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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2011

CSF SCHOLARSHIPS

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

Charlotte Sullivan received the **Rainbow Print Group** Scholarship. Charlotte is a 13 year old with a passion for, and considerable potential in artistic gymnastics. Since commencing she has achieved numerous titles and placings in NZ and Australia. She is currently in the high performance squad at the Christchurch of Gymnastics and in September represented NZ at the Youth Commonwealth Games on the Isle of Man where she performed creditably, placing 7th in the All around with a personal best score and achieved third best score on the beam. Recently she competed at the Gymsport National Championships for Womens Artistic Gymnastics – Junior International Level – and did really well coming 2nd overall in the All Around finals, 2nd on Beam, Bar and Vault and 3rd in Floor.

Charlotte is an up and coming talent. She is in the NZ Talent development squad, ranking in the top 6 for her disciplines and trains over 30 hours per week. She is highly motivated and works hard to achieve her goals. We certainly wish her well in her future endeavours.

Emily Wright received the **Deloitte** Scholarship. Emily is a 17 year old with talent and potential in ski racing. This year she placed 6th in the slalom at the Australia New Zealand Cup at Mt Hutt and competed well in other events. Currently she is the youngest member of the New Zealand Alpine Ski team. She has been hitting the slopes competitively since the age of 10 and amassed several Canterbury, South Island and National titles. This year she finished the season with national (FIS) rankings of 7th in Slalom, 7th in Giant Slalom, 4th in Super G and 3rd in Downhill. She has also trained in Canada and USA during the northern winter and will be returning there again later this year to continue her development. Ski-ing is a challenging sport and there is a lot of hard work ahead for Emily if she is to achieve the goals she has set herself. We wish her well in her endeavours.

Rebecca Morrison received the **Vero NZ Insurance** Scholarship. Rebecca is another 13 year old with considerable potential in Gymnastics and also a product of the Christchurch School of Gymnastics. She was first selected to represent Canterbury in 2007 and since then has achieved numerous individual/team apparatus titles and placings in NZ and Australia. During 2011 she was 1st overall in the Top of the South Island championships for her level and 2nd on the floor and beam at the Victoria Championships – International Development programme (IDP) helping her team to a gold medal. In September she represented NZ, along with her colleague Charlotte, at the Youth Commonwealth Games on the Isle of Man. Although not coming home with any medals, the experience will stand her in good stead for the future. She is also in the NZ Talent development squad and works hard to achieve good results, training over 30 hours per week under the eye of high performance coaches at the School of Gymnastics. Rebecca has set herself some high goals and we wish her well for the future.



Emily, Charlotte and Rebecca with their awards.

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. We will certainly watch their progress with interest. Full citations are available on the website.

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

the sponsors and the Foundation. We have been impressed with the talent and commitment of applicants since commencing this programme and it would be nice to extend it but unfortunately our current resources are limited.

Another round closes on 31 December 2011. 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 2012 award also close 31 December 2011 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 this year attended the Commonwealth Youth Games on the Isle of Man where she won several medals. Recently she was awarded the Junior sportswomen award at the Sir Richard Hadlee Sport Canterbury annual awards. 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.

Dylan Kennett achieved promising results at the World Junior Track Cycling champs in Moscow in August and also performed well at the recent International event in Invercargill. Paul Coll continues to make progress with squash and attended the World Championships as a member of the NZ team a few months ago.

GRANTS

Five grants totalling \$ 3150 have been allocated this year. The numbers are a little down on the past and this has been attributed to the earthquake disruptions. Total grants allocated since commencing is now \$461,950. 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 2012. Application forms are available on the website or can be obtained from the Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011

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

SPORTS MEDICINE EDUCATION FUNDING

Grants from the Dr Tom Anderson Memorial Trust for Canterbury projects related to sports medicine and, in particular, sports medicine education are now available through Sport Canterbury. Contact Julian Falloon at Sport canterbury for details of the specific criteria.

WEBSITE

Our website address is shown above. The site contains background information on the Foundation and various application forms.

GENERAL

2011 has been a difficult year following the earthquakes and our activities have been disrupted but we are slowly getting back to normal. The Christmas rush and end of year are approaching again. Our award sub-committees will meet in the New Year to consider applications. The first full committee meeting in 2012 is scheduled for 15 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 2012 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 making progress after the disruptions we have experienced and you have good support from volunteers. They are an important and necessary part of the sporting community, particularly at “grass - roots” level.

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