

Canterbury Chatter



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TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

February and March have passed in a blur of championship events and now we are a week away from the first winter inter-club.

At the beginning of February four athletes competed at the National Combined Events Championships.

Alex Mander and Louise Richards took silver medals in the Junior Men Decathlon and Youth Women Heptathlon while Jack Henry was third in the Senior Mens Decathlon. Alex was on target to win until during his pole vault warm up he sustained an injury.

Both Jack and Alex have been selected in National teams which are listed further on in this newsletter. Jack also competed at the Aussie Champs and went close to breaking the 7000 pts mark in the decathlon.

During March every weekend hosted a championship event of some sort as follows:

Week 1—National Track and Field Champs

Week 2—Canterbury Childrens Champs

Week 3—Canterbury and Aoraki Secondary School Champs (plus Grade 7-11 vs Tasman meeting)

Week 4—South Island Secondary School Champs

The National Track and Field team returned with a medal haul of 26 gold, 22 silver and 15 bronze medals to finish second on the medal table behind Auckland.

Personal highlight for me as manager of the team was watching our athletes win 5 out of 6 of the 800m finals. Ari Graham was first taking out the Youth Women then Tom Moulai ran a fantastic race to take out the Youth Men despite having come into the championships with a niggling injury. Josh Browne won the Junior Men's race and then Angie Petty and Brad Mathas won the Senior titles.

A full list of medal winners is included in this newsletter and we should see many of these athletes honoured at our upcoming Sports Awards—put Friday 15th May in your diary!

After the National Championships a number of athletes travelled to Aussie to compete in their champs—for us the highlight would have to be James Sandilands setting a National Hurdles record.

So with snow on the Port Hills this morning, we leave behind the summer season and move towards winter—time to track down the gloves and gumboots I think!

Special points of interest:

- UPCOMING SPORTS AWARDS!!!
 - 15TH MAY

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Sport Canterbury Sports Awards

Last newsletter we were congratulating our finalists at the Sport Canterbury Sports Awards. This issue we congratulate the winners!

Congratulations to Rosa Flanagan and the International Track Meet who won the Junior Sportswoman and Event of the Year categories!!



Leading up to . . .

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Daniel Balchin on way to Senior Men Steeplechase title

**5 OUT OF 6
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WON BY
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Photo finish in Youth Women 300 Hurdles

National Track and Field Medals

Gold

Kelsey Berryman—SW 100
Angie Petty—SW 800
Mackenzie Keenan—SW 400 Hurdles
Rosa Flanagan—SW Steeplechase
Courtney Ruske—SW Walks (Road and Track)
Gabby Gray—JW 5000
Mairi Law—JW Steeplechase
Lauren Bruce—JW Discus and Hammer
Ari Graham—YW 800m
Georgia Freeman—YW 300 Hurdles
Larissa McKewen—YW Discus
Brad Mathas—SM 800m
Daniel Balchin—SM Steeplechase
Tom Walsh—SM Shot Put
Josh Brown—JM 800m
James Sandilands—JM 110 Hurdles
Jonathon Lord—JM Walks (Track and Road)
Tom Moulai—YM 800m
Ben Collerton—YM High Jump
Julian Bethell— Para Men Shot and Discus
Youth Women 4x400
Jessie Anderson, Harriet Bush, Lily Trotter, Ari Graham
Junior Men 4x100
Jarvis Hansen, Jacob Matson, Tom Gill, James Sandilands

Silver

Lauren Bruce—SW Hammer
Rozie Robinson—SW Walks (Road and Track)
Gabby Gray—JW 1500m

Jessie Anderson—YW 800m
Ari Graham—YW 1500m
Harriet Bush—YW Steeplechase and 3000
Rebecca Gillett—YW 300 Hurdles and Triple Jump
Eva Rewriri—YW Pole Vault
Christina Ryan—YW Discus
Caitlin Dore—Para Women Shot, Discus and Javelin
Jack Henry—SM 110 Hurdles
Jacob Matson—JM 100
Cameron Avery—JM 1500 and Steeplechase
Ben Collerton—YM 110 Hurdles and Long Jump

Bronze

Rosa Flanagan—SW 1500m
Margot Gibson—SW 5000m
Kelsey Berryman—SW 100 Hurdles
Lauren Beckett—SW Pole Vault
Lauren Bruce—SW Discus
Rosie Elliott—JW 200m
Anna Percy—JW 100 Hurdles
Rosie Elliott—JW High Jump
Celena Music—JW Triple Jump
Scarlett Norton—YW Pole Vault
Caitlin Bonne—YW Javelin
Hayden Hall—SM Javelin
Matt Prest—JM 5000m
Tom Maslin—JM Triple Jump
Jarvis Hansen—YM 100m
Fergus Eglesfield—YM 1500m
Youth Women 4x100
Georgia Freeman, Louise Richards, Rebecca Gillett, Summer Rutherford



Brad Mathas just pipped by Andrew Wheating (USA) but takes NZ title

NZ Teams

A number of National teams were named at the end of the track season. Canterbury is represented by athletes in most of these.

