



Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and summer season from the staff and board of Disabled Snowsports NZ and Snowsports NZ.

Members Excel at Junior Athletics in Sydney.

NZ athletes journeyed to Sydney in October joining over 300 others in the Day of Difference Junior Games, incorporating the 2007 National Junior Games for Athletes with a Disability.

Two DSNZ members, Connor Endrodi of Queenstown and Jack Woods of Canterbury, proved their athletic skills by winning in their events. Hopefully we will see them both at the DSNZ Festival in 2008. Jack tells us of his winning.

"My name is Jack Woods. This year I could not go to the Nationals because I was lucky enough to get selected to represent NZ at the Day of Difference Junior Games for athletes with a disability.

Over all my results were great with me winning all of my events but one. I competed in the 100m' 200m' 400m' 800m; shot put and discus.

I had a great time meeting lots of cool people. When we arrived in Sydney we made our way to our accommodation which was in the bush with the snakes. The next morning we got up had breakfast and had a meeting. It was then free time we were able to choose what we wanted to do finally we went and trained on the track. We then had dinner and went to bed. In the morning it was day 1 of competition I ran the 100m' and 400m.

Some time in the week I got the pleasure of meeting the USA Basketball team some of whom are going to the 2008 Beijing Paralympics in China. "

"I was grateful to have this opportunity and would like to thank Parafed Canterbury and the people who sponsored me."



Trainee Classifiers at Snowplanet



Disabled Snowsports NZ integrates with Snowsports NZ - Snowsports for ALL.

Snowsports in New Zealand is undergoing exciting changes to further develop skiing and boarding as a recreational sport in New Zealand, and further the success of our top performing athletes on the international scene.

In early November affiliate members voted to integrate Disabled Snowsports NZ operations with Snowsports NZ at a special meeting.

Snowsports NZ will integrate all the different codes, as an umbrella body, including Freeski NZ, NZ Ski Racing, NZ Snowboard Assoc, Disabled Snow Sports NZ, NZ Cross Country and NZ Ski Assoc. All will benefit through focusing and synergising energies.

SPARC's [No Exceptions policy](#) will be integrated across all snowsports codes. A Snowsports NZ "No Exceptions Officer" will oversee the adaptive mountain programmes, training volunteers, promoting adaptive snowsports and be at the end of the phone when you ring or e-mail. Their role will be to ensure that disability issues are recognised, Snowsports for All is enhanced and more adaptive snowsports opportunities are available.

DSNZ will remain as a charity organisation and as a steering committee to Snowsports NZ to ensure that adaptive snowsports in NZ and those with disabilities are well represented. DSNZ membership and branches will continue as they currently do.

This will give all people with disabilities more choice in participation in skiing and boarding recreationally and competitively.

Snowplanet Adaptive Programme

An awesome team in Auckland is setting up the Snowplanet Adaptive Programme, with Snowplanet and the support of Disabled Snowsports NZ. A team headed by Millie Clark and other DSNZ members and supporters have been working hard, now open for skiing, with the Grand Opening set for February. Volunteers have been trained; equipment sourced for use over Summer and a major fundraising effort going on. If you would like to help please contact Libby at DSNZ or Millie.

Experience the freedom of snowsports in Auckland all year round. Providing support for people with physical, sensory and cognitive impairment, this programme allows you to learn to ski or board with your family and friends.

Specialist adaptive equipment is available from the rental department, with a team of on-snow volunteers trained to assist you. Disabled parking is available.

Come and have a go... Phone Millie to book on 0211451062 - available from December 2007.

91 Small Rd, Silverdale www.snowplanet.co.nz

IPC Classification Clinic

Over two days during the PNZ National Athletic Championships and at Snowplanet, seven professional physios and OT's attended the IPC classification seminar. Run with support from PNZ and lead by Gillian Hall, Acting IPC Head Classifier, the "girls" furthered their skills as classifiers and had lots of fun. This second day on-snow coincided with the Snowplanet Volunteer training, lead by DSNZ trainer Claire Lawson. It was exciting to see so many people on-snow training for Snowsports adaptive programmes..

Skiing overseas this Summer ?

Remember to take your Disabled Snowsports NZ Membership card, as many overseas fields recognise this card for discounts and access to the adaptive programmes.

