

IWSF WORLD BAREFOOT WATERSKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAKE INSPIRATION,
OTAKI, NEW ZEALAND



January 26th - February 1st

2009

Just a few short weeks to go now my friends!

Are you ready to come on over to our place?

The weathers fine - the waters great
and the hospitality ...

*well you'll just have to
come on over and
experience that
for yourself!*



New Zealand

did you know ...

New Zealand is over 1600 km long, and its widest part is 450 km. Total land area is approx 270 550 square km.

1500 km of coastline.

No part of NZ is more than 128 km from the sea.

The land area of NZ is greater than the British Isles.

Main exports: Wool, food and dairy products, wood and paper products.

No capital city in the world is further south than Wellington.

Each year some 400 significant earthquakes are recorded in New Zealand, of which roughly 100 are likely to be felt without instruments, but aren't of sufficient importance to warrant public notice. The biggest New Zealand earthquake in historical times was near Wellington on 23 January 1855. It had a magnitude of about 8.2 on the Richter scale and was felt over about 940,000 sq km, tilting a block of land 50 m wide and 190 km long. In Wellington the uplift was 1.5 m; great stretches of shore became permanently exposed (including what is now the airport). The centre lay along the Wairarapa Fault, whose horizontal movement is estimated to have been at least 12 m compared with about 6 m for the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Despite this huge movement, only 12 people died in the quake, because Wellington was still sparsely populated at that stage.

kia ora - howzit

With only a few short weeks to go now before the big event kicks off, the LOC are happy to report that the months and months of planning, headaches and nail biting, things are starting to come to fruition, or as we like to say in this part of the world, 'falling into place'. There is still one heck of a lot of work to do but we say with confidence (fingers and everything else crossed) that these World Championships are going to be talked about fondly, for years to come and we trust that we will provide a bit of something for everyone.

*So come on down –
we'll be ready and waiting!*

who's going to be here

Australia; Canada; China; England; Finland; France; Germany; Ireland; Netherlands; South Africa; United States of America; Sweden and of course New Zealand.

The attached Definitive Entry Form - please complete this form and return to the Secretary of the Organising Committee at least 5 days prior to the start of Competition (on or before 21 January 2009).

Claire Willard - claire.w@clear.net.nz

Plus a copy to be sent/handed to Relevant Region Barefoot Council Chairperson and WBC Chairman.

alcohol sold on site

In compliance with our Liquor Licence - only alcohol provided by the LOC for sale at the Sanger Bar will be permitted on site.



**The countries
last big shake -
Gisborne 2007**



opening ceremony

Sunday 25 January 2009 5.30pm

You know how they say "it's a woman's prerogative to change her mind", well men are pretty good at it too by the way. Any-who, we've changed the format for the Opening Ceremony to include a real taste of something uniquely New Zealand.

Said it before folks - you won't want to miss this one!

Dress Casual:	Skiers	Team Tracksuits
	Officials	Judging Attire

Cost:	Non Skiers	NZ\$40.00
	Under 12	NZ\$20.00

auction night & spit roast

Wednesday 28 January 2009 7.30pm

This evening's activities will take place on site in the Sanger Bar. We're going to feed you up large with a succulent meal with all the trimmings as we launch into our auction night. Don't forget to bring along all manner of skiing memorabilia, bits and bobs, whatever you can contribute will be much appreciated - we are counting on your support to help make this fund raising evening a real cracker!

Dress Casual	Cost:	NZ\$35.00
	Under 12	NZ\$25.00

closing ceremony

Sunday 1 February 2009 7.00pm

Duxton Hotel - Level 8 170 Wakefield St, Te Aro, Wellington

No changes here to information in Bulletin 2 - check it out for directions and estimated travelling time. **Don't forget** we advise moving accommodation into the city for this last night. We have a range of rooms available to us at the Duxton Hotel and in easy walking distant, West Plaza and Bay Plaza Hotels, to cater for all needs and budgets.

