



SPORT CONNECTOR – OUR FRESH NEW NAME AND NEW FORMAT

We hope you like our new newsletter! We thought it was time for a spruce up with a new name and we want you to have a format that is easy to read and distribute. This newsletter is aimed at connecting the sporting community in the greater Wellington region so please forward the *sport connector* on as we would love to reach the widest possible audience. What topics would you like to see included? Email markc@sportwellington.org.nz



DOMINION POST 2009 WELLINGTON SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are now open. The awards will be presented at a formal dinner to be held at the Wellington Town Hall on Thursday June 11th. Nominations are being taken for the qualifying period of 25th March 2008 to 13th April 2009.

[Electronic Nomination Form](#)
[Postal Nomination Form](#)

For more information follow the link below to the Dominion Post 2009 Wellington Sports person of the Year Awards [website](#)

Nominations close midday Thursday 30th April.

SPORT WELLINGTON FUNDING WORKSHOPS – COMING UP

The next workshops are set for 11 & 25 May, to be held in Lower Hutt and Wellington respectively and will be focusing on 101+ ways to fund raise for your sport. While the sausage sizzle still has a place there are many many more ways in which to increase cash flow for your sporting organisation...this must attend workshop will send your head spinning with ideas.

Details on how to book will be on our website soon

GAMING TRUST WORKSHOPS – what a winner!

A huge success and a full house at both venues! We would like to thank Tony Gill from [NZCT](#) and our own Kevin Wilson for presenting the evenings. Tony focused on the background of the industry, recent tightening of legislation, a decrease in overall funds available, increased demand for funds in the current economic climate and the need to be smarter with applications. Kevin focused on the process of matching each organisation's needs to targeting the right Trust and how to find them.



Kevin and Tony at our packed workshop

full house

Key messages

- a “fine” application is no longer good enough!
- maximum “community” benefit
- appoint someone as a Gaming Trust Manager (a specialist at making applications) for your organisation

As a result of feedback received there is a need to provide a further workshop on Gaming Trusts; the ABC's of form filling.....watch this space.



NGA TAONGA TAKARO: TRADITIONAL MAORI GAMES TWO-DAY WORKSHOP

As Traditional Maori games such as Ki-o-rahi continues to gain in popularity and transition into the mainstream, the need for professional development surrounding Maori sports and games has arisen. In light of this, Sport Wellington is making available a two-day workshop that provides the opportunity for those working in sport and recreation, health or education to develop an understanding for, and knowledge in Traditional Maori games. [Workshop flyer.](#)

THE COMMUNITY TRUST OF WELLINGTON STUDENT SPORT AMBASSADORS IN ACTION



The 2009 Community Trust of Wellington Student Sport Ambassadors programme is up and running!

Five of this years ambassadors: Andrew Lee, Ellen Schaefer, Joshua Lee, Sarah Hadfield and Jessica Lea attended a Push-Play day at Paparangi School and were greeted by welcome songs and an invigorating haka!

The team ran several “stations” around the grounds and encouraged the pupils playing a variety of sports like Hockey, Croquet, Cricket, Football and one of our staff members was spotted skipping rope.

If you are interested in having a Student Sport Ambassador visit your school or organisation for a role model session on; tips on sport, coaching, goal setting, being active, motivation, overcoming barriers and more, please contact Mark Coburn at mark@sportwellington.org.nz

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Solimoana Priest is the March, Volunteer of the Month. He is the Manager of the Te Aroha Club Women's Softball team that recently won the National Club championship. He does everything for this team and more. Apart from the numerous managerial duties, he assists with coaching of the team, prepares the equipment, hosts team BBQ's, umpires junior games, transportation organiser, mentors younger athletes and so much more, all of this with a winning smile and enthusiastic personality.

Wairarapa Volunteer of the Month Matt O'Neale Rugby-Community Gym. Matt is President of the Martinborough Rugby Club and the Martinborough Community Gym. Mark is currently organising the celebration of the one year anniversary and this includes gym membership renewal. Matt has also been responsible for organising the senior teams, is assistant coach for the Senior A's and has been instrumental for setting up a senior 3rds side which the club has not had for several seasons. Matt is also helping out with the junior club. A tremendous worker.



The purpose of this award is to recognise the valuable work provided by all umpires, referees, judges, officials, administrators and volunteers at all levels in our sporting community. If you would like to nominate your volunteer for April click [here](#)

COACHES OF THE MONTH

Dean Stanley is the March, Coach of the Month. Dean coached two youth match racing teams skippered by Tim Coltman and Josh Porebski; these teams were placed first and second in the CentrePort International Youth Match Racing Regatta which was held recently. Other teams that Dean has coached have performed extremely well on the international yachting stage. A team skippered by Josh Junior took first place in the 2008 University Match Racing World Championships in Poland and the same team won the National Bank Cup International Youth Match Racing Regatta in Auckland in January 2009. Other teams have also performed to a very high standard in regattas in Australia over the past six months.

Wairarapa Coach of the Month, Mark Brown, Cricket. Mark has coached the Lansdowne Senior Cricket team to win the 3 Wairarapa competitions for 2008-09 season. Marks dedication to the role of coach has been a major contribution to the success of the team. Mark also coaches the Wairarapa Bush under 16's Rugby side and the Masterton Intermediate 1st XV during the winter months.

The purpose of this award is to recognise the valuable work provided by all coaches at all levels in our sporting community. If you would like to nominate a coach for April click [here](#)

NEW WEBSITE

A new website called www.nzsport.co.nz has been launched which aims to give free online tools to sports clubs and teams in New Zealand, giving them a profile online without the hosting costs, fees, charges etc. The site currently has contact details for over 6,000 clubs in New Zealand covering 50 sports codes many of which are in the Wellington, Kapiti and Wairarapa regions.

XLR8 TRAINING COURSES

These courses are a sure fire winner for all coaches, trainers, teachers, physios, sports science providers and athletes who want to maximise their speed training skills!

XLR8 is endorsed by many of New Zealand's leading coaches and trainers, so don't miss the opportunity to XLR8!

"With XLR8 coaching knowledge you will be able to set up a speed program that will propel your athletes to the next level of sports performance. Quite simply XLR8 speed and power training is the best speed programme I have seen in my 20 years as a professional strength and conditioning coach and educator."

Ashley Jones - Crusaders Strength and Conditioning Coach

Register now for your local XLR8 course or to find out more see their [website](#).

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL SPORT & RECREATION FORUM 16TH APRIL

The Wellington City Council will host the next Sports and Recreation Forum on Thursday 16 April. The forum aims to strengthen relationships and improve communication between the Council and sport and recreation organisations in the city. The forum is a good opportunity to share ideas, experiences and information. It is also a chance for the Council to communicate its plans and vision for the city.



Barry Maister, Chief Executive, NZ Olympic Committee will make a presentation on the success of New Zealand's Beijing 2008 Olympic Campaign.

If you would like to submit articles or information for the next Sport Connector newsletter, or you have questions or comments regarding the publication please email markc@sportwellington.org.nz



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