

## NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

There is a lot to celebrate in this newsletter and I am sure you will join us in congratulating our skaters who competed at our recent National Championships.

### NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS & NEW ZEALAND ADULT SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS, DUNEDIN 5 - 8 OCTOBER

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to the organisers, officials and volunteers for making this such a successful event. In particular we would like to acknowledge the many hours of work and the effort of Sue Hoseit, Virginia Cathro and the members of the organising committee from Dunedin Ice Skating Club put in to this competition.

Our National Championships are the pinnacle event of our skating calendar and we wish to congratulate all those who met the qualification criteria to be able to compete. We enjoyed some great skating over the four days of competition and all results can be found on the Competitions section of the NZIFSA website <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/>.

### SELECTIONS FROM THE 2017 NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The provisional announcement of selection of representative skaters and those that had made the development squads was made at the banquet following the completion of the standard grades at the National Championships and the confirmed selections are listed below.

#### NZIFSA Development Squad

Those marked with \* met the Development Squad selection criteria at either the North or South Island Championships. These are listed alphabetically by surname.

##### ***Pre-Elementary Ladies***

Christine Aixinjueluo\*  
Gemma Pickering\*



##### ***Elementary Ladies***

Marina Chen\*  
Jazmyn Evangelou\*



##### ***Juvenile Ladies***

Brooke Cathro\*  
Misaki Joe\*  
Jordon Laker\*  
Victoria Larsen\*  
Jenna Scholtz



**Juvenile Men**

Bogdan Moskalenko



**Juvenile Dance**

Anne Kyle & Blake Barraclough



**Basic Novice A Ladies**

Neske Groenewegen

Lucienne Holtz\*

Ally Landon Lane\*

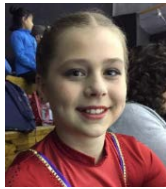
Yvonne Li\*

Praewa Saguanwongse\*

Cordelia Shi\*

Rebekah Sime\*

Natasha Woodacre\*



**Basic Novice A Men**

Stepan Kadlcik



**Basic Novice B Ladies**

Mirika Armstrong\*

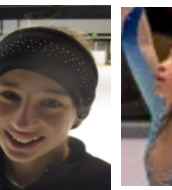
Claudia Clarke

Grace Greenstreet\*

Jessica Hay\*

Rivers Richens\*

Emmanuel Tsang\*



**Basic Novice B Men**

Douglas Gerber\*

Star Richens\*



**Advanced Novice Ladies**

Ella Smith\*



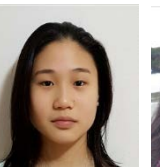
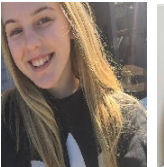
**Junior Ladies**

