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EVENTS

Maadi Cup Ruataniwha
27 March-1 April

RESULTS

Wellington Champs
Wellington Senior Pair Bronze Medal



Wellington Club 8 Silver Medal



Rowing New Zealand announces 2006 elite
and under-23 squad

9 March, 2006, Lake Karapiro. To follow is the list
of the elite and under-23 squad that will represent
New Zealand for 2006

ELITE TEAM

Team Manager
John Howard

Women's Double Scull
Caroline Evers-Swindell
Georgina Evers-Swindell
Dick Tonks (coach)

Women's Coxless Pair
Juliette Haigh
Nicky Coles
Dick Tonks (coach)

Women's Eight
Erin Tolhurst
Clementine Marshall
Paula Twining
Emma Twigg
Rebecca Scown
Nicki-Lee Crawford
Bess Halley
Darnelle Timbs
Candice Bardsley (cox)
Dick Tonks (coach)

Men's Coxless Pair
George Bridgewater
Nathan Twaddle
John Robinson (coach)

Men's Single Scull
Mahe Drysdale
Dick Tonks (coach)

Men's Coxless Four
Carl Meyer
Hamish Bond
Eric Murray
Selwyn Cleland
Chris Nilsson (coach)

Daniel Quigley (cox)
Mark Stallard (coach)

Rowing sweeps the Halberg Awards

Elite/Under 23 Men's Coxed Four

Dane Boswell
Paul Gerritsen
James Dallinger
Steven Cottle
Daniel Quigley (cox)
Mark Stallard (coach)

Auckland, 18 February, 2006 – Rowing stole a huge chunk of the limelight with honours and awards flowing at the Halberg Awards. George Bridgewater and Nathan Twaddle came out ahead of the All Blacks to take Sports team of the Year with Richard Tonks winning Coach of the Year for the second year in a row. Then to cap it off the Lifetime Achievement Award was picked up by Fred Strachan and Don Rowlands was honoured with the Leadership Award.

Non Travelling Reserves

Matthew Trott
David Schumacher
John Robinson (coach)

Bridgewater and Twaddle finished less than a second out of the Olympic medals in 2004 and stepped up to become world champions in 2005 when they won one of the toughest events on the rowing programme, the men's pair. Receiving their award in front of live television and an audience that resembled a who's who of New Zealand sport, the taller, younger Bridgewater, 23, took delight in pointing out the pair's differences.

UNDER 23 TEAM

Team Manager
Jan Taylor

Women's Double Scull

Emma Feathery
Jaime Nielsen
Marion Horwell (coach)

Collecting the award on behalf of Tonks, who was unable to attend, was his 2005 world champion athletes Mahe Drysdale, Nicky Coles and Juliette Haigh and Caroline and Georgina Evers-Swindell. Deep-rooted respect and praise were expressed by his athletes who were part of the New Zealand team that won an unprecedented four gold medals in less than 45 minutes at last year's world rowing championships.

Women's Quad Scull

Roslyn Knox
Hannah Burns
Tamsin Gilbert
Trudy Stuart
Marion Horwell (coach)

A surprised Don Rowlands was handed the SPARC Leadership Award by recently retired All Black captain Tana Umaga. SPARC's chief executive Nick Hill praised Rowlands. "He is people-focused, has a world-leading approach to sport and provides leadership which is effective, focused and inspiring." Rowlands helped organised the very successful 1978 world rowing championships at Lake Karapiro and is the patron for the bid to host the 2010 world rowing championships at the same venue.

Men's Coxless Four

Simon Watson
Graeme Hill
Carl Finlay
Cameron Corkill
Mark Stallard (coach)

Men's Single Scull

Nathan Cohen
Wayne Maher (coach)

Men's Lightweight Single Scull

Storm Uru
Calvin Ferguson (coach)

Men's Lightweight Double Scull

Peter Taylor
Graeme Oberlin-Brown
Calvin Ferguson (coach)

Elite/Under 23 Men's Coxed Four

Dane Boswell
Paul Gerritsen
James Dallinger
Steven Cottle

Rowing stalwart Fred Strachan QSM then picked up the Lifetime Achievement Award. Former All Black and Halberg Trust board member Grant Fox commented that Strachan's resume was so impressive the Trust knew that they had to honour him. Still coaching, Strachan has been involved in rowing for over 55 years and at the last Olympics accompanied the rowing team as a mentor.