World Champs

Tom Walsh (Shot Put)

Rosa Flanagan (Steeplechase)

(More athletes to be named at a later date)

World University Games

Angie Petty (800 and 1500)

Brad Mathas (800)

Daniel Balchin (5000)

Jack Henry (Decathlon)

Kelsey Berryman (100m)

Rosa Flanagan (Steeplechase and 1500)

Oceania Champs

Ben Collerton (Youth Octathlon)

Jarvis Hansen (Youth 100 and 200)

William Stedman (Para 200, 400, Long Jump)

Caitlin Dore (Para Javelin, Shot, Discus)

Fiona Morrison (Senior 100, 200 and 100 Hurdles)

Alex Mander (Senior Pole Vault and Decathlon)

Matt Dryden (Senior 10000)

Team Coach: Jonathan Black

Good luck to all athletes. We look forward to following your results over the winter months.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL ATHLETES IN NZ TEAMS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO FOLLOWING YOUR RESULTS OVER THE WINTER MONTHS!

William Stedman

William is an athlete who has caught everyone by surprise this summer with his improvement in the 100, 200, 400 and Long Jump.

He has improved so much he is a possibility for the World Para Champs!

Winter athletes may know William as he often ran last winter in events.

However this summer under the guidance of coach George Edwards he has really found his event niche.

He has broken the National record in Long Jump for his classification regularly over

the later half of the season.

Unfortunately he was unable to travel to Wellington for the National Champs . . . because he was competing at the IPC Athletics Grand Prix meet in Queensland the same weekend. Here he continued to set new personal bests in all his events.

William has now been selected in the NZ Oceania team to compete in Cairns in early May.

We wish William all the best and look forward to seeing his continued improvement!



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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

7th February	Mackenzie Keenan	COBU	400 Hurdles	Alex Mander	PTOC	Multiple events
14th February	Louise Richards	PHOX	National YW Heptathlon	Jack Henry	COBU	National SM Decathlon
21st February (am)	Angie Petty	CANU	800m	Sam Moulson	COBU	100m
21st February (pm)	Ari Graham	PTOC	800m	Matt Prest	CHAV	5000m
22nd February	Rosie Elliott	PHOX	100m	Tannock Blair	CHAV	800m
28th February	William Stedman	PRHL	Long Jump			

MAY 2015

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2 Lionel Fox Relay	3
4 Children's Com Mtg	5 CC&R Com Mtg	6	7 Exec Mtg SS Road Champs	8	9 Childrens Forest Relay	10
11	12	13	14	15 Annual Awards Dinner	16 Jane Paterson Cross Country	17 Teenage Sunday Run
18	19	20	21 T&F Com Mtg	22	23	24
25	26 SS Cross Country Champs	27	28	29	30	31 Canterbury Marathon Champs

Please note committee meeting dates could be changed depending on availability of committee members and how dates fall during the month



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You can keep up to date with what we are up via a number of different avenues!

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We want to get this newsletter to every person with an interest in our sport so please feel free to forward it on to your networks!



Track Update

Another step closer . . .

On March 12th council endorsed plans to build a multimillion-dollar sports hub at the Nga Puna Wai Reserve!

With an athletics track planned as the central part of this hub, things are looking more promising that we will again have an all weather fa-

cility in Christchurch in the next few years.

I say next few years because no definite time lines have been publicized however all going well it is believed we could (but don't get too excited until we see timelines) be on a new track in the 2016/2017 season. Full facilities

(grandstand etc) will follow that.

Again huge thanks must go to Alan Tucker, Trevor Spittle and John McBrearty for their ongoing work towards ensuring we regain an international facility.



Congratulations to our Grade 12 and 13 Team! At Easter they won the National Interprovincial Teams Competition.

The last time the team won was in 2010 and 2011 after a previous 10 year hiatus. Great we didn't have to wait another 10 years!!!

Congratulations to all 44 team members and 8 managers!