If you haven't made a booking yet contact Teresa asap Teresa Old
the-olds@xtra.co.nz

Dress:	Skiers	Formal
	Officials	IWSF Attire

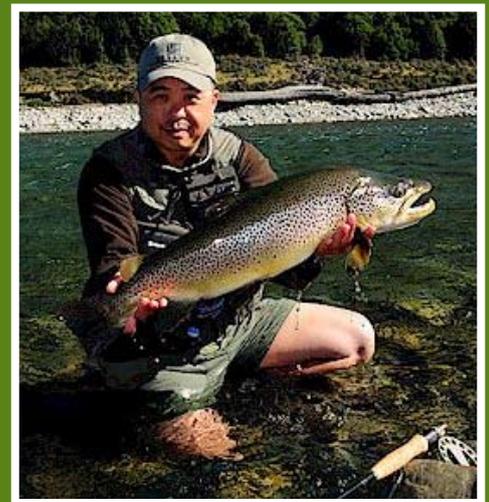
Cost:	Non Skiers	NZ\$110.00
	Under 12	NZ\$65.00

More fresh water gushes up from cracks in the limestone at Waikoropupu, near Takaka, Nelson province, than from any freshwater spring anywhere in the world. Over 2,100 million litres of water gush up every 24 hrs.

Fiordland National Park is one of the largest in the world at 1,228,348 hectares. It is also one of the wildest and least populated.

Fossil-bearing rocks in the Cobb Valley near Nelson have trilobites that are 550 million years old.

Less than 5% of the population of New Zealand is human - the rest are animals, giving one of the highest ratios of humans to animals in the world.



More rainbow trout in the 2-3 kg category are caught annually in New Zealand than in the rest of the world put together.

New Zealand has more bookshops per head of population than any other country; one for every 7,500 people (compared with one for every 19,000 in England and one for every 50,000 in the USA).

A total of 194,000 men (67% of all NZ males between 18 and 45) served in World War II.



Soldiers of the Māori Battalion

The tribes of Tūrangānui-a-Kiwa provided men for the 28th New Zealand Battalion (better known as the Māori Battalion) during the Second World War. Men of the battalion are pictured here at a transit camp in Egypt in 1941.



on site activities

Kiwi's like to play!

We are planning other fun and games to be held on site after the days tournament skiing has concluded but we're keeping it close to our chests till you all get here.

Take it from me though folks there will be fun and laughter for one and all - competitors and non competitors, skiers and non skiers, young and the young at heart too. Something for everyone - a little of what you fancy and a bit more besides!!

have you heard the saying ... 'safety in numbers'

We need you all to learn a song but don't stress, we've cut out a couple of verses to make it easier. So lubricate those rusty pipes and like all good troopers - be prepared.

Sailing - by Rod Stewart

I am sailing, I am sailing,
Home again cross the sea.
I am sailing, stormy waters,
To be near you, to be free.

I am flying, I am flying,
Like a bird cross the sky.
I am flying, passing high clouds,
To be with you, to be free.

We are sailing, we are sailing,
Home again cross the sea.
We are sailing stormy waters,
To be near you, to be free.

Oh lord, to be near you, to be free.
Oh lord, to be near you, to be free,
Oh lord...



Captain James Cook and the Endeavour

Abel Janszoon Tasman was the first European explorer to see New Zealand in 1642, but it was Captain James Cook who first set foot on New Zealand soil in 1769.



In 1893 New Zealand became the first country in the world to grant women the right to vote.

New Zealand was the first country in the world to introduce the 8 hour working day. Labour Day, which celebrates this event, became a public holiday in 1899.

NZ was the first country to have its three top positions of power held simultaneously by women: The Prime Minister (Helen Clark), the Governor General (Dame Silvia Cartwright), and the Chief Justice (Sian Elias).

New Zealander and Nobel Prize Winner, Ernest Rutherford is known as the father of nuclear physics for his orbital theory of the atom. He split the atom.

