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VANCOUVER 2010 PARALYMPIC GAMES – ATHLETES SELECTED

The New Zealand team for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Paralympic Games has been confirmed with two athletes making the journey to the Canadian west coast city in March next year.

Adam Hall, 21, from Outram, Otago, competes with spina bifida and is a real medal prospect given that over the past 12 months he has accumulated 13 medals, including silver and bronze at the International Paralympic Committee World Cup finals series and a silver at the World Championships. Hall will compete in the Slalom, Super G and Giant Slalom.

Hall was ranked at number 2 in the world at the beginning of 2009 for adaptive slalom skiing and has been the recipient of the New Zealand Snow Sports Athlete of the Year 2008-2009. Hall has previously represented New Zealand at the 2006 Winter Paralympic Games in Turin, Italy, when he was still attending Taieri College.

Peter Williams, 24, from Auckland, also has spina bifida and will compete in the Slalom and Giant Slalom. He first learnt to ski on his feet, but for the last 13 years has used a monoski.

“The Winter Paralympics have always been a goal of mine and for the last four and half years I’ve been working my butt off to ensure I got there. Now the time has come, obviously I’m really excited to be part of the team and all that hard work is beginning to pay off,” says Williams who will be experiencing his first Paralympic Games.

“New Zealand has got a proud history of success in Paralympic sport in both summer and winter games. We may not be sending a big team to the 2010 Vancouver Paralympic Games, but we are sending a quality team. Both athletes have demonstrated a high level of performance at the recent 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games and this bodes well for the Paralympic Games in six months time,” says Fiona Pickering, Paralympics New Zealand CEO.

New Zealand Academy of Sport – Winter Performance Programme Manager, Jon Turnbull (Wanaka) is the Chef de Mission in charge of leading the team through its build up and performance in the games itself.

“Adam has had a great training season spending quality time with top international teams training in Central Otago and Canterbury. Peter has recently had two very good performances in Slalom and Giant Slalom at the inaugural 100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games in August.

“I and the support team (coach Hiro Tanaguichi of Winter Park, Colorado and physio Andrew Duff of Wanaka) are working hard to ensure both athletes have the best build up to ensure they are in top form come Games time in March,” says Turnbull.



Adam Hall



Peter Williams





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UCI PARA-CYCLING ROAD WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

New Zealand cyclist, Paula Tesoriero, won the women's road race at the UCI Para-Cycling Road World Championships held in Bogogno, Italy earlier this month.

After an early break from the main peloton, the race developed into a duel between Tesoriero and American Alison Jones. A decisive break by Tesoriero 500m from the finish line secured her victory by six bike lengths.



Tesoriero won bronze in the women's individual time trial, giving New Zealand an overall ranking of 14th at the Championships.

IWAS WORLD JUNIOR ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Matthew Lack, Opotiki, set two U20 world records and won four medals at the IWAS World Junior Championships in Switzerland in July. Lack won gold medals and set U20 world records in the 5000m and 1500m events, plus silver in the 800m and bronze in the 400m. His time of 11:25.63 in the 5000m was a personal best by more than 35 seconds.

Prior to the world championships, Lack spent two weeks in North America racing in the Cedartown and Peachtree road races as well as being involved in a wheelchair racing training clinic.

IWAS Junior World Championships

U20 World Record & Gold Medal in the 5000m

U20 World Record & Gold Medal in the 1500m

Silver Medal in the 800m

Bronze Medal in the 400m

Cedartown Road Race 5km - 1st (junior) & 6th (overall)

Peachtree Road Race 10km - 1st (junior) & 13th (overall)



IBSA WORLD YOUTH SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Swimmers Mary Fisher (Upper Hutt) and Daniel Holt (Auckland) won a combined eight gold and nine silver medals at the recent International Blind Sports Association (IBSA) World Youth Championships. The championships were held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with 26 countries taking part with over 350 athletes, 150 coaches and officials and over 250 volunteers.

Mary Fisher (16) won gold medals in the 100m backstroke, 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle and 200m freestyle. Her remaining events all produced silver medals. These were the 50m butterfly, 200m individual medley and 50m backstroke.

Daniel Holt (16) won gold medals in the 50m butterfly, 100m butterfly, 400m freestyle and 200m freestyle. His six silver medals came from the 100m backstroke, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 100m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 100m breaststroke.



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ITU WORLD TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rob Matthews and Miriam Jenkins were New Zealand's first Paratriathlon representatives at the recent ITU World Championships. Paratriathlon is currently bidding for Paralympic Recognition Status, and there are around 750 active athletes worldwide.

