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NZ Muslim Autumn Cup 2013

New Zealand Muslim Sports Association has postponed its 2013 Autumn Cup Soccer Tournament due to be held at Mangere Center Park because of the recent heavy rain.

The chairman of the organizing committee of the 2013 Autumn Cup Soccer Tournament, Br Iqbal Ismail will announce the dates by the end of the month.

The tournament will keep our Muslim clubs intact and players' active during the coming winter months here in New Zealand.

The Unity Cup winner Papatoetoe Muslim Soccer Team are all ready to lift the 2013 Autumn Cup said the former FANCA New Zealand goal Keeper and Papatoetoe official Br Zahid Yusuf.

Three time International Fiji Muslim Club Champions (ICC) and defending their title this year in June in Nadi has introduced a few outside Auckland based players in the line-up for the 2013 Autumn Cup.

The president of Ponsonby Muslim FC, Br Abbas Ali said that the 2013 Autumn Cup will be good warm-up matches for his club in the ICC.



Papatoetoe Muslim Soccer Team after winning the FIANZ Muslim Unity Cup 2013 at Bill McKinlay Park during the last Easter Weekend

NOTICE OF AGM OF NEW ZEALAND MUSLIM SPORTS ASSOCIATION

DATE SUNDAY, 19th May 2013
TIME 2.00 pm
VENUE MANGERE CENTRE PARK SPORTS STADIUM LOUNGE

AGENDA

1. Quran Tilawat
2. Notice Convening Meeting/Apologies
3. Confirmation of Agenda
4. President's Address
5. Minutes of the Last AGM
6. Annual Report of NZMSA
7. Annual Statement of Accounts of NZMSA
8. Motion (if any)
9. General Information
10. DUA

JAK and Wassalaam

Yours Sincerely

Mohammed Faruk
NZMSA General Secretary

OBITUARY

نُوع جَارَهُ يَكْدِي اَنْ اَوَّه كَلَّل اَنْ اِنَّا

With great sadness we record the death of late Salim Buksh a prominent member of the British Columbia Muslim community. He passed away peacefully after a long illness on early Sunday 12 May (Canadian time). His janaza salaah was held at the Burnaby Mosque – that he devoted much of his time and resources to build – on the following Monday attended by a huge crowd of young and old. He was the eldest son of late Nabi Buksh of Vesi Street, Suva and migrated to Canada in the late sixties and later was followed by his parents and all his siblings.

He was one of the pioneers from Fiji who established the British Columbia Muslim Association (BCMA) and the BCMA Sports Association. He diligently served both organisations till his health gave up few years ago. For his services he was bestowed with Life membership of both the organisations.

He is survived by his wife Sadrul, children, grandchildren, siblings and their extended families.

We convey our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the family during this time of grieve. May Allah (SWT) grant our deceased brother Jannatul Firdous and give the family patience and strength to bear this sad and painful loss.

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NEW ZEALAND MUSLIM SPORTS ASSOCIATION

A Brief History

*By Haji Mohammed Azeem
– Life Member*

The year was 1993, the month October and the venue Bill Mckinlay Park when some brothers set on a journey that culminated the birth of New Zealand Muslim Youth and Sports Association and an addition to the list of registered Muslim associations with the Register of Incorporated Societies.

My memory takes me back to 1993 Champion of Champions (CoC) tournament hosted by Auckland Muslim Soccer Boys (AMSB), or the Papatoetoe team. This competition was popular and always attracted good turnouts.

We had casually discussed the formation of a Muslim sports association in New Zealand on many occasions but nothing eventuated for sometime. However it had to happen and the real breakthrough came when Br Sheik Asad Ali of Avonadale approached Br Sher Jawan and me during the CoC tournament and said in the language that is best spoken and understood by Indo Fijians, “Aapan to banae liya ham log ke kab bani”. Meaning AMSB and NZ Fiji AFC had already been incorporated and when would a registered organisation for Muslim Sports be formed.

Call it envy or a compliment, his intentions must have been pure as I still remember Br Sher Jawan confiding with me on the issue on the same day. We immediately decided it was time to move.

We were in recess waiting for the CoC finals and I distinctly remember when I went on the PA and summoned brothers Farouk Khan, Shafiq Sahib, Ricky Kalam, Hazrat Ali, Sher Jawan, Sheik Asad Ali, Nasif Mohammed, Imtiaz Ali, Nur Ahmad, Mohammed Aiyub (Lalla) now in Melbourne and Mohammed Taiyab to the Control Room. On this day we only had some preliminary discussions and decided to meet at Br Farouk Khan’s Mt Wellington home the following Wednesday.

The Wednesday meeting gave us a wealth of hope. We were confident that day was not far when we would have a Muslim Sports Association in New Zealand. We formed an interim committee comprising of Brothers Farouk Khan as President, Azeem as Secretary, and Nasif as Treasurer. Other members formed were appointed part of the working committee. Few other members were also co-opted in the team. They included brothers Faiyaz Khan JP, Abdul Saheed and Ibrahim (now in Australia). It was exciting; we were on a mission looking at Constitutions, talking to community elders and holding progress meetings in masajids, centres and members’ lounges and garages.