Jojo Hong

Nicola Korck\*

Pei-Lin Lee\*

Asia Tapealava\*



**Junior Men**

Harrison Bain

Brian Lee\*



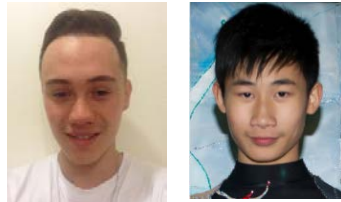
**Senior Ladies**

Isabella Bardua  
Brooke Tamepo\*



**Senior Men**

Michael Durham\*  
Brian Lee

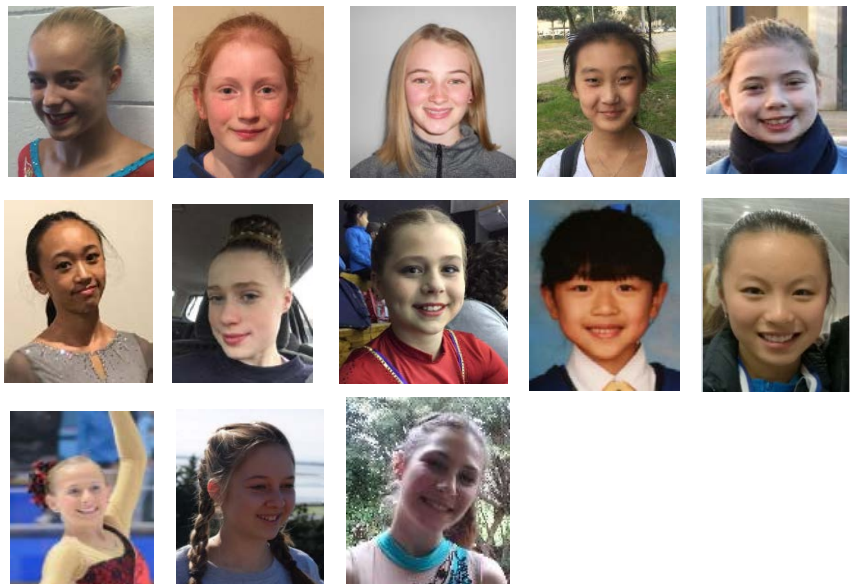


**Selection of Skaters for the Australian Figure Skating Championships**

The following skaters have met our selection criteria to compete at the 2017 Australian Figure Skating Championships. Ice Skating Australia is not always able to accept all of our skaters to compete, and we are awaiting confirmation as to whether they have places available for all those that met our selection criteria.

**Basic Novice A Ladies**

Ally Landon Lane  
Rebekah Sime  
Natasha Woodacre  
Cordelia Shi  
Lucienne Holtz  
Avon Agsornwong  
Katie St Clair-Newman  
Neske Groenewegen  
Praewa Saganwongse  
Yvonne Li  
Keryn Weston  
Emilia Crooks  
Taylyn Vallet



**Basic Novice A Men**

Stepan Kadlcik



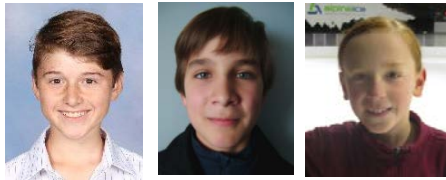
**Basic Novice B Ladies**

Emmanuel Tsang  
Jessica Hay  
Claudia Clarke  
Hannah Sime  
Mirika Armstrong  
Grace Greenstreet  
Rivers Richens



**Basic Novice B Men**

Douglas Gerber  
Tama Anthony-Whigham  
Star Richens



**Basic Novice Pairs**

Hannah Sime & Reuben Dougherty



**Intermediate Ladies**

Anna Winter



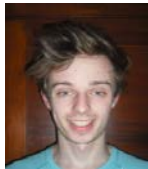
**Advanced Novice Ladies**

Ella Smith  
Katie Sewell



**Advanced Novice Men**

Reuben Dougherty



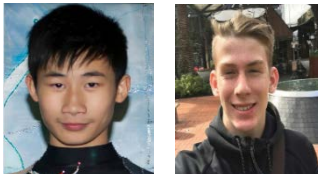
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Jojo Hong  
Pei-Lin Lee  
Asia Tapealava



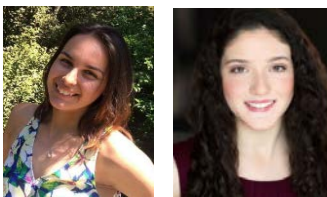
**Junior Men**

Brian Lee  
Harrison Bain



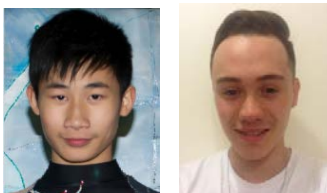
**Senior Ladies**

Brooke Tamepo  
Isabella Bardua



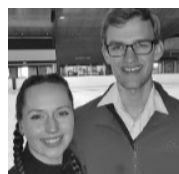
**Senior Men**

Brian Lee  
Michael Durham



**Junior Dance**

Varshana Schelling & Liam McIver



**Mixed Age Synch**

Black Ice  
Kia Kaha



**Selection of International B Team Representative Skaters**

The International B Team provides an opportunity for a further group of skaters to gain experience at international competitions. These skaters are eligible to attend any international competitions where the number of spaces available to New Zealand in any grade exceeds the number of selected International A Representatives, but they aren't eligible for any NZIFSA funding for this. These are listed in order of priority.

