NZOF NEWS – JULY 2009

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009
Thank you to both the Auckland and North West clubs for successfully organising our National Championships over the Easter weekend – good weather, a variety of terrain and all the controls in the right place. The weekend was organised in a shorter than usual timeframe, and NW had the added complication of chainsaws ruining the original middle distance venue, so the hard work from both clubs is much appreciated. Congratulations to those who orienteered well and walked off with trophies, and start making your plans for Dunedin 2010!

NZOF ANNUAL AWARDS 2009
At Easter, outstanding performances and contributions to our sport were recognised with the presentation of the following awards:

SILVA Award for Services to Orienteering – Stuart Payne (PP)
Silva International Performance Award: Ross Morrison (HB)
Silva Coach of the Year: Jenni Adams (PP)
Silva Mountain Bike Orienteer of the Year: Marquita Gelderman (NW)
Silva Rogainer of the Year: Chris Forne (PP) and Denis de Monchy (PP)
Silva Kapiti Havoc Trophy: Lizzie Ingham (WN)
NZOF Administrator of the Year: Alister Metherell (PP)
NZOF President’s Award for outstanding contribution at club level: Selwyn Palmer (AK)
Brighouse Trophy: Pete Swanson (AK)

Congratulations to all these winners and thank you to Ampro Sales and SILVA for continuing to support our awards.

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
Toby Scott (AK) – awarded a scholarship from the New Zealand Education and Scholarship Trust that recognises top all-round school leavers.

Clem Larsen and Tania Robinson (CM) who are now married, and might explain to some who the new member is elite (Tania Larsen)

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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