40 athletes competed at the World Championships, in six classifications ranging from TRI1 (para & quadriplegic athletes) to TRI6 (visual impairment). Matthews, who previously represented Great Britain in athletics at seven Paralympic Games, winning eight medals and setting 22 world records, competed in the TRI6 category, accompanied by a sighted guide to whom he is tethered in the swim and run legs, and shares a tandem bike with for the cycle. Matthews faced fierce competition from athletes from the United States and Italy and earned silver over the Olympic distance (1500m swim/40km cycle/10km run) race.

Jenkins competed in the TRI3 classification for athletes with cerebral palsy and other co-ordination disabilities. The 23-year-old, who in 2004 swam for New Zealand at the Paralympics, used the swim leg to her advantage and won gold in the event.

Rob Matthews was the Guest Speaker at the Triathlon NZ Athletes Dinner held prior to the event.

Paratriathlon has been included at World Championship level since 2003 and is aiming for inclusion in the Paralympic Games in the near future.



WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

New Zealand adaptive rower, Robin Tinga, has finished in fifth place in the World Rowing Championship final in Poland. A great performance in his first major final. Tinga held third position through the first half, but missed out in a very close battle for bronze.

Britain's Tom Aggar was unstoppable and will take some beating in 2010.

Results - ASM1x Final

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| 1. | GBR | 4:51.48 |
| 2. | UKR | 5:07.37 |
| 3. | AUS | 5:12.11 |
| 4. | USA | 5:14.77 |
| 5. | NZL | 5:16.67 |
| 6. | ITA | 5:20.19 |



PARALYMPICS NEW ZEALAND LOGO COMPETITION

We are changing our look at PNZ and you have the chance to have your logo design worn on the chests of New Zealand's best Paralympic athletes.

Look out for the PNZ logo competition launch soon but in the meantime you can get designing.

We are looking for a logo that is obviously New Zealand while conveying:
Elite, Inspirational, Dynamic, Modern and Professional



The logo must also encompass the IPC Agitos making up one third of the logo size.

So get started and look out for the full competition brief and the important part - the announcement of the prize!





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PNZ BOARD UPDATE

This will be a regular newsletter update item from the PNZ Board - Duane Kale, Ben Lucas, Kagan Hindshaw, Marc Frewin, Mark Copeland and Selwyn Maister.

SPARC Governance Online Review - The PNZ Board recently undertook the SPARC Governance Online Review. The Board are using the results from the review to prioritise key governance aspects. The review was very positive and demonstrates an active, strong and capable current board.

10 / 20 Anniversary of International Paralympic Committee (IPC) - Duane Kale, Chairman, and Fiona Pickering, CEO, recently attended the 10 / 20 Anniversary of International Paralympic Committee (IPC) in Bonn. These celebrations marked 20 years of the IPC and 10 years being based in Bonn, Germany.

The celebration included opening speeches by IPC President Sir Philip Craven, Federal Minister Mr. Wolfgang Schäuble, United Nations Special Adviser Mr. Wilfried Lemke and Lord Mayor of Bonn Ms. Bärbel Dieckmann.

The Paralympic Family also took part in the following two sessions:

Lord Sebastian Coe, Chairman of the London 2010 Organizing Committee, led a panel discussion on "*The Paralympic Games – From Challenger to Frontrunner*", with a presentation on the London 2012 Paralympic Games Approach.

Mr. Wilfried Lemke, UN Special Adviser, led a panel discussion on "*The Paralympic Movement – A History of Change*", providing his views on the role of Paralympic Sport on the implementation of the UN Convention on Rights for Persons with a disability.

The London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) - Duane Kale, Chairman, Fiona Pickering, CEO, and Tim Prendergast, PNZ Athletes Commission, met with key LOCOG Personnel in London in September.

It was fantastic to meet with key personnel in the following areas:

- NPC Services and Relations Department
- Sports / Venues
- Villages
- Transport
- Accommodation

In addition, the team visited the Olympic Park Viewing Platform and other Sports venues.

IPC General Assembly, Kuala Lumpur - Duane Kale, Chairman, and Fiona Pickering, CEO, will be representing Paralympics New Zealand at the upcoming General Assembly. The General Assembly is held every 2 years. Simon Peterson (ex Paralympics New Zealand Chairman) has been nominated by Paralympics New Zealand for the IPC Governing Board. Elections will take place on 22 November at the 2009 IPC General Assembly.





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PNZ COACH PERFORMANCE MANAGER

Experienced sporting coach and administrator John Bowden has been appointed by Paralympics New Zealand as its newly established Coach Performance Manager.

