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NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2008

CSF SCHOLARSHIPS

The CSF scholarship grants in partnership with the business sector were introduced last year and five awards have been made in the first year.

Our thanks to Rainbow Print Group, Smiths City and Deloitte for their participation and congratulations to James O'Connor (rowing), Nicki McFadzien (cross country), QEII U/18 Water Polo Team, Allie McGlenn (ski-ing) and Thomas Hubbard (cycling) on their awards. All have considerable potential and we look forward to following their progress and achievements in the future.

Nominations for the current round closing on 31 December are now invited. Time is short but we hope for a good response. The guidelines are attached with an application form. Nominations are open to all members.

Applications should be made in writing to the Secretary by 31 December 2008. Please include full details of your nominee's performances to date, other relevant supporting information and an indication of how the grant will be used. An observation on the nominee's aspirations and future potential would also help.

The Scholarships are aimed at Canterbury based junior sportsmen and women who have shown exceptional potential but are not fully funded and require additional assistance to progress further. Our business partners make a financial contribution and have naming rights for a scholarship grant of up to \$2000. The number of scholarships awarded is subject to the number of participating business partners. There are two rounds each year closing on 31 December and 30 June. The successful recipients will be announced in March and September each year at a time and place to be arranged with the naming sponsor. We recommend these sponsors to you. Please contact the Secretary if you have any questions or require further information.

BERNIE WALKER MEMORIAL AWARD

Nominations for the 2009 award are now open.

This will be the fourth award since commencing in 2006. Details of the criteria and a nomination form are enclosed. Entries also close 31 December 2008. Nominations are open to all members.

The award is to assist an outstanding Canterbury-based junior sportsman or woman who has already achieved a high standard of performance and has been selected to go to a higher level.

The application should indicate the qualification and performances of the candidate, their current achievements, future potential and the likely benefits from the assistance given. Presentation of the award will be made at the Foundation's AGM in April 2009. Please contact the Secretary if you have any questions or require further information.

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

Natasha Hansen, the Bernie Walker award recipient in 2007, keeps in touch and is making good progress. She returned to the elite training school in Switzerland again this winter and while there, won a number of events and competed in Manchester at World cup event gaining points for the 2009 World Cup in Poland. In November she was in Australia for the Oceania Championships and we understand she won the Keirin event.

Nicki McFadzien, a scholarship recipient, attended the World Secondary School cross country event in the Czech Republic in April, along with a team and performed creditably finishing 6th individual. Other NZ girls also did well with Esther Keown(1st) and Hannah Newbould from Cashmere HS(4th) leading Nicki home. As a result, our NZ womens team won the gold medal! These three have continued their rivalry over the winter with each one having a measure of success. Nicki won the Canterbury Sec Schools senior road race and cross country and also the South Island open women's title. She was 3rd in the National Secondary School cross country and 2nd in the National U20 Championships.

GRANTS

Nine grants totalling \$12965 have been allocated this year. This brings the total grants allocated since commencing to \$439790. In addition, we have awarded five scholarships totalling \$10000 during the past year and three Bernie Walker awards totalling \$ 3900 over the last three years..

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2008

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 is working with and promoting 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. There is synergy between the grant criteria of both our Foundation and the Trust. The Trust has indicated that it could support applications co-ordinated by our Foundation which meet it's criteria, particularly projects which can be clearly identified as a facet of sports medicine and in particular, sports medicine education.

Accordingly, The Foundation invites additional applications from members which could meet this criteria in the first grant application period of 2009(closing date 28 February). Any such applications will be considered as “additional” and will not inhibit the member organisation from making a further application for another purpose in the same year. Prospective applicants should contact the Secretary for details of the application process.

GENERAL

The end of the year is approaching and the Christmas rush is upon us once again. The Sub Committees for the awards will be meeting in the new year to consider applications. The first full committee meeting in 2009 is scheduled for 10 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 2009 AGM will be held in April.

In conclusion, we wish you all the best for the coming festive season. We hope your sporting activities 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, and it would be very difficult without them.

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Chairman/President

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Secretary