ITEMS

Australia to support Rowing New Zealand 2010 World Championship bid

Australia has pulled out of the race to host the World Rowing Championships in 2010 and instead put their support behind New Zealand's bid.

"There's no value in going head to head down here," said Rowing Australia's CEO Andrew Dee. "We thought there would be more chance of the championships coming to the southern hemisphere if we collaborated and supported New Zealand's bid."

"We also think it will be good for rowing to have another international regatta facility in this part of the world," said Dee.

Rowing New Zealand's ambassador for the 2010 bid, Georgina Evers-Swindell commended the Australians. "After the rugby world cup fiasco it's quite nice that they've got behind our rowing champs bid and want to support us," said Evers-Swindell. "Having Australia's support makes our chances more credible."

Australia's backing is timely as it comes on the back of the Netherlands announcement that Amsterdam has joined the race to host the championships.

"Amsterdam will be tough," says Rowing New Zealand's high performance manager Andrew Matheson. "They've been active in hosting events and the City of Amsterdam has specialist resources working to attract major events to the city." Amsterdam is hosting this year's World Rowing Junior Championships and put in a bid (unsuccessfully) to host the 2009 World Rowing Championships.

Matheson believes New Zealand still has the stronger case. "New Zealand's advantage is that it will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for the athletes and supporters. This is a chance to race on one of the best bodies of water in the world." He sees the championships coming to the southern hemisphere as another advantage as it is in line with FISA's (International Rowing's governing body) goal to expand the sport – currently dominated by European nations – globally.

"It will be 10 years since the last major rowing event was in the southern hemisphere and it was 10 years before that," said Matheson, "so the timing is perfect."

Timing is also perfect for Rowing New Zealand who received another boost to their bid. Through New Zealand Major Events, Rowing New Zealand has been granted funds to help secure the hosting rights.

"We requested and received funding to bring four FISA officials to New Zealand in March," said Rowing NZ's CEO Craig Ross. "It will also help in sending our delegation to Munich in May where we will present our case to be the host country."

The Major Events Development Fund is administered on behalf of the Inter Agency Events Group and focuses on enhancing events. Vito Lo Lacono, manager of NZ Major Events said that the support for Rowing New Zealand made perfect sense in light of the positive reputation of the sport. "It would present good exposure for our country and positive economic benefits."

In addition to the NZ Major Events funding, Rowing NZ has already received a significant funding boost from Mighty River Power to support their hosting rights bid and a commitment from Sky Network Television to underwrite the Host Broadcasting costs, estimated to be in the vicinity of NZ\$1Million.

The 2010 World Rowing Championship host country will be finalised by the FISA Congress on 28 August 2006.

Wharenui/Whanawaka Taranaki St. Wharf

As reported in the December issue of "On & Off the Water", Wellington Waterfront Limited have appealed some conditions included in the resource consent granted for the Taranaki Street Wharf Development and the building of the Wharenui. Both Wellington and Star have joined the appeal, which means that they now can have a voice at the proceedings. The next stage is that Wellington Waterfront, Wellington City Council and all parties that have joined the appeal will go into mediation before a court appointed Mediator. If all parties cannot agree at this mediation then the case will go to the full Environment Court. Mediation has been set for 11 April 2006.

A couple of informal meetings have been held with Wellington Waterfront and, although there is still a long way to go, the rowing clubs feel that progress has been made - they have a better understanding of Wellington Waterfront's concerns and Wellington Waterfront seem to have a better grasp on the club's requirements. The rowing clubs' desire is that this can be resolved at or before mediation and that we don't have to go to court.

That fact that both parties are talking together is a hopeful sign - but nothing is certain. It is still necessary to prepare for the formal mediation and possibly even a court case, though. The clubs have continued to meet with the lawyers, initially preparing for mediation, but keeping in mind that a court case may take place.

