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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2010

CSF SCHOLARSHIPS

Our latest round of Business Partner Scholarship Awards were presented in September. Thirteen have now been awarded since commencing the programme.

Margot Gibson received the **Rainbow Print Group** Scholarship. Margot is a 16 year old with considerable potential in Cross Country and Athletics. Over the last few years she has been successful in both disciplines at local, regional and national age-group levels. She won the NZ Secondary Schools U16 Girls Cross Country championship for three years in a row and has dominated regional age group events for several years. In April this year she was 1st in the World Secondary School Girls Cross Country Championships in Slovakia which she attended as a member of the NZ team. An outstanding achievement. She has also been successful in 800m and 1500m on the track and has been the top middle distance runner for her age in the country over the last 3 years. She is a level 5 carded athlete and a national development squad member for the 2016 Olympics. Margot has a lot of natural ability and is committed to developing this in the best possible way. She was nominated by Norm Withers.



Margot Gibson receiving her award from Frank Brierton of Rainbow Print. President Peter Crowhen in background

Holly Moon received the **Deloitte** Scholarship. Holly is also 16 and a very talented gymnast specialising in floor events. She also has considerable potential and

has set high goals for herself. Over the last 18 months she has competed with some success in Sydney, Melbourne, South Africa and Singapore. Since receiving the award she has competed at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi (the first from the Christchurch School of Gymnastics to be selected) and the World Championships in Rotterdam immediately following. Although her results at these events were a little below her personal goals, the experience will stand her in good stead for future events and her longer term aim to qualify for the 2012 Olympics. Holly was nominated by the Christchurch School of Gymnastics.



Holly Moon receiving her award from Brett Chambers of Deloitte. Peter Crowhen in background.

Paul Coll received the **Vero Insurance** Scholarship. Paul is an 18 year old with considerable potential in Squash. He has been playing most of his life and has been a Canterbury age group representative since 2001. He has competed in Brisbane and Adelaide as a member of the National Development Squad and in 2009 was the number one ranked NZ junior and was selected for the World Junior Boy's squad. He also travelled overseas and performed with credit at the British, Scottish and USA Junior opens. In 2010 he became the NZ Junior champion and travelled to Ecuador with the NZ Juniors for the World Champs. The team exceeded expectations achieving 6th place and Paul made a valuable contribution. He has a natural talent for the game, a perfectionist attitude and immense motivation. He has the potential to forge an international squash career and we wish him well. Paul was nominated by Jane Clark.



Paul Coll receiving his award from President Peter Crowhen.

The three recipients have all shown outstanding ability and we wish them well in the future activities. The high quality and standards achieved by all the applicants is exciting and encouraging. Unfortunately we don't have the resources to help everyone.

Our thanks to **Rainbow Print Group, Deloitte** and **Vero Insurance** for their participation this round. The award is a cash amount shared equally between the sponsors and the Foundation.

Another round closes on 31 December 2010. Nominations are open to all members. Guidelines and an application form can be obtained from our website or contact our Secretary – details above

BERNIE WALKER MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations for the 2011 award also close 31 December 2010 and are open to all members. Guidelines and an application form can be obtained from our website or contact our Secretary – details above.

The late Bernie Walker was a life member, President and long-standing committee member of the Foundation. He was an inaugural member of the Foundation when it commenced in 1978 following the 1974 Commonwealth Games and was member of the organising committee of those games. He was also a well respected identity in Canterbury sport, particularly rowing, and it is a privilege to offer this award in his name.

NEWS ITEMS

Previous Scholarship recipient, Sophie Batchelor continues to perform well and has been selected for the world short course swimming championships in Dubai next week. It will be her international debut. Michael Vink (cycling) continues to progress and will ride with an American team next year. The Prebble brothers (skiing) are also making progress. A number of our scholarship recipients were candidates for awards at the recent Zonta Secondary School

Sports Awards. The depth and diversity of talent on display at this event is amazing and very encouraging.

GRANTS

Ten grants totalling \$9,660 have been allocated this year. Total grants allocated since commencing is now \$458,800. In addition, we have awarded six scholarships totalling \$12,000 and a Bernie Walker award of \$1,300 this year.

The next round of grants closes 28 February 2011. Application forms are available on the website or can be obtained from the Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2010

There are still some to come. Where applicable a reminder notice is enclosed. Your support is appreciated. Our financial year ends on 31 December.

SPORTS MEDICINE EDUCATION FUNDING

The Foundation has an association with the Dr Tom Anderson Memorial Trust which is interested in Canterbury projects related to sports medicine and, in particular, sports medicine education. Grants are available subject to specific criteria.

Please contact the Secretary for further information if you are seeking funding for activities that may come within this criteria.

WEBSITE

Our website address is shown above. The site contains background information on the Foundation and various application forms. Some details are still under development but the main features are there.

GENERAL

The Christmas rush and end of the year are approaching again. The Sub Committees for the awards will meet in the New Year to consider applications. The first full committee meeting in 2011 is scheduled for 8 March and will be held as usual in the Christchurch Netball Centre. Our thanks to Netball for their continued support. February grant applications will be considered. The 2011 AGM will be held in April.

In conclusion, we wish you all the best for the coming festive season. We hope your respective sports are thriving and you have the support of volunteers to keep up the good work. They are an important part of the sporting community, particularly at "grass - roots" level.

P G Crowhen_
Chairman/President

J W Grocott
Secretary