Fiona Pickering, Chief Executive of Paralympics New Zealand, said that the new Coach Performance Manager role had an increased High Performance focus. "John's main objective is to lead the implementation of the PNZ Coaching Plan, including the overall management and direction for our High Performance coaches to ensure that all Paralympic athletes are coached by highly capable coaches".

As a former teacher at Auckland Grammar, a professional athlete (athletics) and a professional coach, Bowden has a wide array of skills and coaching leadership which PNZ feel will be very beneficial to its coaches and athletes.

Bowden commenced in September. Part of his role is the development of PNZ's coaching plan as well as facilitating the access of coaches of Paralympic athletes to NZAS carded coach programmes. He will primarily work out of the Auckland PNZ office, but will travel around New Zealand to work with various Paralympic Coaches and their athletes.

John adds "It has been an exciting and rewarding month for me as I begin my new role as Coach Performance Manager here at Paralympics New Zealand. My time has been spent pouring over documents, meeting with our Performance Director, Performance Programme Manager, and the excellent staff from the NZAS plus the National Office to discuss all issues related to Coaching. I am especially excited about meeting all the coaches on a regular basis over the coming months and years as we head to the London Paralympic Games in 2012 where both coaches and athletes will perform with distinction on the world stage.

"We are now in the final stages of producing coaching contracts which just adds more to the professionalism of our organisation and to the coaching structure.

"I am looking forward to meeting you all on an individual basis as well as at the Mitsubishi Motors PNZ National Championships in November. As always please free to contact me anytime with any issues that concern you and your coaching"

For more information contact:

John Bowden, Coach Performance Manager

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PIN & WIN

Paralympics New Zealand has officially launched the Pin and Win fundraising venture. PNZ pins are available for sale in either silver or gold colours for \$10 and \$50 respectively. The bonus: when you buy your pin you receive a scratch card with the chance to win cash of up to \$5000 instantly.

Don't throw away your card though because if you enter the draw you are in to win either \$25,000 cash or a Mitsubishi Lancer SX valued at \$32,500.

Pins and the scratch cards are being sold by a marketing company on behalf of PNZ so look out for the team in an area near you soon. The money raised goes towards athletes event costs (including travel, accommodation, insurance, competition fees, and uniform), coaching costs and training costs.

So tell your friends and family and good luck with the prizes.





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PARAFED NEWS

It is an active time for ParaFed organisations across New Zealand. Paralympics New Zealand recently called for applications for the final period of direct investment into ParaFed's in the ParaFed Revitalisation. The revitalisations key focus is to increase the capability and capacity of the ParaFeds. Five ParaFed's will be receiving support from PNZ in this round of funding.

ParaFed Auckland, Waikato, Wellington and Canterbury have been working closely with the Halberg Trust over the last few months and will be receiving SPARC No Exceptions investment via the Halberg Trust to increase participation, build capability and promote opportunity and awareness of disability sport.

The ParaFeds across New Zealand have developed a new strategic plan for the National ParaFed Network. The purpose of this plan is to ensure:

- Best practice opportunities are identified and shared
- There is a consistent and coordinated strategy across all ParaFeds in the advocacy and delivery of sport and recreation opportunities
- Linkages across the ParaFeds and key stakeholders are developed and maintained to enable knowledge and skill development and improvement
- Opportunities to leverage nationally for activities and resources can be identified and implemented

A steering committee has been formed for the ParaFed network. This committee will oversee network communications within the network, utilise a special project fund (currently held by PNZ) with joint initiatives as required, organise meetings and implement the new Strategic Plan. This committee is made up of:

- Ken Sowden (ParaFed Canterbury) – Chairman
- Paul Curry (ParaFed Wellington)
- Michael Johnson (ParaFed Auckland)

ParaFed Auckland – Staff Appointment

ParaFed Auckland has employed a new General Manager, Bill Montgomery, to oversee the operations of their organisation.

Bill has spent the last 40 years in the financial services industry the last 8 years as a senior executive with Farmers Mutual Group who are New Zealand's largest Rural Insurance and Investment group. Prior to that he held senior positions in Banking and Finance.



Bill and his wife recently returned to Auckland. Bill is enthusiastic about working in the Not for Profit sector and hopes that he can use some of his business skills to help ParaFed Auckland grow its membership and funding base so that it can provide a wide range of sporting activities for the Auckland disabled community.

Bill has been involved with community groups such as Rotary, Chamber of Commerce and sporting clubs and has been involved in most sports but these days is more likely to be seen trying to dig his little white ball out of a bunker or standing in the rivers of Taupo trying to catch a trout.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE IPC SWIMMING WORKING GROUP COMMITTEES

Congratulations to Ross Bragg and Clive Power on their successful appointments on the IPC Swimming Working Group Committees:

- Competition Technical Rules and Regulation Working Group – Ross Bragg
- Paralympic Games Competition Working Group – Clive Power

The Working Groups will help the STC's work in identifying and exploring different areas, such as swimming science, point systems, functional classification of athletes with visual impairment, the Paralympic Programme, calendar of events and other areas.

