FROM THE GM’s DESK – NOV 2011

NZOF GENERAL MANAGER – APPLICATIONS SOUGHT
The NZOF General Manager’s contracted term expires at the end of this year, and as part of the process of reappointment, we are seeking applications from all parties who may be interested in undertaking this important position.

This is a critical position for the NZOF, responsible for the efficient running and administration of the organisation, and ensuring that key priorities are managed effectively. The role works closely with clubs and people within the orienteering community, as well as stakeholders outside (e.g. Sport NZ), and as such needs to be an effective communicator and relationship builder. The General Manager will also work closely with the NZOF Executive and Council, and be involved in identifying areas of improvement, and coordinating efforts to see improvements implemented.

As this is a part-time position, the General Manager needs to be organised and effective in prioritising and balancing time on operational/administrative matters with time on value-add/improvements. The role will suit someone who may be interested in flexible working, and different working hours may be needed for contact with orienteering clubs and officials.

This is a two-year, part-time, contracted position, commencing 1 January 2012 and has a contract sum of $34,000 per annum. A job description is available from:

NZOF President Simon Addison, 5 Warwick Drive, Lynmore, Rotorua, ph 027 441 2463; email: simonjaddison@gmail.com

Applications with CV marked “NZOF General Manager” close 5 December 2011 with Simon Addison at the above address (prefer electronic). Interviews may be required with applicants and if so will be arranged as soon as possible.

MTBO – HOME AND AWAY
Straight after the Oceania Carnival our MTBO riders had their turn and came home with some impressive results, led by Marquita Gelderman NW and Pete Swanson AK who won all three distances in W21E and M40 respectively. Other Oceania Champions are:

Roz Clayton PP – W50 (middle), Jacqui Sinclair TA – W50 (sprint and long),
Pat Bodger PP – M60 (middle), Rob Garden NW – M60 (long), and
Michael Wood HV – M60 (sprint), who now has the distinction of holding Oceania titles in both foot-O and MTBO.

The Aussies are coming in numbers (at least 50) to our MTBO carnival in January. A reminder if you wish to represent New Zealand in the ANZ MTBO Challenge, nominations are closing!
REGIONAL SPORTS TRUST AWARDS
It was pleasing to see Angela Simpson BP nominated for, and [a finalist in / winning] the Junior Sportswoman category at the recent Sport Bay of Plenty awards. Many RST’s are holding their award functions this month and next, and I do appreciate receiving advice of any orienteers nominated, and of course if they win!

APPOINTMENTS
Sarah Gray NL has been appointed Development Squad Coaching Coordinator, Jean Cory-Wright PP as Coach of the 2013 World Cup Squad and Alistair Cory-Wright PP as the Manager of the 2013 World Cup Squad. These roles commence 1 January 2012 and we thank all three for volunteering their services to help our athletes in these respective areas.

THANK YOU TO …
We would like to thank James Bradshaw CM for the five years he has been the Coaching Coordinator of the D Squad, continuing a fine tradition of current elites assisting our junior orienteers. It is also time to thank Carsten Jørgensen PP who stepped down some months ago as High Performance Director, although he has continued the role on a caretaker basis. Carsten’s input has been invaluable since he arrived from Denmark and his guidance will be missed.

THANK YOU FROM …
Orienteering Tasmania who have written asking us to thank the New Zealanders who helped with transport after the bus with their Schools team broke down during the recent Oceania Carnival. They also congratulated the NZ Secondary School team for beating Queensland in the Southern Cross Challenge.

CONTROLLER CLINICS 2012
Two clinics will be held early next year for those interested in becoming licensed as an A Grade controller. If you have controlled some events at OY standard and would like to progress, then we recommend your attendance. One is scheduled for Nelson on the weekend of 18/19 February (including an OY on the Sunday), while another is planned for the Auckland region (date TBA). Further details will be provided next month.

SITUATIONS VACANT – JWOC OFFICIALS 2012
Based on nominations received, we will require TWO officials for next year’s Junior World Championships being held in Slovakia, 6 – 14 July. Applications are invited for the roles of Manager and Coach for the 2012 JWOC team. These are critical roles for our organisation; without officials, we are unable to send a team. There is a budget available for both roles designed to cover the cost of travel to Europe. If you are interested in either of these roles, please contact the GM for a role description. Applications close on 15 January 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS
To Matt Ogden NW for his pre-selection to the 2012 JWOC team based on his outstanding performances this year.

DATABASE OF ORIENTEERING CONTRACTORS
We would like to update our details of people who provide services to Orienteering on a commercial or semi-commercial basis. While this is mainly for the area of mapping, other services (e.g. coaching, schools instruction) can be included where people are available to provide such services to clubs. Anybody who would like their details included in this database, which will be circulated to all clubs, are invited to contact the GM.

IOF REPORTS
We have received two reports from our International Federation which may be of interest to some; one a proposal on the World Championship program, and the other a draft of their Strategic Directions 2012-8. We will be providing feedback on the former (and not the latter). If anybody is interested in these reports, copies may be obtained from the GM.