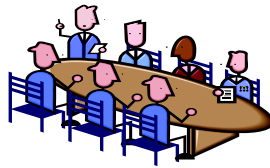


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From the Chair

Welcome to 2010.

I hope everyone enjoyed our First Special Olympic Ball in November and we intend to make an Annual Event on our busy calendar, but over the last 4 years it had culminated to the National Games at Palmerston North early December. A number of Athletes and Coaches had never been to a National Games before and the feedback I got was that everyone really enjoyed themselves and would strive to be involved again.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and we will soon get back right into it. We are now after more parent and straight volunteering to help make Special Olympics Whangarei a force to be reckoned with against the other New Zealand groups, so if you know of anyone who is available let any of the committee members know about it so it can be followed up.

Looking forward to see you all

ANDREW LANGFORD.

Chairperson/Coordinator

How we went at the Nationals

10 Gold, 8 Silver, 18 Bronze plus other placings.

Athletics: Pixie Baker 1 Gold – 2 Bronze

Athol Tipene 1 Gold – 1 Bronze

Ian Benney 1 Bronze – 6th

Shane Williams 1 Silver – 2 Bronze

Tim Watson 4th – 5th

Relay: Athol,Ian,Shane,Tim Silver.

Aquatics: Rae Alexander 2 Bronze

Raymond Allsopp 2 Bronze

Stephen Dykzeul Silver - 5th – 6th

Kerry Deeming Gold – 2 x 4th

Steve Blagrove Gold – Bronze – 5th

Melanie Baker Gold – 2 Silver

Arfon Davies Gold – Silver – Bronze

Stephen Day Gold – 2 Bronze

Brinsley Sheridan Gold – Silver

Relay Teams: A Team GOLD B Team Bronze

Basketball: Team Division 4 : GOLD

Skills Bronze

Indoor Bowls: Team Fours – 6th

Tenpin: Division 4. 4th Place Division 5. Bronze

Doubles: 1 Silver, 1 Bronze, 1 X 4th 1 X 6th

Next Committee Meeting

6.30pm Monday 8th February @ Kamo Club

Thanks continued

CD's & DVD's.

National Games 09:

I hope you have enjoyed looking at these. Rachael did a great job getting all these out to you.

Ball @ Forum North.

Rachael also has some great shots taken at the Ball. Should you wish to see these let her know. Rachael..... 435 4343

ABOUT the BALL

What a great night – The Band

The Food & Drink

The Dancing

& all those that came, even from Dargaville had a GREAT TIME.

YES we will do it again in 2010.

Thanks to Mark for all his organizing.

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HELP WANTED URGENTLY:

FUNDRAISER & EVENT CO-ORDINATOR

IN 4 YEARS TIME : 2013

The next Summer Games will be 2013 at Dunedin....Dates & Venues are yet to be arranged. Training must begin now to get us the best possible team attending these games, so start NOW IF YOU WANT TO be there.

Ribbon Days are ready to begin.

Athletics: Waitakere 21st February

Whangarei 13th March

TBA Howick/Pakuranga 24th April

Tenpin: Auckland TBA 11th April

Basketball: Whangarei 22nd May

VOLUNTEERS: for Driving the Van, Help with coaching, Any of 6 sports We have Football starting this year Help @ Ribbon Days. Timekeepers, etc.