



## TUNZ February Newsletter

- 1) Good morning, Instructors! A quick update of what's been going on. You will be receiving a more formal and complete update about the situation regarding TNZ adopting the new constitution which our TUNZ board voted against because we felt it was somewhat flawed – we suggested changes, and legal input – but to no avail. The report is being written by our TUNZ representatives – DJ and Mark. Hopefully you will receive this by the end of the week. The question of “where to from here for TUNZ” will be addressed in this report. We will welcome comment and feedback from you.
- 2) You may find that you are now contacted directly by TNZ as the new constitution does not recognise the VMO's, and therefore no further communiqués from them will be coming to your TUNZ secretary. Please, if you have any questions, get back to us and we will try to answer them.
- 3) The Lower North **Poomsae Squad** got underway for the new year this past weekend – a great training, and everyone very enthusiastic. The other regions are planning to get underway shortly. Sam Price (Knox) is organising a poomsae directors' training in the next few weekends so that all directors are “on the same page”.
- 4) The **Guidelines for Tournaments** that were suggested at the Instructors Camp are in final draft form and have just been sent to the Executive for the last time to approve. We will be getting these out to you in the next few days.
- 5) The **Dan Grading – with value added** that was suggested at the Instructors' Camp is also in draft form before the Executive. Once the Ex Co approve this, the draft will be sent out to all instructors.
- 6) The **Refereeing Squad** is rolling out in the Lower North Island with a proposed 25 March – Vijay as the director. We are organising dates with the other regions, hoping to start these soon.
- 7) The **tournament dates** for the year are as follows: **South Island Champs** – Saturday, 3 June in Invercargill (organised by Aparima Club); **North Island Champs** – no longer on 29 July – new date coming; **TUNZ Nationals** – Wellington – 30 September (currently deciding whether it can be run in 1 day or 2); **Top of the South** – Blenheim – Saturday, 21 October.
- 8) **TUNZ Poomsae Judging Qualification** – for all those who are up-to-date with their poomsae – Master Craig Barrett (International Referee from New South Wales, Australia) will be offering this TUNZ qualification – in Christchurch on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, and in Palmerston North on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> April.

9) Please ensure you tell your students to look on our website for all TUNZ news.

Trust everyone saw the Camp Report and Video – our website administrator has posted this on the web.

Joan Fountain  
Secretary  
Taekwondo Union of New Zealand