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OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

What a wonderful start to the year enjoyed by many of us in the South Island. All of the organisers – individuals and clubs – should be proud of the role they played as the quality of events was outstanding. A big thank you on behalf of all participants. Congratulations to our New Zealand teams who won the Challenge with Australia, the elite test and the Schools test, and to individuals who won Oceania titles in their respective classes.

WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

The next big Orienteering carnival near our shores is not too far away. Sydney plays host to WMOC as part of the World Masters Games. Those planning on going should keep an eye on developments on the official website: www.2009worldmasters.com

While it may be a bit late to attend, there are information days being held in the main New Zealand centres in early March, and prize packs are up for grabs for early registration by 16 March.

O-RINGEN JUNIOR CAMP 2009

Each year a training camp is held just before O-Ringen. Any junior (aged 17-23) who is planning to go to Europe and have not experienced an O-Ringen camp will find it a valuable experience. This year it is held July 14-17 and anyone interested should contact the General Manager for further information, before April 15. However, be aware that participants will need to bear their own costs.

ADVERTISE YOUR EVENT ON SPARC'S PUSH PLAY WEBSITE

SPARC have updated the Push Play section of their website and now have an events calendar. They are happy to list any details of sporting events that are open to members of the public. Any event organiser who would like to do so can complete a simple form online at the following website address: <http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?key=p-0XiceoJcVEHxQzJQcr8dQ>

TEAM APPOINTMENTS

Norm Jager (Auckland) has been appointed Manager for the JWOC team this year. Together with coach Mark Lawson (North West), they will form an excellent management team for this year's event and we are fortunate to have both on board willing to assist our junior elites.

VACANCIES – LOTS!

We have quite a few gaps to fill, and I ask anyone with the slightest interest in any of these roles to get in touch with the General Manager for a free, no-obligation chat:

WOC Team Manager 2009 (NEW!)
Webmaster
Secondary Schools Coordinator
Coaching Director
National Squad Coaching Coordinator

TAKING ON THE AUSSIES AGAIN!

This time in Mountain Bike Orienteering – a good number of NZ MTBO'ers are planning an assault on the Australian MTBO Championships in early June, which will also incorporate an Australia-New Zealand Challenge. It's not too late to join in the fun – there will be training organised beforehand, too. Details on the NZOF MTBO website or contact the trip organisers (Rob Garden/Di Michels – North West).

CONGRATULATIONS

Laurie Burdett (Taupo O.C.), awarded a Queens Service Medal for services to community health and local body activities.

Val Robinson (Counties-Manukau O.C.), Administrator of the Year at the recent Counties-Manukau Sports Awards for her tireless work in Franklin Primary Schools for all sports.

Well-known elites **Jamie Stewart** and **Penny Kane** for tying the knot (to each other).

I would like to continue recognising the achievements/miracles of our members in these types of areas (and others) – anything noteworthy, please let the General Manager know.

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