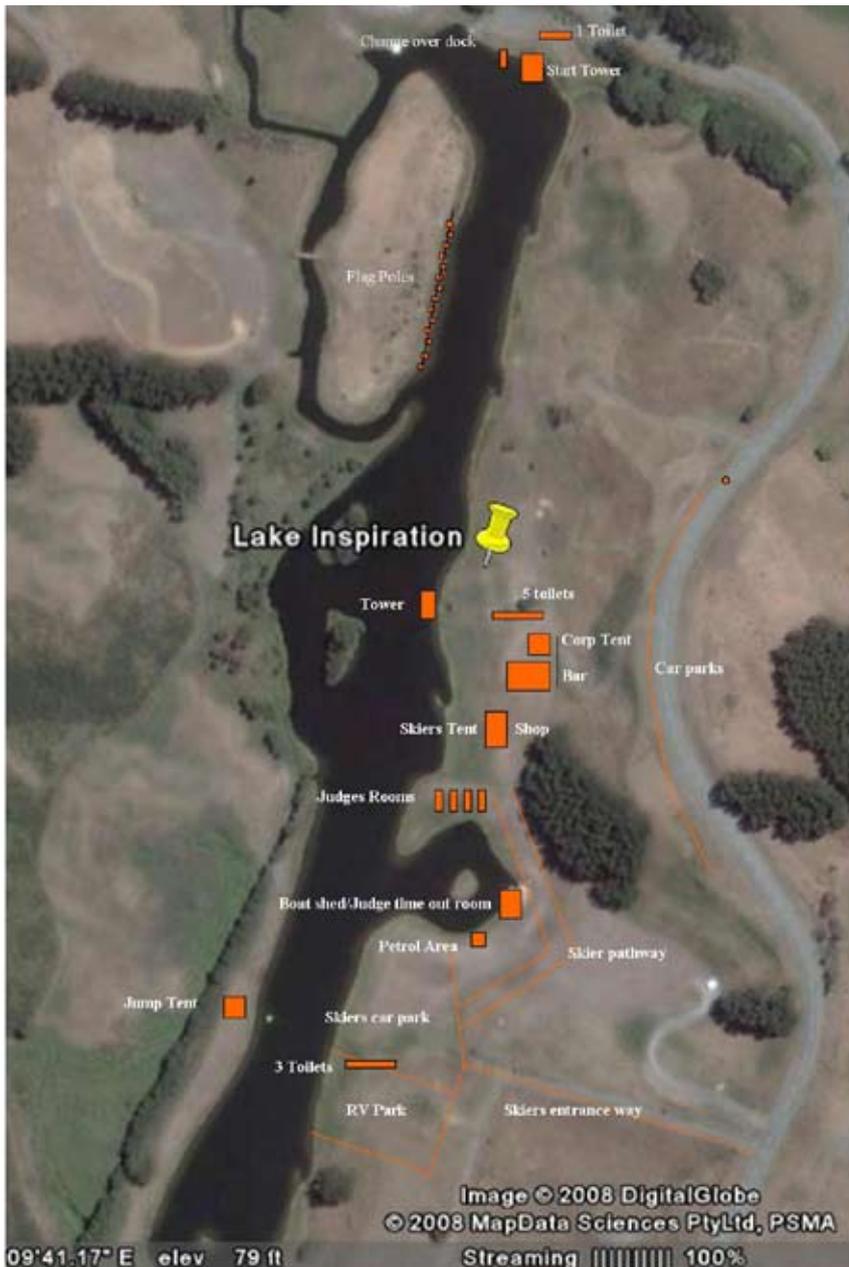
On 31st March 1903, Richard Pearse flew his home constructed aircraft 150 yards, possibly the first flight in the world.



