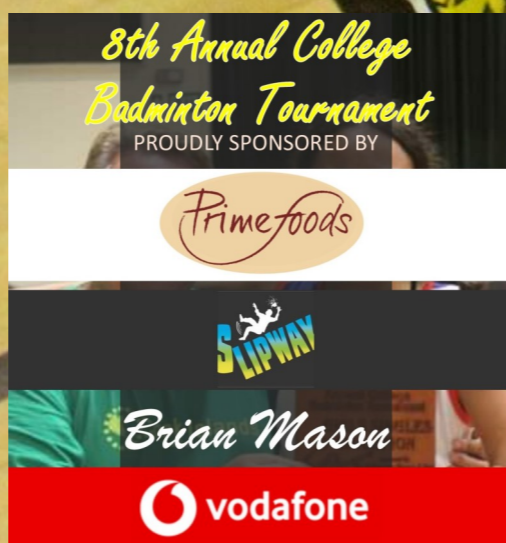


8th Annual College Program & Tournament

The College Tournament took place at the Telecom Sports Arena in Nikao, spanning two days. The Junior Division competed first, followed by the Seniors on the subsequent day. This event occurred after five weeks of classes within the schools, providing students with an opportunity to engage in badminton within a competitive setting and measure their skills against those of other schools.

Tereora demonstrated dominance in the senior category, while Apii Nikao showcased superiority in the Junior division. Despite efforts from other schools to challenge these two, they proved to be unmatched.

Cook Islands Badminton expressed gratitude to all participating schools for contributing to the success of the event. Additionally, they extended their appreciation to our sponsors Primefoods, Vodafone, Slipway, Brian Mason and all volunteers involved.



Tournament results

Junior Girls Doubles Champions:

Rosa Kureta & Lia Taio - Apii Nikao

Runner-Up:

Vainemoeroa Taura & Maraia Wichman - Nukutere College

Junior Boys Doubles Champions:

Uhain Gamez & Taianu William - Apii Nikao

Runner-Up:

Raeyan Narayan & Dalton Herman - Apii Avarua

Junior Mix Doubles Champions:

Vincent Simpson & Tyla Ngaata - Apii Nikao

Runner-Up:

Papatangi Tangatapoto & Terii Tuakana - Apii Avarua

Junior Boys Singles Champion:

Haize Gamez - Apii Nikao

Runner-Up: Makea Pauka - Nukutere College

Junior - Girls Singles Champion:

Edon Teraitua - Apii Avarua

Runner-Up: Trudeinus Tuaputa - Apii Avarua

Overall Junior Champions for 2022

1st Apii Nikao

2nd Apii Avarua

3rd Nukutere College

Senior Girls Doubles Champions:

Arihoia Sprague-Marsters & Tangi Tangapiri - Tereora College

Runner-Up:

Tuaine Nicholas-Herman & Joy Tabualoboni - Tereora College

Senior Boys Doubles Champions:

Edward Patai & Emile Tuariki - Tereora College

Runner-Up:

Sounuu Kaveao-Gempton & Macfan Rani - Titikaveka College

Senior Mix Doubles Champions:

Toto Tiaore & Raetea Rongo - Tereora College

Runner Up:

Noah Kelly & Tekura Tamangaro - Tereora College

Senior Boys Singles Champion:

Tahitoa Webb - Tereora College

Runner-Up:

Eliakima Webb - Tereora College

Senior - Girls Singles Champion:

Vaitea Crocombe-Ama - Tereora College

Runner-Up:

Lana Aperau-Toa - Tereora College

Overall Senior Champions for 2022

1st Tereora College

2nd Nukutere College

3rd Titikaveka College

Social & Elite Challenges 2023

In 2023, there were two fun social events for our usual crowd. First was the 5 Week Social Challenge, where teams played five double matches and one triples match in a round-robin setup. Then, there was the 5 Week Social Elite Challenge, with four double matches, one singles match, and one triples match.

