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VICTORY BOXING

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VICTORY BOXING NEWSLETTER - Issue 1, 2019

Welcome to Victory Boxing for 2019!

It's been an incredibly busy start to the year. We've experienced an unprecedented level of interest in our after-school programmes which are all fully subscribed and now have waiting lists in place for Term 2. It has been great to see so many familiar faces return from last year, as well as welcoming many new kids and families to the gym for this year. There's a huge amount of energy and enthusiasm in the gym in the afternoons and it's fantastic to see our participants learning and modelling our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Caring and Determination.

- Term 1 finishes the week ending Friday 12 April
- Term 2 starts the week beginning Monday 29 April
- Term 2 finishes the week ending Friday 5 July

During the school holidays, our adult classes will still run EXCEPT for the following public holidays:

- Friday 19 April, Good Friday (gym closed)
- Sunday 21 April, Easter Sunday (gym closed)
- Monday 22 April, Easter Monday (gym closed)
- Thursday 25 April, ANZAC Day (gym closed)

VB VOLUNTEERS



Constable Jason Rangī and Jeff Rackley - two of our fantastic volunteers!

One of the great strengths of Victory Boxing is our amazing team of volunteers who support Paul and help run the after-school classes. Without their time, energy and passion Victory Boxing simply would not be able to continue to run the programmes we do.

Booty (Dean Boote), Jeff Rackley, and Johnny Richards have been long-time volunteers and supporters in the boys and college boys groups. Last year we welcomed Garry Ford and Josh Wells and this year Martin Bennett, Phil Coulson, Paul Boulton, Reuben Prestidge, Jarrod Johnson and Johnson Scutt have all signed up to help out with these classes too.

Special mention to Constable Jason Rangī, Youth Aid Officer with the Nelson Police for the time and commitment he gives to the gym and our youth programmes.

Shaz Nicholls has been running the very popular girls group for the last 5 years. She is ably supported by Muzz Gargiulo, Hana Randall (who also helps out with the Parkinsons Group) and Amber Rowland-Connor. This year we welcomed Brodie Morrison as a volunteer in the girls group. Brodie has been part of the girls group for the last few years as a participant so it's fantastic to see her giving back to Victory Boxing as a volunteer.

Craig Hampton and Annie Hampton both volunteer with the Parkinson's Group and Tania Johnstone will be a very familiar face to many of you and you will find her behind the sign-in desk in the evenings and on Sundays. What a fantastic team!

This term we've also welcomed students from the University of Canterbury who are on placement for their Bachelor of Education teaching degrees as well as students from NMIT who are studying towards their Bachelor of Sport and Recreation. A big welcome to Shona, Elliot, Glenn, Vivien, Cass, Amber and Kayla - it's great to have your extra help in the gym!



Paul with Detective Chief Inspector Darren Newman from the NSW Police Citizens Youth Club

Over the past few years, Victory Boxing has developed a strong relationship with Nelson Police and you will often see Constable Jason Rangi helping out with the boys groups at the gym. In February Paul, Jason and Victory Boxing trustee John Armstrong spent a week in Sydney visiting comparable programmes and meeting with the NSW Police to look at ways we can improve the positive impact Victory Boxing and Nelson Police has in our community.

Stuff Media: Victory Boxing off to Australia

The trip was very successful and valuable. Paul, Jason and John visited the Police Citizens Youth Club, Clean Slate Without Prejudice and met with a Community Engagement Officer from the Just Reinvest programme. All of these programmes have strong working relationships with their local youth, families and Police to create opportunities and pathways to support their youth to build self-esteem and confidence and reduce crime.

John said "It was a valuable learning experience and it highlights the benefits of a close relationship between Victory Boxing and the Police. It was also reaffirming to see that the programmes for youth delivered by Victory Boxing are of top quality!"

SPRIG & FERN QUIZ NIGHTS, MARCH 2019



For a fun night of quiz action, head along to Sprig & Fern Hardy Street every Wednesday evening. It's only \$3.00 per person to enter with all proceeds going to local charities and organisations.

In March Victory Boxing hosted the popular Wednesday night quizzes at the Hardy Street Sprig & Fern. A big shout-out to Lee at the Sprig for giving Victory

Boxing the opportunity to fundraise at the pub. Victory Boxing hosted 4 quiz nights and all the proceeds from the quizzes and raffles were donated to Victory Boxing. The third night was held after the Christchurch mosque shootings and Victory Boxing decided to "pay it forward" by donating the proceeds from that night to the families of those affected. Thanks to everyone who showed up to the Sprig to help out and take part - we raised just over \$1400.00 for the gym and \$1000.00 for the Christchurch victims. What an amazing effort!

At each quiz night, the Victory Boxing team sold raffle tickets at half time. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of local businesses who donated vouchers to be used as prizes. Thanks so much to:

- Urban Beach
- The Barbers on Nile Street
- Nelson Beauty Therapy
- Little Beehive Co-op
- 623 in the City
- Di Pierrri's Cafe
- Elise
- Stirling Sports
- H2O Hair
- Tyres and More
- Anchor Bar and Grill
- Sublime
- Penguinos Icecream
- Wax Bar
- River Kitchen
- Night 'n' Day
- New Waka
- Smugglers Bar and Restaurant

SOUTH ISLAND NOVICE CHAMPS



Blake Upton after winning the Under-81 kg division.

Saturday 23 March was a big night for Victory Boxing as five of our young competitive boxers were set to compete at the South Island Novice Championships held in Christchurch.

Huge congratulations to Ashley Belk who won the Under-51 kg elite female debut category and Blake Upton who won the Youth Male debut Under-81 kg category.

Paddy Baker and Ben Richards were awarded titles after being unopposed in their divisions and while Ben's brother Josh just missed out on claiming another title for the club in the under-60 kg junior male novice category, he showed huge heart and was awarded the Best Junior Runner-Up trophy.

Our boxers attracted some great media attention - thanks very much to the Nelson Mail, Nelson Weekly and Nelson App for your support!

Stuff Media: Victory Boxing hits a new high

Nelson Weekly: Victory for local boxers

VICTORY BOXING MERCHANDISE



A great range of Victory Boxing merchandise is now available to order via our Probrands online shop. Along with training singlets, training shorts, retro tees, short sleeve hoodies, caps and beanies we also have 2 new products - a long sleeve hoodie (great for the cooler months) and a black and white retro tee.

Click on the link below to view all our products and make a purchase. Probrands now offer EasyPay as a payment method and a percentage of each sale comes back to the gym! Don't miss out - the deadline for online orders is Sunday 21 April.

<https://probrands.co.nz/clubs/victoryboxinghome/>

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