



NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

August 2014 NEWSLETTER

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Skate Down Under International Competition, Dunedin, 14-16 August 2014

The NZIFSA hosted an International competition in Dunedin "Skate Down Under NZ" last week. This competition follows on from Skate Down Under 2013 that was held in Sydney this time last year. Working with the Australians we want to establish this competition as an annual event to be held either in Australia and New Zealand. While the numbers of entries were significantly lower than expected, the initial feedback we have had is that it was still worthwhile holding it, as it provided an opportunity for both our skaters and our Australian neighbours to attend an international competition in our own backyard.

Results

Novice	Ladies	1	Holly HARRIS	(AUS)
		2	Hayley DEAN	(AUS)
Novice	Men	1	Darian KAPTICH	(AUS)
		2	Brian LEE	(NZL)
Junior	Ladies	1	Amelia JACKSON	(AUS)
		2	Katie PASFIELD	(AUS)
		3	Amelia SADLER	(AUS)
		4	Brooke TAMEPO	(NZL)
		5	Preeya LAUD	(NZL)
		6	Tracy DANBROOK	(NZL)
Junior	Men	1	Michael DURHAM	(NZL)
		2	Thomas WOODBRIDGE	(NZL)
Senior	Ladies	1	Jaimee NOBBS	(AUS)
		2	Chelsea Chiyan YIM	(HKG)
		3	Tiffany Yong Yeu LAU	(HKG)
		WD	Sarah MACGIBBON	(NZL)

The full results are posted in the competitions section on the NZIFSA website <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/2014comps/SkateDownUnderNZ/>

We are just waiting for pictures from the event and these will be included in next month's newsletter.

Unfortunately Madelaine Parker was unable to take her position on the team and represent us in Junior Ladies as she is currently rehabilitating from injury. We would like to wish her all the very best with her recovery. We would also like to wish Sarah MacGibbon all the best with her recovery that forced her withdrawal from the Senior ladies event at Skate Down Under.

Hosting an international competition would not be possible without a lot of input from volunteers, including the international officials from Australia, Korea, Japan and New Zealand, as well as the skaters parents who so willingly turned their hand to the myriad of tasks asked of them, and the volunteers from DISC club who turned out to help at short notice. A huge thank you is extended to you all for making the competition run so smoothly and keeping everyone well fed.

The NZIFSA would also like to acknowledge the financial support from the New Zealand Community Trust towards the hire of the ice, and to the International Skating Union for the development funding we received. Without that support this competition would not have been a proposition we could have entertained.

Junior Grand Prix

We were allocated two Junior Grand Prix events this year, and we are pleased to announce that the following skaters will be representing New Zealand at these competitions.

Courchevel, France, August 20-24

Preeya Laud

Aichi, Japan, September 10-14

Tracy Danbrook and Michael Durham

Preeya has just finished competing in France as we write this. She was 22nd / 23 in the SP, 22nd /23 in the FS and 22nd overall at her first Junior Grand Prix event. We'd also like to wish Tracy and Michael all the best for their Junior Grand Prix in Japan next month

Sandra Williamson-Leadley has been appointed by the ISU as the Referee for the Junior Men's event at the Junior Grand Prix in Japan.

OTHER COMPETITIONS

Hollins Trophy, Sydney, 6-9 June 2014

Congratulations to all those who participated in this competition.

Results

Pre Primary	Ladies	Asia Tapealava	22 nd /30
Primary	Ladies	Pee-Lin Lee	9 th /16
Novice	Ladies	Anastasia Kuznetsova	4 th /13
		Men	Brian Lee
			Harrison Bain
Junior	Ladies	Preeya Laud	6 th /8
Senior	Ladies	Sarah MacGibbon	3 rd /4

Suzanne Cunningham also judged at this competition and Dion Cunningham and Liz Speden were data and replay operators respectively.

Wintersun Trophy, Brisbane, 2-6 July 2014

We also had some skaters attend the Wintersun competition.

Results

Junior	Ladies	Preeya Laud	11 th /16
		Tracy Danbrook	13 th /16
Senior	Ladies	Sarah MacGibbon	4 th /4

ISU CONGRESS

Every two years, the International Skating Union (ISU) holds a Congress and Member Federations have the opportunity to have input into review the Constitution, General Regulations and Special Regulations & Technical Rules that govern our sport. Jeanette King and Sandra Williamson-Leadley were the NZIFSA delegates at the most recent Congress that was held in Dublin 9 – 13 June. Sue Petricevic also attended as a member of the ISU Disciplinary Commission. This was a very productive Congress that was preceded by a very constructive and positive Forum looking towards the future for the ISU. A report from Congress has already been sent to our members. If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact Jeanette or Sandra.



OFFICIALS TRAINING SEMINAR

A training seminar for existing and new NZIFSA Officials was held in Christchurch on the weekend of 2-3 August. There were approximately 50 officials in attendance. The moderators for the seminar were Susan Lynch (ISU Judge & Referee, ISU Technical Controller and member of the ISU Singles and Pairs Technical Committee), Wendy Langton (ISU Judge and International Referee), Natalie Taylor (ISU Dance Judge) from Australia, and Ina Paul (International Data/Replay Operator) and Dion Cunningham (National level Calc Operator/Accountant) from New Zealand. The seminar was a great opportunity for existing officials to gain information about the changes to the ISU rules and regulations as a result of the ISU Congress in June. New officials were able to train in various roles required for the ISU Judging System and practice with support from the moderators. These people have been putting their skills into practice at the various Club and regional championships held since the seminar.

If anyone is interested in becoming an NZIFSA Official, please contact the Officials Director, Suzanne Cunningham, dionandsuz@iinet.net.au.

THE UNSUNG HEROES OF A COMPETITION

There are a number of people who make a competition happen. Besides the Judges and Technical Panel, there are also the Data and Replay Operators, Camera Operators, Calc Operators and Accountants. These are the unsung heroes of a competition. These people are located on the Officials' stand during the competition, making sure that each skater's elements, marks and performances are recorded. Without the services of these people, a competition would not be able to take place. Skaters and coaches – having your PPC up to date makes the jobs of these people so much easier to do. Our thanks to these people for making themselves available to ensure our competitions can take place.

You do not need to have a skating background to undertake these positions and we would encourage anyone who is interested in becoming an NZIFSA Official in one of these roles to contact Suzanne Cunningham, the NZIFSA Officials Director.

NOMINATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AND SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS

We'd like to encourage you to nominate those outstanding administrators and the skaters who display 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 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 2014 NZ National 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 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

RECOGNISING OUR VOLUNTEERS

A reminder that Sport NZ have teamed up with Lotto and Regional Sporting Trusts to recognise and reward the Sport Makers - the volunteers who make sport happen throughout New Zealand. The partnership is all about acknowledging and supporting our wonderful sport volunteers nationwide – the sport makers who blow a whistle, coach, balance the books or help cook the sausages for the fundraising BBQ.

As part of the partnership, Regional Sporting Trusts will be allocated some fantastic sporting merchandise to distribute to local sport makers (via planned initiatives they are running), in recognition of their contribution to sport.

If you know someone who gives their time and energy to make your sport happen, you can show your appreciation for their wonderful contribution by sending them a thank you e-card. The e-card also gives them the chance to enter into a draw to win \$500 worth of quality sporting goods including clothing, cones, bibs, balls and more.

For more information visit www.lottovolunteers.co.nz/sportmakers

All the best in Skating

Sandra Williamson-Leadley and Jeanette King