Thank you to all that supported these event.



5 Week Social Elite Challenge 2023

- 1st Placing TAU Power
- 2nd Placing Just Whack It
- 3rd Placing Sobat Santuy
- 4th Vodafone Thunderbolts
- 5th We are BCI
- 6th Team Victor
- 7th Team Peneneke
- 8th Kia Orana Villas
- 9th BSP Smashers
- 10th Unicorn Gang
- 11th 4XC BOIZ
- 12th Make-Up
- 13th Rukz Racketz
- 14th Hubba Hubba
- 15th Underdogs
- 16th AirNZ

5 Week Social Badminton Challenge 2023

Division One
 Winner: Indonesian Breeze
 Runner-Up: Just Whack It
 3rd: Green Machine
 4th: We are BCI

Division Two
 Winner: Team Victor
 Runner-Up: AIMS Chaperones
 3rd: Red Hot!
 4th: TAU Power

Division Three:
 Winner: Team Unknown
 Runner-Up: Unicorn Gang
 3rd: Hubba Hubba
 4th: TC Smashers



Island Pride Challenge 2023

Island Pride 2023 was a thrilling 5-week challenge held at the TSA Arena, serving as a preparation lead-up for the Cook Islands Games 2024. The configuration included one women's doubles, one men's doubles, two mixed doubles, two doubles, and four singles matches. It was an exciting opportunity for players to hone their skills in anticipation of the upcoming Games. Thank you goes out to all the teams that participated,



Island Pride Challenge 2023

- 1 Manihiki
- 2 Rakahanga
- 3 Atiu
- 4 Aitutaki
- 5 Mitiaro
- 6 Rarotonga
- 7 Palmerston
- 8 Mangaia



Cook Islands Masters Tournament

The Cook Islands Masters Competition spanned two days at the TSA Arena, hosting six teams in a round-robin format. The Black Panthers emerged as the dominant force, showcasing their skills on the court, with the Golden C Killers closely trailing behind. The competition was fierce, with each team putting up a spirited fight, demonstrating their skills and determination. This event served as a

valuable preparation for players gearing up for the Master in Paradise 2024. It provided an opportunity for participants to fine-tune their strategies and sharpen their skills in anticipation of the upcoming tournament. The intensity of the matches and the competitive atmosphere underscored the importance of such events in nurturing talent and fostering skills within the badminton community.

Results

- 1st** Black Panthers
- 2nd** Golden C Killers
- 3rd** Funk Kong

Presidents Award: Paula Paniani

Vonnias Staff Bonding

Vonnias reached out to Badminton Cook Island to assist in organizing a mini badminton tournament as part of their team bonding activities for 2023. CIBA was happy to assist

Congratulations to all the winners!



Tatou Tatou Social Competition

Tatou Tatou Social Competition is organized by social clubs from various state-owned enterprises in the Cook Islands, including CIIC, BCI, Te Aponga Uira, Vodafone, Totau Vai, Airport Authority, and Ports Authority. On this occasion, Badminton Cook Islands was approached by Te Aponga Uira to help coordinate some friendly matches.



**FIRST TEAM BONDING FOR THIS YEAR
ARE YOU READY TO GET YOUR GAME ON!!!**

**VONNIAS
BADMINTON**

**Date: Saturday, 22nd April 2023
Venue: Telecom Sports Arena
Time: 2pm - 5PM**

To make this happen we need you!!!

RULES

- 8 Teams of at least 6 players up to 10 max
- 2 pools of 4 teams play Round Robin ties
- Each tie consists of 4 matches (2 doubles and 2 triples) first to 21 points
- Maximum of 2 matches per player during each tie or round
- Teams to alternate umpires for each tie

HOUSE RULES: No eating and No Alcohol in the Arena



Junior Player Camp

In 2023, Cook Islands Badminton Association (CIBA) welcomed Robbie Thackham, Oceania Development Manager. Robbie spent a week at the TSA Arena working with our Junior Development Squad in June.