The fight is still costing money. To help with the costs a successful fundraising quiz evening was held recently. Special thanks must go to Margaret Mather and the joint fundraising committee for organising this. Also a public exhibition of specially commissioned artworks will be held in The Boatshed on 10/11 April, with the sale proceeds going into the clubs' joint "fighting fund". There will be about 100 pieces on display from 40 artists. Details can be obtained from Gillian Press (phone 479 6315 or email wmpress@xtra.co.nz). Gillian would love some help setting up the exhibition on the Sunday - this would give you a preview of what's available, too, so give her a call.

APPOINTMENT

New Central Region Manager

Luke Van Velthoven from Blenheim has been appointed as Regional Manager for the Wanganui/Wellington Blenheim-Nelson Region for the next year. Part of his responsibility is to run and find funding for the newly formed Regional High Performance Centre. The WMA Board will be working with Luke to ensure he provides the services he is entrusted with.

OBITUARY

It is with sadness that we record the sudden passing of Brent Hazelwood. Brent commenced his rowing career with the Wellington Rowing Club when he was about 38 years old. He won a gold medal in the Novice eight at the 2000 New Zealand rowing Championships. He continued rowing in the club grade and then turned his hand to coaching - coaching novice and club class crews from Wellington. Brent could best be described as the "ideal club member" - he was always willing to volunteer his services, from coaching, to filling in a seat for an absent crew member, to doing work around the club, Brent was always there. His skills with woodwork were outstanding - he crafted new trophies for the club's prize giving and made all the trophies for the Corporate Rowing. He also put his general building skills to use in the shed, helping rebuild the men's changing and with the interior lining and painting of the erg room.

His love for and support of rowing continued long after he took up a new sport of cycling - he was

always available to help out coaches and often umpired at WRA regattas. He also helped coach at Petone for part of a season.

The Wellington Rowing fraternity sends its condolences to Brent's wife, Anne, and to his family and close friends.

CLUBS

PETONE RC

Petone Rowing Club has returned from a very successful New Zealand Club Championships Regatta, held at lake Karapiro 21-26 February, with crews winning gold, silver, and bronze in three separate eights events.

The novice men's crew - who recently won a gold medal at the North Island Club Championships earlier in February at Lake Karapiro, have added New Zealand novice men's eight champions to their already impressive season. Coached by Greg Stothers, the crew were training up to eleven times a week, in preparation for the to do very well Nationals. "It is great to see that all their hard work has paid off - winning this event is a step forward in the right direction for Petone Rowing Club - this crew has potential in the future, and I have no doubts that they will step up to bigger things next season." says Greg Stothers.

The novice women's crew - comprising school girls with an average age of 15, also stepped up to the mark, after a disappointing North Island's regatta, claiming a silver medal in their eights race. The crew also qualified in finals in two fours, and a double, unfortunately the fours and double were unable to place in the top three, however, for the crews to even qualify is an outstanding achievement. Coached by Nester Russell and Peter Rowbotham the crew is already looking forward to next season, with several of the girls still in training mode for Maadi Cup in April to be held in Twizel.

The club women's crew - also claimed a victory after a hard season, winning a bronze medal in their eight's event. Also coached by Greg Stothers and Ross Collinge (of Olympic fame) the crew trained along side the novice men, eleven times a week. The crew, who also finished an impressive fourth in the Senior eight, are looking forward to winning gold at next year's New Zealand Championships. Of notable achievement Lisa Rofe, from the women's club crew, qualified in the women's club single, finishing eighth overall.

After a successful NZ championships regatta last year (winning bronze in the eight) the club men's crew, comprising of four of last years novices

were unlucky not to make an A final in their four, quad, or singles events.

Ben Norling - who has gained a New Zealand trial for his efforts, also had a very successful regatta winning gold in the lightweight men's double, silver in the men's double, and bronze in the men's quad.

Tim Hewitt, PRC Club Captain says that "this year has been fantastic - to have this sort of success will certainly set Petone up for seasons to come. The crews are all looking forward to our annual prize giving and closing day regatta... but more importantly they are looking forward to preparing for next season.

