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## NEWSLETTER - MAY 2010

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Another round of Business Partner Scholarship Awards were announced at the AGM on 13 April. A total of ten have now been awarded since commencing this program

The **Rainbow Print Group** Scholarship was awarded to Alasdair Shillito by John Boyle, Managing Director of the Rainbow Print Group. Alasdair is a promising swimmer and has an excellent record to date. He is a member of the Wharenui Club and is the holder of several Canterbury junior records including a Canterbury 17 years 50m short course backstroke record that had stood since 1994. Last year he attended a National Squad training camp and represented NZ at a Trans Tasman meet in Australia. He also joined the SwimCanterbury Academy programme.

Alasdair is now at the stage where he needs a high level of competition to develop further. Swimming NZ has recognised his potential and identified him as a future prospect. Last year he was head boy at Lincoln High School and had to balance his swimming commitments with other activities. This year he will focus solely on swimming to develop his potential. This will involve maintaining a strict training regime and competing at the highest possible level to gain the necessary experience. He has impressed with his sportsmanship, dedication and commitment and the award will assist in meeting costs associated with travelling nationally and internationally to gain this experience.

The **Deloitte** Scholarship was awarded to Michael Vink and presented by Shari Carter of Deloitte. Michael only became involved with cycling about three years ago but is a very promising track and road cyclist with potential to achieve at the highest level. He has already fashioned an excellent record at junior level representing NZ at the Junior World Track Championships in Capetown in 2008 and Moscow in 2009. Like most cyclists, he is versatile and has set several Junior road records. He is a strong competitor and just before departing for Europe in early April to train with an amateur team in Belgium, he won the Le Race event in Christchurch against formidable senior competition.

His coach, Terry Gyde, considers he is the best talent he has seen and has great potential. Michael is highly motivated, very competitive and prepared to work hard to achieve results. The European training this year will provide valuable experience against strong competition with one objective being selection for the World U23 Road titles in September. In view of his departure, the award was accepted on his behalf by his mother..

In receiving their awards, the recipients thanked the Foundation and sponsors for their support and encouragement. Both have shown outstanding ability and we wish them well for the future. Once again, the

high quality of the recipients and the high standards being achieved is exciting.

Our thanks to **Rainbow Print** and **Deloitte** for their continued support for these awards. This is appreciated and it was a privilege to have John Boyle and Shari Carter to present the respective awards. Both congratulated the recipients on their achievements and expressed their interest in supporting and encouraging the development of young sportspeople.

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**, and **Couplands Bakeries** for their previous support and hope they may consider participating again in the future. We also appreciate the support given by our **Patron**.

The awards are made six-monthly and another round closes on 30 June 2010. Guidelines and an application form are available on our website, as above, or can be obtained from the secretary at the above address.

### 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 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**. There is still time to lodge an application. Forms are available on the website or from the Secretary at the above address. Future rounds close on 31 August and 31 October 2010 and 28 February 2011.

### 2010 AGM and BERNIE WALKER AWARD

Our 32nd AGM on 13 April 2010 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 Jenny Storey.

Jenny is a talented and dedicated rower with considerable promise. Last year she was a member of the NZ Junior (under 19) Women's eight at the World Championships in France. The team finished a close second to USA and ahead of other well performed countries. She is a member of the national development squad and being eligible, has again been selected for the team to attend this year's world championships. The award was presented by Evan Walker, son of the late Bernie Walker.

In receiving her award, Jenny spoke about her rowing career to date and the highlights so far. She got her start at Rangī Ruru where there is an excellent rowing programme and competed with success in school and Maadi cup events. The World Championships were a great experience last year and this will be valuable for this year's campaign. She was realistic about the level of performance required to achieve at international level and being a team event, good team work was essential. She is looking forward to the challenge ahead and believes the team has the ability to go one better. She also mentioned that hockey was another passion and she was a member and captain of the NZ U/16 Hockey team last year.

Jenny has a bright, lively personality and with her achievements to date, is a worthy recipient. The award will assist with costs associated with training both here and at Karapiro as well as her contribution for the World Championships. In congratulating Jenny on her award and thanking her for her address, committee member Gerry Dwyer commented on her rapid development to a very high level which indicated her potential. He also congratulated her on selection for this year's Youth World Championships and wished her well. He noted that team members would be required to make contributions of about \$7000 each for this event which was a substantial sum to find.

Grants for the February 2010 quarter were also presented and the recipients, the Primary and Intermediate School Sports Assn, Canterbury Basketball Association and Bowls Canterbury spoke briefly about their activities and thanked the Foundation for their support.

The following officers were elected for the coming year.

### **OFFICERS FOR 2010 / 2011**

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

**Management Committee-**  
**Rowena Clancy, Jane Clark, Gerald Dwyer, Bill Grogan,**  
**Lyn Miles, Martin Perry, Tim Shannahan, John Tyler,**  
**Mike Wall and Sarah Walters..**  
**Hon. Auditor - Walker Davey & Co.**  
**Secretary / Treasurer - John Grocott**

We welcome Rowena Clancy and Martin Perry to the committee and farewell Wayne Hawker and Brett Naylor.

Both Wayne and Brett have had relatively short terms on the committee but have made good contributions. In his concluding remarks, President Peter Crowhen thanked them 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 or our website. All members are entitled to nominate candidates for the Scholarship and Bernie Walker awards.

Membership of individuals and companies is important to our progress as they assist the funding base for our programmes. We also welcome extra amounts by way of donations for the same reason. Our aim is to help coaching and development programmes and encourage participation, particularly at the "grass-roots" level.

### **UPDATE FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Rory McLeod, last year's Couplands Bakeries recipient was in the NZ team at the Junior World championships in Moscow last August, along with Michael Vink and the team gave a good account of themselves. He has also joined the same team as Michael in Belgium for training and development over this northern summer.

Sophia Batchelor, a Deloitte recipient last year, recently starred at the age group swimming championships in Christchurch breaking 7 records in three days including the 14 years final of the 200m freestyle knocking nearly two seconds off the previous record that had stood for 15 years, the 100m freestyle that had also stood for 15 years and the 100m backstroke where her time was the best for all age groups.

Nicki McFadzien, a previous Rainbow recipient, recently competed in an World Junior cross country championships in Poland and was the first NZ'er home in 28<sup>th</sup> place. A very exciting result.

Hannah Newbould, a previous Deloitte recipient, has had an outstanding year in both cross country and on the track. She was selected for both the Secondary Schools and NZ Cross Country teams in 2009 and over the summer has performed well on the track. She has become an Athletics NZ carded athlete, won the women's mile at the Cooks Gardens Classic in January, competed in Trans Tasman events winning the women's 1500m at the Trans Tasman test in February and then won the age group 1500m in the national championships in Christchurch in March. She has since been selected to represent NZ at the Junior World Championships in Canada in July.

### **GENERAL**

The Foundation remains in a sound position after 32 years of activity and our objectives remain the same - to develop sport in Canterbury. There is a lot of opportunity and talent out there.

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

John Grocott  
Secretary