

Eagles Do It Again

Another year goes by and yet another huge donation from the Eagles Golfing Society to the Halberg Trust. After a record breaking year in 2009, it was always going to be tough to beat their biggest donation ever, but despite a global recession, the first Christchurch earthquake and an overall decrease in donation spending, the Eagles still managed a sizeable 6 figure sum of \$143,555.64.

Halberg Trust founder Sir Murray Halberg is in awe of the ability of the Eagles to consistently come up with the sums of money they have since they became involved with the Trust in 1969. Sir Murray says the Eagles are the backbone on which the Trust has built itself for well over 40 years and he believes without their support it wouldn't be as strong as it is today.

These sentiments are echoed by Halberg Trust Chairman Mike Jeffcoat, who continues to be amazed by the legions of volunteers who organise and run the various tournaments around the country and adds that for him, Eagles days are when he enjoys his golf the most.

"It is almost impossible to put into words the benefits of their support by helping us remove the barriers to enable disabled youngsters the opportunity to play sport alongside their mates".

The Eagles Golfing Society has partnered with the Halberg Trust since 1969 when legendary American Olympic Champion, Jesse Owens was guest speaker at our annual 'Sportsman of the Year' Dinner.

It took the vision of former Halberg Trustee and NZ Eagles President, Leo Hendrey to arrange a charity golf day where the business leaders of the day paid to play in a tournament with Jesse Owens.

The Eagles fund the Halberg Trust's Activity Grants which support the inclusion of young disabled people to participate in the sport and active leisure of their choice within their communities through the Fund which provides substantial grants towards equipment and lessons.

The grants target the additional costs incurred as a result of a disability which not only allows the opportunity for the child to participate with their peers, but more importantly enhances their quality of life and provides them with the sense of enjoyment that we all experience every time we play sport. Quite simply it's about inclusion and being able to participate alongside their able-bodied friends and family.

Sir Murray Halberg says "Every New Zealander has the right to participate in the sport or active leisure pursuit of their choice - there should be no exceptions!

THANK YOU EAGLES...from the team at Halberg, and all the kids and families that you have impacted with your tireless efforts, it is greatly appreciated!



Eagles Golfing Society President Clarry Tibbitts and National Secretary Peter Brownie present the cheque to Trust Founder Sir Murray Halberg and CEO Steve Hall at this year's Westpac Halberg Awards

CEO Update

The last few months have been both a busy and important period for Halberg Trust.

There is always a lot going on at the start of the year preparing for the annual Westpac Halberg Awards, and this year was no different. Organising the Westpac Halberg Awards is a sizable undertaking, and at the helm for the 14th and final time was Julie Ryan. Julie is a true stalwart of the Trust and has seen 'the dinner' grow and evolve considerably. This year's Awards were a superb event, from which we have received wonderful feedback. Particularly pleasing was the strength of the Trust's 'Disability and Sport' message, a key aspect on which we also received great feedback. For Julie to go out on such a high as this year's event is a testament to her drive and professionalism. And as for the aftermath... it showed just how passionate Kiwis are about sport and the Westpac Halberg Awards! Our thanks go to all involved with the Awards, including the members of the Voting Academy and our sponsors, particularly Westpac and SPARC, and our congratulations to all finalists and winners.



Another important development in this period has been the completion of the Clarification project. This eight month project was to review and clarify our disability and sport objectives, and to clarify who we will serve. The consultation phase had a remarkable response rate from stakeholders - showing just how many people care about the future of the Trust and the work we do. Much of 2011 will be spent developing a strategy for how to implement the Clarification decision which was made by the Board in February.

Also in February was the Eagles Golfing Society's National Convention, held in Cromwell. It was the pleasure of Founder Sir Murray Halberg, Chairman Mike Jeffcoat and I to be able to attend various parts of the convention and show our thanks to Eagles for their important and long-standing support.

The impact of the Christchurch earthquake was also felt by Halberg Trust - as we had been planning to host the International Symposium on Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA) at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Christchurch in July this year. Although we found a potential replacement venue in Auckland, we ultimately made the decision not to continue with hosting ISAPA in NZ. This was a tough decision as many years work had been done in preparation. The good news is that ISAPA will be hosted, and our programme will be run, by an organisation in Paris in July.

As summer begins to fade we look forward to some new faces joining the office, and a busy winter enabling disabled people to participate in sport and recreation.

