



Communication 037

Welcome to the 2009 Skating Year

The President, Sandra Williamson-Leadley and the rest of the Council welcome you to the 2009 skating season. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to enjoy the great weather we have been having around the country and are now ready (or almost ready) to get back into skating for another year.



National Council wishes every one a great skating year for 2009

We wish everyone a great year of skating and hope that you all achieve your goals.

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International Representation

A number of NZ representative skaters will be competing at ISU Championship events during February and March 2009.

Mathieu Wilson, Glenburn Figure Skating Club, is representing New Zealand at the Four Continents Championships in



Vancouver, Canada 2 – 8 February.

Allie Rout and **Cameron Hems** are competing at the Junior World Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria 22 February to 1 March. Slava Kuznetsov (Coach), Sue Petricevic (Team Leader) and Val Rout (Chaperone) are the other members of the team travelling to Sofia from New

Zealand. We wish Mathieu, Allie and Cameron the best of performances!

Also representing New Zealand in February 2009 is **Ben Southern**, Centaurus Ice Skating Club, at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Idaho, USA 7 to 13 February. Ben will be accompanied by coach, Sophie Dawson. Best wishes to Ben for a great performance!

T/C Registrations

Just a reminder that T/C registrations for the new skating season are due 31 March 2009 for all existing test and competition skaters. As advised earlier, T/C registration has been increased to \$60.00.

Pre-printed forms are available on the NZISA website (www.nzisa.com) or from your home club. If your contact details have changed, please make sure that you change these on the NZISA website or advise

the National Secretary at:



secretary@nzisa.com

2009 Nationals

As advised last month via email, the dates for the 2009 NZ Nationals are 11 – 16 October. The competition will be held at Paradise Ice Rink, Botany Downs, Auckland. The announcement for Nationals will be out in April.

No change to previously advised dates

Rules and Regulations

Thank you to everyone for their submissions and comments on the draft 2009 Rules and Regulations on the NZISA website Forums. The members of the various Technical Committee portfolios and Council have a few issues to further discuss and to make decisions on based on the feedback that has been received.

The final version of the rules and regulations will be out by 31 January and available on the website. Member coaches, judges, Technical Committee members, and each of the 10 Clubs will receive a hard copy of the 2009 Rules and Regulations as close to 31 January

as possible.

Just a reminder for those who are competing at the Junior level, the ISU 2009 to 2010 skating season rules apply so please make sure that you are using the correct group for this skating season.



Westpac Emerging Talent Award

The finalists for the Westpac Emerging Talent award have been announced. While Allie Rout, the skater nominated by the NZISA for this award, did not make the four finalists,



she was listed as one of the 17 semi-finalists. From looking at the finalists named for

all of the various Westpac Halberg Awards, there was some incredibly talented and accomplished athletes that were nominated. The winners will be announced at the Halberg Awards in February.

Mr Terry Walls

It is with sadness that we advise that Mr Terry Walls, Life Member and NZISA President 1984 – 1991, passed away in late December 2008 at the age of 97.

Terry was an integral part of the organising committee for the ISU Congress held in Christchurch in 1990.

On behalf of the NZ Ice Skating Community, the

**NZISA EXTENDS ITS
CONDOLENCES TO THE
FAMILY OF
MR TERRY WALLS**

Council would like to extend our condolences to Terry's wife, Jean, and their family.

Queenstown Trophy



Information regarding the Queenstown Trophy competition will be sent out by the Queenstown Club very shortly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Gill Boyd, dyob@xtra.co.nz.

An Ice Rink in Alberttown

NZ has its first synthetic ice rink in Albert Town (Wanaka) which opened in early January. The rink is owned by Superglide, whose directors include Dunedin Adult skater, Keith Dickson. An article appeared in the Lakes District News and can be viewed on the NZISA website.

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Selection Competition

In order to assist the NZISA Council with organising the Selection Competition, please advise your home club of your intention to compete at the Selection Competition (this will be held in conjunction with other competitions in May if possible). If you have qualified and are now moving up a grade, please also advise your club. We would like to be able to advise those skaters intending to compete at the Selection Competition where this will be held for each of the grades by 22 February. Clubs - please send your list of Selection Competition skaters to the National Secretary by 15 February.



AGM

The 2009 AGM of the New Zealand Ice Skating Association, and forums, will be held in Dunedin on Saturday 25 April from 10 am until 5 pm. A wine and cheese social will be held from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Venue and agenda will be advised shortly.



Wedding Bells

Wedding bells have been ringing for two of the Senior Synchronized Skating judges.

Congratulations to Victoria Morris who married Morgan Tremaine in Gore on 8 November 2008.

Congratulations also to Kendra Wilkie who married Christopher Street, a former NZ Senior Dance Champion and coach, in Christchurch on 3 January 2009.



Chris and Kendra also welcomed their son, Luke Christopher, into their family in November 2008. A future skater we hope!

Wedding bells have also been ringing in Christchurch for Jill Borland who married Darryn Ward (an ice hockey enthusiast) on 6 December 2008. Congratulations to Jill and Darryn.