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## NEWSLETTER - MAY 2009

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Another round of Business Partner Scholarship Awards were announced at the AGM on 21 April. A total of eight have now been awarded since commencing this program

The Rainbow Print Group Scholarship was awarded to Lucy Spoors. Lucy was a member of the NZ Junior Women's coxless four that won the gold medal at the Junior World Rowing championships in Germany last year. She has been identified as an exceptional athlete with the potential to perform at the highest level.

Lucy commenced rowing at Christchurch Girls High School and has performed well at Maadi Cup, Provincial and National championships winning the NZ U/18 pair oar championship last year. She is a member of the Regional Performance Centre South and is also attached to the National Elite development squad based at Karapiro. She has been training there recently.

The award will assist with her continued development including access to the best coaching and technical support available in NZ.

The Deloitte Scholarship was awarded to Hannah Newbould, a promising cross country and track athlete, who has already achieved considerable success. Last year she represented NZ at the World Secondary School Cross Country Championships in the Czech Republic and came 4<sup>th</sup>. Her NZ team won the team event. She then attended the Pacific Schools Games in Canberra where she won the 1500m and was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 800m.

Hannah has impressed with her determination and will to succeed. She has the ability to concentrate on her events while maintaining a mature, friendly attitude towards other team members and her opponents. This year she is Head Girl at Cashmere High School. Hannah has potential potential and the award will assist with her future development.

The Couplands Bakeries Scholarship was awarded to Ruaraidh(Rory) McLeod a cyclist

with considerable potential and promise. Rory has developed as both a track and road cyclist and was a member of the team that won the bronze medal in the Team Pursuit at the 2008 World Junior Track Cycling championships in Capetown. A great performance by the team. Prior to that he was the silver medallist in the U/17 Team Sprint at the 2006 National Track Championships and gold medallist in the 2007 U/17 Individual Pursuit.

Rory has now been selected for the 2009 Youth Olympics in Sydney and will also attend an elite

training camp in Switzerland before this year's Junior World Championships in Moscow in July/August. He is a focussed athlete, dedicated to peak performances as both a track and road rider. He has shown maturity beyond his years and is committed to his sport. Still a student at Cashmere High School, Rory's results to date are an indication of his potential and the award will assist with his future development.

In receiving their awards, the three recipients thanked the Foundation and sponsors for their support and encouragement. All have shown outstanding ability and we wish them well for their future activities. Once again, the high quality of the recipients and the high standards achieved by all applicants is exciting.

Our thanks to Rainbow Print, Deloitte and Couplands Bakeries for their participation this round. Representatives of Rainbow and Deloitte presented their awards and congratulated the recipients on their achievements. The awards comprise a cash contribution shared equally between the participating firms and the Foundation and a permanent trophy. We also thank Smith's City for their previous participation and hope they may participate again. Another round closes on 30 June. Guidelines and an application form are enclosed with this newsletter

### 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**

Our usual grants are available for coaching and

### **2009 AGM**

Our 31st AGM on 21 April was well attended and the main highlights were the announcement of the Business Partner Scholarship Awards and the presentation of the Bernie Walker Memorial Award to Jordan Kelly-Houston.

In receiving his award, Jordan spoke about his tennis career and main highlights to date. He has made steady progress in the junior ranks and is now the top ranked Junior in NZ. He attended the Australian Junior Open earlier this year and recently competed in a futures tournament in Japan. A big learning curve and reasonable performances but very competitive. Still in his final year at Christchurch Boys High School, he is aiming to play in the French, Wimbledon and US Junior Open's later this year. He then hopes to obtain a scholarship to an American University to develop his game while continuing to represent NZ and playing in other international tournaments.

He was realistic about the task ahead and level of performance required and thanked his family, coach and Canterbury tennis for their support and encouragement. He also thanked the Foundation for the award, comprising a cheque and permanent trophy, which provided encouragement and would assist his development.

In congratulating Jordan on his award, committee member Bill Grogan commented on Jordan's dedication and commitment in a sport that was very tough at the top. This would be a challenge but he hoped Jordan would reach a high level and wished him well for the future.

A grant for the February 2009 quarter was presented to the Primary and Intermediate School Sports Assn. In receiving the grant, Lyn Miles spoke briefly about their activities and benefits obtained from the grant and thanked the Foundation for their support. The meeting was also advised that a grant for a sports medicine related activity had been arranged for the

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. Future rounds close on 31 August and 31 October 2008 and 28 February 2009.

Christchurch School of Gymnastics through the Tom Anderson Memorial Trust.

The meeting stood for a moments silence to acknowledge the passing during the last year of Sir Hamish Hay and C H J (Charlie) Rhodes, two of the Foundation's stalwarts. Both had involvements going back to the beginning of the Foundation.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

### **OFFICERS FOR 2009 / 2010**

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

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

We welcome Mike Wall as a new member of the committee, replacing Barry Corbett as our representative from the Christchurch City Council.

Barry has been on the committee for 10 years and his knowledge and experience will be missed. Mary Ireland was not available for re-election and a replacement is still to be found. In his concluding remarks, President Peter Crowhen thanked these outgoing members for their 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 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 and encourage participation, particularly at the "grass-roots" level. We look forward to another successful year of activity ahead.

#### **UPDATE FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Our Smiths City recipient last September, Thomas Hubbard, is now back in action after a break with injury and performed well at some recent events with some stage wins and good placings. He attended two events in the North Island trying to gain selection for NZ Junior Teams and in one finished 4<sup>th</sup> in one stage and 13<sup>th</sup> overall. In the other he won a stage and was 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. He is now waiting for the selection process. We wish Thomas well.

James O'Connor the Smiths City recipient in April last year has also been out of action through injury after attending the Junior World Champs last year and has taken up coaching school teams in the meantime. These teams have performed well at events with the CGHS U/18 lightweight fours crew taking a bronze giving James his first coaching medal. He is now back in action and has been accepted into Harvard College in the US where he will continue rowing and further his education. Good luck and best wishes to James

#### **GENERAL**

The Foundation is in good heart after 31 years of activity and will continue to look for better ways to enhance sport in Canterbury. The Business Partner Scholarship programme is a case in point. The main challenge in the coming year will be to maximise income in the difficult financial environment to maintain our programmes. We are thrilled so far by the quality of the Scholarship recipients and, judging by the applications to date, 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 in the current year..

P G Crowhen  
President

J W Grocott  
Secretary