



## FINALISTS

[NOTE - ALL FINALISTS LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER]

### SENIOR SPORTSPERSON – FINALISTS x5

#### **Jimmy Cowan – Rugby**

*Nominated by Rugby Southland*

- International:
  - All Blacks 2006
    - June 10<sup>th</sup> vs. Ireland (Hamilton). 34-23 won (substitute)
    - July 22<sup>nd</sup> vs. South Africa (Wellington) 35-17 won (substitute)
    - July 29<sup>th</sup> vs. Australia (Brisbane) 13-9 won (substitute)
    - Aug 26<sup>th</sup> vs. South Africa (Pretoria) 45-26 won (substitute)
    - Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> vs. South Africa ( Rustenburg) 20-21 lost (starting line-up)
- National:
  - Otago Highlanders Super 14 team 2006
  - Southland Stags 2006 (Quarter finals Air NZ Cup)
- Caps
  - Tests (9)
  - Super 14 caps (31)
  - Provincial (70)

#### **Clarke Dermody - Rugby**

*Nominated by Rugby Southland*

- International:
  - All Blacks 2006
    - June 10<sup>th</sup> vs. Ireland (Hamilton) 34-23 won (starting line-up)
    - June 17<sup>th</sup> vs. Ireland (Auckland) 27-17 won (starting line-up) scored test try
    - Nov 6<sup>th</sup> vs. England (London) 41-40 won (substitute)
- National:
  - Otago Highlanders Super 14 team 2006
  - Southland Stags Captain 2006 (Quarter finals Air NZ Cup)
- Caps
  - Tests (3)
  - Super 14 caps (31)
  - Provincial (79)

### **Benje Patterson – Multisport**

*Nominated by Southland Triathlon & Multisport Club*

- National:
  - Winner Speights Coast to Coast 2006 (2 day) regarded as the unofficial world championships
  - Winner Luxmore Grunt 2006

### **Storm Uru – Rowing**

*Nominated By John O'Connor, Secretary of Southland Rowing Assn*

- International:
  - Southland Rowing's first World Champion when he won the Lightweight Single Sculls Title at the World under 23 Rowing Championships in Hazewinkel, Belgium in the fastest time recorded for this class. .
  - 2006 Maori Sports person of the Year (note this was an 'Open' category)
  - 2006 Southland Rower of the Year
  - Despite being a member of the New Zealand elite summer squad which trains in Cambridge storm still found time to return home and compete for his club at the local regatta.

### **Adine Wilson – Netball**

*Nominated by Juliet Gray, Netball Manager of Netball Southland*

- International:
  - Captain of the silver ferns team who won the Commonwealth games in Melbourne beating Australia 60-55
  - Captain of silver ferns for 2006 including the following international tests.
    - Silver Ferns vs. Australia (2 games).
    - Silver Ferns vs. South Africa (1 game).
    - Silver Ferns vs. Australia (3 games).
- National:
  - Member of the Southern Sting – 2<sup>nd</sup> National Bank Cup
  - Member of the Southland senior A team – 3<sup>rd</sup> at Nationals

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## **JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON – FINALISTS x5**

### **Michelle Greig – Skiing**

*Nominated By Donna Fordyce, Manager of Queenstown Alpine Ski Team*

- International:
  - Making the discretionary qualifications in Super-G for the 2006 winter Olympics in Torino.
  - Qualified for an attended FIS Junior World Championships in Austria. Achieved 3 top 50 placing. ( Super G 40<sup>th</sup>, Slalom 49<sup>th</sup>, Downhill 50<sup>th</sup>)
  - International FIS Races - achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> placing in downhill FIS race in Italy( also a 2<sup>nd</sup> in DH, 4<sup>th</sup>& 9<sup>th</sup> in Super G and a 13<sup>th</sup> in Giant slalom)
- National:
  - Selected for the New Zealand national ski team( currently the youngest member)
  - National Junior champion & 2<sup>nd</sup> open grade for giant slalom
  - National junior champion & 2<sup>nd</sup> open grade for Super G
- Other information:
  - Current FIS Points
  - Downhill 128.72 points
  - Slalom 69.62 points
  - Giant slalom 69.55 points
  - Super G 88.58 points

### **Jessica Hamill – Athletics**

*Nominated by Lance Smith, Athletics Southland; by Jeff Tait – Secretary Parafed Southland and by Fiona Allan, Operations Manager of Paralympics New Zealand*

- International:
  - Member of the New Zealand Team- Junior World Championships for athletes with a disability, Ireland. Won a Bronze in the Shot-put, Javelin, and Discus. Breaking New Zealand Records in the Shot-put and Discus.
  - Two months later she was in Europe competing in the Senior International Paralympic Committee (IPC) World Championships where she won silver medal in the Shot-put. This was again a New Zealand Record.
- National:
  - SPARC Future Champion NZ Athletics
  - Nominee Halberg Sports Awards Emerging Talent
  - Made record breaking a habit in the early part of the year, establishing new national marks and then bettering them in her F34 AWD category Shot-put, Discus, and Javelin.
- Regional:
  - Athletics Southland- Athlete of the Year 2006
  - St Paul's Athlete of the Year 2006
  - Sam Scott Trophy (Parafed Southland) 2006
  - South Island Games – Christchurch - 1<sup>st</sup> in the Shot-put, Discus, and Javelin.

