

BOCCIA ACROSS NSW PARALYMPIC SPORT FOR CP ATHLETES

NEWSLETTER

October 2013

National juniors continue to shine at 2013 BNSW Junior Titles

Three singles titles were contested at the BNSW Juniors and all three were decided by close finals; In the BC1 final, Australian PPP squad member Mecenzi Howard (Illawarra) narrowly defeated Nic Esposito (Northern Beaches) to continue her golden 2013, whilst Mathew Osborne (Harrington Park) secured the bronze.

The BC2/4 class was won by Caleb Crowden (Adelaide) who reversed the result from last year to defeat Connor Hamlin (Penrith), whilst Hayden Goodwin (Penrith) claimed the bronze medal.

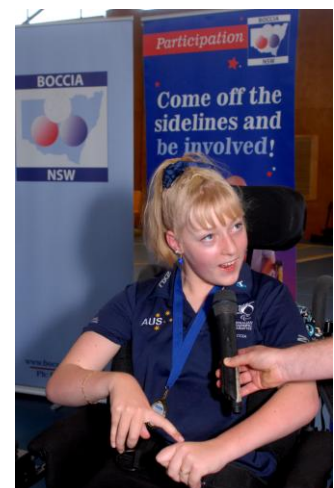
The BC3 final was won by Australian PPP squad member Daniel Michel (Heathcote) who defeated fellow squad member Ashleigh Jamieson (Victoria) and Siobhan Daley (Newcastle) took bronze.

The Gold Medallists Reflect

Daniel Michel - (BC3): "It was undeniably the toughest junior titles I have competed in. The standard of play was world class in some games and it is great to see all these determined young players coming through in the sport. I really enjoyed competing this year and I'm looking forward to watching the progression of the younger players in the sport."

Caleb Crowden - (BC2/4): "I really enjoyed everything about the Junior Titles; the atmosphere and watching talented juniors compete. Everyone was so welcoming and I won my first gold medal, a moment that I will never forget."

Mecenzi Howard - (BC1) "The Junior Titles was a great experience, with amazing friendships and great Boccia. I am extremely pleased with my performance at this competition."



Pictured Above: Gold Medallists - Caleb Crowden (BC2/4), Daniel Michel (BC3)
Mecenzi Howard (BC1)

Boccia NSW Update

For the last 10 years Boccia NSW has been working hard to develop boccia as a sport across NSW. This growth would not be possible without the work of small groups made up of families and friends working with athletes, and BNSW is grateful for their time and dedication.

BNSW is entering an exciting phase, with strong growth and keen athletes. A SWOT analysis conducted with the clubs across the state found a number of common themes through the clubs including the need for more development days, more coaching and referee training, equipment and support for the clubs. To do this effectively BNSW needs to increase its income from fundraising and to do this we need a strong membership base.

Our current membership fee is \$20 per financial year and can be seen as a donation to BNSW as well as an opportunity to provide support to the committee as they grow the organisation. Membership also confers voting rights at the Annual General meeting and a reduction of \$10 on entry fees to the NSW State Championship.

Current membership of Boccia NSW is the lowest it has been for many years, and we encourage all players to become financial members. When we are approaching businesses or government organisations for the funding we need to support and expand our sport, we need to be able to show that we have a large, committed membership. We are more attractive to sponsors when we have a strong membership base across the state.

By now you should have received a letter inviting you to join BNSW. If you haven't please contact Stacey at SSedmak@cerebralpalsy.org.au and she will send you information on how to join.

Ange's Training Diary



Welcome to spring, I hope everyone is well. Over the last a couple of months I have been training in preparation for the Asia Oceania's in October here in Sydney.

This is my first international competition since Hong Kong in 2009. I'm looking forward to it because at the Paralympics I had to have a temporary ramp assistant because my regular ramp assistant was hurt an hour before my first game.

This time around I have another ramp assistant and we have been doing a lot of training together during the year, we are preparing for the Asia Oceania. We're working on my first ball and my end phase (that means after my opponent has put out all of their balls).

I encourage everyone to come out to Homebush to the State Sport Centre between the 21stth-25th to watch some of the world best Boccia players.

I would also like to thank the volunteer students from Marta Maria College for assisting with the recent Junior State Titles an event of this nature would not be possible without volunteer support.

Follow Ange's and the rest of the Australian team's results at the following links:

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2013 Junior Titles Memories with VIP Paralympian, Prue Watt



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2013 Asia and Oceania Boccia Championships

Sydney Olympic Park will play host to some of the world's best boccia players in October, when the 2013 Asia and Oceania Boccia Championships come to town.

This will be the largest boccia event of its type to be held in Australia since the Sydney 2000 Paralympics. This is Australia's first qualifying opportunity for Rio 2016.

When:

21st - 25th October, 2013

Where:

State Sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park

Who:

The best athletes from the Asia and Oceania region

How to get involved: Come along and see some great athletes in action or tune in to the live webcasting.

Find out more:

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Fast facts about the 2013 Asia and Oceania Boccia Championships

- 8 courts will be used 10 countries will be represented.
- 85 athletes will compete
- 88 officials will attend.
- 1000 boccia balls will be used.
- 250 matches will be played.
- 4,800 bottles of water will be served.
- 2,400 snacks will be served.
- 10 cameras will film the event.

Upcoming Events

Central Coast Post School Options Boccia Cup

Date: Thursday, 31st October

Venue: Central Coast Youth Club, 18 Washington Ave, Niagara Park NSW 2250

Contact CCPSO for more info

NSW Squad Selection Trials

November 9th: BC3 – Venue: Allambie Campus

November 23rd: BC1/2/4 and Opens – Venue: Allambie Campus. Contact Lucy Bates to register by

November 1st at hunterboccia@bigpond.com

Newcastle Boccia Training

Monthly on Wednesdays - 13/11, 11/12

Venue: Charlestown Community Centre

Charlestown Square, Frederick St (opposite Charlestown Oval)

Time: 12.15pm – 3pm

Northern Beaches Waves Training

Monthly on Thursdays:

17/10, 28/11, 5/12

Venue: Cerebral Palsy Alliance - Allambie Campus

Time: 4:30 – 6pm

*Athletes must arrange their own sports assistant and transport when attending.

Woy Woy Training

Every Thursday – (School term)

Venue: Peninsula Community Centre

93 McMasters Rd – Woy Woy

Time: 10:30am – 1:30pm

Berkeley Vale Training

Venue: The Berkeley Centre, Heather Avenue (off Berkeley Rd), Glenning Valley

Time: 5:00pm - 7.30pm Fridays (fortnightly). Next session Friday 11th October.

Riverwood Training

Every Tuesday – (School term)

Venue: Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre, 150

Belmore Rd, Riverwood (next to M5 Motorway)

Time: 10am – 12pm

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