



Nomination of

Paul Van Beers

from

New Zealand Fencing Competitions (NZFC)

For the

2017

Federated Farmers

Contribution to

New Zealand

Rural Sports Industry

Award



Paul Van Beers

To the Norwood New Zealand Rural Sports Awards Judging Panel,

The name Paul Van Beers is synonymous with fencing competitions.

Through his hard work, dedication and perfectionism, Paul has become a fencing icon– epitomized by many, respected by all, yet he still remains modest and down to earth.

On the back of his 2016 retirement, and after notching up a phenomenal record setting 14 Golden Pliers wins, 12 Silver Spades titles and 2 World Fencing Championship titles, Paul has been giving back to the sport by heavy involvement within the national fencing sporting body that is NZFC– New Zealand Fencing Competitions.

Paul organizes and runs the fencing competition at Hawkes Bay Show annually, which includes sourcing local sponsorship, setting fence specifications, taking entries, assisting judges, hosting sponsors, and advertising. His record alone is an impressive draw card for the public to our nationwide events.

Paul was a main driver of the inception of NZFC- a competitive fencing organization whose focus would be to preserve the history of fencing competitions, yet move it with the times into the future, promote the sport, encourage new entrants to participate, and create a consistent level of high standards of fencing throughout competitions.

This led him on to helping head a team of experienced competitors to define and regulate the current judging practices into more specific NZ National Judging Standards, which NZFC now uses across all of its competitions from grass roots to national level, and has the potential to be used on a world stage.

Paul's approachable, humble nature has always been his main attribute, and NZFC values him as a figure that many young fencers and industry supporters idolize. Many new competitors starting out at regional competitions can expect to be welcomed and encouraged by Paul.

He is a key sponsorship director, and secures sponsorship for our New Zealand National Fencing Championships with great success.

In acknowledging the many volunteer hours Paul puts in to our organisation, and the professionalism he represents, **New Zealand Fencing Competitions– NZFC** would like to submit to you his nomination for the **Federated Farmers Contribution to the New Zealand Rural Sports Industry Award**.



Founding member of NZFC

NZFC Committee member and volunteer

NZFC Hall of Fame member

Organizes and runs annual NZFC Regional Competition at Hawkes Bay Show

Welcoming and encouraging to new competitors

Instrumental in defining the NZ Judging Standards

Regular volunteer judge at NZFC competitions

NZFC's prominent sponsorship figurehead

Valued ambassador for fencing competitions

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Proudly nominated by New Zealand Fencing Competitions (NZFC)
for the Federated Farmers Contribution to the New Zealand Rural Sports Industry Award