HOROWHENUA RC

Horowhenua Rowing Club attended the Nationals at Lake Karapiro for the first time in a number of years.

Competing were Doug Tate, Bruce Tate, Adam Tate, Andrew Bealing who were entered in the club coxless quad and who finished fifth in the final.

They combined with coxswain Justin Boswell to race the club coxed four and finished 7th in the final. These boys were just happy that they made both finals of their two entries at the champs.

Also competing were Levi Roache (15 years) in the U21 single, who gained some experience at this level, and who will be one to watch in future years.

Coralee Silverwood also entered the club single scull and open single, combining with Petone in the club quad, giving her some bigger boat racing.

It was great racing at Karapiro, particularly in the bigger races, where you were unsure who would come through to win. It was great to see ex-Horowhenua lad Rob Helstrom come through in his pairs race to win it.

WELLINGTON RC

Thirty four rowers from the Wellington Rowing Club travelled to Karapiro to compete in the BankLink 2006 New Zealand Rowing Championships. The club had 23 crews entered in 17 events in all classes from premier to novice (except Under 21 and under 19).

While the "medal take" was not quite up to pre-regatta hopes overall results showed that there is considerable depth in the club. Of the 23 crews entered, 14 rowed in finals and nine finished fourth or better. Martin Tschaeye and James Little won a bronze medal in the men's senior

coxless pair - this is the club's first men's medal in the senior class for at least 20 year's, and

possibly longer - a result that the club is particularly proud of. These two rowers also teamed with Mike Grace and Dave Campbell for the men's senior coxless four for a very creditable fourth in a very close race. These results, and the silver in the men's club eight, show that the depth of men's rowing in the club is strengthening.

A bronze in the men's novice eight (just 2 seconds behind Petone's gold) completed the club's medals. However a number of fourth places were also achieved. Kerstin Burridge's fourth in the women's premier single (out of 14 entrants) was also a particularly pleasing result.

Club rowers from St Mary's, Onslow and Samuel Marsden Colleges competed in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships last weekend. Although no medals were won, there were some good results, particularly from the Onslow boys. "A" final results: St Mary's Rebecca Tong's 7th in the girl's under 17 single; Onslow boys 5th in the under 17 quad, 6th in the U17 eight and 7th in the U16 double; and Onslow girls 6th in the U17 four. "B" final results: St Mary's 4th in the U18 double; Marsden and Onslow girls 2nd and 5th respectively in the novice four; Onslow boys 3rd in the U17 four, and 6th in U17 double. Well done, now bring on Maadi!

Congratulations to Clemmie Marshall on her selection to the NZ Women's Eight - Clemmie started her rowing career with the Wellington Rowing Club, rowing for Samuel Marsden during her school years and then for the club before she moved to Christchurch for university. The club is proud to have had an association with another New Zealand representative.

SITUATIONS VACANT

During the Winter recess WMA will be working to ensure that we have a full contingent of volunteers to fill all the vacancies listed. Our new Region Manager will be assisting in running training for officials and recruiting volunteers.

Trainee umpires, boat drivers and judges –

Canteen Manager – An organiser to gather a group willing to operate a canteen at regattas.

The Water Ski Club will be available for all regattas at Korokoro.

Communications Officer - Person to take charge of all the WRA communication equipment and have it ready in tip top condition.

Social Convenor – Somebody prepared to organise and arrange the after regatta functions in the Water Ski Club.

If you are able to help ease the load on the “few” and assist in one of these very important jobs please contact Colin Shields.

104TH WRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on Wednesday 22nd June at Sports Wellington, Adelaide Road, at 6.30p.m.

It would be helpful if all clubs could have held their own AGM's before then. It makes administration so much easier and enables an up-to-date directory to be produced early in the season.

There will be a number of vacancies on the Board so start thinking about possible nominations now.

It would be good to include club contributions in the Annual Report for which the deadline will be Monday 19th May. Lets have a short 3-4 paragraph resume of your clubs activity for the 2005/2006 season.

