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FROM THE GM's DESK – OCTOBER 2012

STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

The NZOF has commenced the process for the development of a new strategic plan for the period 2013-16 with a 'planning process' document. It is on the NZOF website (www.nzorienteering.com) and has also been sent to club secretaries. The intent is to have a draft plan completed in early 2013, with a final plan being endorsed at the 2013 AGM, to be held at Easter. Participation in the process is invited from as many orienteers and stakeholders as possible; feedback and comments can be sent to the General Manager.

As part of the process the document poses a series of questions for consideration:

- What are the key challenges facing orienteering?
- What would your vision for the sport be for 2016?
- Where are our greatest opportunities to develop the sport?
- What are our strengths? Weaknesses?
- What should the role of NZOF be? Versus clubs?
- What should we stop/start/continue doing?
- What got you into orienteering, and what keeps you in orienteering?

NEW ZEALAND WINS AGAIN

The New Zealand Secondary Schools team has won the Southern Cross Challenge at the Australian Schools Champs against the six Australian states and ACT for the **ninth successive time**. Kiwis won three of the four individual classes and repeated the wins in the same classes in the three-person relays. Congratulations all: team, managers and coach.

NZ PINESTARS LOSE

The NZ Pinestars lost their away test to the Australian Bushrangers at the Australian championships. Despite the loss, however, junior Tim Robertson won the test match middle race.

A-NZ CHALLENGE, JANUARY 2013: IMPORTANT NOTICE

For the forthcoming ANZ Challenge (as part of Oceania 2013 in January), the NZOF and Orienteering Australia have agreed to waive the mandatory requirement that the M and W 21A classes be part of the challenge.

This is because both Australia and New Zealand will be fielding World Cup teams of a minimum of 10 + 10 and some World Cup races preclude competing in the A-NZ Challenge. Younger or older athletes who could substitute should not be denied the chance to win an Oceania title in their actual class.

JALAS SPONSORSHIP

With a second donation made for 2012, the NZOF acknowledges the continued sponsorship of the Development Squad by the Mapsport Shop, provided through the sales of Jalas shoes.



NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013: AN INVITATION FROM PAPO

On behalf of Peninsula & Plains Orienteers, the 2013 Nationals organising group would like to extend a very warm invitation to all who are considering attending the 2013 New Zealand Orienteering Championships which will be held over Easter (29 March-1 April), 2013 in Canterbury, New Zealand.

“Through the generosity of our landowners, event sponsors, and grant donors, as well as the dedication of enthusiastic volunteers, we plan to offer you four days of exciting championship level orienteering across four disciplines, featuring some of the best terrain Canterbury has to offer. Whether you are an elite competitor, a casual participant, or an interested spectator – we hope you will come enjoy the atmosphere of a fun and action-packed four days. Information is (and online entry will soon be) available at www.nzonationals2013.org.nz.”

NZOF AGM 2013

The 2013 Annual General Meeting of the NZOF will be held on Friday 29 March, in Christchurch in conjunction with the NZ Championships. Any policy remits must therefore be lodged with the General Manager no later than Friday 4 January.

NZOF COUNCIL MEETING: CHANGE OF DATE

The next meeting of the NZOF Council will be in Wellington on Saturday 1st December (not the 8th or in Auckland, as per the minutes of the August meeting). Items for General Business should be submitted through your club secretary or Area representative so as to be with the General Manager by Monday 26 November.

INSIDE ORIENTEERING

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REMINDER: IOF FOOT-ORIENTEERING EVENT ADVISERS' CLINIC

New Zealand will host an IOF Foot Orienteering Event Advisers' Clinic next January in conjunction with the Oceania Orienteering Championships and World Cup Round 1. The clinic will take place in Masterton on Wednesday 9 January. The purpose of the clinic is to educate and recruit new IOF licensed Foot Orienteering Event Advisers. A-grade controllers are invited to apply to attend, using the registration form that accompanies the invitation available on the NZOF website. Registration is required by 14 December 2012.

REMINDER: OCEANIA 2013 ENTRIES

Regular entries for Oceania 2013 close 2nd December. Avoid the late entry fee.