



Manawatu Show Report

65 athletes!!!! Nabba's 3rd show in a row with over 60 athletes competing. Athletes came from throughout the North Island with Manawatu having 30 athletes.

It was great to see a Wellington Team of 10 come to this event, in preparation for the Wellington Championships on September.11th. Ross Gray (Master 40+), Brendan Jamieson (Teenage Men), Sherwyn Keith (Novice Athletic

Tall), Margot Smith (Novice Physique Women) all won their respective classes.

The Wanganui Team of 8 athletes also did very well with Jody Walford winning the Ms. Manawatu Figure title in a very hotly contested competition, in the Open Figure and Overalls. Warren Turvey won the Novice Physique Tall class and Club Fitness (Wanganui) was second in the Top Gym Challenge.

5 athletes came from Hawkes Bay, with Joy Crockett (Senior Physique 45+) and Kenneth Clayton (Open Physique Men Short) winning their respective classes. Kenneth came agonisingly close to taking out the Mr. Manawatu Physique title.

From the far east, Gisborne, Mathew Matenga (2nd in Masters 40+) and Seru Tabudravu (Mr. Manawatu Athletic) continued with their preparation for the Asia-Pacific Championships in three weeks time. They have both been busy competing at many shows and fine tuning their physiques.

Farah Deobhakta (Taranaki) set a very high standard in the Senior Figure 45+, defying the laws of ageing.

From the Waikato, Leanne Samuals won the Ms. Manawatu Shape.

Janine Haywood (2nd Open Figure Short) and Kym Carter (1st Open Figure Tall). Well these two girls really tested

the judges, with both classes of a truly International standard.

Manawatu athletes. The top performers of the day were Aaron Kibblewhite, retaining his Mr. Manawatu title, Jenny Knight winning Ms. Manawatu Fitness-Model and Soncerei Hemingway winning Ms. Manawatu Physique.

Manawatu also had 11 first timers, who all seemed to enjoy the experience, having done alot at practice at Sundays' posing practices. I dare say alot of these athletes will be heading off to Wellington. Well done to Terah King (Junior Men), Ruatahi Hati (Novice Atheltic Short), Miriam Eglinton (Novice Figure Short), Jacob Rata (Open Athletic), Julie Wordsworth (Senior Physique 35+) and Anna and Colin MacDonald (Mixed pairs) winning their respective classes.

At this stage I would like to thank our many sponsors. It is only with their financial support that we can run these shows. Bodybuilding does give a "unique" platform to promote their brand.

The backstage Team of Garth, Lynette and Joanne did a great job. From 9am to 10pm, the Team worked tirelessly and kept everything flowing nicely. The door people (Tina, Barbara, Marlene, Betty and Reon) did a great job. Special mention to Bruce (our Caller) and Jill (our Compere) for the very effecient running of the Judging Rounds and Evening Show respectively. I am sure

between them they saved about an hour of time by their share efficiency.

And not to forget the Judges who had plenty of challenges, brought about by some very competitive classes.

A big thank you and appreciation for a job well done.

A beautiful warm venue. This venue is a great asset for Palmerston North and an ideal place to hold our competitions.

An almost full house who stayed right to the end were very vocal, supporting the many local athletes. The high standard of athletes and their entertaining routines, showcased the diverse range of athletes who do bodybuilding.

Congratulations to the Team from Human Movements Fitness Centre, winning the Top Gym Challenge Trophy, to Leo Tinerau (Best Male Performance) and Sue Bettridge (Best Female Performance).

Photos and videos of the show are available from Keith at <http://www.muscleimaging.com>

This truly was a Team effort from the Officials, through to the Athletes. Everyone was respectful and patient and at the end of the day it was a great show. Well done everyone!!!!

Yours in Sport
Marianne Poole/Jim Pitt and the Team.