This is a great step forward for the future development of Paralympic Swimming both internationally and within New Zealand.





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PARALYMPICS NEW ZEALAND CEO ELECTED ONTO OCEANIA PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE

Fiona Pickering has been elected as Secretary General, Oceania Paralympic Committee. The Oceania Paralympic Committee represents the Oceania Regions: New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu

The IPC currently recognizes four Regional Organizations; the African Sports Confederation of Disabled (Africa), the Asian Paralympic Council, the European Paralympic Committee (Europe) and the Oceania Paralympic Committee (Oceania). Until such time as an independent regional organization is created, the IPC has established a Regional Committee, the Paralympic Committee of the Americas (for the Americas region) to act as the sole representative body in that region.

Regional Organizations act as liaison with the IPC on behalf of its members in the respective region, organize Regional sports events, co-ordinate their development activities with the IPC and provide support to the IPC membership in the respective region.

As members of the IPC, Regional Organizations have the right to submit motions, vote and be heard at meetings of the Members, nominate candidates for appropriate IPC bodies and may participate in all IPC activities, subject to meeting eligibility of the respective activity. The IPC **Regions** Council provides feedback advice and representation to the IPC Governing Board on behalf of and in the interests of their respective constituencies in all IPC matters. Fiona attended the First Regions Council Meeting on 5 September 09.

INTERNATIONAL PARALYMPIC COMMITTEE (IPC) GOVERNING BOARD 2009-2013

A total of 31 nominations have been accepted for the elections to the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Governing Board 2009-2013. Out of the 31 nominations, one is for President, five for Vice President and 25 for the Member at Large positions. The elections will take place on 22 November in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, at the 2009 IPC General Assembly.

The GB will consist of one President, one Vice President and ten Members at Large. Furthermore, an Athletes Representative and the IPC Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be ex-officio members of the GB.

The nominees for President, Vice President and Members at Large listed in alphabetical order, are as follows:

For President:

Sir Philip Craven, Great Britain

For Vice President:

Ms. Ann Cody, USA
Mr. Greg Hartung, Australia
Mr. Patrick Jarvis, Canada
Mr. Tariq Mustafa, Pakistan
Mr. Miguel Sagarra, Spain

For Member at Large:

Dato Zainal Abu-Zarin, Malaysia
Mr. Saad Alazma, Kuwait
Mr. Mohammed M.A. Fahdel Alhameli, UAE
Mr. Masoud Ashrafi, Iran
Mr. Daniel Ben Abou, Israel
Mr. Chutinant Bhirombhakadi, Thailand
Mr. Jose Luis Campo, Argentina
Ms. Ann Cody, USA
Mr. Paul DePace, USA
Mr. Alan Dickson, Great Britain
Mr. Greg Hartung, Australia
Mr. Ali Harzallah, Tunisia

Ms. Hyang-Sook Jang, Korea
Mr. Patrick Jarvis, Canada
Ms. Ioanna Karyofylli, Greece
Ms. Chen Lee-Chou, Chinese Taipei
Dr. Vladimir Lukin, Russia
Mr. Tariq Mustafa, Pakistan
Mr. Karl Vilhelm Nielsen, Denmark
Mr. Andrew Parsons, Brazil
Mr. Simon Peterson, New Zealand
Dr. Karl Quade, Germany
Ms. Veronika Roos, Switzerland
Mr. Miguel Sagarra, Spain
Ms. Rita van Driel, Netherlands

"We are pleased with the number of nominations that the membership has put forward, especially the increase of the number of female nominations. It is also encouraging to see the interest from a wide representation of IPC members", said IPC CEO Xavier Gonzalez.





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SPARC ROAD SHOW

In line with SPARC's desire to keep its partners informed about its business and priorities for the 2009/10 financial year, and to better understand the issues within the sector, SPARC is once again planning a road show series in October.

In addition to detailing SPARC's current and future direction, the road show provides you the opportunity to comment, ask questions and raise issues or concerns affecting your organisation or the sector in general. The majority of each session will be set aside for SPARC to listen.

Accompanied by SPARC senior staff, SPARC Chief Executive Peter Miskimmin will front SPARC's presentation. Peter's presentation covers:
SPARC strategic plan and what it means for you;

- SPARC initiatives for 2009/10; and
- Kiwi Sport.

SPARC has scheduled the following itinerary: you are invited to attend whichever date/venue is most convenient.