Alhamdillillah, we had the support of the community and one person who guided us most was Marhoom Abdul Raheem Rasheed a keen soccer personality with special interest in youth activities. While we were contemplating on sports only, he suggested we include ‘youth’ in the

name of the organisation as well. After much thought and discussions we agreed to reserve the name, New Muslim Youth & Sports Association with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. This was immediately accepted. Another personality who worked tirelessly with the Committee was Marhoom Lateef Shah a well known soccer administrator and Life Member of Fiji Football Association (FFA). As a sitting member of Federation of Islamic Associations (FIANZ) then, he provided us with much anticipated guidance and support. He was instrumental in building our network with FIANZ and secure their support as well.

At that stage the only stumbling block between us and the Registrar’s office was a Constitution. Fortunately we had copy of the Constitution of Fiji Muslims Sports Association and we knew it could work here. Based on this document, we tailor made a Constitution for our purpose. It involved hours of hard work, late nights, meetings and mashwaras. But it all paid off and in June 1994 the New Zealand Muslim Youth and Sports Association was formally incorporated. A milestone for New Zealand Muslims and a sigh of relief for the Interim Committee.

Following the inception an inaugural meeting was called and members of the Interim Committee were officially elected as the first office bearers of the Association. They included:

President: Br Farouk Khan
Secretary: Br Mohammed Azeem
Treasurer: Br Nasif Mohammed (now in Sydney)

Committee members: Brs. Shafiq Sahib, Mohammed Kalam (Ricky), Hazrat Ali, Nur Ahmad (Noa), Imtiaz Ali, Mohammed Taiyab, Sher Jawan, Mohammed Aiyub (Lalla – now in Melbourne), Sheik Asad, Abdul Saheed and Faiyaz Khan JP.

The Association has been in existence since then but has been renamed as New Zealand Muslim Sports Association. Since its inception it has organised many tournaments and hosted some events like FANCA and participated in tournaments in New Zealand and abroad with successful results.

In its nineteenth year, it is time to analyse and evaluate the activities of the Association and set some goals for the Silver Jubilee in 2019/2020. It is also time to attract more sports within its frame work and work closely other sports organisation in New Zealand. *And above all it is time to remind all officials and players our obligation to deen ul Islam and the importance da’wah.*



Haji Mohammed Azeem – Life Member of New Zealand Muslim Sports Association receives a token of appreciation from the president of NZ Muslim Sports Association Israr A. Sheikh during the Unity Cup Soccer Tournament 2013 which was held last month.

NZ Muslim Sports Association honours appreciation award annually to a community member as a gesture of acknowledgement for their dedication.

“The Noblest of characters is possessed by the one who is Bountiful in poverty,
Content in hunger, Cheerful in grief and Friendly in hostility”
- Hadhrat Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaz (RadhiAllahu ‘Anhu)

An Evening of Remembrance

You, your family & your friends are cordially invited to attend
an evening to Remember and Celebrate the Life & Teachings of the
Great Sufi Scholar & Saint...

Hadhrat Shaykh Moinuddin Chishti Sanjari Ajmeri
(RadhiAllahu ‘Anhu)

On Saturday, 18th May 2013

From 5.00pm onwards, insha Allah.

**At Jami'a Masjid Al-Mustafa (Sallallahu alaihi wa Sallam)
26 Mangere Road, Otahuhu, Auckland, New Zealand.**

***We will be joined by Special Guest,
Hadhrat Peer Imroz Dean Saifi of Canada.***

More popularly known as Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaz, Hadhrat Moinuddin Chishti (alaihirRahmah) was born on the 9th of Rabi al Thaani, 537 Hijri (1143) in the village of Sanjar in Iran. He was instructed to go to India by our Holy Prophet (sallallahu alaihi wa Sallam), where he was instrumental in the propagation of Islam on the Indian subcontinent. His mission in life was to root out ignorance, darkness, superstition and oppression from India. After a number of trials and tribulations, hadhrat Khwaja Ghareeb Nawaz (alaihirRahmah) enjoyed spectacular success in his mission, through the grace of almighty Allah. He left this mundane world to be with his Beloved on the 6th of Rajab, 633 Hijri (March 1233). Every year, to this day, millions of people make their way to the city of Ajmer, India, to pay homage and receive blessings at his darbar (court), regardless of their race, creed or religion.

Brothers, Sisters & Children are all invited. The program will be conducted in Urdu.

Dinner & Refreshments will be provided.

For more information call Imam Abdul Shafeez on **021 298 2851**

HOW TO HAVE GOOD MANNERS

Good manners, or acting appropriate in a way that's socially acceptable and respectful, display respect, care, and consideration for others. Excellent manners can help you to have better relationships with people you know, and those you will meet. Here's how to cultivate them.

Practice basic courtesy. Say "please" and "thank you," when you need to, even to the person behind the counter at shops. People notice when you're courteous and respectful toward them and it can count for a lot.



Additionally, say "excuse me" whenever you accidentally bump into someone, or if you need to leave a social setting temporarily.

