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Newsletter

April - June 2017



welcome

from your Parafed Officer

Hello and welcome to the second edition of the Parafed Waikato Newsletter for 2017. This newsletter celebrates the success of our athletes and shares their stories.

We have a lot of great stuff in this issue, reports on para-cycling, wheelchair tennis, wheelchair rugby, lawn bowls, powerchair football and more. Our Powerchair Football Activ8 tournament was a great success thanks to the hard work of their committee and it is wonderful to see this event stamping its place on the NZ Powerchair Football calendar.

We welcome Brenda Worsop to the Parafed Waikato team as Junior Disability Games Manager. You can learn more about her in this issue and one more thing I would like to mention is that our new website is now live! It will be easier to use and it looks fantastic. All of our sports info is there and you can read past newsletters and renew your membership etc.

Check it out at www.parafedwaikato.co.nz

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. My email is david@parafedwaikato.co.nz if you would like to share your sporting story in the next issue. Do you know of anyone who would like to get this newsletter? If so please email their details to david@parafedwaikato.co.nz

Cheers, David

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on the Web

If you haven't found our Facebook page yet go to www.facebook.com and search for Parafed Waikato or click the Facebook icon below. "Like us" and you will be kept informed of all of the latest Parafed events and information.

All of our other information and membership forms can be found at our website www.parafedwaikato.co.nz





message

from the Board

Parafed Waikato has had a busy first half of the year with our staff now reduced to just David as our Parafed Officer. He is doing a great job working out of Sport Waikato Tuesday – Thursday's and is Parafed Waikato's first port of call for all things sport. He continues to represent Parafed Waikato well and also runs a very successful Fitness Revolution out of Athletes House. We are grateful to Life Unlimited for their ongoing support of this programme.

Parafed Waikato had the opportunity to be involved in a fundraiser organised by the Cambridge Rotary Club. Parafed Waikato and Paralympics New Zealand were direct beneficiaries of the fundraiser and it was very successful. David Klinkhamer was a guest speaker covering all that Parafed Waikato has to offer from introducing and facilitating disabled athletes into their chosen sports.

Liam Malone then spoke of his rise to fame culminating in representing NZ at the 2016 Paralympics in Rio last year winning two gold and one silver medals in Athletics. It was a very cool evening and through auction items and pledges PW raised around \$9000.

We have also been named as one of the Charities of choice for another up and coming celebration and fun evening organised by Seating To Go. The flyer is below with details of this Charity Ball to be held in July. If you have an item or experience that you can offer for a silent auction to help raise funds for Parafed Waikato it would be most appreciated. Anything would be welcomed so if you have any ideas please get in touch.

Remember it's our members and their sports that will benefit from all non tagged fund raising endeavours. If you cant think of anything then purchase a ticket to this evening. It would be good to have some of our members supporting the event.

For general enquiries: info@parafedwaikato.co.nz

For membership enquiries: membership@parafedwaikato.co.nz

For account enquiries: accounts@parafedwaikato.co.nz





charity ball

Seating to Go



Join us for a night of glitz and glamour and help us celebrate 20 years of providing New Zealander's with specialist wheelchair and seating services!

20th Anniversary Charity Ball

The Atrium, Wintec City Campus, Hamilton

Free parking available in the parking building via Gate 1, Ward Street

Dress Code - Formal / Black Tie / Op Shop Glam

Friday 14th July 2017 • 7.00pm until Midnight

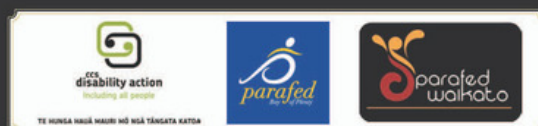
Tickets \$80.00 per person includes...

Complimentary bubbles on arrival - Buffet dinner & dessert

Live Music

Cash Bar (eftpos available) - Silent auction - And more!

*All proceeds to be donated to Parafed Waikato & Bay of Plenty,
and CCS Disability Action Waikato and Bay of Plenty*



RSVP:

For more information and to purchase your ticket, please contact Kayla Wilson on (07) 848 1825 or kayla@seatingtogo.co.nz by Friday 30th June.

upcoming events

Don't miss out



Wheelchair Basketball Northern League

June 27th, Trust Arena, Auckland.

Wheelchair Rugby WRC Competition

June 10th-11th, Te Rauparaha Arena, Wellington.

ACTIV8 Indoor Lawn Bowls

June 10th-11th, Frankton Railway Bowling Club, Hamilton

Seating to Go Charity Ball

July 14th, Wintec City Campus, Hamilton.

If you need more information about any of these events please contact info@parafedwaikato.co.nz





fitness revolution

Get Fit

Fitness Revolution is for physically disabled people, including those with visual impairments, to improve their fitness, coordination and overall well-being.