Session	Date	Venue	Region	Host / Start Time
1	19/10	Pelorus House Seaview	Wellington	Sport Wellington 9am-12pm
2	20/10	Sports House No 2 Field Yarrow Stadium Maratahu St New Plymouth	New Plymouth	Sport Taranaki 9am-12pm
3	20/10	Wanganui Race Course Purnell Street	Wanganui	Sport Wanganui 3pm-6pm
4	21/10	Pettigrew Green Arena	Hawkes Bay	Sport Hawkes Bay 10am-1pm
5	22/10	Wainui Surf Lifesaving Club Wainui Beach	Gisborne	Sport Tarawhiti Gisborne 9am-12pm
6	23/10	Arena Manawatu Pascal St Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Sport Manawatu 10.30am-1.30pm
7	27/10	Northland Hockey Centre	Northland	Sport Northland 12pm-3pm
8	28/10	The Trusts Stadium Central Park Drive Henderson	Auckland	Sport Waitakere 8am-11am
9	28/10	Panasonic Room TelstraClear Pacific Event Centre 770 Great South Road Manukau	Auckland	ARPASS 1pm-4pm
10	29/10	Sports House	Waikato	Sport Waikato 8am-11am
11	29/10	Waiariki Institute of Technology	Rotorua	Sport BOP 1.30pm-4.30pm
12	30/10	Barclay Theatre Otago Museum	Dunedin	Sport Otago 9am-11am
13	30/10	TBC	Invercargill	Sport Southland 2pm-5pm



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XCELERATE 2 XCELLENCE

Paralympics New Zealand's Talent ID & Fast Track Programme, Xccelerate 2 Xcellence, was launched in February 2009 with a goal of identifying athletes who have the potential to win medals at the 2012 London Paralympic Games.



130 applications were received from interested people, including New Zealand athletes currently living overseas.

Following months of testing and performance assessments, 16 athletes were named in the X2X Fast Track Group, along with 35 athletes named in the X2X Development Group.

X2X FAST TRACK GROUP		
Athletics	Joe Flavell	Auckland
	Matthew Lack	Bay of Plenty
	Rory McSweeney	Wellington
Cycling	Steve Bayley	Canterbury
	Samantha Eddie	Wellington
	Phillipa Gray	Otago
	Peter Holt	Auckland
	Jamie Kidd	Canterbury
	Rob Matthews	Auckland
	Chris Ross	Otago
	Nathan Smith	Taranaki
Judo	Clinton Davies	Auckland
Powerlifting	Tony Vaka	Auckland
Rowing	Robin Tinga	Canterbury
Shooting	Grant Philip	Canterbury
Swimming	Daniel Holt	Auckland

SPORT SUMMARY	X2X FAST TRACK GROUP	X2X DEVELOPMENT GROUP
Archery	0	2
Athletics	3	7
Cycling	8	8
Equestrian	0	1
Judo	1	0
Powerlifting	1	0
Rowing	1	1
Shooting	1	3
Swimming	1	12
Table Tennis	0	1
TOTAL	16	35

Highlights of the X2X athletes to date include:

- Rower placed 5th place at 2009 World Championships
- Swimmer qualified for the 2009 World Championships Team
- Equestrian rider named in ESNZ High Performance 2010 Squad
- Shooter reaching minimum qualification score for 2010 World Championships

Athletes can apply for a position in the Xccelerate 2 Xcellence programme at any stage. Application forms and more information can be found by visiting www.paralympics.org.nz.





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AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

A number of Paralympics New Zealand members have been recognised for their achievements at various levels over the past few months.

2009 Paralympic Sports Awards

- Matthew Cowdery (AUS) - Best Male Athlete (Swimming)
- Chantal Petitclerc (CAN) - Best Female Athlete (Athletics)
- Sophie Pascoe (NZL) - Best Paralympic Games Debut (Swimming)**
- Wang Xinxian (CHN) - Exemplary Games Official (Chef de Mission)
- Australians Men's Wheelchair Basketball Team - Best Team Performance

2009 Snow Sports New Zealand Awards

- Adam Hall - Snow Sports New Zealand Athlete of the Year
- Adaptive Snow Sports Athlete of the Year
- Hiro Taniguchi - Coach of the Year (Adaptive Skiing)
- Carl Murphy - Emerging Talent Award (Adaptive Snowboarding)

2009 Tennis New Zealand Awards

- Tiffiney Perry - Wheelchair Player of the Year (world ranking 57)

Oceania Records

- Michael Ardern - Men's SM7 200m Individual Medley (LC) 2.56.81
- Michael Ardern - Men's S7 100m Backstroke (LC) 1.21.16

Achievements

Paul Coffey attended the 3rd Asia and South Pacific Boccia Championships 2009 as the Head Referee for the Championships. Paul is the International Referee of CPISRA Boccia Committee.