### **Cathy Jordan – Cycling**

*Nominated By Bruce Ross, Executive Officer of Cycling Southland*

- International:
  - Member of Representing New Zealand Oceania Games, Melbourne 2006
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> U19 Girls 2000m individual pursuit.
    - 6<sup>th</sup> U19 Girls 500m Time trial.
- National:
  - Representing Southland NZ Track Cycling Championships, Wanganui 2006.
    - 1<sup>st</sup> U 17 2000M Individual pursuit
    - 6<sup>th</sup> U17 Points race
  - Representing Southland New Zealand Road Cycling Championships
    - 1<sup>st</sup> U17 Girls Time Trial
    - 6<sup>th</sup> U17 Girls Road race
  - KiwiVelo Tea Three Day Tour 2006- Te Awamutu
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> U17 Girls Three day Road Race
  - Yunca Tour - Southland
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> U17 Girls Three day Road Race.

### **Te Huinga Reo Selby-Rickit – Netball**

*Nominated By Juliet Gray, Netball Manager of Netball Southland*

- International:
  - Member of the New Zealand U21 team that traveled to Australia.
- National:
  - Selected in the 06/07 New Zealand U21 squad.
  - Named in the U19 Tournament Team at the New Zealand Age Groups.
  - Member of the Southern Sting Team- 2<sup>nd</sup> National Bank Cup.
  - Member of the Southland U19 Team- 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand Age Groups
- Regional:
  - Member of the Verdon College Team- 2<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships.

### **Natalie Wiegersma – Swimming**

*Nominated by Ken Sandri, Chair of Swimming Southland*

- International:
  - Member of Won Gold in 100m backstroke(1.02.41 NZ Record) at FINA World youth champs in Brazil. Ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> in the world at the time.
  - Selected for the Trans Tasman Tri series in Australia 2006.
  - Qualified for the Junior Pan Pacific's in Hawaii 2006.
- National:
  - Southland Secondary Schools Senior Girls Award Recipient
  - Identified as a SPARC New Zealand future champion 2006
  - New Zealand Open Champion in:

- 100m individual medley (Dunedin)
- 200m individual medley (Christchurch)
- 400m individual medley (Christchurch)
- 200m individual medley (Auckland)
- Broke 6 New Zealand Age group records in 2006
- Won inspiring Air New Zealand Scholarship: Mentoring with Sarah Ulmer
- ProfileD in VO2 Max magazine
- Won Peter Snell Bronze Scholarship

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## **TEAM – FINALISTS x3**

### **Adele Greenfield & Shona Klimock**

*Nominated by Neil Brownridge, Chief Executive of Bowls Southland*

- March 2006 – Southland Champion of Champion Triples
- April 2006 – NZ National Club Championship Pairs Title (preceded by Southland Pairs and Regional Pairs)
- Nov 2006 – Southland Triples

### **Invercargill Rowing Club**

*Nominated by John O'Connor, Secretary of Southland Rowing Assn*

- Team won 7 Golds, 3 Silvers, 1 Bronze
- Awarded prestigious Centennial Scull (National Trophy)
- All athletes gained places in the A Finals
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Overall Rowing Events for the Centennial Oar (National Trophy)
- Contributed towards Invercargill Rowing Club winning New Zealand Club of the Year Trophy
- Team members:
  - Nathan Cohen – Silver at World Under 23's Mens Single Sculls; Gold in Men's Single Sculls at Commonwealth Regatta in Scotland and; Gold at World University Championship Regatta in Lithuania
  - Daniel Strang also went on to New Zealand Junior Trials after achievements at Maadi Cup.
- Despite being a 'club' is entered in and eligible for team category due to National Rowing points accreditation system.
- *'The Invercargill Rowing Team is the most successful rowing team that Southland has ever produced'.*

### **Southland Under 19 Netball Team**

*Nominated by Juliet Gray, Netball Manager of Netball Southland*

- Coached by Kirsty Carline and managed by Donna Loffhagen
- Winner U19 National Age Group Championships held at Invercargill
- 4 players from the team were named in the Tournament Team

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## COACH –FINALISTS x5

### **Robyn Broughton – Netball**

*Nominated by Juliet Gray, Netball Manager of Netball Southland*

- Robyn Broughton continues to stand as one of the top coaches in Southland. In 2006 she guided her Southern Sting Team to the Coca Cola Cup/ National Bank Cup competition for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive time. While they came 2<sup>nd</sup> to a strong magic team, they have made the final every year since the competition started.
- Robyn not only coaches at the elite level but also coaches Verdon College Secondary School Team who finished first at the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament and then went on to finish second at the New Zealand Secondary School tournament; Losing by two on extra time to Massey High School.