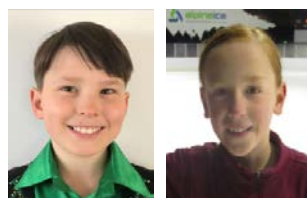
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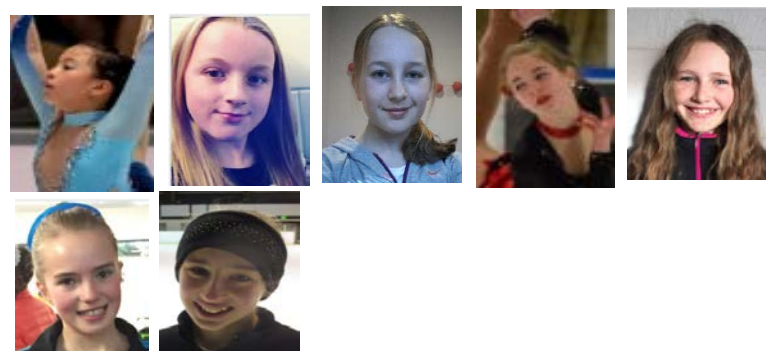
**Basic Novice A Men**

Stepan Kadlcik  
Star Richens \* / \*\*\*\*



**Basic Novice B Ladies**

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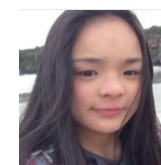
**Basic Novice B Men**

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Tama Anthony-Whigham



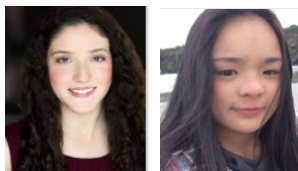
**Advanced Novice Ladies**

Asia Tapealava \* / \*\*\*



**Junior Ladies**

Isabella Bardua\*  
Asia Tapealava



**Senior Ladies**

Brooke Tamepo  
Isabella Bardua



**Senior Men**

Michael Durham



**Mixed Age Synchronized**

Black Ice  
Kia Kaha

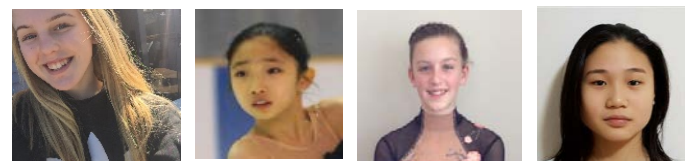


**Selection of International A Team Representative Skaters**

The following skaters have met the NZIFSA criteria to be eligible for selection to represent New Zealand at International Competitions and are in order of priority.

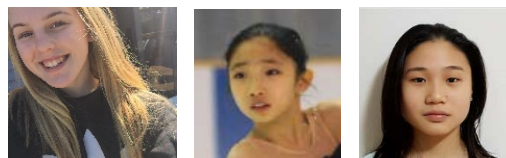
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Pei-Lin Lee \* / \*\*\*



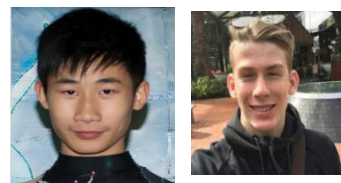
**Junior Ladies**

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**Junior Men**

Brian Lee  
Harrison Bain



**Senior Men**

Brian Lee



- \* Skaters are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in due to age
- \*\* Skaters will age out of the International B Team for Basic Novice A as at 1 July 2018
- \*\*\* Skaters will age out of the International A or B Team for Advanced Novice as at 1 July 2018
- \*\*\*\* Due to ISU age requirements, skaters cannot be named in the International B Team for Basic Novice B as they are currently too young for this age group.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT THE NATIONALS BANQUET**

### **Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence**

The cup is awarded to the skater, couple, pair or team that has excelled in skating over the year, in international competitions (including Australia) or have had an outstanding year in skating. The trophy is only to be awarded if a skater deserves it and fits the above criteria. If there is no skater, couple, pair or team that fit the criteria that year, the trophy will be held until the following year. The Board decided that this year the award will not be presented.