Sophie Pascoe



Adam Hall

EQUESTRIAN

Equestrian Sport NZ – Para-Equestrian

At the recent Equestrian Sport NZ annual general assembly, the motion was approved for the adoption of Para-Equestrian as ESNZ's 5th discipline alongside Eventing, Endurance, Dressage and Showjumping.

ESNZ has previously appointed Caroline Barber to a part-time role of Para-Equestrian Sport Manager and Caroline will be leading the work for the new discipline.

Kate Honour has been appointed as Equestrian Sports NZ Para-Equestrian High Performance Leader. Kate is a fulltime coach and lives with her family in Rotorua. Kate has had a lifetime of involvement in competitive equestrian sports both in the UK and New Zealand, including active participation in pony club, showing, dressage, show-jumping and eventing.

Kate is a British Horse Society trained Instructor (BHSI), along with being a New Zealand Riding for the Disabled Advanced Coach and is a ESNZ Performance Coach and Educator. She has an extensive knowledge of human disabilities and correct training for and use of equine participation for sports, therapy and education, skills that she will put to good use in this new role.

Kate was Para Equestrian Coach at the 2007 World Para Equestrian Dressage Championships in Hartpury, UK and also at the 2008 Riding for the Disabled National Championships in Werribee, Australia.





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SWIMMING

PNZ Development Swim Clinic

The PNZ Development Swim Clinic was held in Auckland on the 31st July – 2nd August and was attended by 10 swimmers. PNZ Swimming Performance Manager, Clive Power, ran the weekend clinic and put the swimmers through their paces both in and out of the water.

It was a very successful camp with swimmers and coaches heading back to their home programmes with much enthusiasm and a better understanding of the Swimming Pathway towards 2012.

The 10 swimmers have been selected as part of the Xccelerate 2 Xcellence programme and will be competing at the 2009 PNZ National Championships in Wellington in November, before looking to qualify for the NZ Disabled Swimming Championships in Christchurch next March.



Tyla Johnson, Daniel Holt, Tyler Jennings, Aine Kelly-Costello, Jesse Reynolds, Michelle Taylor, Sarah Fuhrer, Tayla Clement
(Front) Bryall McPherson, Nikita Howarth

WINTER SPORTS – RESULTS

100% Pure New Zealand Winter Games, Wanaka

Giant Slalom	Standing Men	Adam Hall Anthony Field	Bronze 8 th	Total Time	1:50.73
	Sitting Men	Peter Williams	6 th	Total Time	2:00.54
Slalom	Standing Men	Adam Hall	Silver	Total Time	1:35.94
	Sitting Men	Peter Williams	4 th	Total Time	1:56.09

World Snowboard Federation (WSF) Adaptive Snow Sports World Championships

Slalom Ski

Adam Hall	Super Giant Slalom (Super G)	Gold
	Giant Slalom	Gold
	Slalom	Gold
Peter Williams	Super G	Silver
	Giant Slalom	Silver
Peter Baddely	Super G	Bronze
	Giant Slalom	Bronze

Sling Shot Snowboardcross Race

Carl Murphy (New Plymouth) won silver with a time of 78.25. Third place taken by New Zealand born Ian Lockey, (Canada), who clocked 78.66 seconds only .41 seconds behind Murphy.





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WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Asian Youth Para Games

Canterbury wheelchair tennis player, Tyler Belcher, competed at the 2009 Asian Youth Games held in Tokyo, Japan on the 11th – 13th September. Belcher lost in the first round to local player Yui Kamiji 6-2, 6-2, but came back to win the Consolation Draw defeating Roberto Chamizo of Spain in the final.



CLASSIFICATION

World Triathlon Championships – Paratriathlon

Marguerite Christophers, Paralympics New Zealand Classification Coordinator, was invited by the International Triathlon Union to classify Paratriathletes at the World Triathlon Championships on the Gold Coast in September. Marguerite also had an integral role at the first ever Paratriathlon Classification Course run the day before classification of the athletes.

Marguerite has been instrumental in facilitating New Zealand's first ever paratriathlete representation at a World Triathlon Championships and was fortunate to be invited as a guest to the official Triathlon NZ Athletes Dinner a few days prior to the start of the World Champs.

Expressions of Interests - New Classifiers

Paralympics New Zealand would be keen to hear from anyone interested in becoming a classifier, particularly in the sports of **athletics, cycling, shooting, swimming and alpine skiing**.

For more information contact: Marguerite Christophers classification@paralympics.org.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below is a calendar of upcoming events that are being held in New Zealand and around the world.

