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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2014

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Another Business Partner Scholarship Award was announced at the AGM on 29 April. 28 (totalling \$56,000) have now been awarded since commencing this program in 2008.

The **Deloitte** Scholarship was awarded to Courtney McGregor (Gymnastics). Unfortunately, no-one from Deloitte was available and the presentation was made by our President Peter Crowhen.

Courtney is a very promising gymnast and is on the short list for the gymnastics team to the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The selection will be announced shortly. She is one of Christchurch School of Gymnastics high performance gymnasts and is making great progress. Recently she became the first NZ woman to qualify for an apparatus final at a world cup event and her 4th place in the vault at Qatar was the best showing by a Kiwi at this event. She also won a silver medal in the vault at the Pacific Rim Championships in Canada in April - the first medal won by a NZ'er at this prestigious event.

Courtney trains up to 35 hours per week - a huge commitment - and does her schooling through correspondence enabling her to manage her time and concentrate on her sport. This year, she has already attended the Pacific Rim trials, World Cup in Doha, and Pacific Rim championship in Canada. Commonwealth Games trials and Australian Nationals were scheduled for May, Commonwealth Games in July/August - subject to selection - and World Champs in China in October. A huge programme for a young lady but with exciting prospects. It is 20 years since a NZ woman last won an artistic gymnastic medal at the Commonwealth Games and 24 years since Nikki Jenkins won the vault gold medal in Auckland.

Courtney is a stunning performer and an outstanding prospect. She strives for excellence and has a strong work ethic. She has a friendly nature and, along with her family, gives her full support to club activities and events. Her achievements to date are exciting and we wish her well for the future.



Courtney receiving her Deloitte Scholarship Award.

Our thanks to **Deloitte** for their support for these awards. They have shown a keen interest in supporting and encouraging the development of young sportspeople. Their contribution has been awesome. Unfortunately they are now looking in new directions and their involvement has come to an end.

We also thank **Rainbow Print Group, Vero Insurance, Smith's City, Couplands Bakeries** and our **Patron** for their previous support.

The awards comprise a cash contribution shared equally between the participating sponsors and the Foundation. A permanent trophy is also presented.

Next closing date

The awards are made six-monthly and another round closes on **30 June 2014**. Guidelines and an application form are available on our website, as above, or can be obtained from the secretary at the above address.

OTHER NEWS

Several other scholarship recipients are making progress. Paul Coll(squash) and Dylan Kennet(cycling) have been selected for the Commonwealth Games team. Charlotte Sullivan(gymnastics) is on the shortlist for selection along with Courtney McGregor and Millie Williamson (gymnastics) recently claimed the only Oceania spot ahead of the Australians for the Youth Olympic Games in China in August. Many of the rowers are also performing well at top level and have prospects for Rio.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the current year are now due. These remain the same as last year 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 applicable.

Payment can be made by direct credit. Our bank details are shown in the notice. Please identify your payment 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. Costs associated with training and developing coaches and officials and providing coaching programmes and clinics for juniors may qualify for assistance. Application forms and criteria available from Secretary or on website.

Applications should be made in advance of the proposed activity. Applications for the next round of grants close on

31 May. Still time to lodge an application. Future rounds close on 31 August 2014, 31 October 2014 and 28 February 2015.

MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome. Individual and company members provide valuable support for our programmes. Clubs, Schools and Associations can apply for grants. All members are entitled to nominate candidates for the Scholarship and Bernie Walker awards. Application forms are available from the Secretary or our website.

Donations are also welcome as are sponsorship opportunities for our Business Partner Scholarship programme. Your support assists us to help junior coaching and development programmes and encourage participation, particularly at the "grass-roots" level.

An application has been made for registration as a Charity and we are awaiting the outcome.

2014 AGM and BERNIE WALKER AWARD

Our 36th AGM was held on 29 April 2014. The main highlight was the announcement of the Business Partner Scholarship Award and the presentation of the Bernie Walker Memorial Award to Emma Dyke.

Emma, aged 18, is an outstanding athlete who has impressed with her determination as she pursues the high performance pathway in rowing. She has been involved with competitive rowing for several years and represented her school, Craighead, in the Maadi Cup for 3 years with considerable success. In January last year she was in the U20 NZ Youth Squad competing at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney and in August was a member of the NZ Junior Rowing squad competing at the World Junior Rowing Champs in Lithuania where her team, the Women's 4 came 5th. Recently she was selected for the U23 World Championships in July and will be part of the coxless 4.

Emma has the attributes to reach the highest level and is currently training at the High Performance Centre at Karapiro. We congratulate her on her achievements to date and wish her well for the future. Emma was unable to attend because of rowing commitments and was represented by her family. Evan Walker was also unable to attend and the presentation was made by Peter Crowhen.



Emma's father receiving her award from Peter Crowhen.

Grant Presentations

Grants for the February 2014 quarter was also presented to the Christchurch Netball Centre and the Primary and Intermediate School Sports Assn. Megan McLay from Netball and Lyn Miles from the Primary Sports Assn, spoke briefly about their activities and thanked the Foundation for

their support.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

OFFICERS FOR 2014 / 2015

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

Management Committee-
Jeff Bland, Rowena Clancy, Jane Clark, Gerald Dwyer, David East, Bill Grogan, Megan McLay, Lyn Miles, Martin Perry, Neil Porter, and Mike Wall.
Hon. Auditor - Walker Davey & Co.
Secretary / Treasurer - John Grocott

We welcome Megan McLay to the committee. She is the Executive Officer of the Christchurch Netball Centre and brings considerable sports administration experience to the committee. Previous committee member, Graham Scammell was not available for re-election and we thank him for his contribution during his time on the committee. This year all positions were filled and there are no vacancies.

BEREAVEMENT

Sadly, we record the passing of member John Smart last year. John was a great stalwart of Athletics and a highly respected and successful administrator. The highlight of his career was managing the NZ cross country team to the World championships in Morocco in 1975 where NZ won the men's title and the women were second. He was President and a life member of both Athletics Canterbury and Athletics NZ. We offer our sympathy to his family.

SPORT CANTERBURY

We have recently made a grant to Sport Canterbury to assist with the Pathway to Podium programme which supports emerging juniors in the Canterbury region who are likely to enter the high performance system within the next three years. The programme is part of a national network to support NSO's in their emerging talent development.

GENERAL

The Foundation remains in a sound position after 36 years of activity and our main objective - to develop junior sport in Canterbury - is unchanged. We are proud of what we have achieved so far. There are a lot of young people with outstanding talent who given the opportunity will develop further.

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