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CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the Wellington club for a very successful national championships. The weather was excellent, the venues were varied and attractive, the organisation was efficient and the competition was exciting with different open champions in the men's elite championship and two out of three in the women's. A big thanks to Alan Horn and his team.

NZOF AGM 2008

The AGM re-elected Paul Dalton as President and Graham Fortune as Vice-President. The meeting also discussed the rotation of the national championships and was positive towards the desire of the South Island clubs to host them three yearly rather than the current four year cycle.

STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

More than twenty club representatives and NZOF officers attended a successful two-day workshop in Wellington, 12-13 April, to set the framework for the next major revision of our sport's strategic plan. The new plan will be for 2009-2012 and information from the workshop will be made available to clubs once it has been effectively summarised.

SILVA AWARDS

The following awards sponsored by Silva, through the NZOF's sponsorship agreement with Ampro Sales, were announced at the AGM.

- Silva Award for services to orienteering in NZ: **Stewart Hyslop** (Hawkes Bay).
- Silva International Performance of 2007: **Tania Robinson** (Counties Manukau).
- Silva Administrator for 2007: NZ Junior and NZ Schools team manager, **Derek Morrison** (Hawkes Bay).
- Ampro Compass Club Growth-Development Award: **Nelson OC**.
- Silva Coach of 2007: **Geoff Morrison** (Hawkes Bay).
- Silva Event Organiser of 2007: The Northern orienteering Team (Simon Addison, Greg Flynn, Neil Kerrison & Martin Peat) for the Waitangi Carnival.

OTHER AWARDS

The President's Award for volunteer service at club level went to **Bill Hester** (Wellington) and the Brighthouse Trophy for the best performances across the 2007 Nationals and Area Championships was won by **Carsten Joergensen** (PAPO).

The Kapiti HAVOC trophy for best international junior performance of 2007 was awarded to **Greta Knarston** (Counties Manukau) for her two top-10 placings at JWOC.

DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

The NZOF Council approved two development grants at its Easter meeting:

- Wellington OC, towards new maps used at this year's national championships;
- Red Kiwi OC, towards the upgrade of maps to be used at this year's WOA championships.

These grants were made under the NZOF's new major events assistance programme. In making the grants the Council further refined the criteria as follows: a) to qualify, major events must be multiday (that is three or more days) and b) priority will be given to mapping.

NEW ZEALAND TEAMS

The Silva NZ team (7 athletes) for the World Championships (WOC), the Silva NZ Junior team (9 athletes) for the Junior World Championships (JWOC) and the NZ Universities team (4 athletes) for the World University Orienteering Championships (WUOC), have all been announced in the last two months. The teams can be found on the NZOF website.

The manager of the team for WOC is Dave Stewart (Auckland).

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The NZOF acknowledges, with appreciation, the following grants:

- **Pelorus Trust** for uniforms for the Pinestars (A-NZ test team);
- **Perry Foundation Group** for air travel for the athletes competing in the 2008 SuperSeries;
- **Bendigo Valley Sports & Charity Foundation** for air travel for the athletes competing in the 2008 SuperSeries.

VACANCY: MARKETING AND PROMOTION OFFICER

This is a new contract position, incorporating the previous volunteer roles of Media Officer, Ampro Liaison Officer and the marketing-promotion role of the Editor of *New Zealand Orienteering*. As such the primary role is to foster and promote orienteering through the various forms of media and through sponsorship agreements. The position will commence as soon as possible. A job description is available from the General Manager.

VACANCY: COACHING DIRECTOR

The national position of part-time, paid contract Coaching Director for 2008 remains open. The primary role of the Coaching Director is to identify the needs and priorities of orienteering coaching within New Zealand. This is translated into a network of coaches at various levels, with support (personal and materials) depending on funds available. Applicants should have strong administrative and interpersonal skills as well as coaching experience and senior NZOF coaching qualifications (or equivalent). A job description is available from the General Manager.

VACANCY: MANAGER, NZ SCHOOLS TEAM

Applications are invited for the position of On-Tour Manager for the NZ Schools Team to compete in the Australian Schools Championships in Maryborough, Queensland, 5 and 6 October. Direct expenses will be reimbursed within the budget. A job description is available from the General Manager. Applications close 31 May.

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