2009	EVENT	LOCATION
SEPTEMBER		
26 Sep	PNZ Annual General Meeting	Christchurch
OCTOBER		
05 Oct – 11 Oct	Australian Paralympic Youth Games	Melbourne, AUS
21 Oct – 24 Oct	New Zealand Road Cycling Nationals	Nelson
23 Oct – 26 Oct	New Zealand Boccia Nationals	Whangarei
30 Oct – 01 Nov	New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby Nationals	Auckland
NOVEMBER		
02 Nov – 09 Nov	Asia-Oceania Wheelchair Rugby Championships	Christchurch
04 Nov – 08 Nov	UCI Para-Cycling Track World Championships	Manchester, ENG
13 Nov – 15 Nov	Mitsubishi Motors PNZ National Championships	Wellington
22 Nov – 01 Dec	IWAS World Games	Bangalore, IND
28 Nov – 05 Dec	Oceania Para Shooting Grand Prix	Sydney, AUS
29 Nov – 05 Dec	IPC World Swimming Championships (25m)	Rio de Janeiro, BRA





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VANCOUVER 2010 ... 170 Days until the Games Begin



The excitement is building as we edge closer to the 12th March 2010 and with the PNZ Team now finalised and after a taste of what is to come with the recent spectacular NZ Winter Games it is all systems go.

Whether it is a team of 5 or a team of 60 the same meticulous planning and processes go on behind the scenes to ensure the PNZ team are best prepared when they arrive to compete in Vancouver.

Jon Turnbull the NZ Chef de Mission will visit Vancouver at the end of October along with members of the NZOC team to check on the venues and village progress.

On August 31, 2009 VANOC introduced the creative team for the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Under Patrick Roberge's direction, the team will create mass choreography for the 5,000 volunteer performers, including performers with a disability.

The new Canada Line metro has opened, ahead of schedule. This subway connects Vancouver's international airport to the downtown, and includes a station near the Paralympic Village Vancouver.

Discussions are underway for the television coverage of the Vancouver Paralympic Games.

PNZ are the official ticket reseller in New Zealand for the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Should you wish to purchase tickets please initially go to the official website at:

www.vancouver2010.com/en/ticketing-information/-/32334/f64b2s/index.html gather information on the events you want tickets for then email your requirements to dshattock@paralympics.org.nz

2009 AUSTRALIAN PARALYMPIC YOUTH GAMES

The Australian Paralympic Youth Games will be held in Melbourne. Hosted by Wheelchair Sports Victoria, with the support of the Australian Paralympic Committee, the Games will provide an opportunity for young athletes with a disability to compete in world class sporting venues across a range of Paralympic sports.

The Paralympics New Zealand team for 2009 Australian Paralympic Youth Games is:

Athletics

Connor Endrodi - Otago
George Hewitt - Wellington
Kaelym McGrath - Canterbury
Richard Nelson-Parker - Auckland
Holly Robinson - Canterbury
Chelsea Seagar - Auckland
Jason Wali - Canterbury
Jack Woods - Canterbury

Swimming

Mary Fisher - Wellington
Sarah Fuhrer - Waikato
Tyler Jennings - Hawkes Bay
Tyla Johnson - Canterbury
Aine Kelly-Costello - Auckland
Jesse Reynolds - Waikato
Michelle Taylor - Hawkes Bay

Team Management

Ken Sowden, Canterbury - Team Manager
Chloe Wickman, Waikato - Assistant Team Manager
Gail Cross, Hawkes Bay - Medical Support
Aly Youngman, Canterbury - Athletics Coach
Noel Hardgrave-Booth, Hawkes Bay - Swimming Coach

www.paralympics.org.nz/ausyouthgames2009.htm





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UPCOMING EVENTS

2009 MITSUBISHI MOTORS PNZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 37th Mitsubishi Motors PNZ National Championships will be held on the 13th – 15th November 2009, hosted by ParaFed Wellington.

Over 120 athletes will compete in Wellington, across the nine included sports – archery, athletics, bowls, cycling, powerlifting, sailing, shooting, swimming and table tennis.

Since 1968, provincial rivalries have galvanized athletes to peak performances, as they fight for national supremacy and the regional team trophy. This year promises to be no different, as the five regional teams prepare to go head to head in search of the Holy Grail.

