



## AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

### MEMORIAL CELEBRATION FOR WENDY CLUCAS (NEE GRAFTON)

A very special Memorial Celebration was held in Christchurch on 25 August for our Patron, Wendy Clucas, who passed away on 11 August 2022. We are preparing a special tribute to Wendy that we will send out soon.



### DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTIONS FROM SOUTH ISLANDS

Skaters can be selected to the NZIFSA Development Squad at South Island, North Island, or our National Championships. The following skaters made the Selection TES for the 2022-23 Development Squad at the South Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetic order by surname.

<b>Basic Novice Under 12</b>	Mia Cotton Lilah Langi-Scott
<b>Basic Novice Ladies</b>	Yuhuan Ding Arlea Lewis
<b>Advanced Novice Ladies</b>	Jazmyn Evangelou
<b>Junior Ladies</b>	Brooke Cathro Misaki Joe
<b>Advanced Novice Dance</b>	Gemma & Benji Pickering
<b>Junior Dance</b>	Lucienne Holtz & Tim Bradfield

Congratulations to these skaters on this achievement, and our apologies for the delay with notifying these selections. We look forward to advising the selections from North Island Championships in due course and confirming the full Development Squad for 2022/23 after our National Championships.

### RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

#### Cranberry International, Boston, Mass. USA, 10-14 August

Senior Women                      Jojo Hong                      SP 2<sup>nd</sup>/15                      FS 6<sup>th</sup>/15                      Overall 5<sup>th</sup>/15  
Congratulations Jojo on your results at this competition

### **Sydney Synchro Festival, Sydney, Australia, 26-28 August**

Sandra Williamson-Leadley attended this as an international official. Sandra also attended the ISU Judges and Referees seminar that was held alongside this competition.

## **UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

As you will have seen in our last newsletter, we have a number of skaters and officials heading off to international competitions in the next couple of months. We wish them all the very best with these competitions.

### **Junior Grand Prix, Ostrava, Czech Republic, 31 August – 3 September**

Junior Women                      Mirika Armstrong

Coach                                      Rosie Armstrong

Livestream link for this event: <https://www.youtube.com/c/isujuniorgrandprix>

### **SEA Trophy, Singapore 2-4 September**

Advanced Novice Women      Jazmyn Evangelou

Advanced Novice Women      Christine Aixinjueluo

Junior Women                      Cara Tang

Junior Women                      Ruth Xu

Junior Men                              Dwayne Li

Junior Men                              Douglas Gerber

Senior Men                              Douglas Gerber

Coach                                      Bess Cao

Mathieu Wilson has been appointed as the Team Leader for this competition.

Sue Petricevic will be attending as an International Judge (pending judges draw).

Very sadly the SEA Trophy organising committee advised that they were unable to accept our third entry in Junior Women's grade, and therefore Misaki Joe is unable to attend.

### **Junior Grand Prix, Riga, Latvia, 7-10 September**

Junior Women                      Cara Tang

Junior Men                              Dwayne Li

Coach                                      Bess Cao

Team Leader                              Suzanne Cunningham

### **Challenger Series USA, Lake Placid, USA 12-16 September**

Senior Dance                      Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam

Unfunded Team Leader      Christian Fournier

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be attending as an international official.

## **RECENT OVERSEAS CLUB COMPETITIONS**

### **2022 Onyx Challenge, Rochester, USA, 19-20 August**

Junior Dance                      Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday

These results are not yet available online, but we hope to have these for you for the next newsletter.

## UPCOMING OVERSEAS CLUB COMPETITIONS

**96th Middle Atlantics, New York, USA, 7-11 September**

Sue Petricevic has been invited to judge at this competition.

## CLEAN SPORT 101

Drug-Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ) would like to remind athletes that we can potentially test at any event, any time. If you have not completed any of the Drug-Free Sport NZ education seminars, we are encouraging all athletes to get the 101 on clean sport with Drug-Free Sport New Zealand (DFSNZ). Clean Sport 101 is an award-winning e-learning module that takes you on a journey through key clean sport concepts in just 15-minutes. Find out what 'clean sport' means and what YOU can do to support it. Explore now at <https://drugfreesport.org.nz/education/e-learning/>.

If you've already completed this course or want to level up your anti-doping knowledge, check out the DFSNZ's Level 1 OR Level 2 e-course. It covers comprehensive clean sport topics, from supplements to the Sports Anti-Doping Rules, and will help you to keep sport healthy, safe and fair. Find out more and take the course at <https://drugfreesport.org.nz/education/e-learning/>.

## SPONSORSHIP OF STORAGE STACK FOR IJS COMPUTERS

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Placemakers Dunedin for the Milwaukee storage stack that they donated for storing and transporting the NZIFSA computer system that is used primarily for competitions in the South Island. This storage system will help protect the computer system from damage and make moving it in and out of venues so much quicker and easier.



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

We would like to encourage clubs and individual members to nominate the person who you think is the most outstanding volunteer administrator and the skater who displays 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 [secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) 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 2022 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating 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 POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Board are seeking member feedback on the **Officials' Training, Appointment & Promotions Policy** and associated Appendices. The Policy is posted on the member forums on our website for review and comment by 21 September 2022. Your submissions will be considered by the Board when they review the policy, and a draft of any proposed amendments will be put back out for member submissions.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW**

As the first step in this annual process, the Rules and Regulations have been posted on the members policy forum for submissions <https://www.nzifsa.org.nz/forums/viewforum.php?f=9>. These include some proposed changes in response to some developments and feedback over the last year. Any proposed changes have been indicated through underlining and strikethroughs. Comments and further submissions may be made on the member forum of or by email to [technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz). Please make any submissions by the 16th of October. There will also be a discussion forum held in conjunction with the 2022 National Championships.

### **NZIFSA BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 13 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](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)) by Tuesday 6 September. Any correspondence received after that date is likely to be tabled at the October meeting.

All the best in skating,  
 Rochelle Stansfield and Jeanette King  
 President and CEO  
 NZIFSA