

Nelson and Marlborough Provincial Fire Brigades Association

Quarterly Newsletter – Spring 2024



Sun Shines on the 2024 Rex Schollum Golf Day

Our annual golf day to contest the Rex Schollum Teams Trophy and the NMPFBA Shield for best individual stableford score was held on the 15th September. We had teams from Collingwood to Picton enter this year and although the overall number of players was again low, the sun shone on what was a fun day on the course. This year's competition was hosted by Woodbourne and held at the Wairau Valley Golf Club. Some close scoring, wild shots and competitive banter eventually



made way for the Team from Picton Volunteer Fire Brigade comprised of Phil Hawke, Mark Ivamy and Clinton Gapper, to collect the trophy this year. Steve Anderson from Woodbourne managed the best individual stableford. Next year this will be held on the other side of the hill so let's try and up the participation in what is a very good event for our provincial.

UFBA Conference 2024 - Christchurch

It's great to see our region well represented at the UFBA conference this year. 22 brigades from the 'top of the south' are attending with 19 of these, members of our provincial association. If you do manage to see some of our neighbouring brigades at conference, ask them to consider becoming a member. We are looking to grow our offering to members over the next few years.



Upcoming Events and Challenges

- Mountain Biking (Takaka - Nov)
- Firefighter Challenge (Stoke - Feb)
- Provincial Smallbore Competition

**Keep an eye on your FENZ email account as this is where event registration emails are usually sent.

NMPFBA 90th Annual General Meeting

The Nelson Station played host to our 90th AGM on the 28th September this year. It was a good turnout with delegates from 10 member brigades and another 4 represented by proxy voting. It was great to also see Life Member and Past President Ross Bailey in attendance. Adding to this was another 5 observers so our members were well represented this year. Due to the resignation of Jr Vice President Dave Knowles this past year, the decision was made to have the executive "stay on" in their current roles to provide continuity to the provincial and this was agreed by members present. IPP Gawen Howard

(*Pictured right*) was presented with his Life member medal and agreed to stay on in this position also for the year. Our patron PP Graeme Millar was also unanimously voted in to continue in this role. The vacant position of Secretary/Treasurer has been split with Picton Delegate Paris Forbes taking on the Secretary duties and PP Nigel Patterson coming back on board to assist with some of



the Treasurers responsibilities. Ryan Anderson from the Blenheim Voluntary Rural Fire Force (*Pictured left*) was voted in as Jr Vice President after joining the provincials challenge panel last year. Our Challenge Panel, led by Convenor Cole Slotemaker will be full for the first time in a couple of seasons with the addition of Aaron

Waters (Koromiko/Picton), Gordon Munn (Blenheim), Ethan Harwood (Takaka) and Jonny Everett (Seddon). These guys bring some quality challenge experience onto our provincial team so we will be looking to you, our members for suggestions on what challenges you would like to see. Waterways and/or a wajax competition is already gathering some steam so stay tuned. Thank you to all the delegates that made this, our 90th AGM a great success.

Welcome to Our Newest Members

We have had a new brigade join the provincial this past month with Upper Takaka Volunteer Fire Brigade complete their registration. Welcome to your provincial and we look forward to seeing you at our competitions around the region!

Provincial Success at UFBA National Drivers Challenge

Congratulations to Jamie Knight from Rai Valley who was awarded 1st in the theory test and Tim Westenra who placed 2nd in the track event and 5th overall. This year's National Drivers challenge was held in early August in Fielding. Would you like to see a local drivers challenge? Let us know at nmpfba@fireandemergency.nz.

The Presidents Brief

From our President, Ryan Grenfell (Havelock/Woodbourne)

It's great to see interest in the Provincial growing with a good turnout at the AGM, New Brigades joining and having a full team working to bring you events. In recent months I have been privileged to attend honours nights as the NMPFBA representative at Lake Rototoi and Havelock Volunteer Fire Brigades. I'm looking forward to the upcoming events we have organised. I'm already training for the fire fighters challenge and heading up to the Gizzy combat on 9th November for a bit of a pre-season warm up with a few other members from our area. If there are any events/comps you would like to see or host in the Nelson/Marlborough area let us know and we will see what we can do.

If you have anything you would like to see featured in our Quarterly Newsletter or shared on our website, please contact nmpfba@fireandemergency.nz