The previous winners of the Regional Team Trophy are listed below:

YEAR	WINNING TEAM	YEAR	WINNING TEAM	YEAR	WINNING TEAM
2007	Canterbury	1991	Central North Island	1978	Central North Island
2005	Auckland	1990	Auckland	1977	Central North Island
2003	Canterbury	1989	Auckland	1976	Central North Island
2001	Canterbury	1988	Auckland	1975	Central North Island
2000	Southern North Island	1987	Auckland	1974	No Event Was Held
1999	Canterbury	1986	Central North Island	1973	Central North Island
1998	Otago-Southland	1985	Central North Island	1972	Central North Island
1997	Canterbury	1984	Central North Island	1971	Otago-Southland
1996	Auckland	1983	Canterbury	1970	Otago-Southland
1995	Auckland	1982	Central North Island	1969	Otago-Southland
1994	Auckland	1981	Otago-Southland	1968	Auckland
1993	Otago-Southland	1980	Central North Island		
1992	Auckland	1979	Central North Island		

For more information on the event, contact Deidre Young at ParaFed Wellington:
Phone 04 233 0226, Mobile 027 242 9008, Email parafed.wlg@xtra.co.nz

2010 COMMONWEALTH GAMES - PNZ SELECTION CRITERIA & NOMINATION FORMS

The Commonwealth Games will take place from the 3rd – 14th October 2010 in Delhi, India, and will showcase world-class sporting opportunities for elite athletes with a disability.

The 15 Para-Sports medal events to be included on the Delhi 2010 programme are as follows:

Athletics

Men's Shot Put - F32/34/52
Men's 100m - T46
Men's 1500m - T54
Women's Shot Put - F32-34/52/53
Women's 100m - T37
Women's 1500m - T54

Swimming

Men's 50m Freestyle - S9
Men's 100m Freestyle - S8
Men's 100m Freestyle - S10
Women's 50m Freestyle - S9
Women's 100m Freestyle - S9
Women's 100m Butterfly - S9

Powerlifting

Men's Bench Press - Open
Women's Bench Press - Open

Table Tennis

Women's Wheelchair - Open (Classes TT1-5)

The completed Nomination form is required to be sent to PNZ by **Wednesday 30th September 2009**.
The selection criteria and nomination forms for the Paralympic medal events are available on the Paralympics New Zealand website www.paralympics.org.nz





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OBITUARIES

Gillian Hall 1950 – 2009 Paralympics New Zealand Board Member

Gillian Hall passed away peacefully on 1st August 2009.



Gilly's contribution to Paralympic Sport, Disabled Snow Sports and physiotherapy both within New Zealand and overseas are a testament to her generosity, drive and foresight. Her passion and dedication will provide ongoing inspiration to all those who knew her.

In 1975 motivated by her experiences in Europe, Gilly, a qualified physiotherapist and ski instructor, nurtured her vision of enabling physically disabled people to ski. She was the driving force behind the first organised programme for disabled skiers in New Zealand, setting up a small programme at Coronet Peak with the assistance of the NZ Snow Sports Instructors Alliance.

The pathway toward Paralympic honours was established under Gilly's leadership. She was the team physiotherapist, supporting the kiwi competitors in both the 1990 Disabled Alpine World Championships (Winter Park, USA) and the 1998 Winter Paralympic Games (Nagano, Japan). By the 2002 Winter Paralympic Games (Salt Lake City, USA) the NZ Disabled Ski Team held the honour of being New Zealand's most successful Paralympic team, bringing home a combined medal tally of 15 gold, 14 silver and 12 bronze.

Gilly became a Paralympic Classifier, working with the classification teams at both the 2002 and 2006 Winter Paralympic Games. She was internationally respected for her knowledge and expertise as a classifier and was appointed Head Classifier of IPC Alpine Skiing Sport Technical Committee. Gilly was an active member on the Paralympics New Zealand Board and was the New Zealand Head Classifier, supporting local athletes and providing training and inspiration for the many aspiring classifiers she worked with.

Albert Ronald Guthrey 1916 – 2008 Paralympics New Zealand Order of Merit

Ron Guthrey passed away on the 8th September 2008, aged 92. He died only a few hours after his wife, Mary, aged 91.

Born in Rawene, Hokianga on January 15, 1916, Guthrey was a councilor on the Christchurch City Council from 1944 to 1968, and from 1968 to 1971 served as Mayor. Ron was awarded the Paralympics New Zealand Order of Merit in 2001 in recognition of contribution of service to the Paralympic movement, replacing his Life Membership. Ron was a Vice President and a Foundation Representative of the Finance Committee of the New Zealand Paraplegic & Physically Disabled Federation from 1978 to 1986.



Yvonne Hall, Paralympian

Yvonne passed away in early September 2009. Yvonne was New Zealand's 64th Paralympian. She was a member of the team which went to the 1988 Paralympic Games, Seoul, Korea. She competed in athletics, both in the javelin and shot put where she placed 6th and 8th respectively.



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