Steve Hall

A Great Day for Golf in the Capital

Former All Black Christian Cullen and his team showed how it was done in winning the recent Westpac Halberg Golf Day at the Boulcott Farm course near Wellington recently.

Over \$16,000 was raised on the day and Halberg Trust Wellington Trustee Roger Brennand was delighted with how the event ran. Nearly 140 golfers enjoyed the day and got the chance to play alongside many celebrities including Cullen, All Whites and Phoenix Coach Ricki Herbert, two of his Phoenix players Tony Lochhead and Paul Ifill, Silver Fern Katrina Grant, Softball great Mark Sorenson and golfer Gareth Paddison.

The tournament was run by Westpac's Matthew Wenlock with assistance from the Wellington Halberg Trustees.



Halberg Trustee Roger Brennand accepts the donation cheque from the golf day from tournament organiser Matthew Wenlock

Disabled Sailors... Have a Go!

Sir Murray Halberg's belief that "Every New Zealander, no matter what their ability, has the right to participate in the sport or active recreation in pursuit of their choice aligns well with Sir Peter Blake's idea and desire that all children should have an opportunity to experience the thrills and spills of sailing. Halberg Trust and Yachting NZ have teamed up to make this happen.

In term one, disabled students from the Taranaki and Wellington regions have had the opportunity to experience sailing via the Yachting NZ Sailing... Have a Go schools programme with two day sessions in each region.

The Halberg Trust Activity Funding supported schools by covering the cost for more than thirty disabled students to participate in the YNZ Sailing... Have a Go programme.

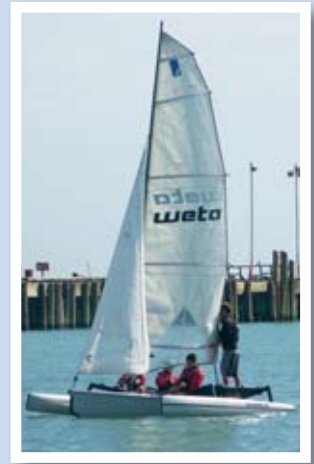
Craig Ryburn, YNZ Sailing...Have a Go instructor ensured that all students gained water confidence, sailed optimists dinghies independently or as a pair, as well as offering a shared experience on the WETA trimaran, which has been designed especially for disabled people wanting to experience sailing at its best.

Trish Tennant from Paremata School thanks the instructor and the club volunteers, "who were brilliant" Trish says "please, please do it again, it was great. Two parents are following up about further yachting".

Yachting clubs supported Craig by providing use of their club facilities, a coach boat and volunteers. Volunteers were representatives of the Heretaunga Boating Club, a dual representation of Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club and Sailability Wellington, the Taranaki region was represented by volunteers of the New Plymouth Yachting Club.

Halberg Sport Opportunity Central Region Manager Jo O'Callaghan is extremely grateful to the yachting club volunteers for donating their time, and wishes to acknowledge the Eagles Golfing Society for their ongoing fundraising efforts which allow the Activity Fund to directly benefit our disabled youth's participation in opportunities such as the YNZ Have a Go...Sailing programme.

For further information on linking disabled students into the Yachting NZ Have a Go...Sailing programme, please contact: Jo O'Callaghan, 027 433 9404, alternatively email: jo@halberg.co.nz.



Halberg Summer of Cricket

Westpac Help Make Waitakere Cricket Day a Success

After a false start due to a weather delay, 20 primary and intermediate disabled children got to experience the great game of cricket with a view to playing regularly next season. Halberg Trust, with the assistance of the Waitakere Cricket Club, Auckland Cricket and 15 enthusiastic Westpac staff provided first class skills sessions to the children in the basics of the game - batting, bowling and fielding.

Moving around various stations which were run by qualified coaches, the children learnt the skills and then put them into practice with matches between their chosen world cup team they were representing.

Halberg Trust Sport Opportunity Adviser Chris Smith says the day gave the children an introduction to the game of cricket and the Waitakere Club is hopeful that many of them will continue to play the game on a regular basis by taking part in their inclusive Milo Kiwi Cricket programme next summer. He adds, parents will also have a chance to get involved and support the programme, by attending the Kiwi Cricket coaching course which is being delivered by Auckland Cricket in the spring.

Parnell Skills Day

The Parnell Cricket Club is hoping a skills day, held in February will lead to more disabled children playing cricket next summer. In association with the Halberg Trust, the club hosted the skills day for 65 young people aged between 9 and 18 to entice them into playing cricket next summer.

