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FROM THE GM's DESK – MARCH 2013

Remembering Dave Forbes

It is with sadness that we report the death earlier this month of Dave Forbes, just short of his 50th birthday, after a year of deteriorating health from cancer. Dave was a very active member of the Marlborough club and was president for five years, 2006-2011. Our condolences to Dave's wife, Catrina, and children, Cameron and Isla. In the words of a fellow Marlborough club member: "You couldn't have found a more sincere, genuine, intelligent, enthusiastic, gentle fellow".

Uniform supply contract

The NZOF is pleased to announce that it has signed an agreement with Grassy Knoll Outdoors (distributors of TRIMTEX products), www.grassyknoll.co.nz. Under the agreement TRIMTEX (<http://www.trimtex.no/en-26>) are the official suppliers of uniforms for New Zealand's world and junior world championship teams and world cup teams for the next three years.

Success of schools rogaining in Taranaki

Orienteering Taranaki has once again held its annual secondary schools rogaining championships. And once again the turnout has been outstanding, 737, making this currently the biggest local orienteering event in NZ. Check it out at: <http://orienteeringtaranaki.blogspot.co.nz/>.

In line with this success the NZOF Rogaine Committee is looking to help more clubs establish schools rogaining throughout NZ, with a view to there being a NZ Secondary Schools Rogaining Championships. More information from the convenor, Michael Wood at michael.wood@mapsport.co.nz.

WOC appointment

It is with pleasure that I announce the appointment of Malcolm Ingham (WN) as manager of the 2013 NZ World Championships team to compete in Finland in July. The athletes will be announced next month.

National squad 2013

The NZOF National Squad for 2013 is as follows:

Women: Claire Flynn (NW), Lizzie Ingham (WN), Penny Kane (WN), Greta Knarston (CM), Amber Morrison (HB), Kate Morrison (HB), Lara Prince (PP), Tessa Ramsden (RK), Laura Robertson (HV), Imogene Scott (AK), Angela Simpson (BP), Rachel Smith (BP), Rebecca Smith (BP) and Georgia Whitla (PP).

Men: Michael Adams (PP), Gene Beveridge (NW), James Bradshaw (CM), Tane Cambridge (PP), Bryn Davies (HV), Karl Dravitzki (TK), Brent Edwards (BP), Greg Flynn (NW), Chris Forne (PP), Nick Hann (WN), Jourdan Harvey (CM) Nick Mead (NW), Ross Morrison (HB), Matthew Ogden (NW), Thomas Reynolds (NW), Tim Robertson (HV), Toby Scott (AK) and Jamie Stewart (WN).

The squad is managed by Al Cory-Wright (PP), with coaching coordinated by Jean Cory-Wright (PP).

NZOF website

Clubs and members are reminded that the NZOF website (<http://www.nzorienteeing.com>) contains many resources useful to clubs, including Best Practice documents. From the Main Menu (LHS of Home page), click on Resources.

Orienteering brochures

NZOF continues to hold stocks of the A5-4page promotional brochure: 'Orienteering – A Sport for Life'. These are available to clubs free; just let me know how many you need: 100, 200, 500, ... If you have forgotten what it looks like a copy can be emailed.

O in a Box (Schools coaching resource)

And on the subject of resources, the South African Orienteering Federation advise that they have developed a simple programme that teaches the basics of orienteering, called 'O in a Box'. More information from the General manager or at:

<http://www.orienteering.co.za/2013/02/oin-a-box-level-2-now-ready/>

Adastra Foundation Scholarships

The Adastra Foundation supports talented 16-26 year old athletes and musicians that have already made their mark nationally and are close to succeeding on the international stage. Their 2013 scholarship round will be closing this year on 12th July 2013 and the Foundation is looking forward to supporting further emerging talent and following their progress. Last year 65 scholarships were approved. More information at <http://www.adastra.org.nz>.

Farewell

This issue of NZOF News is my final one. Any future issues will come from the desk of the new General Manager, expected to be announced in time for the 2013 AGM. Thank you to all club officials who have obliged with my many and varied requests and likewise a special thank you to the NZOF's hard-working officers, nearly all of whom are volunteers.