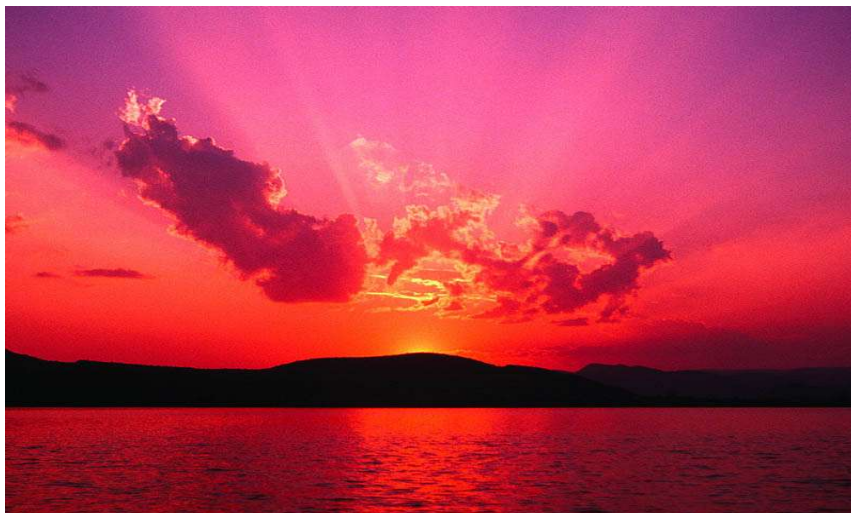


On & Off The Water

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EVENTS

Norton Cup Korokoro
Sat.15 October

Taps Camp Wellington
Sat/Sun 8-9 October

Rowing NZ Coaching Conference
Sat/Sun 8-9 October

Mothes Shield-Korokoro
Sat 19 November
(Club & Open events only)

McLachlan Shield-Korokoro
Sat 10 December

Wellington Champs Korokoro
Sat.28 January

RESULTS

Queens Cup Horowhenua
Sat 24 September

Almost perfect conditions all day.
Five Wellington Assoc. clubs joined by a combined team from Picton and Wairau RC's and the Interprovincial crews made for a day of intense rivalry and great rowing. Around 34 races were completed and on a day of mostly flat water very few crews including the coxed ones managed to steer between the buoys marking the course. I'm not sure if this means the course had a dogleg in it or individuals require GPS Navigation built into their brains. As a result many crews rowed longer races than they needed to. With one point separating the top two clubs the last race of the day –Men's Open 8, became critical. Finally Star won from Wellington with a one point margin



Open Eights Finish

Interprovincial Champs Karapiro
Sat/Sun 1-2 October

A full report will be included in the next issue.

International

2005 Worlds –Japan

4 GOLDS

Men's Singles M. Drysdale
Men's Coxless Pair G.Bridgewater/N.Twaddle
Women's Double Sculls G&C Ever Swindell
Women's Coxless Pair N.Coles/J.Haigh

2005 World Under 23 Champs-Lucerne
Switzerland

2 Bronze + 4th
Women's Quad B.Halley, R.Scown, D.Timbs,
C.Marshall
Men's L/Weight Singles S.Uru
Women's Singles. E Twigg

2005 World Junior Champs Brandenburg
Germany

Gold,Bronze,2x A Finals
Women's Single E. Twigg Gold
Men's Double Scull J.Sullivan, D.Karena. Bronze
Men's Eight A Final

Women's Coxless 4 A final
NZ 4th most successful nation

2005 Under 21 Rowing Academy
NZ Beats Australia

North Island 1st
South Island 2nd

ITEMS

Central RPC (Regional High Performance Centre)

Board and Management team in place.

Wellington Rep., David Moloney.

Coaches appointed

Head: Mark Stallard -Blenheim

Assist.Mens:Calvin Ferguson Wanganui

Assist.Womens:Marion Horwell -Blenheim

WRA needs to raise funds to contribute to the operating of the Central RPC and to have a regional coach

The programme will focus on Under 21 and Premier Men's and Women's classes. Athletes must not be attending secondary school. Ideally up to 40 athletes will be selected 10 from each of the above classes. Nominations and selections are already underway.

Wharenui/Whanawaka Taranaki St. Wharf

Submissions have been heard and the Commissioners will make a decision in about a month's time.