Children and youth from Somerville Special School along with their satellite classes from Edgewater College, Sylvia Park Intermediate, Tamaki Intermediate and River Hills Primary participated in the day whilst Homai National School for the Blind and Vision Impaired along with its satellite class from James Cook School also attended.

The day started off with coaches from both Auckland Cricket and Parnell Cricket Club delivering separate skills sessions in batting, bowling and fielding, with the students putting these skills into practice during a series of Kiwi Cricket matches between the teams in the afternoon. The Royal Foundation of the Blind delivered sessions on the fundamentals of Blind Cricket to students from Homai and James Cook Schools. Brian Windler from Waitakere Cricket Club delivered table cricket for the students.

The day was very well supported by a group of passionate cricket players from Saint Kentigern School, who have previously worked with the Halberg Trust in hosting last year's Sports Ability tournament.



Chris Woods from the UK doing work experience with Auckland Cricket

Westpac Halberg Awards 2010

It was All White on the Night

Stunning on-field performances against some of the world's best exponents of the "beautiful game," saw an almost clean sweep for the New Zealand All Whites at the 2010 Westpac Halberg Awards.

SkyCity in Auckland was lit up in February at the glittering gala evening to celebrate New Zealand's sporting success throughout 2010. Whilst some pundits thought the All Whites might do okay in the awards, not many thought they would come away with the big prize on the night, "The Supreme Halberg Award."

Without going into the subsequent debate following the awards, the judging panel, including 28 former sportspeople, journalists and broadcasters, decided that an unbeaten run in the world's premier football tournament, the FIFA World Cup, was indeed enough to give them not only the Team of the Year gong, but also the overall Halberg Award. Other finalists in the Team of the Year were the Kiwi Rugby League team, the Silver Fern netball team and the rowing pair of Murray and Bond and All Blacks.

Draws against Slovakia, Paraguay and then 'World Champions' Italy was indeed a remarkable effort for the All Whites and their Halberg Coach of the Year Ricki Herbert. Herbert held off strong challenges from All Black boss Graham Henry, Kiwi Rugby League coach Steven Kearney and Sevens supremo Gordon Tietjens to lead the football charge on the night.

To complete the football triumvirate, Winston Reid's last gasp equalizing goal versus Slovakia was voted as the first ever winner of New Zealand's Favourite Sporting Moment, brought to you by SPARC. Over 10,000 New Zealander's voted in the inaugural award and Halberg Trust CEO, Steve Hall says it brought the public closer to the awards, letting them have their say.

Reid's goal held off challenges from Adam Hall's remarkable gold medal performance at the Vancouver Paralympics, Brendon McCullum's stunning 20/20 century against Australia, the All Blacks last gasp victory against South Africa in Soweto, Eric Murray & Hamish Bond's epic win in the World Championships at Lake Karapiro, Nikki Hamblin's sprint to secure silver at the Delhi Commonwealth Games, the Silver Ferns amazing double overtime victory over their greatest rivals for Gold in Delhi and the Kiwi's heart pumping Tri Nations win over the Kangaroo's in Brisbane.

Steve Hall says, "This award has really captured the imagination of the New Zealand public and it's likely to be even bigger and better in 2011."

Despite a mixed 2010, Valerie Adams continued her stranglehold on the Sportswoman of the



Winston Reid's last gasp equalizer against Slovakia which proved the most popular among the 8 finalists for New Zealand's Favourite Sporting Moment.

Year Award and held off challenges from some top performers, including 3 other Gold medal winners and a silver medallist from the Delhi Commonwealth Games, Netballer Casey Williams, Squash player Joelle King, Cyclist Alison Shanks, all winning gold, whilst middle distance runner Nikki Hamblin made the finals list for her 2 stunning silver medal efforts in Delhi.

A nearly perfect record wasn't quite enough for the All Blacks who finished behind the All Whites in the Team of the Year award, but it proved enough for skipper Richie McCaw to pip his All Whites counterpart, Ryan Nelsen, Kiwi skipper Benji Marshall and Snow Sport guru Jossi Wells for the Sportsman of the Year award.

