

2011 NABBA Christchurch Classic Show Report

Small in numbers, but a great show. Sport as it should be, well organized, unpressurized, good competition and good sportsmanship.

It was always going to be about supporting the Canterbury community. With the Dame Ngaio Marsh Theatre, unavailable for the rest of the year, the search was on for another venue. After much hunting around, Mairehau High School was available. The venue worked out very well, along with great "sound and lighting" from Richard from Cperb Sound.

Athletes came from Dunedin, Christchurch, Westport, Nelson, Blenheim and Palmerston North.

Judges came from Auckland, Wanganui and Palmerston North. It was excellent to have Christchurch's very own Billie Kaine back judging again. A former World and Universe Champion, Billie brings great expertise to the judging panel.

With plenty space out the back, the athletes were full on with their preparation. Everyone had a good workout on stage, as caller Jim Pitt put them through their paces. The Overalls were fiercely contested at night-time, in front of a very vocal and appreciative crowd, revved up by compeer Jill Clark.

Congratulations to the Overall winners.

Nicola Whiston d'Ardis	Ms Christchurch Classic-Physique
Ferg d'Ardis	Mr Christchurch Classic-Athletic
Lynette Burgess	Ms Christchurch Classic-Figure

All in all, a great weekend and a great team effort to those who supported the weekend. Most of the athletes were using this weekend as a preparation for the South Island Championships, to be held in Dunedin on September 3rd 2011. Preparation is well under way for this show, with "Supplement Me" already confirmed as the Major Sponsor. Checkout the new Otago Regional page for more show information.

Yours in Sport,
Marianne Poole