If you need a card (expiry May 31st 2008) forms are available on our website.

New Zealand Disabled Ski Team - International Races

Training hard, members of the New Zealand Disabled Ski Team are in the US, at Winter Park preparing for the upcoming race season.

Both athletes, Paralympian Adam Hall from Otago and Peter Williams of Auckland will compete on the North American (Nor Am) Cup circuit and The World Cup circuit over the coming months. Ski racing will take them to Austria, France, Korea and then Japan to compete with world class athletes during the World Cup events. Hall is currently ranked 6th in the world in Slalom.



Adam Hall (LW2)
[website www.kiwiskiracer.com](http://www.kiwiskiracer.com)
Disabled Ski Team members

Peter Williams (LW11)
www.petewilliams.co.nz

Supported by their families and sponsors, both athletes are based at Winter Park during the northern hemisphere winter for training. With preparation well underway, all they need is more snow.

Send an e-mail of support before the races or check out how they are doing on our website or under the team member's websites.

Kiwis at Ski Spectacular.....

A large cheer squad will in Breckinridge at the Ski Spectacular to watch the NZ Disabled Ski Team in action, 6th -7th December. On holiday, competing, training or working over there, a number of DSNZ people will be there to cheer the boys, including Ashley Light, Gillian Hall, Bob Williams and the NZ Freeski and Snowboard Team members.

Winter Games 2009 right here in NZ

Preparations are underway for NZ to host a Pacific Rim Winter Games in 2009 in the build up to the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver in 2010. The dates are set for late August early September 2009.

Supported by the New Zealand Olympic Committee and Paralympics NZ, international athletes from Pacific Rim countries will compete in FIS events including Freeski, Snowboarding, Ski Racing with Disabled Ski Racing, Curling, Ice Skating and more.

This is a hugely exciting event for disabled snowsports in NZ.

2008 Disabled Snowsports Festival

26 July-1 August 2008 Cardrona Alpine
Resort Book in your diaries NOW.

The highlight of our season! This week long extravaganza is a celebration of adaptive snowsports and is jam packed with activities for the beginner to advanced skier and boarder. We offer social riders of all ages the chance to improve their technique in a fun and supportive environment, whilst the more competitive get a chance to prove their abilities in a series of social and elite race events. Friends, family and supporters are welcome to join in the fun.

NZDST International Races 07/08

Date	Location	Event
6-7 Dec 07	Breckenridge, Colorado US	Nor Am Cup Ski Spectacular
17-19 Dec 07	Winter Park, Colorado, US	Nor Am Cup
01-03 Jan 08	Park City, Utah, US	Nor Am Cup
05-11 Jan 08	Abtenau, Salzburg, Austria	World Cup
13-20 Jan 08	Queyras, France	World Cup
13-19 Feb 08	Kangwonland, Korea	World Cup
21-26 Feb 08	Hakuba, Japan	World Cup FINAL
29 Feb - 2 Mar 08	NSCD, Winter Park	Wells Fargo Cup
06-07 Mar 08	Kimberley, Canada	Nor Am Cup
10-14 Mar 08	Sun Peaks, BC, Canada	Nor Am Cup

Adaptive Snowboarding in focus

RAL adaptive programme instructor and DSNZ board member Bob Williams will also meet up at Breckinridge to support the team. He is on a trip to the US to learn more about Adaptive Snowboarding and to find out how the US ski industry has developed "No Exceptions". So far he has been e-mailing through great info, so we look forward to a wealth of knowledge brought back to NZ.

Snowboarder Carl Murphy will detour via the US to train and compete at the US Adaptive Snowboarding Nationals. Best of Luck Carl.

NOTICES

☘ disAbilities Resource Centre - opening in Queenstown December 2007. Unit 29-30 Gorge Rd Retail Centre 159 Gorge Rd Queenstown.

☘ Extreme Adaptive Sports (sitski.com) is a terrific resource for all adaptive skiers, focusing on all types of adaptive skiing and it a great source for information and equipment. Check out some great videos.

☘ Movie - Blindsight - the story of the first blind man to climb Mt Everest, Erik Weihenmayer who challenges six blind Tibetan school children to climb a mountain- part of the NZ Film Festival.

Riding is Freedom...

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