Emotions ran high in the auditorium for the presentation of 2 very special awards on the night. New Zealand's Mr Softball Mark Sorenson read a heart warming resume for Lifetime Achievement Award winners, Eric and Ellen Kohlhase, having been stalwarts at Auckland's Marist club for over 50 years. It was also an emotional acceptance speech for SPARC's leadership Award recipient. Winner Jock Hobbs was unable to attend on the night as he recovers from cancer and his two daughters Penny and Emily accepted it on his behalf.

Two further Kiwi greats were also inducted into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame - running legend Bill Baillie and All Black great Michael Jones. Another sportsperson aiming to make the Hall of Fame one day is young swimmer Gareth Kean. The Wellington based backstroker walked away from the night \$15,000 richer after winning the Westpac Emerging Talent Award. Kean held off strong challenges from Crusader and New Zealand Rugby Under 20 captain Tyler Bleyendaal, rower Julia Edward and this country's latest shot put prodigy Jacko Gill.



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A Week on the Farm

It was a break from the big city for 13 year old Will, as he spent a week on a farm in the Waitomo District thanks to assistance from the Halberg Trust's Activity Fund.

Will, a 13 year old Year 8 boy from a mainstream Auckland school enjoyed full participation at his school camp in rural surroundings. The Year 8 students were each billeted on a local farm and spent their time engaging in farm activities with their host or out and about experiencing other rural activities with their class.

Will's autism makes changes in routine challenging and he becomes anxious about trying new activities, whilst also having an effect on his balance. These issues impact his ability to participate physically and socially with his peers and without support and encouragement he can easily become a spectator rather than a participant.

Although he had been on school camps previously with partial teacher aide or parent support, on this camp much of the time would be spent with unfamiliar people in a new environment. The Halberg funding meant Will's life coach Tim could accompany the class and support him where necessary.

Each student was given 2 goals to achieve whilst away:

- **Social Goal - Fit in to family life with host family**

Settling in with a host family that had no experience with autism would have been a struggle without Tim's support. The new routines and unfamiliar environment at the host family farm were initially unsettling and Tim helped Will with orientation to the new family and routines.

- **Activity Goal - Develop confidence to participate in and complete new**



Will on the farm

outdoor activities for the first time

Will participated in every activity (all new) that was offered to him: bushwalking, riding a quad bike, dagging, feeding farm animals, fencing, sheep shearing, collecting chicken eggs, milking a cow, brushing and cleaning a horse. Following initial encouragement and reassurance, Will gradually became more confident as the week progressed and his successes grew.

Will's Mum Julia says "If success is measured by repeat invitations, this week was very successful as Will has already been invited back to the farm.

An Overseas Perspective of Disability Sport

by National Manager, Nicki Turner

During the latter part of 2010 Halberg Trust undertook a significant project to clarify and align our aims and objectives, who we serve, and key philosophies. As part of this project I spent October overseas visiting a large number of sport and disability organisations in the UK, Finland and Canada.

The trip started in Ireland where I met Niamh Daff and Pat Flanagan from CARA National Adapted Physical Activity Centre which is based at the Tralee Institute of Technology. One of their key focus areas is to facilitate and advocate for the inclusion of disabled people in sport, physical activity and physical education through their Degree students. We are both small countries and there are some similarities in the way we work. They have 17 CARA Development Officers based in the Counties - like our Sport Opportunity Advisers. They currently work with 250 disabled people a year through the Institute's programmes, and 4,000 disabled people in the Counties.

I was then off to the beautiful north for a meeting with Gavin MacLeod CEO of Scottish Disability Sport. SDS is the Scottish governing and co-coordinating body of all sports for people of all ages and abilities. Their brief is enormous and provided me with an understanding of what it might take to coordinate and finance such a broad scope of work.

Down to Loughborough next, to spend time with a long standing friend and colleague of Halberg Trust, Ken Black. Four hours with a tape recorder, because this man has so much knowledge and so many ideas, it was invigorating. He introduced me to several people from the English Federation of Disability Sport (EFDS) including Chris Ratcliffe, their Director of Innovation and Development who is coming down to NZ in May so we will continue our discussions very soon.

Next stop was Helsinki, what a lovely city and a little bit of snow for our first night. I spent a very full day in various meetings with the staff of the Finnish Sports Association of Persons with Disabilities (VAC). Aija Saari, their Manager of Youth Sports and Development coordinated a number of presentations for me, thankfully all in English! The Government established VAC three years ago and funded 50% of the salaries of Disability Sport Instructors in Adapted Physical Activity (APA) to be employed by their 15 Municipalities. Today there are 90 Disability Sport Instructors working across a country not a lot bigger than NZ.

