

Communication 033

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New Council

The New Zealand Ice Skating Association held its Annual General Meeting in April and the new elected Council at that meeting is as follows:

President: Sandra Williamson-Leadley
 Vice-President: Sue Petricevic
 National Secretary: Jan Howie
 Treasurer: Craig Anderson
 Councillors: Dael Haynes
 Liz Speden
 Ina Paul
 Leanne Hems

Technical Committees were also elected at the AGM and these are as follows:

Auckland: Dael Haynes
 Delwyn Watson
 Rachel Barker
 Sue Petricevic
 Central: Ina Paul
 Heather McDonald
 Kendra Wilkie
 Sandra Williamson-Leadley
 Southern: Sue Hoseit
 Trish Morris
 Grace Bateman
 Robyn Morris

Due to the late withdrawal of nominations from two people, Council was left with a vacancy. A letter was sent to all Clubs asking for further nominations from anyone who was interested. Kevin Poit put his name forward and was appointed to Council at the meeting held in May.

Thank you to everyone who put their names forward and volunteered to hold Council positions.

Robyn Morris is once again the National Chairperson of Technical Committee and Dael Haynes has continued with the position of National Technical Secretary.

Reminder
ISU Communication 1494 (Singles/Pairs) and 1496 (Ice Dance) are now in use. You can read them on the both ISU and NZISA Web-sites.
Also ISU Communications 1503 and 1506 are now in effect for NZ Competitions

Communication with Council

Council welcomes any matter that you wish to communicate with them about. However, please remember that all our Councillors are volunteers and they lead busy lives apart from their Council work.

This is a line of Communication for matters which you wish Councillors to discuss. If it is a technical matter then contact should be made in the first instance with the National Technical Secretary. Her e-mail address is :
 tcsecretary@nzisa.com.

All other matters should be sent to the National Secretary at: secretary@nzisa.com.

Both Dael and Jan will see that any matter you wish to be discussed will be brought to Council or if that is not required then they will ensure that you will receive an answer as soon as possible.

Please remember this line of communication as some of our Councillors are being tied up with so many e-mails that they are finding it difficult to deal with them all.

SELECTIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

The selections for the 2008 Australian National Championship were completed at the Selection Competition in Dunedin. The full selection is as follows:

Primary Ladies		Jessie Park
		Ariel Nadas
		Iyrin Quigley
	Reserve	Madeleine Parker
Primary Pairs		Grant Howie & Morgan Figgins
Primary Dance		Nick Kokay & Crystal Campbell
Intermediate Ladies		Paige Brownsey
		Melissa Morris
	Reserve	Ayesha Campbell
		Courtney Bettink
Intermediate Men		Christopher Boyd
Novice Ladies		Samantha Waugh
		Clair McGillan
	Reserve	Laura Guilford-Monachino
		Millie Campbell
Novice Dance		Shane Speden & Rachel Gregory
Junior Ladies		Allie Rout
		Elizabeth O'Neill
	Reserve	Laura Mills
		Caitlyn Paul
Junior Men		Cameron Hems
Senior Ladies		Allie Rout
		Morgan Figgins
		Caitlin Haynes
Senior Men		Tristan Thode
		Mathieu Wilson
		Cameron Hems
Adult Synchronised		Spectrum
Novice Synchronised		Botany Blades
Senior Synchronised		Botany Ice Statix

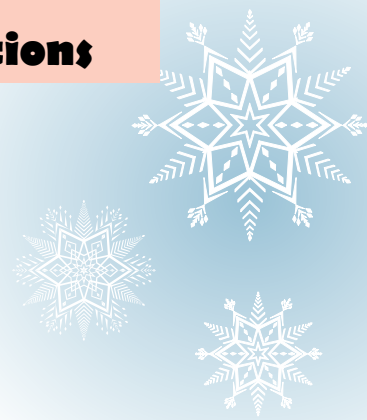
Congratulations to all the skaters who were selected and the Council wishes them all the best for the competition. The Competition starts on Friday August 15th with practices and continues until Saturday 22nd August 2008. The results should be posted regularly on the ISA website, www.isa.org.au, for those who wish to follow the competition.

Entry forms will be sent to you as soon as they are out and these will need to be completed and returned to the NZISA as soon as possible after you receive them. We will have dates closer to the time.

The NZISA will give the skaters \$150.00 per event towards your costs and have requested the South Island and North Island Sub Associations to apply for a grant to cover all the entry fees for their respective skaters. We hope that these applications will be successful, however, if they are not granted then the cost of the entries will need to be carried by the skaters concerned.

Tier 1 Skaters—International Competitions

This is a reminder to all the Tier 1 skaters that, if they haven't already done so, they should have selected the international competitions that they want to attend by now. You should have sent notification to the National Secretary and it should be copied to Ina Paul who is the International Competition Coordinator. Her e-mail address is: inap@paradise.net.nz



Your selections need to be in with Council NOW!!

