

UNTERBERGER STEPS UP TO 4WD FOR 2010 RALLY SEASON

Young Nelson rally driver Dominick Unterberger has decided to step up to the Premier Class - Group N 4WD - for the 2010 New Zealand Rally Season and, by buying *BNT* Mason Motorsport's bright yellow Subaru Impreza, will have the best Subaru in the Pacific region as his 'Weapon of Choice'.

"I couldn't be more excited about this decision," said Dominick.

"After finally having a trouble-free run that saw us take away a Class Win at [NZRC] Rally Nelson and during our discussions with Richard [Mason], we decided it was time to get serious about going for the Junior Championship, as 2010 will be my last opportunity to do so."

"There is no doubt the Ford Fiesta Sporting Trophy is a fantastic class. The cars are set up well, teach a driver to get the most out of every corner and for anyone wanting to move up into 4WD [4 Wheel Drive] in the future, then this class is the way to do it.

"However to have a realistic chance at the Junior Championship you need a 4WD. Hence our decision to invest in Richard's *BNT* Subaru."

"This move has been a long time dream of mine, so I can't wait to get testing and for the first rally of the National Championship at Otago in April next year.

"The WRC [World Rally Championship] returning to New Zealand from the 6th to the 9th of May will be great, competing on the same roads as the best teams in the world, and a perfect opportunity to gain as much experience as possible...and with Richard and Sara and their Team to call on along the way, 2010 is looking like being an awesome year for Excelsior Rallysport..."

Dom and his Team would like to thank their loyal group of Supporters for the whole season: Mum & Dad, Gary & Kit from Alltrax NZ, Alexandra & Leighton from the Alpine Lodge Nelson Lakes National Park, Francis from Novus Auto Glass - all from Nelson - and take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

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- **For details of the 2010 New Zealand Rally Championship - <http://www.nzrallychamps.co.nz/pages/regulations.html>**
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- **For final 2009 Vantage New Zealand Rally Championship Points - <http://www.chrissport.co.nz/points/2009/nzrcpoints.htm>**