Hi Clubs!! Welcome to the first Club Chat of 2015. It’s definitely been an exciting and busy start to the year. Here at Athletics NZ we’ve have had a busy few months with some very special visitors and some great events. In this newsletter read about when Seb Coe popped in for a visit, check out why world long jump record holder Mike Powell was in New Zealand and how a brand new element on the Athletics NZ website can help you promote your club.

A massive congratulations to all clubs on a great summer season of athletics. Judging from the clubs I saw over the season there are heaps of fun and exciting things happening. Thanks volunteers and clubs for all your work throughout the season. Whether you are a coach, an official or a club administrator you all play a fantastic role in delivering athletics to your communities. Athletics wouldn’t exist without you, so thanks heaps from Athletics NZ. Good luck for the winter season ahead and although summer is over things don’t slow down for some clubs. We look forward to World Athletics Day events, Club Connect Conference in Christchurch and a variety of National Championships coming up over the next few months.

Cat O’Sullivan

Club Finder

Exciting News! We have just launched the Club Finder module of the Athletics NZ website. You can find it under the Clubs Tab and ‘Find a Club’. Check it out here. It gives everyone the ability to search for a club using a postcode or suburb and specific characteristics they are after in an athletics club e.g. A club that caters to children under 7

Your club has received information on how to set up your club in Club Finder. Some clubs have done this but we have a little way to go. If your club is not featuring in Club Finder yet, check out the instructions document to help set it up. You will need access to your club portal in the Athletics NZ database.

Remember you can change your details at any time and they will automatically show up in club finder. I realise it’s the end of the season for most Summer Only clubs…but it’s a good time to set it up now so your details are online, then pre next season change the information accordingly.

The aim is to get all clubs on Club Finder so prospective members can find you.

Seb Coe Visits NZ

On February 4 we had Athletics legend and IAAF Vice President Seb Coe visit Athletics NZ. We were very excited to be able showcase the IAAF/Nestle Kids Athletics programme. 60 kids from Bays Athletics and Hibiscus Coast Athletics clubs joined in the fun. They got to experience different running jumping and throwing activities, while Seb happily gave kids coaching tips. The programme’s global sponsor Nestle were also present to share nutritional information and provide the kids with healthy snacks.

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IAAF/Nestle Kids Athletics Launch Tour

In Late February and early March Athletics NZ and Nestle New Zealand launched the IAAF Nestle Kids Athletics programme in New Zealand. The IAAF Kids Athletics programme is a modified version of athletics that aims to maximise participation and enjoyment in a team environment. It was launched across New Zealand in 4 completely unique locations. We kicked it off with an event at The Trusts Stadium Waitakere with 400 kids as part of an all-day athletics festival. Next stop was Mt Maunganui where 250 kids joined us on Omanu beach for a beach version of Kids Athletics. We moved down South for the biggest of the 4 events. 700 Kids gathered at the Forsyth Barr Stadium in Dunedin for the biggest indoor Kids Athletics event ever. The final stop was the Athletics NZ Track & Field champs in Wellington where kids in the crowd from local clubs were invited to come down to the home straight and have a go with some of the fun equipment. Of course the key attraction for all events was the one and only Mike Powell – current long jump world record holder and IAAF ambassador. We were lucky enough to have Mike in New Zealand to help us launch the programme over a 10 day period. He entertained and educated kids on jumping in a fun and interactive way... bringing great energy to all the events. Thanks heaps to Nestle NZ for their support in the programme and for providing kids with healthy snacks and healthy eating resources at each event. Thanks also to all the volunteers, RSTs, RSOs that were involved in the delivery of the launch events...we couldn’t have done this without you all. For those of you interested in the programme and how you could use it at your club or at your school let me know - catherine@athletics.org.nz

Also check out a short video of the launch events here
Member Club Affiliation is open for 2015/16 season

Athletics New Zealand Member Club Affiliation is open for the 2015/16 Season. The process is the same as last year and will require you to fill in an online form. The purpose of this form is to gather up-to-date contact details to improve our communication with all clubs. The form will take around 10 minutes to fill out and will require you to enter key club contacts (e.g. President name and email address). All clubs will have received a log on for your club portal where you will be able to update your primary contact details and manage your club membership at any time.

Registration Process:

1. Click Link: Athletics NZ Member Club Registration Form
2. Fill in online form
3. Pay Fee: Like last year clubs will be given the option of paying their Member Club Affiliation Fee online using a credit card or alternatively receiving an invoice for alternative payment once the form is filled out and submitted online. There will be a $10 DISCOUNT for all payments made via Credit Card. Please make sure you pick the correct option at the start

PLEASE NOTE:
The invoice needs to be paid before 2 June 2015 (60 days prior to the 2015 AGM) to enable your club to vote at the 2015 Athletics NZ AGM.

Your club can still attend the Athletics NZ Club Connect 2015 Conference if the invoice is not paid by that date, but the club will not count towards the quorum or have voting rights at the AGM.

Membership fees – new process.
Athletics NZ encourages clubs to set up online membership to eliminate administration tasks from volunteers. However if your club still wants to do manual payments click here for the process for the 2014/15 season

Athletics NZ AGM & Club Connect Conference

Athletics New Zealand AGM
Saturday 1 August (am)

Athletics New Zealand Club Connect Conference
Sunday 2 August (9am–3pm)

Club Connect Timetable out soon!!
Addington Raceway, Christchurch

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