### **Kirsty Carline – Netball**

*Nominated by Juliet Gray – Netball Manager of Netball Southland*

- Kirsty Coached the Southland U19 Representative team who finished first at the New Zealand Age Group championships held in Invercargill.
- Kirsty also coached the Southland Girls High School team with Moira Gerken. SGHS finished 9<sup>th</sup> at the South Island Secondary Schools tournament out of 82 teams.

### **Jeremy Duncan- Swimming**

*Nominated by Ken Sandri- Chairman of Swimming Southland*

- Coached Natalie Wigersma to Junior World Title in Brazil 2006 in the Women's 100m backstroke. This time was also a New Zealand age group record.

### **Allister Morris – Rowing**

*Nominated by John O'Connor, Secretary of Southland Rowing Assn*

- Coached the Invercargill Men's Senior Rowing Team at the 2006 New Zealand Rowing Championships. They Won 6 Golds, 2 Silver, and 1 Bronze.
  - Gold medals: Men's Senior Quad; Men's Club Quad; Men's Senior Double; Men's Club Double and Single; U21 Single.
  - Silver Medals: Men's Premier single, Men's Premier Double.
  - Bronze medal: Men's Club Single.
- The Squad performance contributed to the club winning the centennial scull for most sculling points at the nationals.
- Coached Nathan Cohen since 2002 who went on to achieve a silver medal at the World Rowing Championships in Men's single.
- Has been named Southland Rowing Coach of the year for the previous two years.

## **Lance Smith – Athletics**

*Nominated by Colin Russell, Chair of Athletics Southland and by Dave Robinson*

- For those aware of the perilous drop off in participation in most sporting codes, Lance Smith's contribution to reversing this trend in athletics needs to be ecognized for the outstanding achievement it.
- He has taken a large squad of athletes, kept them motivated and goal orientated, given the individualized programmes which have in many cases produced results beyond the potential athletes initially displayed.
- Lance's ability to nurture and grow a team environment in such an individual sport as athletics has encouraged the athletes to train hard in a competitive setting yet retain a strong loyalty to the whole squad.
- Four athletes selected to represent New Zealand with one setting a new record in wining an Oceania Championship in Apia. Lance was then selected a s a coach for the New Zealand team to the Oceania champs.
- Other Significant results:
  - Athletes coached won 3 medals in the 2006 track and field championships
  - 23 medals at the South Island Colgate games
  - 14 medals at the South Island secondary school championships
  - 7 medals at the New Zealand Secondary School championships, 3 of them gold.

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## **ADMINISTRATOR – FINALISTS x3**

### **Steve Canny – Cycling**

*Nominated by Bruce Ross, Executive Officer of Cycling Southland*

- Steve is the Chair of Cycling Southland and is also a BikeNZ Commissaire.
- Cycling Southland describes Steve as the *'driving force behind Cycling Southland' and 'instrumental in the establishment of New Zealand's first indoor cycling velodrome ... committing literally hundreds of hours of volunteered time in consultation with the German track designer.'*
- *'Steve has shared and lived the Cycling Southland dream of one day achieving this magnificent facility and Cycling Southland is fortunate to have had his vast experience and expertise'.*

### **Mark Paterson – Weightlifting**

*Nominated by Barbara Grieve, Treasurer of Southland Olympic Weightlifting*

- Chair of Southland Olympic Weightlifting – established in 2006 as a direct result of increased interest in the province (previously clubs affiliated to Otago)
- Organiser of 66th New Zealand Olympic Weightlifting Senior & Junior Championships held in October 2006 in Invercargill
- Coaches and trains a number of lifters and also competes himself
- This man has tremendous passion for the sport of Olympic weightlifting to the extent of spending many evenings and days off not only coaching his current lifters but offering advice to all and sundry that may benefit from this style of fitness.

### **Esther Price - Swimming**

*Nominated by Ken Sandri, Chair of Swimming Southland*

- Swimming Southland President
- Swimming Southland Technical Examiner
- NZ A Grade Swimming Referee
- NZ FINA Starter (1 of only 2 in NZ)
- Feb 2006 awarded Prime Ministers Scholarship
- Feb 2006 – Referee at NZ Junior Championships (Invercargill)
- Feb 2006 – Starter at NZ Age Group Championships (Wellington)
- March 2006 – Chief Referee at NZ Divisional II Championships (Taupo)
- April 2006 – Starter at NZ Youth & Open Championships (Christchurch)
- July 2006 – Oceania Swimming Championships (only NZer appointed)
- Aug 2006 – NZ Team Manager at 1<sup>st</sup> WORLD FINA World Youth Swimming Championships (Cairns, Australia)
- Sept 2006 – Starter at NZ Springs Competition
- Nov 2006 – NZ Team Manager at World IPC Swimming Championships (Durban, South Africa)
- Dec 2006 – Starter at NZ World Trials / Summer Championships (Auckland)