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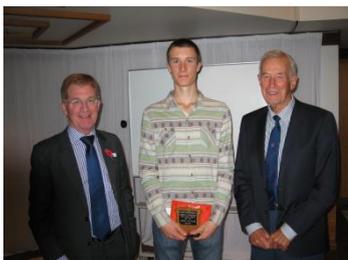
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Two Business Partner Scholarship Awards were announced at the AGM on 21 April. 30 (totalling \$60,000) have now been awarded since commencing this program in 2008.

The **Commerce Club (Canty) Inc** Scholarship was awarded to Joseph Williams (Squash). The presentation was made by Graham Pilkington and Pat Bonisch representing the Commerce Club.

Joseph is a promising squash player and has considerable potential. Last year he was the highest ranked Canterbury Junior and led the CBHS team to runner-up in the NZ Secondary School Squash Championships. He also finished an impressive 4th at the Junior Nationals (Under 19) after being seeded 9th and had his first win against an A grade player in the local interclub competition – a major achievement at his age. Joseph recognises it is very competitive at top level and it will take considerable time, effort and dedication to develop the skills required to succeed. A previous squash recipient, Paul Coll, subsequently represented NZ at the World Champs with some success and recently won his first important event overseas – but it has taken five years! Joseph has a strong work ethic and strives for excellence. With these attributes he has the ability to achieve worthwhile results. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

Our thanks to Commerce Club (Canty) Inc for their support for this award. They have had a long involvement in sporting activities including management of the old Victory Park Board (Lancaster Park) and are keen to support and encourage the development of young sportspeople.



Joseph receiving his Commerce Club (Canty) Scholarship Award from Pat Bonisch (left) and Graham Pilkington (right).

The **Patrons** Scholarship was awarded to Hugo

Elworthy (Rowing). Hugo is a very promising rower. He enjoyed a great year in 2014 with success for his Christ's College four at the Maadi Cup which led to selection for the NZ U19 coxed four to compete in the Junior World Champs in Hamburg. This team achieved a bronze medal in a highly contested event. Hugo commented that standing on

the podium in Germany made the rigorous seven-week training programme at Karapiro well worth it. Since then he has been selected for the RPC South development programme. This recognises his potential to represent NZ at the Olympics and world championships over the coming years. The training programme is intense and involves about 20 hours per week including work on the water, weights and plenty of sweat on the ergometer. All this needs to be fitted in with University studies. Hugo is already seeing improvements in his rowing techniques and enjoys training with other leading rowers. He believes this brings out the best in him. He is currently in the national U21 squad. Physically strong, Hugo has the attributes to make a very good rower and potential to perform well at the highest level. Our thanks to our Patron, Mr Maurie Henshall for his support for this award.

We also thank **Deloitte, Rainbow Print Group, Vero Insurance, Smiths City** and **Couplands Bakeries** 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 2015**. 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

Many will have read that one of our scholarship recipients, Charlotte Sullivan (gymnastics), recently created NZ Gymnastics history when she achieved a bronze medal in the final of the balance beam at a World Cup event in Portugal. The first medal obtained by a NZ'er in a World Cup event. Courtney McGregor, another recipient, was also in the final and finished 8th. Our warm congratulations to Charlotte, in particular, and also Courtney on these achievements. They have shown considerable commitment, dedication and determination, not to mention the expense involved, in achieving these results and we are proud of them.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the current year are now due. **A notice is enclosed.** 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 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**. Time is short but with the Queens Birthday holiday weekend applications will still be accepted if received immediately after due date. Give the Secretary a call (354 4102) if you are lodging an application but might miss the deadline. Future rounds close on 31 August 2015, 31 October 2015 and 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.

2015 AGM and BERNIE WALKER AWARD

Our 37th AGM was held on 21 April 2015. The main highlight was the announcement of the Business Partner Scholarship Awards and the presentation of the Bernie Walker Memorial Award to Lucy Hutchinson.

Lucy is showing considerable potential in rowing with good performances at the Maadi Cup for her school, Rangi Ruru. This gained her selection for the RPC South development squad and the National Junior squad. This season she performed well at the NZ Nationals where she was in the winning U22 four and second in the U20 pair oar. She has demonstrated a strong commitment towards training which should bring further rewards as she pursues a high performance career. Recently, after a week of trials, she was rewarded with selection in the NZ Junior Four for the World Junior Champs to be held at the Olympic course in Rio in July this year. An exciting prospect. Lucy has put her tertiary education on hold to devote her total commitment towards this and the development of her sports career. Her dedication and commitment to NZ Rowing's high performance pathway is most impressive.

Lucy has the attributes to reach the highest level. We congratulate her on her achievements to date and wish her well for the future. In the absence of Evan Walker, the presentation was made by Peter Crowhen.



Lucy receiving her award from Peter Crowhen

Grant Presentation

A grant for the February 2015 quarter was also presented to the Primary School Sports Assn. Lyn Miles spoke briefly about their activities and thanked the Foundation for their support.

Administration Changes

There were also some notable changes in administration.

Peter Crowhen who has been on the committee for 25 years, including Committee Chairman since 2000 and President since 2006, advised he was withdrawing his nomination and retiring as President to take up the position of secretary due to the retirement of Mr John Grocott as secretary after 27 years in this position. This is a committee appointment and will be confirmed at the next committee meeting. Mr Gerry Dwyer who has been on the committee for 15 years was unanimously elected as the new President to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Crowhen's withdrawal.

Mr David Gallop who has been on the committee for 32 years, the last 12 as Vice-President also retired. Mr John Grocott, being available due to his retirement as secretary, was elected to this position in his place.

We would like to place on record the long, outstanding service all three have given the Foundation, particularly Mr Gallop. As mentioned, Messrs Crowhen and Grocott will continue to serve but in different role's.

Walker Davey and Co who have been our auditors for about 30 years have also retired. We thank them for their contribution.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

OFFICERS FOR 2015 / 2016

Patron - M A Henshall

President – G P Dwyer

Vice President – J W Grocott

Management Committee-

Jeff Bland, Jane Clark, David East, Bill Grogan, Megan McLay, Lyn Miles, Martin Perry, John Wylie and Mike Wall.

Hon. Auditor – Garth Dayle C.A.

Secretary / Treasurer - John Grocott (retiring)

Peter Crowhen (elect)

We welcome John Wylie to the committee. John was nominated from the floor and is well known in sporting circles as the GM of Rowing Canterbury. Previous committee members, Rowena Clancy and Neil Porter were not available for re-election and we thank them for their contribution during their time on the committee. There are two vacancies on the committee. These can be filled at the discretion of the committee.

GENERAL

The Foundation remains in a sound position after 37 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. Contact us if we can assist with a junior coaching and development project

We also wish you every success and enjoyment in your sporting activities in the current year

G P Dwyer
President

John Grocott
Secretary(Retiring)