Hold open doors for other people. You don't have to be a guy to hold a door open. If someone will be entering the door shortly after you, pause a second and hold it open. Say "After you, sir/ma'am," if the person is a stranger; if not, use his or her name in place of sir or ma'am.

If you're unsure about whether or not the other person would appreciate having the door held open, ask politely. Say, "May I get the door for you?" This gives the other person an opportunity to accept or decline.

Speak politely. Keep the volume of your voice as low as possible while still allowing people to hear you, and don't use slang or filler words (such as "like," "uh," "so..." and so on).

If possible, try not to drop your Gs. For instance, instead of saying "hangin' out," try to enunciate "hanging out."

Don't discuss rude topics, such as bodily functions, gossip, dirty jokes, swear words, or anything you wouldn't want your mom (or someone you have a crush on) hearing you say.

Don't interrupt or override another person when he or she is speaking. Practice being a good listener, and talk when it's your turn.

Give up your seat on public transportation. If you're on a crowded train or bus and you notice someone struggling to stand up (such as an elderly person, a pregnant woman, or someone with a lot of parcels), offer him or her your seat. Saying something like, "Sir, I'd be delighted if you'd accept my seat" can make the situation less awkward for the other person. If he or she declines, be gracious; say, "Please feel welcome to let me know if you change your mind."

Congratulate people. Offer your congratulations to someone who's just made a big accomplishment (such as graduating or being promoted), has added to his or her family (such as getting married or having a child), or has otherwise done something worthy of praise.

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Be a good sport. Congratulate anyone who beats you in a race, sporting event, election or other competition.

Be a courteous driver. Driving with good manners might seem outdated, but it's actually a matter of safety. Try to follow these tips:

If you come to a four-way stop that another driver doesn't seem to know how to manage, just motion him or her to go ahead of you.

Yield to pedestrians, and try to give cyclists plenty of room. Remember, your two-ton vehicle is a lot more dangerous to them than they are to you, so it's your responsibility to try to make sure everyone is safe.

Don't tailgate people or refuse to let them into your lane.

Use your turn signals even if you don't think anyone is around - you never know if there's a pedestrian or cyclist you just can't see.

Know how to greet people. Whether you're in an informal or formal situation, acknowledging the presence of another person is a fundamental point of having good manners. (Failing to do so can be seen as an insult in most settings.) Here's what to do:

If you're greeting someone you know as a family member or close friend, an informal greeting is enough. It can be as simple as "Hey, how's it going?"

If you're greeting someone who's an elder, business associate, church leader, or other formal acquaintance, stick to a formal greeting unless you're instructed to do otherwise. Greet the other person using his or her title (such as "Mrs. Jones" or "Pastor Smith"), or use "sir" or "ma'am." Avoid slang such as "hey" or "hi," and try to speak in full sentences. Something like "Hello, Mrs. Jones. How are you today?" could be appropriate.

Make any necessary greeting gestures. For informal greetings, how you physically interact with that person is your choice - you could do nothing at all, or offer a hug, handshake, or other greeting based on your relationship with that person. For formal greetings, though, it's appropriate to offer a handshake or bow your head forward slightly. If the person you're greeting formally goes in for a hug or an air kiss, accept it graciously.

Manage introductions with grace. If you're with two people who don't know each other, but you know both of them, it's your responsibility to make the introduction. Follow these steps:

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The person who is of higher social rank should have the second person introduced to him or her. That is, the person of lower rank is the one who should be presented to the person of higher rank. (For example, "Mrs. Jones, I'd like to introduce you to my good friend, Jessica Smith." Jessica is the person of lower rank in this introduction.) This is relatively easy in some situations, but here are some guidelines for when it's less clear-cut: younger people should be presented to elders, men should be presented to women, and laypeople should be presented to clergy, public servants, members of the military, or other people of higher rank. If you're still confused, just go with your best judgment.

Start out an introduction by naming the person of higher rank, then say "I'd like to introduce you to.." or "this is...", and name the person of lower rank.

After the two people have greeted each other, offer some information about each person. For instance, you might say, "I've known Jessica since grade school" or "Mrs. Jones is my mother's dear friend." Whatever you say should be able to start or sustain a short conversation, which you're responsible for carrying.

When you're being introduced to someone else, look that person in the eyes and remember his or her name. After the introduction, greet the other person and say something like "How do you do?" or "It's a pleasure to meet you," and offer a handshake.

Groom yourself appropriately. Whether you're going to your school, your job, or just to the grocery store, your pristine manners will go unnoticed if you're not well-groomed. Take a shower everyday, and keep your hair, skin, nails and clothing as clean as possible. Wear freshly laundered clothes that are appropriate for the setting you're in (whether it's a school uniform or a business-casual look for work).

Write thank-you notes. Whenever anyone gives you a gift or does something particularly nice for you, send him or her a thank-you note within a few days (or a few weeks, for larger events such as a birthday party). Note how thankful you are for the specific gift or action, and how delighted you are to have the other person's friendship.

Note that a thank-you email can be appropriate in certain situations, such as the workplace or for someone who lives so far away that an email is much more expedient. When possible, though, it is preferable to send hand-written

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