To the home of my forefathers, those who can really sing and love their rugby too - Wales of course. Jon Morgan and his team at Disability Sport Wales (DSW) are very highly regarded across the UK and I was really looking forward to our meeting. DSW is a pan-disability sport organisation which aims to provide and promote quality sporting and physical activity opportunities for disabled people within Wales. Disability Sport Wales comprises National Disability Sports Organisations (NDSOs) and sports specific organisations and is based at the Welsh Institute of Sport in Cardiff. I think there is much for Halberg and DSW to share and learn and will meet with Jon again in July. I did manage to fit in a 'Jon Morgan' tour of Cardiff Arms Park (well actually the New Millennium Stadium, Jon's father was President of the Welsh Rugby Union for a long time) and a trip down the 'Big Pit' coal mine where I think my grandfather was explosions manager.

Back on the big bird and two stops to go, the first a very quick trip into Toronto to see two quite different organisations. The first, the Variety Village, part of the 'Variety Club', an international organisation that many of us are familiar with. Originally they were a residential facility for physically disabled young people, but now they run a substantial facility with a full range of programmes. The second was the Toronto Sport Accessible Council, a very new organisation just setting out on its journey.

Last but by no means least, was a visit to the Steadward Centre, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation, Alberta University, Edmonton, Canada. The Steadward Centre's work involves research-based physical activity and sport programmes for children, youth and adults with disabilities. Fifty percent of the Centre's funding is from the provincial government of Alberta. The university provides in-kind support e.g. sports facilities, offices, IT, professional services, marketing etc. I had a very informative day with Karen Slater and must admit to being quite envious of their set up and facilities.

Home time, with a head full of ideas, a much expanded list of colleagues to stay in touch with, and hopefully to visit again. Oh and of course, plenty of work to do!



Nicki holds court at the media centre at Wales Millennium Stadium



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New Boccia Club for Hawkes Bay

With the help of a former World Champion, the sport of Boccia has received a boost for the Hawkes Bay region. Sarah de la Hoye, New Zealand's 2006 World Champion Boccia player, has provided the impetus to get regular competition going in the Bay. Having already established clubs in Christchurch and Palmerston North she came with plenty of experience. Sarah visited the facility recently and gave it the thumbs up and looks forward to having two Boccia courts there every Tuesday night from May - August. Boccia has been introduced with good success by Sport Hawkes Bay Sport Opportunity Adviser Mike Goodacre to a number of different groups including Brain Injury HB, Multiple Sclerosis HB, Work and Life Skills at EIT and the Paul Hunter Centre in CHB - but the arrival of Sarah with her New Zealand expertise has added a fresh impetus and she has the knowledge and enthusiasm that we need to get the sport started here in the Bay.



Sarah De la Hoye is joined by Mike Goodacre, Sport Opportunity Adviser, Sport HB and Phil Young, Facilities Manager at the Taradale Club.

Competition will start on Tuesday 3 May at 6.00 p.m. at the Taradale Club, Wharerangi Road. For more information please contact Mike Goodacre at Sport Hawke's Bay Ph: 845.9336 / ext 773 or Cell 027 319 8232



Around the Traps

Yet another gorgeous Hawkes Bay day greeted over 30 disabled bowlers for a roll up at the Taradale Bowling Club in Napier recently.

Hawkes Bay Sport Opportunity Adviser Mike Goodacre (a decent bowler himself) says 5 club members helped on the day with coaching, while the rest enjoyed a good game of bowls.

Mike says bowls is becoming a popular sport among the disabled community as it gives players the opportunity to play on a level playing field with their able bodied friends and colleagues.

Chris Galbraith gets some handy pointers in delivering a good bowl.

Relay for Life - Dunedin

About 30 young disabled people took part in February's Relay-for-Life in Dunedin. They joined forces with nearly 100 other teams and helped raise over \$200,000 for the Otago-Southland Cancer Society. Sport Otago Sport Opportunity Adviser Bridget Meyer says the Halberg Trust team relied heavily on the support of the local Westpac staff who assisted each of the competitors on the day. Sophie MacLean, who has Spina Bifida, has been involved with the Trust for about 3 years and took part in her first Relay-for-Life. Sophie also takes part in skiing and outdoor education programmes organised by the Trust and participates in an "all abilities" basketball league.