This visit allowed Robbie to see our progress and help local coaches. We're thankful to Badminton Oceania for their great support.



Strength & Conditioning

In the first part of the year, CIBA got help from Andrew Iroa and his team at Evolution Sports for training our Squad players. They focused on Strength and Conditioning to prepare for overseas competitions. Later on, Manea Maretapu, one of our committee members, led the training sessions for the rest of the year. CIBA is thankful for the effort both coaches put in. Their support has been crucial for our players' progress.



BWF Level One Coaches Course

Danny Simpson recently took part in the BWF Level One Coaching course in Auckland, New Zealand. The course happened a week before the Oceania Championship 2023 and involved participants from Pacific countries. He aims to improve his skills so he can better help players develop. This demonstrates Danny's commitment to the sport and his desire to contribute to the badminton community in our region.



Umpires Course

After completing the Pacific Umpires Course during the Masters in Paradise 2022, Danny Simpson got to practice his skills as an umpire and linesman at the Oceania Championships 2023. This hands-on experience helped him and other umpires improve and gain confidence in officiating badminton matches. It's a valuable opportunity for personal growth and enhances the quality of officiating in the Pacific badminton community.





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Cook Islands Team to the
AIMS Games 2023

RAROTONGA



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AIMS Games, Tauranga, NZ

It was good to be back, despite not attending in the last three years due to COVID. The AIMS Games 2023, hosted in Tauranga, New Zealand, gathered talented young athletes from across the globe to compete in various sports disciplines. Among the participants were 15 intermediate-level badminton individuals representing different schools across the Cook Islands, including Nukutere College, Apii Avarua, Apii Nikao, and Apii Arorangi. Among the standout performers were Edon Teraitua and Claude Simpson, who formed an impressive doubles partnership, showcasing

exceptional skills and teamwork throughout the tournament. Edon Teraitua and Claude Simpson's remarkable performances culminated in them clinching the silver medal in the doubles event, adding to the pride and acclaim of the Cook Islands contingent. Their achievement not only highlighted their individual talents but also underscored the depth of talent and dedication present within the Badminton Cook Islands community. Their success at the AIMS Games 2023 serves as a source of inspiration for aspiring young athletes and reinforces the Cook Islands' growing presence on the international sports stage.



Singles Final Results

- Edon Teraitua
- Uhain Gamez
- Haize Gamez
- Makea Pauka
- Talia Adams
- Claude Simpson
- Maraea Wichman
- Terito Napa
- Vincent Simpson
- Siaosi Cowan
- Victor Anselmo
- Raeyaan Narayan
- Trudeinus Tuaputa
- Itirangi Nicholas-Herman
- Prince Strickland

- Division 1 Top 16
- Division 1 Top 32
- Division 1 Top 32
- Division 2 Champion
- Division 2 Runner-Up
- Division 2 Top 4
- Division 2 Top 8
- Division 2 Top 16
- Division 2 Top 16
- Division 2 Top 16
- Division 2 Top 32
- Division 2 Top 32
- Division 3 Champion
- Division 3 Runner-up
- Division 3 Top 8

Doubles Final Results

- Claude Simpson & Edon Teraitua
- Division 1 Mix Doubles SILVER Medalist**
- Raeyaan Narayan & Trudeinus Tuaputa
- Division 1 Mixed Doubles Top 8**
- Terito Napa & Itirangi Nicholas-Herman
- Division 1 Girls Doubles Top 16**
- Vincent Simpson & Caleb Lim (NZ)
- Division 1 Boys Doubles Top 8**
- Makea Pauka & Siaosi Cowan
- Division 2 Boys Doubles Champions**
- Maraea Wichman & Talia Adams
- Division 2 Girls Doubles Champions**
- Haize Gamez & Uhain Gamez
- Division 2 Boys Doubles Top 4**
- Victor Anselmo & Prince Strickland
- Division 3 Boys Doubles Top 8**

