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NZOF NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2009

Yes, don't fall out of your seats – NZOF News resurfaces after a few (OK, many) month's slumber with an apology from me for my slackness.

CONTROLLERS CLINIC – SAT 7 NOVEMBER

A controllers clinic is being held at Mt Lees, near Palmerston North (the residence of Graham Teahan, our Technical Director who will be running the clinic). All existing and those interested in becoming A Grade controllers are encouraged to attend.

As Graham is overseas overseeing the World Masters Championships, anybody interested in attending should notify the NZOF GM (address/ph no above), by 31 October.

TONIC WEEKEND – 30 OCT / 1 NOV

A notice on behalf of Auckland OC:

TONIC 2009 – The Orienteering North Island Championships are from 30th October to 1st November, hosted by Auckland Orienteering Club. Events include a triple mini sprint series on Friday evening, a middle distance in Woodhill on Saturday afternoon, a dinner function with golf course event on Saturday night at Muriwai, and a long distance event in Woodhill Forest on Sunday.

The event web site is now functional.

On-line entries are welcome through the event web site.

<http://www.madeventz.co.nz/tonic/>

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In 2008 AOC, with NWOC revived the concept of the North Island Champs with the aim of providing some quality events toward the end of the year and also to introduce a novelty element along with the traditional event structure.

AOC has undertaken to do the same again this year. It would be great to see the concept continued into 2010 and beyond. AOC invites other clubs to take the TONIC concept on for 2010.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS 2009

The last few months have seen some outstanding performances by New Zealand orienteers overseas. Ross Morrison (HB) started the ball rolling with an incredible 10th place at the World Games, our team at JWOC left as the 10th ranked nation with Greta Knarston (CM) producing the best performance with her 19th place in the long distance, followed by the piece de resistance as Chris Forne (PP) broke through a previously unattainable barrier for NZ males by recording two top-20 finishes at this year's World Championships. Also, our Mountain Bike O team went over to Aussie and beat them on home soil again

Congratulations to these, and our other WOC, WG and JWOC team members who have represented us with such distinction.

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>

NZOF YOUTH COUNCIL

As part of our Youth Strategy documented last year, establishing a Youth Council was seen as one initiative to encourage juniors to have more input into the management of our sport. The initial Youth Council is:

Tom Reynolds NW
Rachel Goodwin HB
Duncan Morrison HB
Jula McMillian HV
Angela Simpson RO
Alistair Richardson PP
Selena Metherell PP
Jourdan Harvey CM

With over 35% of our national membership under the age of 20, establishing good lines of communication between our youth participants and managers is an important step to continue the development of our sport at junior level. While the Youth Council is advisory only, it is a vehicle to enable the views of juniors to be heard on issues that may affect them.

TOUR O SUISSE 2010

Our good friend Dieter Wolf is organising an O tour of Switzerland just prior to next year's World Masters Championships. NZ participants on previous tours thoroughly recommend the experience and if you are intending to go to WMOC next year, and have the time (and budget), contact the General Manager for further information.

JUNIOR CAMP - FULL

Sorry, but the Junior Training Camp being held in Auckland in December is booked out and any further applications will go onto a waiting list – we have close to 70 juniors attending and any more would have the coaches and helpers sleeping out under the trees.

CONGRATULATIONS

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