ROWING NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 119th Annual Meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association is set down for the weekend of 20/21 May 2006.

As well as the usual business, time has been set aside for discussion in regards to RHPC's and their role. So that delegates can be fully briefed WRA would like to hear and receive comments on this subject of which there has been much debate over recent months.

CENTRAL RHPC

Now well and truly established CENTRAL rowers showed the way to the finish line at the National Championship regatta and finished with a total of 21 medals to take out the inaugural RHPC trophy.

Gold

Mens Lightweight 2X, Womens Lightweight 1 X
Mens Lightweight 1X, Mens Under 21 4X-
Mens Lightweight 2X, Mens Premier 2-
Womens Premier 8+

Silver

Mens Lightweight 2-, Mens under 21 4-

Womens Premier 2-, Womens Under 21 2-
Womens Premier 2X, Womens under 21 4X-
Mens Premier 4X-, Mens Under 21 8+
Womens Under 21 8+, Womens Premier 4X-
Mens Under 21 1X,

Bronze

Mens Premier 2X, Womens Under 21 4-
Mens Premier 4-

What a haul.

Great to see Petone rower Ben Norling among the contributors. Congratulations to all with special thanks to Luke and all the coaches.

TROPHIES AND FUNCTIONS

Clubs will now be looking towards prize giving and end of season functions and deciding on winners of the respective club trophies. Don't forget the WRA annual



awards

There six categories: Rower of the Year
Most Improved Rower
Best Coxswain
Coach
Administrator
Volunteer

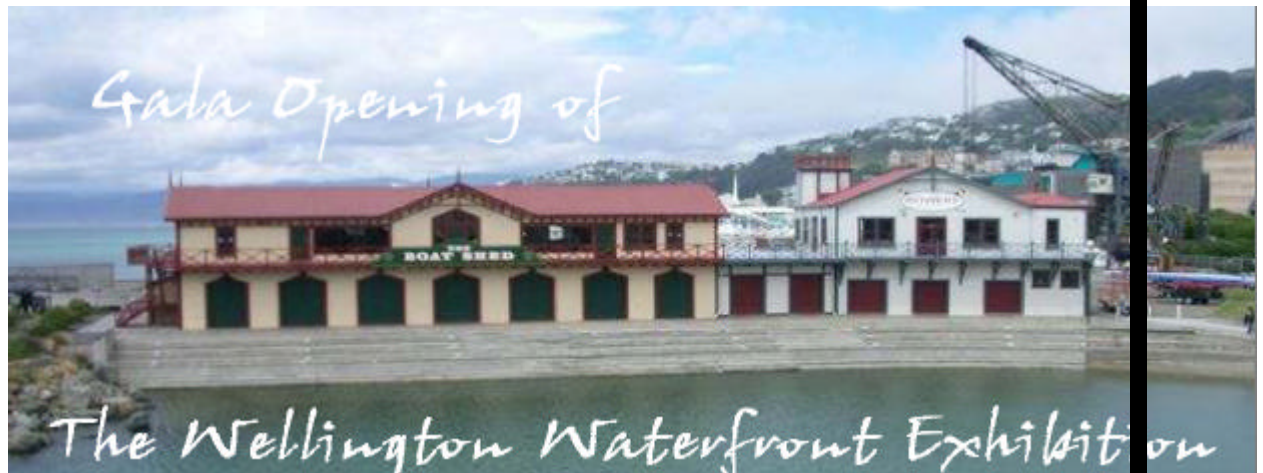
Nominations will be called shortly with winners announced and trophies presented at the Annual Meeting in June.

NEXT ISSUE

Publication date is set for Monday 8th May with copy closing on the previous Monday (May 1st). Lets have news of your club end of season functions and trophy winners.

Cheers,

Mark.



What: Approximately 100 Works of Art by about 40 Artists

Where: The Boatshed, Taranaki Street Wharf

When 10 and 11 April 2006

Entrance Koha/Donation

All works will be on sale

Proceeds towards the joint Wellington/Star Submission Account, to help pay the legal bills for the clubs' submission on the Taranaki Street Wharf development.