New Zealand Junior Championship, Palmerston North, 2023

Results

- U15 Counties Manukau 1 Div 1 | Silver
Edon
- U15 Counties Manukau 2 Div 2 | Gold
Lana
- U17 Counties Manukau 1 Div 1 | Bronze
Zarrian, Kaiyin, Te Pa, Tereapii
- U17 Counties Manukau 2 Div 2 | 5th Placing
Augustine

The New Zealand Badminton Junior Team Championship 2023 took place in Palmerston North at the Central Energy Trust Arena over five thrilling days. This highly anticipated competition gathered talented young players from across New Zealand to showcase their skills and compete for top honors. Among the participants were three boys from the Badminton Cook Islands Squad, Zarrian Heather-Rau, Augustine Teraitua, and Kaiyin Mataio, along with four girls from the Badminton Cook Islands squad, Tereapii Akavi, Lana

Aperau, Te Pa Tupa, and Edon Teraitua. These players joined forces with the U15 and U17 Counties Manukau teams to represent their regions and strive for success on the badminton court. The tournament provided an excellent platform for these aspiring athletes to test their abilities and gain invaluable experience in a competitive setting. The young players from the Badminton Cook Islands Squad integrated seamlessly with their Counties Manukau counterparts, forming cohesive teams ready to take on the challenge.

Notably, Counties Manukau 1 U15, featuring Edon, secured the silver medal in division one, Counties Manukau 2 U15 featuring Lana secured gold in division two, while Counties Manukau 1 U17, with Zarrian, Kaiyin, Te Pa, and Tereapii in their ranks, clinched the bronze medal in division one. Their impressive performances demonstrated the depth of talent and determination within both the Counties Manukau and Badminton Cook Islands squads. The New Zealand Badminton Junior Team Championship is a prestigious event in the country's badminton calendar, attracting young players from various

regions to compete at a high level. It offers an opportunity for players to develop their skills, gain exposure to competitive play, and forge lasting friendships with fellow athletes. The success of the Badminton Cook Islands Squad members in collaboration with the Counties Manukau teams reflects their dedication to the sport and highlights the potential for future achievements on the badminton stage.

Thank you to Counties Manukau, BOC and Robbie for the support and opportunity. *Photo courtesy of Badminton New Zealand*



SPOKANE 2023

Spokane
SPORTS



Vonnias

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to the BWF World Junior Champs 2023*

BWF World Junior Championship 2023

In 2023, the Badminton Cook Islands Team embarked on an exciting journey to Spokane, USA, for their first-ever participation in the BWF Junior World Championship. Eager to make their mark on the global stage, the team embraced the challenge with enthusiasm and determination.

Facing tough opponents in every match, the Badminton Cook Islands Team approached each game as a valuable learning opportunity. Despite the fierce competition, they displayed resilience and perseverance, gaining invaluable experience with every rally.

Off the court, the team seized the chance to enhance their skills further by attending coaching clinics led by top coaches from around the world. They also participated in #iambadminton initiatives, promoting the values of clean sportsmanship and fair play.

Beyond the tournament, the team immersed themselves in the local culture of Spokane. They marveled at seeing snakes up close and engaged in meaningful interactions with native Indians, broadening their cultural horizons and fostering a deeper appreciation for diversity.

A highlight of their trip was a gracious dinner hosted by Mama Linda and Papa Craig Condon at their residence. This gesture of hospitality reinforced the warm welcome the team received in Spokane and left a lasting impression on them.

Overall, the Badminton Cook Islands Team's journey to the BWF Junior World Championship was not just about competing on the court but also about embracing new experiences, learning from challenges, and forging connections that transcended borders. As they returned home, they carried with them memories of growth and the spirit of sportsmanship that will continue to inspire them in their future endeavors.