### **Administrator of the Year**

There were only two nominees for the Administrator of the Year award again this year, which was disappointing as we know we have some really great administrators out there in our clubs, but the quality of the two nominees we did have was far from disappointing. The two nominees were Kirsty Cox and Mike Slater.

Kirsty has been on the Canterbury Masters Committee since 2013 and is currently Vice President. She has also a member of the South Island Ice Skating Sub Association committee since 2013 where she was elected as Treasurer and is still the current Treasurer. She is fully involved in the organisation of the SI Championships and the 2016 National Championships that were held in Christchurch. Kirsty is the Captain of Spectrum Synchro Team and is responsible for communications within the team, booking off-ice venues, fundraising and is always available for other fundraising ventures. She is currently an NZIFSA judge for Singles, Pairs, Dance and Synchro and has been involved for the past 3-4 years. Kirsty puts her hand up to help for anything she can, and is much more significant when you realise that Kirsty has two fully dependant special needs children aged 14 & 18.

The second nominee for this award is Mike Slater. Mike, a skater in a previous life, is one of the Dad's who is always there supporting the sport of his daughter. He started off helping setting up competitions for AIFSC back in the day when the set up team had to be at the rink at 5am. Becoming tired of the water-logged platforms he quietly decided to make new water-resistant platforms for the judges and when the judges asked if it was possible to have steps up to the platform, the next competition, the steps were in place. Mike joined the AIFSC committee in 2014, and along with building and installing a new club notice board, he has progressed to learning the role of Accountant and Calc operator. He now helps all clubs with the physical computer set-up and then sits in the cold, usually on both competition days, doing calc. He has also been instrumental in the cable trays for the NI system so judges do not need to worry about kicking or pulling out the many cables. In 2015 Mike joined the AIFSC Synchro Sub Committee and in 2016 became the Chairperson as well as the Vice President of AIFSC Committee. Nothing is ever too hard for Mike and he quietly tackles the many tasks given with quiet efficiency all the while with a smile on his face. Mike no only spends many hours volunteering for AIFSC but he is also a volunteer and supporter of the Pakuranga Rugby League Club, spending many hours there as well.

The Board, after quite some deliberation, decided to award the Administrator of the Year award to both Kirsty and Mike.

### **Sportsperson of the Year**

The Board only received one nomination for this award. The nominee was Hannah May Slater.

Hannah-May started skating in the Kiwi Skate programme in 2010 and is currently a member of Black Ice Mixed Age Synchro Team and has always worn her AIFSC blue jacket with pride, even during public sessions and is a great draw card for her club. She is a caring skater who is happy to form 'ice-buddy' friends with younger team members showing them the ropes and how to do various synchro moves. At competition time, Hannah-May can be found in the dressing room helping parents with hair and make-up. Even when injured Hannah-May is still seen at the rink for competitions from beginning to the end, helping and supporting everyone. Hannah-May has completed her Kiwi Skate School Coaching course and is always available to do the holiday skate school programme at Paradise. She consistently takes part in club fundraising whether it be chopping onions or selling the most boxes of chocolates. Hannah-May can often be seen helping committee members set up and pack down of Club Champs, carrying boxes, food, trophies and running all kinds of errands as required.

The Board are pleased to award the Sports person of the year award to Hannah-May Slater.