PPC COMPETITION

Don't forget the PPC Competition. Have your PPC sheets entered on line before 25 July 2008 and you can be in the draw to win an iPod Nano (8 gb for solo skaters or 2 4 gb for pairs or dance skaters or \$200.00 for a Synchronised team. Coaches can also enter by verifying the PPC's. See the NZISA website for more information.

Upcoming Regional and National Competitions

It is now the start of the New Zealand Competition Season and the organising for these events is well under way. Below is the list of regional and national competitions still to be held. Contact numbers and e-mail addresses are available on the NZISA Website if you require further information. Check out the competitions page on the NZISA website as it is possible that the announcement is already there.

Otago Southland Competition – Queenstown, 18th to 20th July 2008

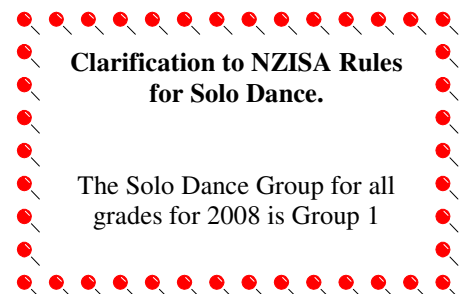
North Island Championships – Botany, 2nd to 4th August 2008

South Island Championships – Dunedin, 8th to 10th August 2008

2008 Australian Figure Skating Championships – Boondall, Queensland, 16th August to 23rd August 2008

2008 New Zealand National Championships – Gore Multisports Complex, 28th September to 3 October 2008

Council wishes all the skaters attending these competitions “Good Skating” and remember to spare a thought for the judges and officials who are giving up their time to assist in these competitions. Remember that they are all volunteers.



Clarification to NZISA Rules for Solo Dance.

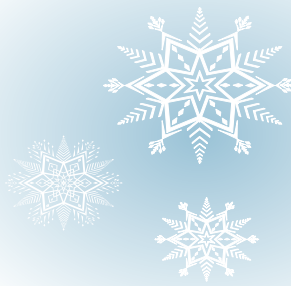
The Solo Dance Group for all
grades for 2008 is Group 1

WORLDS & JUNIOR WORLD RESULTS

Congratulations to Tristan Thode and Morgan Figgins who competed at the 2008 World Championships. Tristan placed 41st and Morgan 52nd.

Congratulations also to Allie Rout and Cameron Hems who competed at the 2008 Junior World Championship. Cameron placed 41st.

Allie qualified to skate in the freeskate and was placed a very creditable 22nd. Well done Allie!!!



Adult International Competitions

Congratulations to Keith Dickson for winning two Gold Medals at the 2008 Russian Winter Games.

Unfortunately Sue Hoseit, was going to compete in two other European Internationals was injured before she could skate. We wish here a speedy recovery.

HOLLINS TROPHY RESULTS

Congratulations to the following skaters who competed at the Hollins Trophy Competition:

Pre-Primary: Sarah McGibbon - 3rd	Intermediate: Ayesha Campbell - 4th
Primary: Madeleine Parker - 1st	Novice: Yuko Tanaka - 8th
Jessie Park - 7th	Senior: Caitlin Haynes - 4th

Council Minutes in Brief

The Nationals Announcement is out and can be found on the NZISA webpage at: www.nzisa.com. Please read it. Closing date for the 2008 New Zealand National Championship, which is being held at the Ice Sports Southland Rink in Gore, is Thursday 25th August 2008.

Council is very pleased that the Winter Games proposal for 2009 is going ahead and although there are some major decisions still to be made we believe that NZ will be able to compete one skater in each of the Junior and Senior level (Male and female). If successful we hope to broaden the range at the next competition to include possibly Novice Pairs and Dance.

We are please to have had Simon Thode and Sandra Williamson-Leadley accepted for a ISU Seminar in Frankfurt later this month. Simon will be going as a Technical Specialist and Sandra as a Technical Controller. All going well and if they pass their exam they will be ISU qualified which will be a great step forward for New Zealand.

Council continued to discuss Coaches becoming members of the NZISA. All professional coaches are required to have joined by now. Remember that there are benefits to becoming a member.

Dispensation was given to Judges so that they are now able to coach Kiwiskate.

Our President and Vice President were sent to Monaco to attend the ISU World Congress. It is important to have representation at this Congress not only to be involved in the changes of rules and regulations but also to be able to make contacts with other countries delegates. New Zealand is a small country in regards to World Wide Figure Skating but that doesn't mean that we can't make our voice heard.

The University Games were discussed and as more and more skaters become eligible it was decided that the selection for this competition would be made at Nationals. One Senior male and Female skater could attend.

The next Council Meeting dates were set:

July 26 2008, in Auckland at Leanne's
September 20, 2008, in Auckland at Leanne's
November 15, 2008, in Christchurch at Core Limited.

You can read the full minutes from any of the NZISA Council Meetings on the NZISA website.

Remember if you have anything that you would like Council to discuss then please have to the National Secretary in writing a week before the meeting date.