The programme runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm until 2:30pm at Athletes House, 502 Grey Street, Hamilton East.

For more information on the programme or to register for a session please contact David Klinkhamer 07 858 5388, 027 212 5496 or david@parafedwaikato.co.nz

The programme is sponsored by Life Unlimited. For more information on Life Unlimited and their range of services please see their website www.lifeunlimited.net.nz

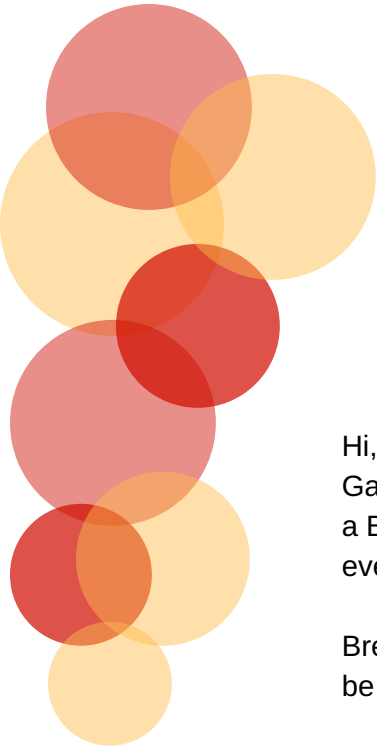


membership

If you are not already a member or to renew your membership please go to our website www.parafedwaikato.co.nz or email membership@parafedwaikato.co.nz for a form.

- Full Membership \$50
- Junior Membership \$30
- Social Membership \$15





introducing your JDG Team Manager

Hi, my name is Brenda and I will be the team leader for this years Halberg Junior Disability Games. I have a background in education, specialising in early childhood education and hold a Bachelor of Teaching. This is a new experience for me, so I look forward to meeting everyone.

Brenda got involved with Parafed Waikato through our Fitness Revolution programme and will be a great asset to the Junior Disability Games team.

The Halberg Junior Disability Games is a national three day sport competition for physically disabled and vision impaired young people (eight to 21 years). The Games are a unique event in New Zealand, athletes compete in regional teams and have the opportunity to enjoy the thrill of competition and healthy comradery. Participants experience an authentic Games village environment and or an opportunity to pursue a sporting goal.

This years Halberg Junior Disability Games will be held Friday 6th October - Sunday 8th October in Auckland.

More information can be found at www.facebook.com/Halbergjuniordisabilitygames/

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Get fit, learn skills, have fun



SPORT OPPORTUNITY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Do you want to:

- Learn a new sport
- Play sport after school
- Develop some new skills for sport
- Have fun and meet new people
- Learn from experienced coaches

WHAT: We provide an environment that will allow children and young people with a disability the opportunity to participate and develop skills in sport

WHEN: TUESDAY and THURSDAY 4PM-5PM

WHERE: Delivered around Hamilton city at various sport clubs

WHO FOR: All young people with a disability and their families

COST: Free



LIFE FIT PROGRAMME

Do you want to:

- Improve your health and fitness
- Start training with a group
- Lose weight
- Meet new people in a safe and fun environment

WHAT: LIFE FIT is a fitness, exercise and health programme

WHEN: MONDAY and WEDNESDAY 11AM-12PM

WHERE: Hamilton Old Boys Indoor Field, Richmond Street, Whitiara, Hamilton

WHO FOR: People with an intellectual disability and/or mental illness

COST: annual \$10 membership



Call 0800 008 011 for more information or email
info@lifeunlimited.net.nz



life unlimited

Sport Opportunity After School for young people with a disability



Life Unlimited is pleased to offer another Sport Opportunity initiative designed to provide sporting opportunities for children and young people with disabilities and their families.

By utilising clubs within the community, we will provide an environment that will allow children and young people with a disability the opportunity to participate and develop skills in **Basketball, Hockey and Ultimate Frisbee**.

All programmes start at 4pm and finish at 5pm

TUESDAYS



BASKETBALL

Dates: Tuesdays from 2 May - 4 July

Location: UniRec, University of Waikato, Gate 1, Knighton Rd, Hamilton

THURSDAYS



ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Dates: Tuesdays from 4 May - 1 June

Location: UniRec, University of Waikato, Gate 1, Knighton Rd, Hamilton

THURSDAYS



HOCKEY

Dates: Thursdays from 8 June - 6 July

Location: UniRec, University of Waikato, Gate 1, Knighton Rd, Hamilton

"Dwell less on the disability, but focus more on the possibility"

Maioro Barton, programme coordinator
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maiorob@lifeunlimited.net.nz



para-cycling

by Tiffiney Perry

The World Masters Games in April this year was an amazing event. It is only held every four years and it is the biggest multi sport event in the world. Bigger than the Olympics, and right on our doorstep in Auckland so I couldn't resist!

