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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL FINALISTS!!

The 2011 Wellington Region SPARC Sport Volunteer Awards were on Wednesday at a breakfast function held at the Renouf Tennis Centre. The 21 finalists from the 340 nominations received were all acknowledged for the valuable work they are doing within their sports. Each finalist received an ASB sports bag and merchandise, Caffé L'affaire gift pack, Lush soap and a certificate acknowledging their status as a finalist.

Tane Landon-Lane gave an invigorating and fascinating insight into the "Volunteer army", the processes and values used in training the 6000+ volunteers associated with the Rugby World Cup. This was followed by an inspiring talk from Katrina Grant (Central Pulse and Silver Fern) on key volunteers who had a major influence on her career as an aspiring netball player.

The awards were concluded with the announcement of the regional winners in the Volunteer of the year, Student Volunteer of the year and Lifetime Achievement Award categories.



Darren Cassidy accepting the SPARC Sport Volunteer of the Year certificate and prizes from Michael Taylor from SPARC.

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Bruce Forbes

Lifetime
Achievement

The winners were:

Lifetime Achievement Award
SPARC Sport Volunteer of the Year
Wattie's Student Sport Volunteer of the Year

Bruce Forbes North Wairarapa Pony Club
Darren Cassidy Wainuiomata Rugby League
Ta'amilo Va'a Naenae College

The winners all received a gift voucher from SPARC, lunch for two at Logan Brown Restaurant and a native tree from South Coast Natives.

Mark Watson, Sport Wellingtons Community Coach Advisor, said "It was incredibly inspiring to hear the stories about what these finalists are doing within our sporting community, the time these people put into their sports is immense, they truly are the "power supply" of sport."



Wattie's Student Sport Volunteer of the Year finalists (L-R):



Ta'amilo Va'a (Naenae College and overall winner), Lantarna Manuel-Arnold (Samuel Marsden), Anna Stevens (Samuel Marsden), Adam Parsons (Rangikura), Alex Rollander (Kapiti Junior Hockey Club), Chris Roberts (Raumati Swimming Club), James Mallon (North Wellington Junior Football Club), Jono Wood (Mountain Biking) and Selina Duggan (Clyde Quay School).
Absent: Samantha Van der Veen (Hutt Valley Thunderbolts BMX Club).

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SPARC Sport Volunteer of the Year finalists (L-R):



Darren Cassidy (Wainuiomata Rugby League and overall winner), Christine Barnett (Squash), Donna Kennedy (Equestrian), Helen Mallon (Football), Karen McCrae (Equestrian), Ivan Karaitiana (Dragon Boating), Ondine Souter (Rangikura School and Queen Margaret College) and Tasi Betteridge (Netball). Absent: Juan McDonald(Olympic Harriers and Tawa Football Club).

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GREATER WELLINGTON YOUTH KICK START SPRING WITH ADAPTIVE FOOTBALL DAY



Greater Wellington's young disabled community were invited to kick start the warmer spring months with an Adaptive Football 'Have A Go Day' at the Hutt Old Boys Rugby Club Gymnasium. The event is an initiative of Halberg Trust, Sport Wellington and SportZone Football and aims to introduce football to young people (between the ages of 13 and 25) with a physical, sensory or intellectual impairment.

Halberg Trust spokesperson Marguerite Christophers says the intention is to develop a regular Adaptive Football Programme to meet increasing demand from local teachers, students, parents and caregivers. "This event is all about removing the barriers to participation and providing an opportunity to introduce the young disabled community to the game of football" says Mrs Christophers.

Westpac Bank spokesperson Tracey Challies says "Westpac's role in supporting the Halberg Trust is part of the bank's coordinated and long-term commitment to the disabled community. For us the day is all about inclusion and having fun, and we are prepared to assist anyone and everyone."

The Halberg Trust encourages people with disabilities to participate in sports, recreation and community events like this one.

Check out the Halberg Trust Activity Fund at <http://www.halberg.co.nz/Apply+for+Funding.html>.

For more information please contact: Elissa Downey, Halberg Trust at elissa@halberg.co.nz or 021866146.

HOW A WINTER CODE MADE USE OF THEIR FACILITY OVER SUMMER

Having an Olympic standard turf virtually sitting idle during summer months is not a good thing! To promote use of the facility and to encourage non-hockey players to 'give it a go' Kapiti Turf Trust and sponsor Paul Cotter Electrical initiated the PCE Summer Hockey Competition in 2010/2011.

The emphasis was on enjoyment – no pressure to win (yeah right!), social, six-a-side teams played quick-fire 20 minutes each way games with players of all ages and abilities mixed and matched. The Kiosk was open and after a hard fought game players pulled up a seat, relaxed with drinks and nibbles and enjoyed watching the games and catching up. What a way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon on the glorious Kapiti Coast!



Hockey was the winner, as they say, with many new-comers playing alongside club members who wanted to remain 'match-fit' for the 2011 season. The Turf Trust also enjoyed a boost to its coffers over the 'quiet' season. [More.](#)

PONEKE SET TO GET A REAL TASTE OF TRADITIONAL MAORI SPORT AND CULTURE



On Saturday 1 October the [Ki-o-Rahi Poneke Festival](#) will kick off at Wakefield Park, Island Bay, to the sound of Maori flutes and waiata. Soon after the peaceful sound of waiata and flutes will give way to the crunching sound of full contact tackles as competitors battle it out in Ki-o-Rahi; an ancient and exhilarating Maori game. This traditional game is taking off around the country due to its fast paced, physical nature, and 'Poneke' (Wellington City) is excited to be hosting this fantastic festival, which is free for spectators.



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QUICK LINKS

Office space is available to work in the hub of Wellington sport! We have two small offices (10.45 sqm) available for lease in our Adelaide Road premises. Short Term to June 2012 and we would prefer a sporting organisation. Please contact Julie Fulbrook on (04) 389 0228 or julief@sportwellington.org.nz.

New Wellington Ocean Water Sports Programme—read the Dominion Post article [here](#).

What Kids Say about Playing Youth Sports—[article](#) and links to other articles are [here](#)



Social Media: problems and solutions—make sure all relevant policies and codes of conduct are updated to include references to social media. (Western Australian Sports Federation).

KEY DATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 25	Logan Brown Coach and Volunteer monthly awards —closing date for nominations
Oct 1	Ki-o-Rahi Poneke Festival —traditional Maori games
Oct 25	Logan Brown Coach and Volunteer monthly awards —closing date for nominations
Oct-late	Wellington City Council Sport Development grants —funding round closes
Feb 26	AMI Round the Bays 7km run / walk and half marathon



Clocks go forward this Saturday night.

Make sure you get to your Sunday sport on time!!



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