NZOF NEWS – NOVEMBER 2009

SUCCESS IN AUSTRALIA

Many Kiwi orienteers enjoyed their trip across the ditch, if results are anything to go by. First up, this year’s edition of our Secondary Schools team continued our outstanding unbeaten record in the Southern Cross Challenge, easily beating the Australian states. Trish Aspin (CM) did the double at the Australian Championships, winning both sprint and classic races in W60. Our other winner at the classic distance was Jula McMillan HV (W16), while Tim Robertson HV (M16), Hamish Goodwin HB (M45), Lauren Turner WN (W14), Selena Metherell PP (W16) and Susan Edwards HV (W35) won their classes over the sprint distance. Congratulations to you all.

After the Australian Championships came the World Masters Championships in Sydney, where Trish Aspin picked up her third masters title winning W60 despite a dodgy calf muscle. Our other champion over the classic distance was Carsten Joergensen PP (M35). “Commiserations” to our four third-placegetters Jason Markham WN (M40), Susan Edwards HV (W35), Carey Nazzer TK (W50) and Bunny Rathbone DN (W70). Sprint titles were claimed by Bill Edwards HV (M40), Marquita Gelderman NW (W40) and Gillian Ingham WN (W50). Again, congratulations and well done.

OBITUARY – NEIL LEWIS

It is with sadness to report the passing away of Neil Lewis (CM), losing his battle with illness. Neil was one of the pioneers of our sport, involved with the foundation of the South Auckland club and having served as NZOF’s first Treasurer in 1973. Our condolences to and thoughts are with Unni and her family.

ACT EARLY FOR NEXT EASTER

A suggestion to you not to leave your travel and accommodation bookings for next year’s National Championships until the last minute. While it may not have a direct impact on where the majority will wish to stay, the Wanaka Air Show is also on at Easter which may affect travel bookings and availability.

SACRE BLEU – MEDICAL CERTIFICATE NEEDED IN FRANCE

Want to orienteer in France? Visit your doctor before you go. French legislation requires the organisers of any sports event to ensure all participants (including overseas entrants) hold a sports licence or medical certificate. As we do not issue licences to compete, you will need (to quote the French federation) “a medical certificate of no counter-indication to the competitive practice of Orienteering”.

SPORT IDENT E-STICKS FOR SALE

There are a small number of e-sticks left over from WMOC and for sale. They are the SI9 type and are available for $60. Please contact Colin Price on +61 415 210 339 or email colinp53@yahoo.com.au

FUNDRAISING

Anyone wanting to raise money by old-school methods of selling chocolate bars and the like might like to check out www.thefundraisingfoundation.co.nz