

STELLAR FIFTH YEAR FOR NAENAE BOXING ACADEMY

BY BILLY GRAHAM

In a nutshell, it goes like this:

Among the Special Visitors:

Sir John Walker, Principal Youth Court Judge Andrew Becroft –“*boys in sport stay out of court*”; Vodafone Lions players Neemia Tialata and Rodney So’oialo; Billy and Brian Ross dined with Sugar Ray Leonard.

Success in the ring: A National Title for Naenae:

New Zealand Boxing Champs: David Graham won his first New Zealand title (in Junior Middleweight) becoming NBA’s second national title holder (Intermediate 63 kg Latu Talu won the first in 2007).

North Island Golden Gloves: David Graham, Gold; Jarrod Westrupp, Silver.

Keegan O’Kane-Jones won his first Junior Wellington title in July.

Black Tie Fundraiser

The Inaugural dinner in September saw 480 guests come out in support. Awesome! Thanks to Eliot Falconer (Harcourts), Volunteers Liz le Prou (WHK) and Chris and Wendy Brown for their organisation.

Accolades in 2010

Billy Graham received Local Hero medal in Kiwibank New Zealander of Year Awards



Naenae Boxing Academy boys.



Billy and Kerri Graham and Administration Manager Nicky Robinson.

2010 and is nominated again for 2011.

Graham Clifford and Grant Quinn won Hutt City Sport and Leisure category and then Supreme Award in Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards for Volunteer Service and March 2011 sees them compete for national title.

250 Club launched

Become a member of the Naenae Boxing Academy 250 Club and help Make a difference to the lives of our young men. Email nicky@teambilly.co.nz or ring 527 4227 to sign up.



Administrative changes: the Billy Graham Naenae Charitable Trust which oversees all financial matters for the Naenae Boxing Academy is now the Naenae Youth Charitable Trust so as to better reflect its vision and purposes. Billy and three administrators are employed by the Naenae Youth Charitable Trust and Billy no longer operates his own public speaking business separately to the Academy. Everything he earns in his corporate engagements is paid directly to the Trust and invested straight into Academy work.

Billy, Kerri, David, Susana and the team at the Naenae Boxing Academy thank all those who have supported them throughout their fifth year and wish everyone a Blessed Christmas. See you in the New Year, when plans are afoot to extend the gym to make it even bigger and better for the boys.

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