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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2009

CSF SCHOLARSHIPS

Our latest round of Business Partner Scholarship Awards have just been announced. Three awards have been made. This makes a total of eleven since commencing the programme.

The **Rainbow Print Group** Scholarship has been awarded to Nick Prebble. Nick is an outstanding junior alpine ski racer and is rated the best NZ has produced in his age group.

He has been a member of the NZ Development team since 2007 and in February last year he was placed 6th in an international junior GS race in Slovenia. Since then he has been racing at the international FIS level and has done extremely well. He is ranked 22nd for his age in the World Super-G (74pts) and 1st for his age in the World Super Combined (85pts). He has set himself some goals for the future including competing at the 2014 Winter Olympics and will be heading to the northern hemisphere on a regular basis for competition and training. According to reports he has the potential to achieve at a very high level in this very demanding sport. He was nominated by Christchurch Boys High School.

The **Deloitte** Scholarship has been awarded to Sophia Batchelor, a very promising junior swimmer. Sophia has already been selected for age group development camps and participated in both the Pacific School Games in December 2008 and a Trans Tasman Tri Series in July 2009. with some success. She has an excellent record to date, holding two international records, six NZ records and 16 Canterbury records for long and short course events in her age group. She has already had a phenomenal year with her swimming and over the next few months will be competing in a variety of events including 2010 Commonwealth Games trials. Her longer term aim is to represent NZ at the Olympics and by all

accounts she has the ability to do so. She was nominated by Rangī Ruru.

The third Scholarship provided by our Patron, Mr Maurie Henshall has been awarded to Jamie Prebble, also an alpine ski racer and older brother of Nick. Jamie started young, competing in international events in Europe in 2005/2006 as a 14 year old with some success. He has been a member of the NZ Development team and achieved good results in FIS events in 2007 and 2008. He has won a number of National age group titles and also competed in events in Canada with excellent results. His development was curtailed a little in 2008 due to a ligament injury but he has worked hard to regain full fitness. He is currently the number one ranked SG skier for his age in NZ. Jamie is aiming to compete in World Cup events and represent NZ at the Winter Olympics. By all accounts he has the attributes to do this but it is a very demanding sport. He will shortly head to the northern hemisphere with his brother for competition and training. He was also nominated by Christchurch Boys High School.

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. Unfortunately we don't have the resources to help everyone.

Our thanks to **Rainbow Print Group**, **Deloitte** and our **Patron** for their participation this round. The award is a cash amount shared equally between the sponsors and the Foundation.

Another round closes on 31 December 2009. Nominations are open to all members. Guidelines and an application form can be obtained from our new website – see later in this newsletter or contact our Secretary – details above

BERNIE WALKER MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations for the 2010 award also close 31 December 2009 and are open to all members. Guidelines and an application form can be obtained from our new website – see later 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

Ruaraidh (Rory) McLeod, a scholarship recipient in April trained in Europe during the winter and attended the World Junior Track Cycling Championships in Moscow where the NZ team performed well. He also received the top individual award for boys at the recent Zonta Secondary School Sports Awards.

Other candidates for this award included Jamie and Nick Prebble in the boys and Nicki McFadzien, Allie McGlenn and Sophia Batchelor in the girls.

GRANTS

Six grants totalling \$9,350 have been allocated this year. This brings total grants allocated since commencing to \$449,140. In addition, we have awarded six scholarships totalling \$12,000 and a Bernie Walker award of \$1,300.

The next round of grants closes 28 February 2010. Application forms will be available on the website but in the meantime can be obtained from the Secretary.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2009

We have had a good response but there are still some to come. Where applicable a reminder notice is enclosed. Your support is appreciated. Our financial year ends on 31 December.

SPORTS MEDICINE EDUCATION FUNDING

The Foundation has an association with the Dr Tom Anderson Memorial Trust, a trust formed in 1978 to commemorate the pioneering work of Dr Tom Anderson in Sports Medicine in New Zealand, and most particularly in Canterbury. The Trust is interested in projects which are related to sports medicine and in particular, sports medicine education and grants are available subject to specific criteria.

Please contact the Secretary for further information if you are seeking funding for activities that may come within this criteria.

WEBSITE

We have established a website for the Foundation. The address is: www.canterburysportsfoundation.co.nz. The site contains information on the Foundation and some application forms but some details are still under construction. We hope to complete these at an early date.

GENERAL

The end of the year is close and the Christmas rush is here once again. The Sub Committees for the awards will meet in the New Year to consider applications. The first full committee meeting in 2010 is scheduled for 9 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 2010 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 good progress and your volunteers are keeping up the good work. They are an important part of the sporting community, particularly at "grass - roots" level. It would be very difficult without them.

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