

# The Basketball Foundation News

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# New Zealand **BASKETBALL** Foundation

**It's a new year and I am back from a good break despite the weather challenges. Hopefully you are all rested and in good form and ready for the masters.**

## **World's Masters**

Exciting times as the World's Master's is about to take place in Auckland next month. Numerous teams from New Zealand have entered and are in "serious" training, getting their zones functioning and getting those outside shots to drop.

It will be a good time to catch up with faces from the past and reminisce. Also a good time to arm twist to get more to join the 1000 club and put a little back into basketball just as you have done.

## **NZMBA minutes 60 years ago**

### AMERICAN BALLS

Will the Council -- and Mr. Briggs -- please note that the Secretary had ordered three American balls as instructed, has paid the bill and been favoured with a receipt, and has in his possession a large package containing three spherical tan-coloured objects that look very much as though they could be Basketballs! . . . abject apologies are now awaited.

In reply to a query from Mr. Yates, the writer advises that the NZMBA stock at the moment consists of four new, unused American balls (one is in the possession of Mr. Cross), two used American balls in perfectly good order (which were used at Hamilton, one for the first time), and two Bonham balls -- in good order, not much used.

These balls are taken down to the YMCA gymnasium (which has a very clean floor) and used during the odd game in order to keep them in trim.

# Tall Black and Tall Fern Photos

Spot the difference



and



From an archival point of view the bottom photo is great quality, but names, year and place are key pieces of information that are missing. This is noticeable in most photos post 2000. So if you are supplying a photo (thankyou) the accompanying information would be appreciated.

## Lost and Found

This winged Alan Bland Memorial Trophy turned up in Graham Jamieson's 2<sup>nd</sup> hand shop "Bazaar Attractions" in Carterton. Graham kindly returned it to the Foundation. So if you are passing through Carterton a stop off at Bazaar Attractions might be worth your while.



Awarded to the leading scorer in the Mens Divisional League – firstly to Stan Hill in 1982 and finally to Jamie Dixon in 1989 (the Pittsburgh coach who picked up Steven Adams).

## Membership

The 1000 Club Membership is still climbing incrementally. Make membership the first topic of conversation over coffee or a drink at the World Masters. Refer on to the Foundation website: <http://www.basketball.org.nz/NZ-Basketball-Foundation>.

\$100 for a life membership is not a lot but it all helps bit by bit to encapsulate the history of basketball in New Zealand. History doesn't stop - last week is history already.

That's it - all the best

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