### **The Allchurch Shield**

The Shield is named after Sandy Allchurch and is awarded to the club that gets the highest number of points, based on where their members place in the various grades, at our New Zealand National and Adult Skating Championships. Sandy Allchurch was actively involved in the Association for many years and was at the inaugural meeting in June 1937 of what was, until 2011, the New Zealand Ice Skating Association. Sandy was also Patron for our Association for many years, and was very dedicated to supporting ice skating. Being able to present this award each year is a rather special acknowledgement to Sandy and the contribution that he, and others like him, have made to our sport.

As the adults had yet to compete it wasn't possible to announce the winners at the banquet. When all the results had been included at the conclusion of the adult grades, the Allchurch Shield was won by Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club. Congratulations AIFSC.

### **Summary of the Allchurch Shield points**

Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC)	35
Dunedin Ice Skating Club (DISC)	23
West Auckland Ice Skating Club (WAISC)	19
Glenburn Figure Skating Club (GFSC)	16
Centaurus Ice Skating Club (CISC)	15
Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club (CMFSC)	14
Allegro Ice Dance Club (AIDC)	4
Ice Sports Southland (ISS)	1
Alexandra Ice Skating Club (AISC)	0
Queenstown Ice Skating Club (QISC)	0

### **PRESENTATION OF LIFE MEMBER AWARD TO SANDRA WILLIAMSON-LEADLEY**

The Board awarded Sandra Life Membership at the AGM in April and would like to acknowledge the huge contribution that Sandra has made to the NZIFSA by presenting her with this Life Membership Certificate. Sandra has been Involved in ice figure skating in New Zealand since 1983 – first as a coach, then as an official.





In addition to her coaching and judging contributions Sandra has been actively involved in the Association since 2002. Initially she was involved as a member of the National Technical Committee of what was then the New Zealand Ice Skate Association. She was a member of the NZISA Council from 2004 - 2011, first as a Councillor, before being Vice President for two years and then as President for four years. When the NZISA restructured and changed our name in 2011 Sandra became the NZIFSA Technical Director 2011 – April 2014, NZIFSA CEO April 2014 – April 2017 and she is now the Skater Development Director for the Association

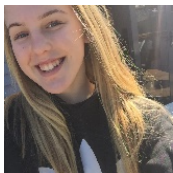
Sandra has made and continues to make, a significant contribution as a moderator for Judges' and Official's Education and presenting seminars/conducting training on the ISU Judging System throughout NZ and in Australia. She also conducts seminars for skaters, coaches and parents. Beyond New Zealand, Sandra is a representative on the ISU ad hoc Education group (2016 – present). On behalf of the NZIFSA I offer our heartfelt and sincerest thanks.

## **UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **Junior Grand Prix, Bolzano, Italy 11-14 October**

The second of the two Junior Grand Prix competitions we were allocated by the ISU is to be held in Bolzano, Italy. The following two skaters will be representing us at this event and we wish them all the very best for this:

Nicola Korck  
Brian Lee



Heather McDonald is the Team Leader for this event, and Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be attending as an ISU judge.

## **REMINDER FOR COMPETITIONS OUTSIDE OF NEW ZEALAND**

A reminder that if you wish to enter any competition outside of New Zealand, you must request permission from the Board to attend. Please send your permission request to the General Secretary [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) .

## **THE PASSING OF MAY WEEDS**

It is with great sadness that we advise the passing of May Weeds on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. While May was not a life member she was our Patron, Allan Weeds wife and for many years was very much a part of the NZIFSA extended family. Allan and his wife May were wonderful supporters of our sport for many years. Allan was a senior judge and referee, was elected to life membership in 1984 and was President of the then NZISA 1978-83. Allan passed away in November last year. Our thoughts are with Allan and May's family.

## **NZIFSA BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, please send any correspondence for this meeting to the General Secretary ([secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)) by 31<sup>st</sup> October at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting.

All the best in skating,  
Jeanette King and Anita Tamepo