

ENCOURAGING RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY IS AIM AT Billy GRAHAM'S NAENAE BOXING ACADEMY

As a youngster, the sight of a Police uniform would cause the young Billy Graham to “turn and high tail it as fast as I could in the opposite direction”.

These days he welcomes the sight of the blue uniform knocking on his door. Today they are in the same business of

keeping youngsters off the streets by encouraging them to take part in healthy and meaningful activities to either break the cycle of offending or ensure they never do stray off the straight and narrow.

To this end, the Naenae Boxing Academy has developed strong ties with the recruits at the Royal New Zealand Police Training College at Porirua.

Wing Patron 269 (from 2011) Billy Graham hosted the latest Wing Patron, retired deputy commissioner Steve Long to the Academy recently, along with Wing 283's recruits for a workout with his “boys” and a barbecue cooked and provided by Steve Long and his ‘assistant chefs’ Dave Stone and Kevin Taylor.

It is the sixth time the recruits have been hosted at the centre – and “Billy’s Boys” showed the men and women in blue they were no slouches when it came to matching the recruits in fitness routines led by Billy himself...



Skipping: “It’s a great way to keep you fit so you can run faster than the naughty boys!”



Honour was at stake when the recruits met the boys.



Wing Patron, retired deputy police commissioner Steve Long, took to his new role with his usual good humour. A fifth generation police officer he retired in 2006 after a 40 year career in the NZ Police. He was also a former Director of Training at the Police College.



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