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SBS Bank charity auction perfect perk for Adaptive Ski Programme

The Adaptive Ski Programme is almost \$4000 better off courtesy of a community-driven charity auction held by SBS Bank in partnership with Winter Games NZ.

The event, which featured world leading, inspirational speaker Tony Christiansen as the keynote speaker, was hosted by SBS Bank in conjunction with their major sponsorship of the Winter Games NZ volunteers.

SBS Bank Queenstown manager Patricia Muir said the charity auction was a tremendous success and the support of all of the sponsors and local businesses that generously provided items for the function was overwhelming.

“Tony was a fantastic key note speaker and we were delighted he was available to come to Queenstown in support of such a great charity. He is a truly inspirational person who has achieved so much in life and, having recently taken up adaptive skiing, it was a cause close to his heart.

“The generosity of the sponsors and businesses who donated items meant the 12 prize packages were a great mixture of affordable to high-end items, ranging from family swim passes, to luxurious leisure and pleasure experiences, fine wines, accommodation packages and state-of-the art technology. The patrons, sponsors and supporters of the Winter Games who attended were very generous, creating some fierce but fun bidding wars.”

Winter Games NZ chief executive Arthur Klap said, as strong advocates of New Zealand Adaptive Snow Sports, his team was delighted to see the Adaptive Ski Programme receive such a financial boost from the function.

“Winter Games NZ is the first major event to include adaptive skiing in the mainstream event, which allows adaptive skiers to race on the same course, on the same day as able-bodied skiers in the Super G, GS and slalom disciplines at Coronet Peak and Mount Hutt.

“This week’s events have seen some fantastic results from our international field of competitors and they’ve faced some challenging conditions in our 100% Pure Winter Games International Paralympic Committee events.

“We are extremely grateful to our SBS Bank supporters, our patrons and all the sponsors and businesses that have got in behind this year’s event.”

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