Lunch with Sarah Ulmer

The Halberg Trust is holding a fundraising luncheon in Wellington on Wednesday 2 November at the Duxton Hotel. Sarah Ulmer will be the Guest Speaker. Tickets are \$112.50 and are available from Paul Cameron at Sports Wellington.

Annual WRA Handbook

It will contain lots of info. Useful to Athletes officials and supporters e.g. a list of office bearers club, officials, regatta programme (+ rules and conditions for regattas) coxswain guidelines, boat handling skills and safety, advice for new rowers, etc. etc.

It will be free and paid for by sales of advertising space. Interested advertisers contact Colin Shields promptly. Full page black and white \$450, half page black and white \$300. Size half A4. Circulation is a minimum of 500.

Athlete Profile

2005 World Junior Bronze Medallists

Piston RC members Joseph Sullivan and Daniel Karin combined to beat 28 of the world's best 30 crews in the double sculls event in Germany in August against all odds. This is a story of determination and self belief and the rewards are richly deserved. Both are just 18 years old and have already been rowing for six years, since Form 2 for Joseph and Form 3 for Daniel. Dave Thomson was their coach at Karapiro. All of Picton got behind their quest raising \$14000 to fund their three month training programme at Karapiro. During this period Joseph went to school and Daniel worked in between training times. Training took at least four hours per day including a 20km row in the morning and bungy training in the evening (towing a drogue behind the boat.) Both are aiming for Under 23 selection next year with trials around mid March. We wish them the very best.



Joseph and Daniel at Queen's Cup

SITUATIONS VACANT

Trainee umpires, boat drivers and judges – wanted urgently for regattas.

Minute Secretary – Leonie Anderson has accepted the task until December when she moves north. Someone to take over from her and take the minutes of the WRA Board meeting and write them up ready for publication.

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. Offers from parents would be most welcome.

It assists the association to have an up to date list of club officers. As soon as clubs hold their AGM please forward current lists ASAP.

BRAVERY AWARD

Fili Liuaána WRA Volunteer of the Year 2004/05 season has been honoured for his bravery in coming to the aid of a man who was being attacked by a Black Power gang member in Johnsonville last year. There was a strong possibility that the victim would have died if he hadn't stepped in. Fili was modest about his action.

WRA is honoured to have a man of Fili's character among its ranks.

WATTIES COACH AWARD

Congratulations to Greg Stothers who was one of the four finalists in the Watties Baked Beans Award for Coaches.



Greg Stothers (rowing) Sue Garden-Bachop (junior rugby). Chris Flynn (judo) Willy Szeto (athletics).

Chris Flynn was announced as the winner during a breakfast held at the Westpac stadium.

The finalists were chosen from over 250 nominations which had been submitted by team members in recognition and appreciation of their coaches contribution to them and their respective sports

SPARC INITIATIVE TO BUILD COACH NUMBERS

SPARC have set up a small team who are available to approach firms and arrange time off and support for coaches. There are number of major firms already participating with more expected to come on board as the scheme is developed. If clubs know of people who are willing to assist but feel work their obligations preclude their involvement please let Colin Shields have their details and he will pass them on to SPARC.

2006 STUDENT SPORT AMBASSADOR STUDY SCHOLARSHIPS

Value of \$1000.00 for young athletes of the Wellington region.

Criteria:

- Under 23 as 1 January 2006
- Left college and attending tertiary (varsity or polytechnic) in the Wellington region.
- Be competing for a sport or club in the Wellington region.
- Willing to allocate time to SWR events and in support of their particular sport.

Applications close 11th November 2005.

Application forms from:
Joseph Aoina 04 389-0227 phone
04 801-8976 fax
or
josepha@sportwellington.org.nz

School coaches: Make this known among your school leavers – help keep our young rowers in Wellington.

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CLUB NOTES

HOROWHENUA: The recent AGM saw a changing of the guard with Ron Gibbard taking a well earned break. Officers elected were: Patron: Owen Bones
President: Bruce Tate
Secretary: Chorale Silver wood
Treasurer: James Watson
Club Captain: Andrew Bealing
Vice Club Captain: Dog Tate

NEXT ISSUE

Copy for the next issue closes on Friday 28 October. Clubs, your regular contribution to this publication is important. So this time let's have something from all of you.

Cheers,

Mark Erwin