Golf Ambrose Fundraiser

Management and families organized a Golf Ambrose fundraiser to help send the Badminton Cook Islands Team to Spokane, USA. They raised \$15,673.70! This money paid for the team's trip expenses like flights and hotels. Big meitaki maata to those that supported this event.

Theme:
Favourite World Sport Team
TEAM OF 6
\$150

Golf Ambrose

Date: Friday 28th July 2023

Breakfast: Chicken Curry
Lunch: Umu Kai
Dinner: BBQ Chops
Opens from 10am onwards

QUICK RAFFLES | KARAOKE COMP

MANY PRIZES TO BE WON

Tee off times: 10am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm

Team registration to Jean cibdmn@gmail.com or Thomas thomasutangauru@gmail.com

In aid of sending our kids to the BWF World Junior Championships 2023, Spokane, Washington, USA

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Junior National Championships 2023

It's great to hear the success of this year's Junior Nationals with over 80 players competing to find the age-group champions for 2023.

Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to all the coaches who supported them throughout their journey.

Special recognition goes to Vonnia's, BCI, Andrew Iroa of Evolution Sports, and Vodafone for their continuous support throughout the year. Their sponsorship is invaluable in helping young athletes pursue their passion and achieve their goals in sports.



Under 13

Boys Singles Champion - Vincent Simpson
Runner-Up - Claude Simpson

Boys Doubles Champions - Vincent Simpson & Claude Simpson
Runner-Up - Numangatini Halston & Tangitoru Heather

Girls Singles Champion - Trudeinus Tuaputa
Runner-Up - Terito Napa

Girls Doubles Champions - Terito Napa & Itirangi Nicholas-Herman
Runner-Up - Trudeinus Tuaputa & Hinarii Taulu-Amo



Under 15

Boys Singles Champ: Makea Pauka Jnr
Runner-Up: Haize Gamez

Boys Doubles Champs: Makea Pauka Jnr & Haize Gamez
Runner-Up: Vincent Simpson & Raeyaan Narayan

Girls Singles Champ: Edon Teraitua
Runner-Up: Arihoia Sprague-Marsters

Girls Doubles Champs: Edon Teraitua & Lana Aperau-Toa
Runner-Up: Arihoia Sprague-Marsters & Tuaine Nicholas-Herman

Mixed Doubles Champs: Makea Pauka Jnr & Lana Aperau-Toa
Runner-Up: Haize Gamez & Arihoia Sprague-Marsters



Under 19

Boys Singles Champion - Daniel Akavi
Runner-Up - Emanuela Mataio

Boys Doubles Champions - Daniel Akavi & Emanuela Mataio
Runner-Up - Makea Pauka & Kaiyin Mataio

Girls Singles Champion - Te Pa Tupa
Runner-Up - Vaitea Crocombe-Ama

Girls Doubles Champions - Te Pa Tupa & Tereapii Akavi
Runner-Up - Vaitea Crocombe-Ama & Lana Aperau-Toa

Mixed Doubles Champions - Daniel Akavi & Tereapii Akavi
Runner-Up - Te Pa Tupa & Kaiyin Mataio

Results

Open Men's Singles Champion:
Emanuela Mataio
Runner-Up: Eric Gamez

Open Women's Singles Champion:
Te Pa O Te Rangi Tupa
Runner-Up: Tereapii Akavi

Open Men's Doubles Champions:
Danny Simpson
& Eric Gamez
Runner-Up: Johnjones Eliu
& David Piakura

Open Women's Doubles Champions:
Te Pa O Te Rangi Tupa
& Tereapii Akavi
Runner-Up: Edon Teraitua
& Eleanor Wichman

Open Mix Doubles Champions:
Daniel
& Tereapii Akavi
Runner-Up: Emanuela Mataio & Te Pa
Tupa



Open National Championships 2023

The Open National Championships showcased the strongest field of players ever, leading to some truly exciting matches and surprising results. Hosted at the Telecom Sports Arena, the competition began with the Men's and Women's Singles events.

