

# NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

## EASTER NEWSLETTER

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As already circulated by our Secretary the AGM will be held at the Riccarton High School, Christchurch on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 2pm.

There will be a Forum between 1pm – 2pm Topics Skater Development and Communication.

2pm – 4pm AGM

4pm – 5pm Social Afternoon Tea

5pm – 6pm Meeting of Board, Operations and Development Groups

### ISU DANCE SEMINAR – Seoul, Korea 21-28 April

The ISU is again holding a Dance Development this year. Only one skater put their name forward, Patrick Costley, and he will be joined by his coach Debbie Darvill and Christchurch coaches Michelle Carroll and Kim Lewis. We wish them an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

### ISU DEVELOPMENT TROPHY – Manila, Philippines 16-20 April

At the end of last year we received notification from ISU of an International Development Competition for Member Countries who were struggling to meet ISU standards. New Zealand was one of these countries. On receipt of the Announcement we noted that there was also included a four day training camp to be held prior to the one day competition making this even more worthwhile to attend. Each Member was permitted to enter one skater per event. NZ made application to enter two skaters. Unfortunately, due to varying circumstances the originally named team of eight skaters has become five skaters. The promised notification date for acceptance of the second skater and coach arrived somewhat later than promised, but fortunately the Travel Agents were helpful in retaining pencilled seats.

The Team travelling to Manila:

Coach/Team Leader

Deanna Pielak-Jones

Novice B Skaters

Tracy Danbrook, Rebecca Lau, Thomas Woodbridge

Novice A Skaters

Abbey Heale, Harrison Bain.

Caitlin Haynes, Tracy Danbrook's coach, will be attending at her own expense as a learning opportunity.

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will also be there in the capacity of Judge at the invite of ISU who pay for all her travel and accommodation. Sandra has advised me that due to lack of numbers the Dance Competition will not be held.

### Mladost Trophy

From looking at the results Tracy Danbrook acquitted herself well at her first International event.

Competing in the Novice Grade she placed a creditable 14<sup>th</sup> in the SP and 20<sup>th</sup> in the Freeskate from a field of 24 skaters. She reported being very nervous prior to her Freeskate and was a little disappointed, but recognised this was a great first competition to compete in.

### Jo-Ann Chin, Rebecca Lau

Both girls are currently competing in the Singapore Nationals (30-31 March) and Malaysian Nationals (4-5 April).

### JOHN DUNN SEMINAR

A reminder that Enrolments together with payment to attend this seminar are due to be paid to the NZIFSA Treasurer by 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**NZIFSA 75<sup>th</sup> JUBILEE**

Time is now running out for you to register and pay to attend our celebrations to be held at the Peppers Bluewater Resort, Lake Tekapo commencing with a Conversationee Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, and a Dinner on Saturday evening. Last day for payment is 15<sup>th</sup> April but obviously the earlier these can be received the better for organising. There are also a number of different packages available covering ice skating and hot pools these may be seen by viewing the Lake Tekapo website [www.tekaposprings.co.nz](http://www.tekaposprings.co.nz). A Registration Form is posted on our NZIFSA Website.

To date we have received notification from former national champions and executive so it should be a good reunion.

**ARTICLES**

Any items of news and photos from our members would be appreciated for inclusion in the Newsletters.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Easter Holiday.

Jeanette King &  
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