On 29th May 1953, New Zealander Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain.



site plan



danger - warning



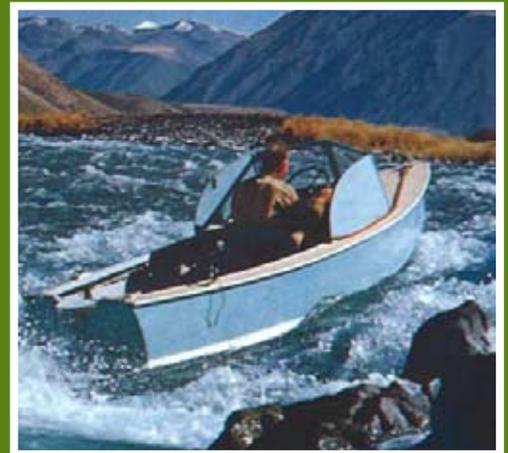
Travelling to and from the site . . .

400 metres from the turn off from State Highway 1 in to Taylors Road - 2 kilometres from site entrance - there is a Main Line Railway Crossing. There are **NO barrier arms / bells / flashing lights** - nothing except a crossing sign as shown here.

Also be aware when turning out of Taylors Road back on to State Highway 1 - this is a 100 kilometre per hour zone.



The World's Fastest Indian (2005), is a film based on the legendary New Zealand speed bike racer Burt Munro. Munro set numerous land speed records for motorcycles with engines less than 1000 cc at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah in the late 1950s and into the 1960s. Many of his records stand to this day.



1954 - Bill Hamilton's jet-boat revolutionised river and shallow-water navigation. It enabled people to travel for the first time, at high speed - up rivers and waterways all over the world. It was a craft that sped people up the Colorado, Ganges, Amazon, Congo, Mekong, Yangtse and countless other rivers. It opened the door to exploration and the supply of goods and medicines to otherwise inaccessible areas. The jet-boat also became an exciting new form of recreation. It situated Hamilton proudly in the lineage of New Zealand inventors who answered our need for speed.



Jet boating has become a great tourist attraction on many rivers and lakes throughout New Zealand. Great fun for the whole family.

New Zealand has more Scottish Pipe bands per head of population than there are in Scotland.



changes to iwsf appointed officials

Due to work and or family commitments, the world financial undoing, global warming and the melting of the polar ice caps, some previously appointed officials have had to pull out and new ones appointed. As of today's date the appointees are as follows:

Chief Judge	Claire Willard	AA
Assistant Chief Judge	Joe Malenfant	PAN AM
Judges	Andy Harris	EAME
	Ina de Villiers	EAME
	Dale Stevens	PAN AM
	Mike Ozone	PAN AM
	Kathy O'Donnell	AA
	Ashley Stebbings	AA
	Donna Forge	AA
	Geoff Davis	AA
	John Price	AA
	Geoff Blauuw (R)	AA
Scorers	John Boyd	PAN AM
	Robyn Gardner	AA
Chief Driver	Rob Gardner	AA
Drivers	Jan Ter Wee	EAME
	Dan Cummings	PAN AM
	Andrew Richards	AA
	Andrew Linton (R)	AA
	Davide Gandola (R)	EAME
	Jim Forster (R)	PAN AM
Homologator	Terry Jones	PAN AM
Chief Video	Billy Wyatt	AA

Bungy - fun for you adrenaline junkies



In 1986 AJ Hackett saw a video of some young English thrill seekers called the Oxford University Dangerous Sports Club doing a couple of jumps in England in the late seventies. They based their jumps on the manhood ritual of Pentecost Island where the young men jump from 35 metre towers with vines tied around their feet. AJ's imagination kicked in and he was off to develop a safe method of jumping. Using local bridges in the North Island as testing platforms, he took the height of the bridge, the size of the cord and the weight of the person into account. After 3 years of testing he has since gone on to develop a fantastic international bungee jumping industry.



The longest place name in NZ -

Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamatea-turipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu.

It is the Maori name for a hill, 305 meters high, close to Porangahau, south of Waipukurau. It is often shortened to Taumata.

In English it means "the place where Tamatea, the man with the big knees, who slid, climbed and swallowed mountains, known as 'land eater' played his flute to his loved one."



schedule of events

The following is a preliminary schedule of events and may change at any time.

