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FROM THE GM's DESK – DECEMBER 2012

REGIONAL SPORTS AWARDS

At the Sport Auckland Sporting Excellence Awards for 2012, orienteering was well to the fore. **Matt Ogden** (2012 JWOC gold medallist) won the University of Auckland Most Meritorious Performance and the Copthorne Hotels and Resorts Junior Team of the Year award went to Diocesan School for Girls Orienteering Team. Matt is also a candidate for the Westpac Halberg Awards in the Emerging Talent category, to be announced 14 February



While a few miles to the south at the Counties Manukau Sports awards, **John Robinson** was the winner of the Nautilus/Wiri Licensing Trust - Administrator of the Year. Congratulations to all.

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.

NZ ROGAINING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

This year's NZ championships were held at Lake Mahinerangi, Otago, 24-25 November. The open men's winners were the PAPO combination of **Greig Hamilton** and **Matt Scott**. In the women's grade, the winners were again from PAPO and were actually the super women's vet (over 55) winners: **Kathrin Mueller** and **Val Rogers**. The winning team in the open mixed category was **Tim Farrant** (PP), Ramash Swamy and Jana Nyklova.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAM FOR ANZ SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Congratulations to those selected for the New Zealand team to compete against an Australian secondary schools team at the Oceania Carnival, 4-5 January. The team is. Senior Boys: Thomas Eatson (Taupo Nui-a-Tia College), Shamus Morrison (Onslow College), Liam Paterson (New Plymouth Boys' High School), Tim Robertson (Hutt International Boys School). Senior Girls: Holly Edmonds (Napier Girls' High School), Rebecca Gray (St Cuthbert's College), Brianna Massie (Napier Girls' High School), Lauren Turner (Samuel Marsden Collegiate). Junior Boys: Devon Beckman (Napier Boys' High School), Ed Cory-Wright (Cashmere High School), Callum Herries (Napier Boys' High School), Nick Smith (Cashmere High School). Junior Girls: Hayley Ewen (Diocesan School for Girls), Kayla Fairbairn (St Cuthbert's College), Lara Molloy (Wellington Girls' College), Alice Tilley (Diocesan School for Girls).

Manager: Anna Robertson (HV); Assistant manager/coach: Derek Morrison (HB).

NEW ZEALAND WORLD CUP TEAM

Congratulations to those selected for the New Zealand team to compete in the World Cup races at the Oceania Carnival in January. The team is [selected for all three World Cup events unless stated].

Men: Gene Beveridge (NW), James Bradshaw 2 (CM), Bryn Davies 2 (HV), Tane Cambridge (PP), Brent Edwards (BP) 1, Greg Flynn (NW) 1, Chris Forne (PP), Ross Morrison (HB), Matt Ogden (NW), Thomas Reynolds (NW), Tim Robertson (HV) 2, Toby Scott (AK), Jamie Stewart (WN) 1.

Women: Jenni Adams (PP) 2, Lizzie Ingham (WN), Greta Knarston (CM), Jula McMillan (NW) 1, Amber Morrison (HB), Lara Prince (PP), Tessa Ramsden (RK) 2, Laura Robertson (HV) 2, Cosette Saville (CM) 2, Imogene Scott (AK), Rachel Smith (BP), Georgia Whitla (PP).
Manager: Al Cory-Wright (PP) Coach: Jean Cory-Wright (PP).

MANAGER APPOINTMENTS

Paul Dalton (WR) will be manager of the NZ ANZ Challenge team (named on the NZOF website) to compete against Australia at the Oceania Championships in January. Further ahead, **Anna Robertson** (HV) has been appointed as manager of the New Zealand team to compete at the Junior World Championships in Czech Republic, 29 June – 6 July 2013.

WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Although the goal of going live with the new website by the beginning of this month has not been achieved, the development is still progressing. It is now planned to launch the new website on 3rd April.

NEW PERMANENT COURSE

Southland OC announces that they now have a new permanent course in Queens Park, Invercargill.

APPRECIATION

I would like to thank first all NZOF officers for their volunteer contributions in 2012 and, secondly, the co-operation of clubs. Prompt membership and event participation returns enable me to say already that both membership and event participation counts for 2012 set new records for orienteering in NZ.