

Canterbury Ultimate (CFFC) 2006/2007 Year

Canterbury Ultimate remains in good shape thanks to the tireless work of some “old hands”, namely Penny Jackson, Simeon Smaill, Dave Sanders and Sammy Neilson.

Player numbers in the Christchurch area remain low. During the indoor season a league of 6 teams was run successfully by Chris Barker at the Burnside High School Gymnasium facilities. The summer league, consisting of an average of 4 teams, was run by initially by Melissa Connolly and then by Monique Jackson at Ilam fields. Disc Golf continued at Jelly Park and Pickup at Hagley Park, both on Sundays continued as it has done in previous years.

The club successfully ran 2 major tournaments through the year. The First being Disc Wars (normally an indoor tournament) and the 2nd being the final national WaM (open/women) tournament. The Disc Wars tournament structure was a combo of modified outdoor games and indoor games due to a lack of funding and lower participation numbers than previous years. We believe that this was primarily due to there being several other ultimate events taking place during this weekend. The Disc Wars tournament was still a success in that everyone enjoyed themselves and was able to adapt to the changes.

A list of achievements for the 2006/2007 Year are as follows:

- 2nd place at the Brass Monkey (indoors team event) by 1 point, with Dave Sanders winning MVP
- 1st place at Indoor Nationals in the A Grade and 2nd place (by 1 point) in the B Grade. Melissa Connolly took out MVP (female) for the tournament.
- 1st place in the women’s division and 2nd place in the men’s division at the first National WaM event in Auckland. The women’s team also won the spirit.
- 1st place in the women’s division and 1st place in the men’s division at the second National WaM event in Christchurch. The Canterbury women’s B team and the men’s B team both won the spirit. Spence also won the party at this tournament.
- The only national event that we’d still have to win is the mixed tournament in Wellington – we’ll know the result of that tomorrow☺.
- Canterbury players received several nominations at the NZU awards, we’ll know if any won their category soon.
- Ingrid and Sammy were voted onto the NZU board.
- Canterbury ultimate continued to run leagues, tournaments, an AGM, social activities and schools initiatives. We see these as achievements.
- Gained approval from the Christchurch City Council to install a permanent disc golf course at Jelly Park.
- Gained funding for new uniforms and had these manufactured and distributed amongst players. The uniforms included 2 playing tops, shorts, socks and caps. We must extend out thanks to Pub Charity for this.
- Promoted the sport in the local media, as follows:
 - Alex Hatley was interviewed on radio about going to worlds.
 - CTV filmed a Sunday pick up game and interviewed Monique and Kelly.
 - Pete was interviewed about Disc Wars, which featured in the Press.

- Canterbury ultimate will also be running the University Games ultimate competition next month.
- Canterbury had 8 females representing NZ in the Australian Nationals women's Division (6 in the winning Tumeke team and 2 in the 5th placed Omarapiti). Canterbury also had 3 males representing NZ in the Australian Nationals men's Division (whose team placed 6th). Ingrid also won the MVP for the women's division.
- Canterbury had several players being selected to represent NZ at Worlds held in Perth as follows:
 - 12 Canterbury females in either Raging Wahine or Wahine Toa.
 - 3 Canterbury males in the Open men's team, Magon.
 - 3 Canterbury males in the Masters team, Tuatara.

Plans for 2007/2006 year:

- To try attracting more players by running organised leagues, training to a high standard and promoting our recent successes.
- Investigate holding exhibition games in order to increase media coverage.
- Run at least 2 major tournaments.
- Investigate the sale of club merchandise (like caps and tops).
- Train hard and win as many national titles as we can, while developing all our players (both new and experienced).
- Send competitive teams to all tournaments held in NZ, with the goal of competing to the best of our abilities.
- Improve club membership accountancy (i.e. recording contacts of those in the region).
- Investigate improving our web page.

Overall Canterbury Ultimate (and CFFC) has had an outstanding year, with the highlight being all the trophies in the "cupboard".