Monday 26 January Elimination Rounds	Lake Inspiration & Forest Lakes All Divisions	
Tuesday 27 January Elimination Rounds	Lake Inspiration & Forest Lakes All Divisions	
Wednesday 28 January Semi Final Rounds	Lake Inspiration All Divisions	
Thursday 29 January Semi Final Rounds	Lake Inspiration All Divisions	
Friday 30 January Semi Final Rounds	Lake Inspiration All Divisions	
Saturday 31 January Boat Parade	Lake Inspiration Slalom S Women J Girls S Men J Boys	Finals
Boat Parade	Tricks S Women J Girls S Men J Boys	
Medal Presentation	Slalom	
Boat Parade	Jump S Women J Girls S Men J Boys	
Medal Presentation	Tricks	
Medal Presentation	Jump	
Sunday 1 February Boat Parade	Lake Inspiration Slalom O Women O Men	Finals
Boat Parade	Tricks O Women O Men	
Medal Presentation	Slalom	
Boat Parade	Jump O Women O Men	
Medal Presentation	Tricks	
Medal Presentation	Jump	
Tournament Complete		
Closing Ceremony	7.00pm – Duxton Hotel, Wellington	

National Icons

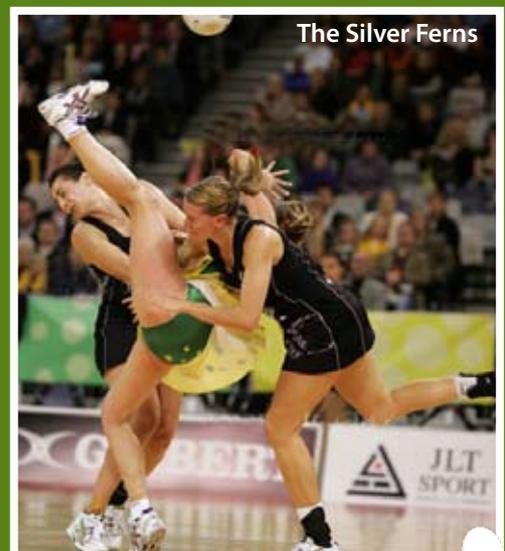


Rugby - to some Kiwis rugby is a kind of religion! The game - a group of burly lads chasing an oval-shaped ball around a field.

The Haka - New Zealanders have grown accustomed to the use of the Haka by sporting teams. They thrill to the spectacle of the All Blacks forming ranks prior to kick off. They have reclaimed the dignity and mystique attached to this traditional art form and in the process, increased its recognition as an icon of NZ.



The Haka has come to symbolise the power of the All Blacks and their status in the world of rugby. The team leaves an impression of invincibility and ruthlessness. That impression is in no small part due to the potency with which the All Blacks perform the haka.



Netball - is the female answer to rugby, and is the second most popular sport in NZ. A fast-paced court sport - it is a non contact sport!



have you made your list yet?

dancing shoes are a must!

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| Tickets | <input type="checkbox"/> | Flags | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bio & Photos | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Travel Insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Auction Item | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ski Gear | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prescription Medication | <input type="checkbox"/> | Camera & Charger | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sunscreen
(our sun can be ferocious) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Adapter Plug
(power sockets may differ) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Credit Card /
Spending Money | <input type="checkbox"/> | Sleeping Bag
(if staying at Forest Lakes) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Check out earlier Bulletins on our website.

well that's it from me for now

only one thing left to say . . .

Be sure and have a Very Merry Christmas and may 2009 have something extra special in store for you all.

Meri Kirihimete

- Joyeux Noel
- Hyvaa joulua
- Nadolig Llawen
- Geseënde Kersfees
- Nollaig chridheil huibh
- Fröhliche Weihnachten
- God Jul - Ett Gott Nytt År
- Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun
- Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan
- Zalig Kerstfeest en Gelukkig nieuw jaar
- Nollaig chridheil agus Bliadhna mhath ùr!
- Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar!



Travel safe.
Be lookin out
for ya comin!!