In the Men's Singles category, the matches were intense and fiercely contested. However, despite the tough competition, the reigning champion Emanuela Mataio managed to retain his title for the second consecutive year, showcasing his dominance in the sport.

On the women's side, Te Pa Tupa and Tereapii Akavi continued to showcase their skills in both the Singles and Doubles events. Te Pa impressively retained her Open Women's Singles title for the fourth consecutive year, solidifying her status as a formidable force in the sport.

One of the most notable moments of the tournament was the Men's Doubles playoff match, where John Eliu and David Piakura pulled off a stunning upset by defeating the number 2 seeded players, Emanuela Mataio and Daniel Akavi. Their victory was well-deserved and undoubtedly a highlight of the championship, showcasing the unpredictability and excitement that sports tournaments often brings.



Awards Night 2023



Sinai Hall served as the venue for this year's Awards Night, providing the perfect setting to celebrate another successful year for CI Badminton. With music serenading in the background, our Junior and Open National Champions were rightfully crowned.

The evening was adorned with beautiful food and even more beautiful people, topped off with exciting games and laughter filling the atmosphere. Congratulations to all our winners, and a heartfelt "Meitaki" to everyone for contributing to an awesome night of celebration.

A sincere thank you to all our players, supporters, and stakeholders for their dedication and contributions throughout the year. Your passion and commitment are truly appreciated and instrumental in the success of CI Badminton.



COACH OF THE YEAR!
AHKIM TIKAROA



SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR!
MANEA MARETAPU



PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR!
PELDI SAYOGA



PHOTO OF THE YEAR!
'DANNY & ARIHOIA'



JUNIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR!
EDON TERAITUA

SENIOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR!
EMANUELA MATAIO

Emanuel's



Emanuela Mataio has been with Badminton Cook Islands, starting from the age of 10 and has been instrumental in shaping his passion for the sport and his personal growth. Emanuela's dedication and commitment to the sport grew steadily over the years. From birth it was decided by his parents that they would grow his hair and when the time comes, he would have his Cook Islands Haircutting Ceremony.

His involvement with Badminton Cook Islands, initially accompanying his father to social nights, eventually led to his active participation in the sport. It was during his seventh year in school, when he was asked to be in the team competing in the AIMS Games in Tauranga, New Zealand, that Emanuela realized his aspiration to pursue badminton professionally. Since then, he has relentlessly worked on improving his skills, dedicating himself to the sport with unwavering determination and a lot of watching youtube videos about badminton. And in 2022 he was crowned the Men Singles Champion at the young age of 16, first ever of Cook Islands decent to win such title.

The decision to undergo the haircutting ceremony signifies Emanuela's readiness to embrace the responsibilities and challenges of adulthood. As tradition dictates, this ceremony marks a significant milestone in his life, symbolizing his transition from adolescence to adulthood. By participating in this time-honored custom, Emanuela pays homage to his cultural heritage while also celebrating his personal journey and growth..



Before



After

Haircutting

RECOGNISING OUR VOLUNTEERS



TINOMANA NAEA

COOK ISLANDS

DECEMBER 2021



**THOMAS
MEREANA-
NGAURU**

COOK ISLANDS

MAY 2022



AHKIM TIKAROA

COOK ISLANDS

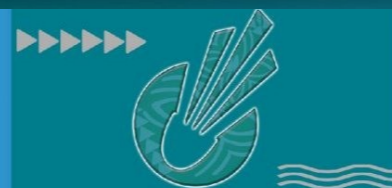
DECEMBER 2022



**SERVE-ING
PACIFIC**

Ngaoa was nominated for her leadership within the Cook Islands Badminton. She is a member of both the Cook Islands Badminton board as well as the Badminton Oceania Board. She has coached numerous Cook Island squads and teams and was part of the group which started the Cook Islands development.

