



Auckland Ultimate Newsletter – September '09

Greetings AU members! We've had a great winter in Auckland this year and in this issue I'll be reporting on Winter League, Savage Sevens and Indoor League. But that's old news and I'm sure you're looking to the future of AU run tournaments, most importantly.... TAUPO HAT. As if you needed proof the 80's are coming back, this years theme will see you in shoulder pads and leg warmers with massive hair. Don't forget the two days of Hat Ultimate to be played in between solving a Rubix Cube and realising that time travel movies don't make sense.

Tournament Reports

Indoor League

It's the only way to stay warm and play Ultimate in June. Aftertaste showed they have what it takes to win the A League with Kathy's Crab Dinner coming second. H1N1 took out Mexican Pig Farmers in the B grade.

Winter League

This years Winter League was a successful venture with only one cancellation. During the course of the tournament the level of play improved dramatically proving that the cold couldn't keep new players from honing their skills. The success of North Shore Pickup was showing. WWMHD did what Mark Hamilton does and came from behind against Who's Who in the semi. But at the end of winter, Meatrash was all that remained and WWMHD felt the burn.

Players of the tournament were Alex Hatley and Hamish Furniss.

Savage Sevens

Experience won the day in this minimal subs one day tournament that left everyone aching the following day. Giggidy Giggidy was un-phased by VBF in a closely contested final. Mel Connolly won player of the tournament.



Upcoming Tournaments

Date	Event	Place	Contact
1-Oct	Spring League	Cornwall Park, Puriri Dr	auleague.register@gmail.com
10-11 Oct	Taupo Hat	Tahurua College, Taupo	http://www.taupohat.com/
31-Oct	Rookie Tournament	Grey Lynn park, Grey Lynn	auleague.register@gmail.com
5-6 Dec	Mixed Nationals	Moire Park, Massey, AKL	aucklandultimate@gmail.com
19-Dec	Spring Wind-up	Cornwall Park, Puriri Dr	auleague.register@gmail.com
12-Jan	Summer League	Western Springs	auleague.register@gmail.com

Taupo Hat - 10-11th October

This tournament never disappoints and this years theme encompassing everything 80's is sure to make for one fun tournament. Registration is open. Don't miss this years exciting and top-secret PARTY theme (that's right, it's not just about the decade).

Early bird cost is \$45. \$55 if late.

Register NOW NOW NOW at <http://www.taupohat.com/>

Spring League - Starts 1st October

Spring League starts on Thursday the 1st of October at Cornwall Park in Greenlane so start organising a team. Can't find enough players? The tournament director can hook you up with some extra players or put you in a pick-up team. You can register a team or as an individual by sending an email to auleague.register@gmail.com with "Spring League Entry" in the subject. All we need is a team name and player list or your own name if registering individually. Cost is on a per player basis of \$30/player (Captains are responsible for collecting money from their team). There are also beginner trainings available afterwards. This league runs every Thursday until the 17th December and then.....

Spring Wind-up Tournament - Saturday 19th December

Location: Cornwall Park, Puriri Dr, Greenlane.

Cost: \$20/player



Rookie Tournament – 31st October

Have you been playing for less than 2 years? Tired of know-it-all over-the-hill handlers telling you where to run and then hucking it out the back anyway? The Rookie Tournament is for you! Get some real playing experience without those serious veterans cramping your style. This tournament is only attended by those who have played Ultimate for less than 2 years. Register by email to auleague.register@gmail.com.

Date: Saturday 31st of October

Location: TBD

Cost: \$10 for non-members, free for members! (you're definitely a member if you've played a tournament this year)

Summer League – Starts 12th January

Summer League has an exciting new venue!! Western Springs on Tuesday nights starting on the 12th of January 2010. The tournament runs until the 30th of March with a wind up tournament on the 3rd of April.

Call for Volunteers

Spring and Summer League needs helpers! Most positions have already been filled for Spring League but we still need someone to be responsible for setting up before games start. Summer League needs a league co-ordinator and helpers to either set up or pack up. If you're interested in helping out the AU exec, let us know by emailing aucklandultimate@gmail.com.

Mixed Nationals – 5th & 6th December

It's that time of year again so start recruiting and building a team for the serious side of Ultimate. The Mixed National Championships are hosted by AU this year on the 5th and 6th of December. The event will be held on Massey Rugby Club's grounds, Moire Park.

That's all from AU. Stay tuned and don't miss Taupo Hat. You'll regret it until the next 80's revival.

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