



## **Taekwondo Union of New Zealand April 2017 Newsletter**

### **Good morning, Instructors!**

As you are aware, a lot has happened with TUNZ over the past few months. Although mainly elite athletes and officials were affected, what affected them, affected their entire club. However, contingency plans were put in place and seem to have been effective. From what has been communicated to me, all TUNZ clubs bar one have elected to stay with TUNZ. This show of support from clubs is a reward to all of us on the Ex Co, some of whom are putting in huge hours to secure the future pathway at the elite level for TUNZ.

### **Other news!**

- 1) **The 2017 AGM** will be held on Saturday, 27 May, in Wellington – at 86 Custom House Quay in the Central City, starting at 10 a.m. The building is at the corner of Custom House Quay and Hunter Street – entrance on Custom House Quay. Agendas and reports to be sent out in a few weeks' time.
- 2) **There is a pathway for Kukkiwon dan gradings for TUNZ members.** Please notify TUNZ secretary ([secretary@tunz.net.nz](mailto:secretary@tunz.net.nz)) if you wish a Kukkiwon dan grading for a club member. Prices for Kukkiwon gradings have not changed (prices below\*). All first dans need to have a Kukkiwon dan grading. However, after this, you may elect for your next grading to be a TUNZ grading\*. Please be aware that your subsequent TUNZ dan grading will not equate to the Kukkiwon grading. For example – if you have a Kukkiwon 1<sup>st</sup> dan and a TUNZ 4<sup>th</sup> Dan, your TUNZ 4<sup>th</sup> dan will not equate to a Kukkiwon 4<sup>th</sup> dan. They are 2 separate pathways. However, it is the Kukkiwon 1<sup>st</sup> dan that you are required to have if you wish to do any WTF events.

\*Kukkiwon prices: 1<sup>st</sup> dan - \$220; 2<sup>nd</sup> dan - \$260; 3<sup>rd</sup> dan - \$300; 4<sup>th</sup> dan - \$350; 5<sup>th</sup> dan - \$500; 6<sup>th</sup> dan - \$550; 7<sup>th</sup> dan - \$650

\*TUNZ prices: Must do a Kukkiwon 1<sup>st</sup> dan - \$220; all other dan gradings - \$150.

There has been a hold up on delivering the TUNZ certificates – this is being rectified now. If you or your club member have not received their TUNZ certificates, please notify me as soon as possible, unless you have already done so.

- 3) **Date of the North Island Champs** has been confirmed as Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> August in New Plymouth.

- 4) **Reminder of the South Island Champs** in Invercargill on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Tournament pack has already been sent out to all Instructors. Please note that the electronic socks will be used by red belts and above, and these are available from Auckland Martial Art Supplies.
- 5) **Reminder of the TUNZ National Champs** – Saturday/Sunday: 30<sup>th</sup> September/1 October at Stadium in Porirua (Wellington region)
- 6) **Congratulations to Green Island Taekwondo** for hosting their Poomsae Only Development tournament on 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- 7) **Poomsae squads** continue successfully in Upper North, Lower North and Lower South regions. Plans are being put in place to get the Upper South squad up and running as soon as practicable. The delay was the result of political shifting that impacted on TUNZ.
- 8) **TUNZ Poomsae Judging Qualification course** (facilitated for TUNZ by Master Craig Barrett – 6<sup>th</sup> dan and International Referee from Australia) is almost upon us – Easter weekend – Saturday in Christchurch, and Sunday in Palmerston North. Please remember, you do need to let the TUNZ secretary know if you, or any of your students, are planning to attend ([secretary@tunz.net.nz](mailto:secretary@tunz.net.nz)) The only prerequisite is that you know your WTF poomsae!
- 9) **TUNZ fees:** Please remember that these are due by the date of the AGM (27<sup>th</sup> May, 2017). Please also remember to include your club members' names and details (age, gender, belt level) that needs to accompany the fees. Please internet bank the fees to the following account: 01 0564 0122169 00, and send the member details to [secretary@tunz.net.nz](mailto:secretary@tunz.net.nz)  
Thanks!