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NEWSLETTER - MAY 2008

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Our first Business Partner Scholarship Awards were announced at the AGM on 15 April.

The **Rainbow Print Group** Scholarship was awarded to Nicki McFadzien. Nicki is a promising cross country and long distance athlete achieving considerable success at under age and secondary school events over the last twelve months. She was chosen to represent NZ at the World Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs in the Czech Republic in April and both she and the team performed well. The award assisted with her trip. A brief report is included later in this newsletter.

The **Deloitte** Scholarship was awarded to the QEII Under 18 Girls Water Polo Team. This team has been together since they were 14 year-olds winning the 2004 U/14 and 2006 U/16 National Championships. They are the only water polo team from the South Island to win a National title in any grade over the last 8 years.

They are now aiming to win the U/18 national Championships later this year. The award will assist in this endeavour

The **Smiths City** Scholarship was awarded to James O'Connor who is a very promising oarsman having already represented NZ at two World Junior Rowing Championships. In 2006 he was a member of the eight that won the world title and in 2007 he was a member of the four-oar crew which came 4th in the A final. He has also crewed successfully at Provincial and secondary school champs. James is a member of the 2008 Regional Performance centre for rowing in Christchurch and has the potential for very promising rowing career ahead. The award will assist with his future development.

The awards comprise a cash contribution shared equally between the participating firms and the Foundation and a permanent trophy. Our thanks to **Rainbow Print, Deloitte** and **Smiths City** for their participation.

Representatives were present to make the awards and congratulated the recipients on their achievements. We are excited by the high quality of the recipients and the high standards achieved by all the applicants.

These awards are to be made on a six-monthly basis covering summer and winter.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the current year are now due. The rates are unchanged from last year. 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

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 May**. Although short, there is still time to lodge an application. Forms are available from the Secretary at the above address or can be found on the Sport Canterbury website. Future rounds close on 31 August and 31 October 2008 and 28 February 2009.

2008 AGM

Our 30th AGM on 15 April was well attended and the main highlights were the announcement of the first Business Partner Scholarship Awards and the presentation of the

Bernie Walker Memorial Award to Annabelle Carey.

In receiving her award, Annabelle spoke about her swimming career and experiences at the 2004 Olympics and three World Championships over the last four years where she represented NZ in her specialist event - the 100m breaststroke. Her aim was to make the 2008 Olympics but unfortunately failed to qualify, possibly due to an unexpected mishap committee member Bill Grogan commented on Annabelle's dedication and determination since her schooldays and congratulated her on her outstanding achievements in the swimming pool.

Grants for the February 2008 quarter totalling \$4325 were presented to Christchurch School of Gymnastics, Squash Canterbury and Table Tennis Canterbury. Representatives of each spoke briefly about their junior coaching and development activities and thanked the Foundation for their support

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

OFFICERS FOR 2008 / 2009

Patron - C H J Rhodes
President - P G Crowhen
Vice President - D L Gallop

Management Committee -
Jane Clark, Barry Corbett, Gerald Dwyer,
Bill Grogan, Wayne Hawker, Mary Ireland,
Lyn Miles, Brett Naylor, Tim Shannahan
and John Tyler.
Hon. Auditor - Walker Davey & Co.
Secretary / Treasurer - John Grocott

Two of the original nominations received for the committee were withdrawn prior to the meeting and the remainder, being less than the total number required, were elected following due consideration of the relevant rules.

We welcome Tim Shannahan and Mary Ireland as new members of the committee. Barry Corbett remains our representative from the Christchurch City Council and Mary, who was nominated from the floor, replaces Paul Stewart as representative of the Selwyn District Council.

Long term members of the management committee, Kerry Henderson and Ron Lucas with 17 and 20 years service respectively

in the crucial race, and also lost her long-term NZ 100m breaststroke title at the same time. Annabelle is now re-assessing her future but expects she will continue to be involved with swimming for some time to come. She indicated the award, comprising a cheque and permanent trophy had provided encouragement and would help in her future progress.

In congratulating Annabelle on her award,

were not available for re-election. Both have given long and valuable service and will be missed. Richard Bowden and Paul Stewart who withdrew their nominations due to other commitments, have had shorter periods but also made a contribution. In his concluding remarks, President Peter Crowhen thanked them all for their considerable contribution and wished them well..

MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome. If you know of any Club, School, Association, individual or Company who would like to become a member, please obtain an application form from the Secretary.

An increase in membership particularly from individuals and companies is always welcome. These subscriptions increase the funding base for our coaching and development programmes. We also welcome extra amounts by way of donations for the same reason.

Our aim is to help and enhance coaching and development programmes of our members and encourage participation, particularly at the "grass-roots" level. Canterbury has a proud sporting record to maintain and it is also important to maintain healthy lifestyles among our young people. We look forward to another successful year of activity ahead.

NICKI'S REPORT(Abbrev)

On 15 April I went with 23 others and 6 managers to the World Secondary School Cross Country Championships in the Czech Republic. The NZ team comprised 12 girls(6 NZ reps and 6 from a school team -Tauranga GHS) and 12 boys in similar format. We spent 6 days in London training every morning at 7am and then did some sightseeing. We then travelled by plane and bus to Zdar nad Sazavour where the race was held. The race was a very different experience from anything encountered previously as we started in little wooden pens. Starting from the second row I was in the middle of the bunch for the first 500m but worked my way ahead and got up

with the front bunch. The race was quick with a downhill section at the end of each of the 3 laps. I enjoyed the course and finished 6th behind two other NZers who were placed 1st and 4th . We also gained placings of 12th, 21st and 25th which meant we had won gold in the selected team race. We were all very pleased and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was amazing to wear the NZ fern and I hope I can represent NZ again. Thanks for you support.
- Well done Nicki.

GENERAL

The Foundation remains in good heart after 30 years of activity and is looking forward with confidence to the future. The main challenge is to obtain sufficient funding to meet the needs of our members and the introduction of the Scholarship programme is one step in this direction. We will continue to seek other opportunities to enhance and develop our programmes. Judging by the Scholarship applications, there is certainly a lot of talent out there who could do with some help.

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.

P G Crowhen
President

J W Grocott
Secretary