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NEWSLETTER -SEPTEMBER 2015

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

One Business Partner Scholarship Award was announced at the Secondary School Sports Awards on 17 September 2015. Scholarships totalling \$62,000 have now been awarded since commencing this program in 2008.

The Hellers Meats scholarship was awarded to Steffi Whittaker. Steffi is 15 years old and is a rising star in the Equestrian field. Her main passion is Show Jumping, but she has competed across many equestrian disciplines, including Dressage, Eventing, Show Hunter and Shetland Steeplechase. She has been riding since an early age and winning events since she was 12 years old when she won the National Pony Grand Prix Show Jumping title. Among her other achievements are:

- South Island Series Pony Grand Prix winner in 2013, 2014 & 2015
- South Island Grand Prix Champion in 2014 and 2nd in 2015
- North Island Grand Prix Champion 2014
- National Pony Grand Prix 3rd in 2013, 2nd in 2014 and 3rd in 2015.
- Represented Canterbury in 2013, 2014 and 2015, finishing 2nd in 2013 and 2014.
- Represented New Zealand in the FEI Challenge in 2014, where she was individually placed 3rd.

She was an outstanding candidate.

The awards comprise a cash contribution shared equally between the participating sponsor and the Foundation and are awarded on a once only basis to very promising athletes under the age of 19 years.

Next closing date

The scholarship awards are made six-monthly and another round closes on **31 January 2016**. 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

Following on from the successes of two of our previous scholarship winners, Courtney McGregor and Charlotte Sullivan in the World Gymnastics Championships, two further scholarship winners, Lucy Spoons and Grace Prendergast were among the medals at the World Rowing Championships.

We are very proud of these results which reinforce our decisions in awarding these scholarships.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just a reminder that 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. Please note these are GST inclusive. The subscription notice is identified as a tax invoice and should be. If you have not forwarded your payment, your prompt attention would be appreciated. Your support for our activities is vital to their continuation.

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 the website.

Applications should be made in advance of the proposed activity. Applications for the next round of grants close on **31 October 2015**. Give the Secretary a call (374 6216) if you are lodging an application but might miss the deadline. The next round closes on 28 February 2016.

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.

G P Dwyer
President

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Secretary