

NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC)

COMMUNICATION 012

All Affiliated Clubs had delegates from their own Club representing them at our Annual General Meeting held in Christchurch the weekend of April 5th and 6th.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2003/04

PATRON	Alan Weeds (Invercargill)
PRESIDENT	Wendy Clucas (Darfield)
VICE PRESIDENTS	Scott Thode (Auckland) Dr Warwick Johnson (Dunedin)
SECRETARY	Joy Street (Christchurch)
TREASURER	Rosemarie Nye (Auckland)
AUDITOR	Jill Michael (Christchurch)
HON SOLICITOR	John Walker (Dunedin)
COUNCIL	Eric Apperley, Jeanne Begej, (Christchurch), Anna-Marie Frost (Auckland), Trish Morris (Alexandra)
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE	
Auckland	Scott Thode, Anna-Marie Frost, Barbara Lindsay-Taylor, Sue Petricevic.
Christchurch	Eric Apperley, Jeanne Begej, Sandra Leadley, Keely Jamieson
Otago/Southland	Rachel Barker, Jillian Phillips, Christine Stevens, Nicole McDonald

RETIREMENT

John Harrington a long serving member of Council and First Vice President over the last few years announced his retirement from office this year. John has looked after the Test and Competitive records for NZISA plus is always on hand together with his wife Elva-Jean assisting at Championships in the back room tabulating. John still retains his interest in skating acting on the Ice Sports Southland Board and is available for tabulating work.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Mr Arie Verhoef whom many will know in the Otago/Southland region was awarded Life Membership for his services over many years to skating in New Zealand. Arie has a great love of the sport of figure skating and has given his time freely not only to the Technical Committee but as a Judge, amateur coach for the Dunedin Ice Skating Club assisting with Kiwi Skate, Masters Games and general running of the ice rink. Congratulations to Arie on receiving this prestigious award.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2003 National Championship Announcement will be published this week and forwarded to all Club Secretaries. These are to be held at Paradise Ice Arena, Botany Downs, Auckland, commencing October 6th – 9th inclusive. This year through contacts made at ISU Congress and continued at International Competitions we are very hopeful that skaters from Korea, South Africa, Japan and of course Australia will attend giving our Nationals an International flavour and our skaters the opportunity to see and compete with their peers from another Country.

CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

New Championship Grade

The Intermediate Grade has been re-introduced to fall in line with Australia. This Grade is open to those skaters who have passed their Test 3 (Bronze) Freeskating with a maximum of Inter Silver Freeskating and a minimum of Bronze Stroking and who have not competed in a higher grade. A skater may compete in this grade for three years.

Spin combination Intermediate and Novice Short Programme: The terminology has been made clearer stating a change of foot and at least two changes of position.

Pre Primary Grade: This grade has reverted back to one division with no age restrictions.

Masters Masters has been renamed Silver Masters.

Synchronized Skating:

The Open Grade has been retained and a Juvenile Grade introduced to accommodate young Kiwi Skate competitors.

MEDAL TEST FEES

Medal test fees are to increase to \$25 per test across the board. Fees have not been increased for many years. There is a disturbing shortage of Judges and Tabulators throughout the Country and this money will go to their development and recruiting new officials.

KIWI SKATE PASSES

Trish Morris is responsible for compiling records of all Kiwi Skate passes Nationally. Would all Clubs, Coaches or Ice Rinks responsible for recording this information in their area, please forward a copy of passes regularly to Trish for documentation. Fax Number (03) 448-8189.

ISU CONTRIBUTION “C” GRANT

It has been brought to our attention that there are still skating folks who do not understand the distribution of these funds to a few skaters.

ISU funding is only for International level skaters to assist them with their training, (on and off ice to prepare them for International Competition and to assist in travel for the athlete, Coach and Team Leader. This funding cannot be used for any other level skater and must be documented to the ISU annually showing the distribution of funds. NZISA is always open to an Audit from the ISU.

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

FOUR CONTINENTS:

Ricky Cockerill	16 SP, 16 Free 16 Overall (21)
Tristan Thode	17 SP, 19 Free 19 Overall (21)
Imelda-Rose Hegarty	26 SP (did not qualify)

JUNIOR WORLDS Tristan Thode 21st (23 qualifying group)

TIVOLI CUP - Slovenia

Age Born before '93 Allie Rout 1st (12)

HELLMUT SIEBT MEMORIAL CUP - Vienna

Age Born before '93 Allie Rout 1st (28)

AFRISKATE CUP

Cape Town, South Africa 5 – 8 May 2003

The following two skaters will be competing at this Inter-club and International Competition.

Caitlin Hayes - Novice Ladies

Morgan Figgins – Under 12 years.

We wish these two girls well for the competition.

2003 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

April 27	Autumn Trophy	Auckland
July 9 – 12	Wintersun Trophy/ Le Patinage Artistique	Acacia Ridge, Qld, Aust
July 12-13	Auckland Club Champs	
July 19	Centaurus Club Champs	Chch
July 20 – 21	Glenburn Club Champs	
August 24-25 Ten	SI Champs	Chch
Sept 7 – 8 Ten	NI Champs	Botany Downs, Akl
Sept 24-27 Ten	Qld State Champs	Qld, Aust
Oct 6 – 9	NZ Nationals	Botany Downs, Akl

ENTRIES CLOSE with NZISA Treasurer Friday 29 August 2003

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January 21-24	Summer Trophy/ Le Partinage Artistique	Acacia Ridge, Qld, Aust
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO SKATERS/PARENTS

NZISA Rules and Regulations are published and updated on our website www.nzisa.com. Please do not rely on your Coach, (some come from Overseas and are not familiar with NZISA Regulations) become aware of the requirements that your child is required to perform in Medal Tests and Championship routines. If you are in doubt or have reason to believe there may be a problem please do not hesitate to contact your area Technical Committee who will be only too happy to help.

PROCEDURE MANUAL

Council are working on producing a Procedure Document that will cover such information as:- Organisation of Tests and Championship, Selection Criteria and other useful information. When completed this document should be an excellent reference manual for Clubs.

SPARC

Jude Ellis Advisor for SPARC Sport Development has advised that they are giving away the Hillary Commission "Calling the Game" to good homes. They ask that these manuals are used in the next six months and don't gather dust. If any Club is interested in obtaining a set please contact Jude on www.sparc.org.nz/officials/resources.php or call her on (04) 496 3994 to order copies.

As winter and our competitive year fast approaching, I wish all skaters and officials an enjoyable and successful skating year.

Wendy Clucas
President

April 2003