FROM THE GM’s DESK – APRIL 2012

THANK YOU
A big round of appreciation goes to the North West Club for four days of excellent NZ Championship events over Easter. Nationals is always a huge effort to run, so our thanks go to club president, Pip Poole, and all NW club members who so obviously did a lot of work.

AND A SECOND THANK YOU …
… goes to John Robinson (CM) for his more than four years service on the NZOF Council, as the Auckland area representative. Thank you Robbie for your experience, passion and humour.

SILVA AWARD for SERVICES TO ORIENTEERING IN NZ
Silva Award for services to orienteering in NZ for 2011: Paul Dalton (Wairarapa).

Paul’s administrative service began in 1980, as secretary of the, then, Hamilton Club, 1980-1982. During that time he became NZ Junior champion, 1981. He went on to be NZ Elite champion in 1986 and at the same time became AOA Secretary, 1986–1990.

These were busy years for Paul because he was also:
- on the Woodhill Forest Run committee (WOC Squad fundraising) from 1983-1990 and main organiser from 1986-1990;
- WOC Squad Manager (co-ordinator) from 1986-1990;
- WOC Team Manager, France 1987;

Beginning a family took Paul out of the admin scene throughout the 1990s but he became involved again at a national level when he assisted with the marketing plan for the World Masters Championships held in New Zealand in 2000. And Paul returned to team management in 2007 when he managed the A-NZ Challenge team in Australia. By then Paul had been elected NZOF Vice President from March 2005 to September 2006, before becoming NZOF President for 4½ years from September 2006 to April 2011.
OTHER SILVA AWARD WINNERS

Silva International Performance Award for 2011: **Lizzie Ingham** (WN). Lizzie placed top 20 in all three finals at WOC 2011: sprint (11th), long (13th) and middle 18th, as well as winning the Oceania W21E middle distance title.

Silva Kapiti HAVOC Trophy for junior international performance in 2011: **Angela Simpson** (BP). Angela made the podium at JWOC 2011, finishing 6th in the sprint.

Silva Coach of the Year, 2011: **Val Robinson** (CM). Val continued what she has been doing for more years than she can remember. In 2011 over nearly two months of contact days, she coached more than 3,300 primary school children.

Silva Mountain Bike Orienteer of the Year, 2011: **Marquita Gelderman** (NW). Though eligible to compete in W40, Marquita won W21E in all three disciplines (sprint, middle and long) at the Oceania MTBO Championships, held in Australia.

Silva Rogainer of the Year, 2011: **Tim Farrant** (PP). Tim was in the winning U23 team (a recognised rogaining class) at the 2011 Australian Championships, as well as the team placing 2nd overall.

OTHER AWARD WINNERS

NZOF Administrator of the Year, 2011: **Alister Metherell** (PP). At the beginning of 2011, PAPO found itself without a president but with a busy programme of events, which a month later was shattered. It had to be reconstructed and then revised, over and over as various maps were found to be unrunnable. Without a president, the committee struggled. So despite his major role as Technical Director, and having already taken the role of president in years past, Alister agreed to become Acting President in April, and remained in this role until January 2012. He guided the club through a difficult but successful year, with orienteering has been a hugely beneficial activity for people in Canterbury over the past 18 months. Alister has played a major role in keeping it going.

President’s Award for outstanding volunteer service at club level: **Chris Morris** (TP). A backbone of the small Taupo club, Chris toils year in, year out, organising Katoa Po, mapping and, in 2011, the North Island Secondary School Championships.

BRIGHOUSE TROPHY

Awarded for the best combined performance by an individual in national and provincial long-distance events. The 2011 winner was **Trish Aspin** (CM), a record fourth win for Trish.

SITUATION VACANT: HIGH PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

Applications are sought for the position of High Performance Director, to co-ordinate the management of our international teams, our high performance calendar and ongoing high performance strategy. This is a contracted position. A job description is available from the General Manager. Applications close 15 May.

SITUATION VACANT: EDITOR, YEARBOOK 2012

Contents Editor – Yearbook: We will again be publishing a Yearbook at the end of this year and a volunteer to organise the content is required. 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. Applications close 15 May.
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT PANEL
A working panel is to be established to bring the development of the new website to completion. The panel will look at the website developed to date and the role of webmaster. Expressions of interest close 10 May.

APPOINTMENTS
James Bradshaw (CM) has been appointed as coach of the NZ JWOC team 2012.

And the NZOF Technical Committee has been reconstituted. The initial appointments are: Greg Flynn (NW) – convenor, Jenni Adams (PP), Marquita Gelderman (NW) and Graham Teahan (RK).

WORLD CUP 2013 SQUAD
The NZOF World Cup 2013 Squad, which - for 2012 - replaces the National Squad, is:
WOMEN: Jenni Adams (PP), Sarah Anderson (HB), Claire Flynn (NW), Rita Homes (HB), Lizzie Ingham (WN), Penny Kane (WN), Greta Knarston (CM), Jula McMillan (NW), Selena Metherell (PP), Amber Morrison (HB), Kate Morrison (HB), Lara Prince (PP), Tessa Ramsden (RK), Laura Robertson (HV), Cosette Saville (CM), Imogene Scott (AK), Angela Simpson (BP), Georgia Whitla (PP).
MEN: Michael Adams (PP), Darren Ashmore (BP), Ryan Batin (PP), Gene Beveridge (NW), James Bradshaw (CM), Tane Cambridge (PP), Bryn Davies (RK), Karl Dravitzki (TK), Brent Edwards (BP), Greg Flynn (NW), Chris Forne (PP), Jourdan Harvey (CM), Simon Jager (AK), Neil Kerrison (TK), Scott MacDonald (HB), Nick Mead (NW), Duncan Morrison (HB), Ross Morrison (HB), Matthew Ogden (NW), Liam Paterson (TK), Martin Peat (CM), Thomas Reynolds (NW), Alistair Richardson (PP), Tim Robertson (HV), Toby Scott (AK), Jamie Stewart (WN).
Manager: Alistair Cory-Wright; Coach: Jean Cory-Wright.

WORLD MASTERS GAMES 2017
The four-yearly World Masters Games (WMG) for 2017 have been awarded to Auckland. As the IOF has a policy of coinciding the World Masters Orienteering Championships (WMOC) with the WMG, we have expressed our willingness to host the WMOC in 2017.

In due course we expect the IOF will re-affirm their policy and invite NZ to formally apply.