Ngaoa Ranginui
Serve-ing Pacific



**SERVE-ING
PACIFIC**

Danny was nominated for the value of Leadership. He is a great leader and role model for those within Cook Islands badminton, especially the juniors. An all-round great guy that is willing to lend a hand for whatever task. Danny is a coach, umpire, and the vice president of Cook Islands badminton.

DANNY SIMPSON
Serve-ing Pacific



Cook Islands Badminton Association Office Bearers & Staff 2023

Cook Island Badminton Association Calendar of Events for 2024

Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
	Victor Oceania Champs 8th -20th Feb Melbourne Australia	BWF & BOC AGM 25—27 April, CHINA	World Badminton Day 5th July		Counties U17 19th - 20th Se NZ		COOK ISLANDS GAMES 7-20 Oct TSA		CIBA Open Nationals 23-27 Nov TSA	
CI Beach Games 15-16 Jan Beach Courts NIKAO	CIBA AGM 9th May St Joseph Hall		Annual College Tournament 12th July TSA				BWF World Junior Champs 7-20 Oct CHINA		Primary School Tournament 22nd Nov TSA	
CIBA Nationals U19 22 -25 March TSA	MASTERS IN PARADISE 23—28 May TSA & Auditorium		CIBA Nationals U11, U15 26-29 July TSA			AIMS Games 9 - 13th September Tauranga NZ				
TERM 1 Junior & Squad Coaching 6 weeks 23 Feb - 28 April	TERM 2 Junior & Squad Coaching 7 weeks 10 May - 21 June				TERM 3 Junior & Squad Coaching 8 weeks 9th Aug - 27th Sept					



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Cook Islands Badminton Association Financials			
SUMMARY	1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023		
1/01/2023	Opening Balance		4,865.04
Income	BOC WJC 2023 Support	4,992.50	
	BOC ShuttleTime Support	3,885.00	
	BOC ST Coordinator 2024 Support	3,000.00	
	BOC Admin Support	3,992.50	
	BOC U17 Invitational 2024 Support	3,992.50	
	BOC Serving Pacific Support	92.50	
	BWF WJC Grant	11,821.57	
	BWF WJC Fundraising & Contributions	17,535.11	
	MA Grant Funding	8,452.91	
	NAP Funding	7,080.00	
	Oceania Champs 2023	9,138.00	
	Oceania Champs 2024	11,587.44	
	AIMS 2023	27,024.58	
	World Beach Games	70.00	
	Palmerston North U17	5,025.00	
	College Tournament	500.00	
	Player Payments	930.50	
	Sponsorship	6,350.00	
	Equipment Sales	8,765.98	
	Hall Takings	3,026.80	
	Tournament Fees	3,970.00	
	Player Fees	3,360.00	
	Interest	5.84	144,598.73
Expenses	ShuttleTime Coordinator Wages	5100.00	
	ShuttleTime Expenses	750.00	
	Admin Officer Wages	6947.44	
	World Beach Games 2023	860.26	
	BWF WJC 2023	31217.73	
	Oceania Champs 2023	13487.31	
	Oceania Champs 2024	15069.46	
	AIMS Games 2023	20990.74	
	Palmerston North	1034.00	
	Marsters in Paradise Fees 2024	735.00	
	College Tournament Expenses	898.90	
	Engraving/Trophies/ Prizes	2740.11	
	Hall Hire	12573.70	
	Hosting	1056.45	
	Fundraising Expenses	3341.00	
	Badminton Equipment	11588.43	
	Stationery	1207.04	
	Uniforms/Shirts	2966.00	
	Tournament Fees	625.00	
	Wharf/Customs Fees	398.40	
	Audit & Other Fees	50.00	
	Donations	300.00	
	Bank Fees	53.55	133,990.52
31/12/2023			15,473.25

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Counties Manukau Badminton Club

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