The Time Trial was a magic day racing along Auckland's waterfront. Fast flat smooth bitumen roads are a cyclists dream so I put on an all out effort with my discs and soaked it up. I was the only female handcyclist competing so lucky to get the gold medal but more importantly a good fast performance in an awesome atmosphere I averaged 30kph over 20km.

The Road Race was a week later in Clevedon, not so lucky with the weather this time – wind and rain and completely soaked I got but funnily enough I still loved it! Call me an addict, yep that's me.

The NZ Club Road Nationals was two weeks later – early May and this time I had another female to compete with, a kiwi girl who lives in Perth. Nice racing with her in the TT and I won by only 20 seconds on our not so smooth Cambridge roads. It was another great event though put on by Dynamo Events.

The RR was really cool this year with four of us handcyclists of around the same ability men and women working together for most of the ride and a sprint finish in the last kilometer which I am happy to say I won but it was pretty close between us all.



rotary charity dinner

by Viv Posselt

A delighted Cambridge Rotary president Dennis Finn described the May 19th event as a “fantastic success”. With the final tally still to be determined, he said the amount raised through ticket sales, the charity auction, raffles and pledges was likely to approach \$30,000. “That is far higher than we had anticipated. We had a great crowd who participated particularly well. The auction alone raised around \$17,500. It was a fantastic success.” The Cambridge Rotary Paralympic Charity Dinner attracted 240 guests to Mighty River Domain’s Don Rowland Centre.

Paralympic gold medallist Liam Malone took the podium as guest speaker. The 23-year-old para-athlete represented New Zealand in the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio de Janeiro, winning gold in the men’s 200 metres and 400 metres, and the silver medal in the men’s 100 metre events.

Both Paralympics NZ and Parafed Waikato gave presentations, as did Parafed Waikato’s David Klinkhamer. Fiona Allan, Paralympics New Zealand chief executive, said: “We would like to formally thank the Cambridge Rotary Club and their supporters for their generosity.” She described the fundraising event as a “wonderful effort” and said monies raised would assist Paralympians such as Liam compete on the world stage.

“It will also support the development of programmes designed to find the Paralympians of tomorrow, and locally enable physically disabled people into disability sports in the Waikato,” she added. Her appreciation was echoed by Parafed Waikato co-chair and former Paralympian, Tiffiney Perry, who said that raising funds to support the 100 plus people on their database was an ongoing focus for the organisation, and an event such as had been held by Cambridge Rotary was immensely helpful. “We do something like holding a casino night once a year, but it’s a lot of work. This has helped us tremendously.” “The Rotary dinner had such a great atmosphere ... there was such a good feeling there. All the proceeds coming to Parafed Waikato will go to supporting local people.”





powerchair football

by Peter van Vroonhoven

On Sunday May 28 2017 the Parafed Waikato Wasps Powerchair Football club again hosted the Activ8 Powerchair Football tournament. Supported by the team at Parafed Waikato along with a range of sponsors, the event was held at the Westpac Event Centre in Morrinsville. Enable NZ's Firstport brand was the naming rights partner.

Five teams from the Bay of Plenty, Auckland, North Auckland, Northland and of course Waikato fielded a total of 26 players. A round robin/points for against format was used to find the eventual winner. Congratulations to Northland for taking out the competition. Congratulations also to Waikato's Tyrone Cook for being awarded the Seating to Go Sportmanship award, BOP's Toby Lipinski for receiving the McLarens MVP award and North Auckland's Kupa Pulini for the Cubro Most Promising player trophy.

All five region's teams were made up of players with various degrees of experience. First time players were supported by players including some who have played for New Zealand's unofficial test team in the Ditch Cup in Australia. A particular highlight was the willingness of some players to join opposing teams to make up numbers. This was typical of the tone of the event; regional rivalry underpinned by a sense of community, cooperation and friendliness. A credit to all involved.

Feedback via Facebook and email has been overwhelmingly positive with the organisation and running of the event, the provision of food including a free barbeque and sponsor feedback all indicating a great experience and sets a high benchmark for 2018.

It was my pleasure to put the Firstport Activ8 2017 Powerchair Football Tournament together ably supported by my committee of Leigh Gleeson and Kelly Buchan.

Peter van Vroonhoven
Coordinator; Parafed Waikato Wasps Powerchair Football.
Organising Chair; Firstport Activ8 2017 Powerchair Football Tournament.





wheelchair rugby

by David Klinkhamer

Waikato undefeated in first round of WRC!

Over the weekend of the 13-14th May the DG SPORT Waikato Stampede took part in the first round of the WRC Competition in Tauranga. We won all of our games and had lots of fun.

There were some outstanding performances from our players especially Blair Whitaker, Robert Verner and Timothy Young.

