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## FROM THE GM's DESK – OCT 2011

### OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS – INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

The Oceania Carnival has just come to a close and tired bodies are finding their way home. The honour roll of Oceania champions is as follows:

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| Lizzie Ingham WN – W21E middle              | Callum Herries HB – M14 sprint       |
| Katie Cory-Wright PP – W12 long, W12 sprint | Tim Robertson HV – M 16 long         |
| Danielle Goodall CM – W12 middle            | Rob Jessop AK – M40 long, M40 middle |
| Lauren Turner WN – W16 long                 | Greg Barbour TA – M45 long           |
| Brianna Massie HB – W16 middle              | Hamish Goodwin HB – M50 sprint       |
| Rebecca Gray NW – W18 long                  | Michael Wood HV – M60 long           |
| Cosette Saville CM – W18 middle             | Gavin Scott HV – M70 long            |
| Jean Cory-Wright PP – W50 middle            | Graham Fortune WN – M70 sprint       |
| Trish Aspin CM – W60 long, W60 middle       | Ian Holden NL – M75 sprint           |
|                                             | Alan Horn WN – M45AS middle          |

### OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS – TEAM RESULTS

The Carnival also saw various competitions against our neighbours, with varying success.

The NZ Secondary Schools team was as dominant as ever against Australian states in the Southern Cross Challenge, winning 2 individual and 3 relay grades of the 4 on offer each day and racking up 61 of a possible 64 points. A clean sweep of the relays was agonisingly close, with the Senior Girls being pipped by 5 seconds.

In the all-grade ANZ Challenge we gave the hosts a fright during the individual, losing by 6 grades to 9. I believe that is the closest we have come to winning on enemy territory. The relay saw Australia win by 11 grades to 4, with our W16, W20E, M16 and M45 teams being victorious.

Finally, our Pinestars suffered at the hands of the hosts as is common in this elite competition, although it was a lot closer than usual, being behind by only a point after 2 of the 3 days. Our team was young with many of our juniors competing, and the performances bode well for the future. In particular, the results of **Nick Hann WN** (4<sup>th</sup>) and **Laura Robertson HV** (5<sup>th</sup>) at the Oceania Middle Championships in open elite competition are outstanding.

Thank you to all team members for representing us with such distinction, and an even bigger thank you to the team managers involved: **Derek Morrison HB**, **Anna Robertson HV** and **John Robinson CM**.

## OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS – IN FUTURE

As many are aware, 2013 sees the Wellington region host this event in January, and is also incorporating the opening round of the World Cup.

Australia have also advised, in a departure from their usual schedule, that the 2015 edition will also be hosted during January in the state of Tasmania, and will be applying for a World Cup round.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

**URGENT:** Contents Editor – Yearbook: We will be publishing a Yearbook at the end of this year and a volunteer to organise the content would be appreciated. We do not need a journalist, more someone to cajole and convince others to write material, and source photos. The role does not involve any design work.

## JALAS SPONSORSHIP

For many years, the Mapsport Shop have provided a percentage of proceeds from the sale of J alas shoes to NZOF for use by the Development Squad. This year's cheque has been received and we thank the Mapsport Shop for their continued support, and remind orienteers that purchasing J alas shoes through the Mapsport Shop helps our juniors.

## SELECTION FOR ANZ MTBO CHALLENGE (JAN 2012)

For those interested in representing New Zealand at the upcoming Challenge during the Central Otago MTBO carnival, a call for nominations will be made shortly with a tight turnaround, so please be ready. The grades for the Challenge have yet to be confirmed.

## JWOC 2012 and WOC 2012 - NOMINATIONS DUE

A reminder also that nominations for next year's Junior World Championships must be made to the Convenor of Selectors by 31 October. A decision on any Trial will be made once nominations have been received.

Those interested in representing NZ at WOC next year must have their nominations to the Convenor of Selectors by 30 November. Next year's Nationals at Easter will be used as a Trial.

## AN APOLOGY

To **Bunny Rathbone DN** for getting it wrong as to who our medallist was at this year's World Masters – Bunny came 2<sup>nd</sup> in W75. Congratulations Bunny on another excellent WMOC result.

I was also reminded that in the International wrap-up I perhaps should have mentioned the meritorious results of Napier Boys HS and Napier Girls HS at the World Schools Orienteering Championships in Italy, highlighted by **Callum Herries HB** and **Brianna Massie HB** both finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long distance, and helping both junior teams to 2<sup>nd</sup> overall from 14 nations. Both senior teams finished midfield.