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FROM THE GM'S DESK – JANUARY 2012

NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Greetings from Stuart Payne, who has been appointed General Manager 2012-13. Stuart was previously General Manager 2001-2008.

The postal address of the federation is now therefore 171A Fifield Tce, Christchurch 8023, with ph (03) 337 2275, mob 027 681 4705. The email address remains unchanged.

AND THANK YOU TO ...

We would like to thank **Rob Crawford** for the three years he was General Manager and wish him all the best for his future. We also thank **Don Locke** for his service as Wellington representative on the Council since 2008.

SUCCESSFUL JUNIOR CAMP

And on the subject of thank yous, our appreciation goes to **Jane Herries** and the **Hawkes Bay club** for hosting the NZOF Junior Training camp in December. With 80 participants it was a major success, not least because of the **coaches**. So a special thank you to them as well.

SUCCESSFUL MTBO CARNIVAL

The ANZ MTBO Challenge held in January as part of the Otago MTBO Carnival has been won by NZ, 14-10, NZ's 4th successive win. While the middle distance at a wet Wanaka was a draw, NZ went two-up in a hot sprint at Roxburgh and a sweltering long at Alexandra. Chris Forne was "man of the match" with three wins by huge margins. More info at <http://www.mapsport.co.nz/mtbo/mtbo.html>.

The carnival was a great success with around 180 entries, a NZ record for bike-o and possibly an Australasian record as well. The numbers were swelled by 50 Australians including the 24-strong ANZ Challenge team.

A big thanks to **PAPO** for organising the carnival, which included events in both Canterbury and central Otago.

MTBO RULES

And on the subject of MTB-Orienteering, the Otago MTBO carnival prompted the drafting of a set of rules for MTBO in NZ. After about 15 years without a set of rules, Michael Wood and the NZOF MTBO Committee formulated a rule-book and some guidelines for championships. More info at <http://www.mapsport.co.nz/mtbo/mtbo.html>.

JWOC TRIALS

The convenor of selectors, Peter Watson, advises that trials for the 2012 JWOC team will be held on the 3/4 March at Rangiora (Wairarapa) and Pukepuke (Manawatu), respectively.

WORLD CUP 2013 SQUAD

A reminder that for 2012, the National Squad is being replaced with a World Cup 2013 Squad. As advised in November, **Jean Cory-Wright PP** has been appointed coach of the squad and **Alistair Cory-Wright PP** as manager. The squad will be named in the near future.

And speaking of world cups and NZ performing on the world stage, check out the feature on New Zealand's 2011 successes overseas in the IOF's newsletter, O-zine. You can find it at <http://orienteering.org/resources/publications/o-zine>; it being issue 4.

NZOF WEBSITE

We acknowledge that the current website is not being updated, for reasons beyond our control. Rest assured, we are working with all haste to have a new website up and running as soon as possible.

In the meantime, there remains on the existing website many resources useful to clubs. From the Main Menu (LHS of Home page), click on Resources.

SITUATIONS VACANT – WOC OFFICIALS 2012

Applications are invited for the roles of Manager and Coach for the 2012 WOC 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. The championships are to be held 14-21 July in Lausanne, Switzerland. Applications close on 10 March 2012.

SPORT NEW ZEALAND

As of 1 February, SPARC is re-branding itself as Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ). In making the change they advise the name Sport NZ is all encompassing of sport and recreation activities and that recreation remains a key focus.

Clubs are advised that in all cases where the existing SPARC logo is used this should be now be replaced with the new Sport NZ logo, attached with this newsletter.

REGIONAL SPORTS TRUST AWARDS

Congratulations to **Chris Forne PP** who was shortlisted for Sport Canterbury's male sportsman of the year last November. Unfortunately the shortlist of three also included a chap by the name of Richie McCaw. Note, I appreciate receiving advice of any orienteers nominated, and of course if they win!

DATABASE OF ORIENTEERING CONTRACTORS

A reminder that 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.

EVENT INCIDENT

At the South Island Championships last November, hosted by PAPO, a competitor fell on a stick which punctured the skin on his jaw and caused an arterial bleed, resulting in him having to be flown out by rescue helicopter. PAPO has prepared a comprehensive report of the incident with recommendations for the club, including the purchase of a stretcher and poles. I recommend that other clubs read their report, available from the General Manager on request.

NZOF AGM 2012

The 2012 Annual General Meeting of the NZOF will be held on Friday 6 April in Auckland (in conjunction with the national championships).