Overall it was a great team effort and we look forward to the next round in Wellington on the 10th-11th June. Go Waikato!

Scores from Round 1:

Day 1

Waikato 60 - Hawkes Bay 37

Waikato 46 - Canterbury 43

Day 2

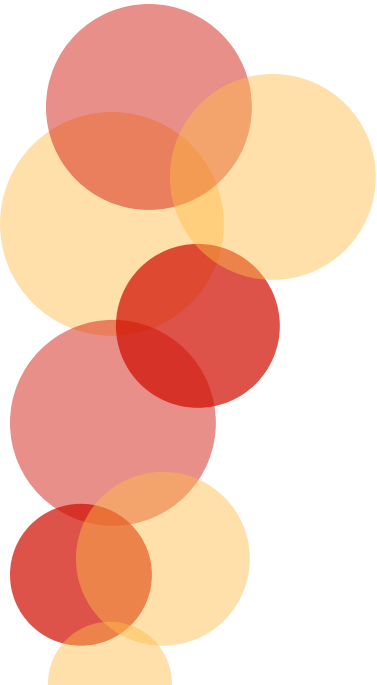
Waikato 50 - Manawatu 37

Waikato 65 - Bay of Plenty 33



Photo Credit: Eddie Brain





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FIRSTPORT

Explore. Discover. Live.

wheelchair tennis

by Dave Venter

Waikato Tennis is in full swing. We have regular Thursday hit outs throughout the year and we are looking at developing new players. For this reason, we have secured funding and would like to thank Halberg Disability Sport Foundation for allowing us to have some coaching sessions through the winter.

Similar funding has also been granted through Foundation North for Auckland and Pub Charity for Canterbury tennis. This will be advantageous for all of us going into the first tournament of the 2017 Summer season being the Parafed Waikato Activ8 Tournament in the first weekend in September.

The first coaching session will be on 17 June 2017 at the Lugton Tennis Centre for Waikato. All are welcome.





lawn bowls

by Sue Curran

BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED WORLD LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS –CAPE TOWN : SOUTH AFRICA

We left NZ on March 13th to head to Cape Town and now - this wonderful tournament is over for another four years. Many friendships were renewed and many new friendships formed by all of us. The venue “Western Province Cricket Club”, Newlands, Cape Town was a wonderful venue. Four lovely manicured grass greens running at around 13 seconds so slower to what we have here. We had gone prepared for plenty of practice time though and were invited to visit three other bowling greens around Cape Town which we did.

The Opening Ceremony was held on Sunday afternoon 19th March with all teams marching on to the ‘A’ green. Very colourful. The NZ Blind Jacks, on more than one occasion was complimented on their uniform. The black and the white always stands out. Backtracking slightly - “Lions International” are the senior sponsors of this great tournament. We were all proud to wear their logo on our shirts along with NZ Blind Sport. (Funding did fall short of the target but it did not dampen the team spirit in any way)

On the Tuesday 21st, the temperatures rose to ridiculous levels and during the afternoon, it was predicted that they were in the very high 30’s, closer to 40 degrees. All play was suspended for a couple of hours due to the heat. When they resumed play, all games were reduced to the minimum requirements of : Pairs 8 ends and Singles first to 15 shots. This was disappointing for many of us as there was plenty of daylight hours left for us to all have completed the games in full. That was the decision made and we had to accept that.

Continued below...



lawn bowls

by Sue Curran

MEDAL WINNERS FOR THE NEW ZEALAND BLIND JACKS

Silver Medal David Monk (Kath Monk) Men's B1 Singles

Silver Medal David Stallard / Sue Curran B3 Mixed Pairs (Peter Blick / Ann Muir)

Singles Placings for the Team were :

B1 - David Monk (Tauranga) 2nd

B2 – Glenn Hanneman (Auckland) 6th

B3 - David Stallard (Auckland) 4th

B3 - Sue Curran (Hamilton) 4th

B4 – James Dunn (Paeroa) 4th

Friday morning 31st saw all the NZ Blind Jacks depart from Cape Town on the long journey home. A great journey for us all and many memories to hold on to. Thank you to all who have sent messages to the team. It has been great to get home support and there was plenty of it.

I can now officially confirm that my playing partner David Stallard from Auckland, along with our two directors Peter Blick (Auckland) & Ann Muir (Whangarei) and myself (Sue Curran from Hamilton) have been selected (by Bowls New Zealand Selectors Sharon Sims & Peter Belliss) as part of the NZ Black Jacks squad to compete in a Trans Tasman Clash on the Gold Coast (Broadbeach) at the end of May followed by an Eight Nations Clash immediately after and also at Broadbeach on the Gold Coast, Australia. The Teams competing in the Eight Nations are : Australia (2), Scotland, England, Canada, Malaysia, Hong Kong & New Zealand.

This will take place from 27th May to 7th June.





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