

AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

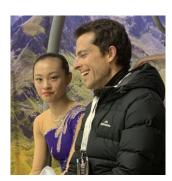
RESULTS FROM RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to both Ruth and Douglas who competed at their first ever Junior Grand Prix. If you didn't get a chance to watch them skate at the time, you can find these on the ISU JGP YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/ISUJuniorGrandPrix

ISU JGP Courcheval, France 21 – 24 August 2019

Junior LadiesRuth XuSP 32^{nd} FS 32^{nd} Overall $32^{nd}/35$ Junior MenDouglas GerberSP 17^{th} FS 15^{th} Overall $15^{th}/20$

Coach Mathieu Wilson
Team Leader Kevin Poit





UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

As we write this, the next JGP is about to get underway. Again you can follow the action on the live stream at https://www.youtube.com/ISUJuniorGrandPrix

ISU JGP Lake Placid, New York, USA 28-31 August 2019

Junior Ladies Dani Gebser
Junior Men Harrison Bain
Coach Bess Cao

Team Leader Inge de Fielliettaz

ISU JGP Riga, Latvia 4-7 September 2019

Junior Ladies Jojo Hong

Coach & unfunded Team Leader Stephanie Zhang

We wish these skaters all the very best for these Junior Grand Prix as well as to the international competitions below that we will have skaters attending.

2019 US International Figure Skating Classic, Salt Lake City, USA 17-22 September

Judge Sandra Williamson Leadley

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy, Dongguan, China 30 October – 3 November 2019

This senior only event is part of the ISU Challenger Series

Senior Ladies Brooke Tamepo

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy International, Dongguan, China 30 October – 3 November 2019

As mentioned in the last newsletter this event has been rescheduled from August and is now a Novice (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced) and Junior event that will run concurrent with the ISU Challenger Series Event above. The following skaters will be representing New Zealand at this event.

Basic Novice Ladies Jazmyn Evangelou

Marina Chen

Advanced Novice Ladies Mirika Armstrong

Junior Ladies Danielle Gebser

Asia Tapelava

Junior Men Harrison Bain

We expect to have the team leader(s) for this event confirmed in the near future.

Adult ISU competition in Lake Placid, USA 15-18 October 2019

Bronze III Ladies Freeskate Jeanette King

Bronze III Ladies Artistic Jeanette King

Silver V Freeskate Sue Hoseit

Silver V Artistic Sue Hoseit

RESULTS FOR RECENT AUSTRALIAN INTERCLUB COMPETITION

Omitted Results from HOLLINS TROPHY, Sydney, Australia 7 - 10 June 2019

In the last newsletter we reported that Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough had moved up to Intermediate Novice Dance from Basic Novice and attained selection TES for B Team at Hollins Trophy, but we somehow managed to leave their competition results out. Our apologies for that oversight.

Intermediate Novice Dance

Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough PD 2nd FD 2nd Overall 2nd /2

We have also received the following report from Georgia Chinn on her Hollins Trophy experience:

This season I competed in the Hollins trophy, held in Sydney, in the Australian Elementary grade. This was very exciting for me as this was my first time competing outside of New Zealand. I had a great time there and skated a clean programme. Because we do not have year-round ice in Queenstown, I started learning my routine 6 weeks prior to the competition. Since my main coach, Deanna Pielak-Jones was not able to come, Bess Cao kindly coached me for Hollins and was really helpful.

With 30 skaters registered in my grade, Hollins was a far larger competition than any I had ever skated in, in NZ. I was a little nervous at first, because I was the only skater in my grade there from New Zealand, and I had never competed in such a big grade before. However, I skated a clean programme, and I was very happy with the result. Overall, I placed 21st. All my jumps were fully rotated, and both of my spins counted. Watching the replay of my programme allowed me to see what I needed to work on next. I think it was a very good start to the 2019 season, and I am keen to compete there again next year, hopefully learning my program slightly earlier. Thank you to both Deanna and Bess for all the coaching and to NZIFSA for approving my entry.

Georgia Chinn

UPCOMING AUSTRALIAN INTERCLUB COMPETITION

Sydney Synchro Fest, Sydney, Australia 30 August – 1 September 2019

Mixed Age Cutting Edge

Ann Campbell, Connor McIver, and Sandra Williamson-Leadley will all be officiating at this event and attending the SYS officials training seminar, along with Jeanette King.

SELECTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD FOLLOWING NORTH ISLAND AND SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS

Skaters can be selected to the NZIFSA Development Squad at South Islands, North Islands or our National Championships. The following skaters made the Selection TES for the 2019-20 Development Squad at the North Island or South Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetic order by surname.

Pre Elementary Ladies Kaci Jonker

Lilah Langi-Scott

Elementary Ladies Addison Brennan

Emily Yang

Juvenile Ladies Tailah Adams

Mya Jonker Rilee Folwell Sophie Pokorny Alethea Wong

Kelly Zou

Basic Novice Ladies Marina Chen

Jazmyn Evangelou Alex Hamilton

Ann Kyle

Olivia Pokorny Cara Tang Intermediate Novice Ladies Brooke Cathro

Jordon Laker Victoria Larsen Hannah Sutton Hope Zhang

Intermediate Novice Men Star Richens

Advanced Novice Ladies Mirika Armstrong

Misaki Joe Yvonne Li Cordelia Shi Rebekah Sime

Junior Ladies Jess Hay

Hannah Sime Ella Smith Asia Tapealava

Intermediate Novice Dance Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough

We look forward to confirming the full Development Squad for 2019/20 after our National Championships.

RECENT INTERNATIONAL SKATER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

ISU Dance seminar, Seoul, Korea. August 11 – 18 August 2019

In August coach, Helen Sutherland, and the following three dance couples headed off to Korea for the ISU dance seminar aimed at couples who are Basic Novice to Junior level dancers:

- Lucienne Holtz Tim Bradfield
- Gemma Pickering Benjamin Pickering
- Isabelle Guise Dashane Du Plessis

From the feedback we have had to date it was a fantastic experience, very intense time and they have come away very enthusiastic about ice dance and having made new friends.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER, SHERYL SQUIER

My name is Sheryl Squier and I am married with three children and live in Auckland. I am a full-time primary school teacher. For many years ice skating has been a big part of my life.

I was born and bought up in Christchurch. My dad started playing ice hockey when I was eight years old. I always remember on a Sunday morning leaving the Centaurus ice rink after hockey and seeing the figure skaters. I had always wanted to give it a go. Finally, when I was fifteen years old I started skate school at The Big Apple ice rink. I wasn't in skate school for long before I started having private lessons with Sandra Williamson-Leadley. I taught gymnastics to fund my skating and I would get up early in the morning to bike to the rink for training. In 1989, The NZ Nationals were in Christchurch. Sandra said that would be me the following year. I didn't believe her, but she was right. In 1989, I competed in my very first NZ Nationals. During my years of figure skating I took up speed skating to help my fitness. I then represented NZ in speed skating and held the 3000m NZ record for a number of years. My first love has always been figure skating. This is my fifth year back skating after having my youngest daughter. I love the feeling of freedom on the ice, I love the challenges skating brings and the long lasting friendships it has given me.



If you have any concerns or questions related to the safety or protection of our children or young people, please don't hesitate to contact Sheryl Squier at child-protection@nzifsa.org.nz

NOMINATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AND SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS ARE DUE BY 1 SEPTEMBER

Very last minute, but we'd like to encourage you to nominate those outstanding administrators and the skaters who display the attributes of a great sportsperson for the NZIFSA Administrator of the Year Award and the Sportsperson of the Year Award respectively.

Nominations must be received by the General Secretary <u>secretary@nzifsa.org.nz</u> by **1 September.** The Board will be the selectors for this award and will announce the recipients at social function at the end of the 2017 NZ National Championships.

Criteria for the Administrator of the Year Award

- Take on a leadership or integral role in their club / sub-association
- Take on administrative/organisational roles and perform their duties in a manner that progresses the sport or enhances the functioning of the club / sub-association.
- Positive role model for other administrators of our sport
- Possibly work in a mentoring role within the club / sub-association

Criteria for Nomination for Sportsperson of the Year Award

- Positive role model for other skaters
- Demonstrate a 'fair play' attitude/good sportspersonship
- Positive and tangible contribution to their club and the sport in general
- Active role in the activities offered by the club and/or skate school, e.g. club nights, fundraising, KiwiSkate coaching sessions, etc.

NOTE: While skating achievement is considered, it is not the basis of this award

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Tuesday 10 September. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by Tuesday 3 September at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the October meeting.

Anita Tamepo and Jeanette King President and CEO NZIFSA