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NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2011

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Another round of Business Partner Scholarship Awards were announced at the AGM on 31 May. Twelve have now been awarded since commencing this program.

The **Rainbow Print Group** Scholarship was awarded to Dylan Kennett (Cycling) by John Boyle, Managing Director of the Rainbow Print Group. Dylan is a 16 year old with considerable promise and potential in cycling. He comes from Waimate and joined the St Andrews Cycling club in 2008. In the short time since he has demonstrated a natural aptitude for the track, breaking a NZ record at the 2010 Age Group Track National Championships and winning several titles. He has also performed well on the road, achieving a bronze medal at the 2010 under 17 Road National Championships. Last November he represented NZ at the Oceania Championship in Adelaide where he was the youngest member of the team. He performed well winning silver in the team pursuit and achieving a good result in the omnium. At the 2011 Age Group Track National Championships he won 4 titles with 3 other top finishes and now has 9 NZ age group titles. He is still eligible for the same age group again next year.

Dylan has now been selected to represent NZ at the World Junior Track Championships in Moscow in August. This recognises the considerable potential he has shown and the experience will assist his future development.

In receiving his award, Dylan outlined his objectives and programme for the year and thanked the Foundation and the Rainbow Group for their support and encouragement.



Dylan Kennett receiving the Rainbow Group Scholarship from John Boyle.

The **Deloitte** Scholarship was awarded to Grace Prendergast (Rowing) and presented by Steve Wakefield of Deloitte. Grace is an 18 year old who has been an invaluable contributor in her rowing career to date. She has performed well at a wide range of school, provincial and national events and has shown leadership qualities.

She is an assiduous trainer and has a strong determination to excel. These qualities gained her selection for the coxless four-oar team that raced superbly at last year's World Junior Championships in the Czech Republic and won the title.

At this year's nationals, Grace was again in winning teams in the U21 four, U21 eight and the premier eight. This confirmed her potential and she is now training with the national squad at Karapiro. If her development continues and everything goes according to plan, reports indicate she is a good prospect for the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

Grace was unable to be present due the training programme and the award was accepted on her behalf by John Wylie of Canterbury Rowing.

Once again, the high quality of the recipients and the high standards being achieved is exciting. We wish them well for the future.

Our thanks to **Rainbow Print** and **Deloitte** for their continued support for these awards. This is appreciated and it was a privilege to have John Boyle and Steve Wakefield to present the respective awards. Both congratulated the recipients on their achievements and expressed their interest in supporting and encouraging the development of young sportspeople.

The awards comprise a cash contribution shared equally between the participating firms and the Foundation and a permanent trophy. We also thank **Vero Insurance** for their support over the last twelve months and **Smith's City, Couplands Bakeries** and our **Patron** for their previous support.

Extension of next closing date

The awards are made six-monthly and another round is due to close on **30 June 2011**. However, with the disruptions over the last few months, it has been decided to extend the closing date to **31 July** for this round. Guidelines and an application form are available on our website, as above, or can be obtained from the secretary at the above address.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the current year are now due. The AGM decided to increase the rates slightly to cover the recent GST increase and the rates are now as follows: Individuals \$25, Corporations \$230, Clubs and Schools \$35, Associations \$55. A notice is enclosed. Please note these are GST inclusive. The subscription notice is identified as a tax invoice and should be retained in your records for GST purposes where appropriate.

Payment can be made by direct credit. Our bank details are shown in the notice. Please ensure your payment is identified if using this payment option.

Your prompt attention would be appreciated. Your support for our activities is greatly appreciated.

GRANTS

Our usual grants are available for coaching and junior development programmes which comply with our criteria. Costs associated with training and developing coaches and officials and providing coaching programmes and clinics for juniors may qualify for assistance.

Applications should be made in advance of the proposed activity. Applications for the next round of grants close on **31 August**. Plenty of time to lodge an application. Forms are available on the website or from the Secretary at the above address. Future rounds close on 31 October 2011, 28 February 2012 and 31 May 2012.

2011 AGM and BERNIE WALKER AWARD

Our 33rd AGM on 31 May 2011 was later than usual due to the earthquakes. There was a good attendance and the main highlights were the announcement of the Business Partner Scholarship Awards and the presentation of the Bernie Walker Memorial Award to Nathan Flannery.

Nathan is another talented rower with considerable promise. He was a member of the NZ Junior (U19) men's quad sculls team who won the bronze in the 2010 World Junior Championships and is eligible again this year. Since then he performed well at this year's nationals and is currently training with the national squad at Karapiro. He has shown considerable dedication and tenacity to date and has the potential to perform well at the highest level.

If he continues to develop and everything goes well, he is also a prospect for the 2016 Olympics in Rio. The award will assist with his development. Nathan was unable to be present due to the training programme and with no representative of the Walker family available, his parents received the award on his behalf from President, Peter Crowhen.

Standing in as guest speaker in Nathan's absence, Athol Earl, a National rowing selector and Olympic gold medallist spoke on the training programmes both Nathan and Grace are undertaking and their potential for the future. Although it was some time away, he believed that all going well, they could be in line for the 2016 Olympics. He outlined the rationale for the training policy and standards which are vigorous and demanding. This is necessary to develop crews to high performance levels and keep up with the rest of the world. It is one of the reasons NZ crews continue to perform well at international level.

A grant for the February 2011 quarter was also presented to the Primary and Intermediate School Sports Assn. Lyn Miles, representing the Assn, spoke briefly about their activities and thanked the Foundation for their support.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

OFFICERS FOR 2011 / 2012

Patron - M A Henshall
President - P G Crowhen
Vice President - D L Gallop

Management Committee-

Jeff Bland, Rowena Clancy, Jane Clark, Gerald Dwyer, Bill Grogan, Lyn Miles, Martin Perry, Graham Scammell and Mike Wall.

Hon. Auditor - Walker Davey & Co.

Secretary / Treasurer - John Grocott

We welcome Jeff Bland and Graham Scammell to the committee and farewell Tim Shannahan (3 years service), John Tyler (5 years) and Sarah Walters (2 years).

All three have made a valuable contribution. Tim Shannahan, in particular, has been responsible for our website development. We thank them for their contribution and wish them well.

MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome. If you know of any Club, School or Association who would benefit from membership, please let us know. Individual and company members are equally important as they provide valuable funding for our programmes. All members are entitled to nominate candidates for the Scholarship and Bernie Walker awards. Application forms are available from the Secretary or our website.

We also welcome extra amounts by way of donations and would be happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities for our Business Partner Scholarships. Your support assists us to help junior coaching and development programmes and encourage participation, particularly at the "grass-roots" level.

GENERAL

The Foundation remains in a sound position after 33 years of activity and as mentioned, our main objective remains the same - to develop junior sport in Canterbury. There is a lot of opportunity and talent out there.

If we can assist with a junior coaching or development project we hope you will contact us. We also wish you every success and enjoyment in your sporting activities in the current year

P G Crowhen
President

John Grocott
Secretary