

Communication 046

Happy New Year



From the National Council.

With the festive season behind us for another year, thoughts begin to turn to skating for the 2010 skating season (especially those whose ice rinks have been closed over the past few weeks or months – have you checked out

the new look Alpine Ice Sports Centre?). The rink in Gore will be open again in February with the ice surface having been redone. Some of our skaters have been continuing to train as they prepare

for the Northern Hemisphere competitions or have taken the opportunity to train overseas during the NZ Summer.

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2010 Four Continents Championship - 25 to 30 January

As announced at the NZ Nationals banquet, Cameron Hems is off this week to Jeonju, Korea to represent New Zealand at the 2010 Four Con-

tinents Championship. He is being accompanied by one of his coaches, Liudmila Kuznetsova. This will be Cameron's first international event as a Senior

competitor. On behalf of the NZISA Skating Community, we would like to wish Cameron all the best for this competition!!

Appointment and Promotion of NZISA Officials



The recommendations by the Senior Referees and Technical Controllers as well as Test Referees have gone to Council for approval. Individual letters will be sent out to all officials listed on the Test and Championship lists as well as probationary judges on their current gradings. Please contact Jan Howie, National Secretary, secretary@nzisa.com, if you have not received your letter by 1 February 2010.



NZ National Synchronized Skating Team

The NZ Synchronized Skating Team was formed at the 2009 NZ National Championships with the first camp being held in November in Dunedin. However, due to a variety of reasons, personal and otherwise, there has been some changes to the skaters on the team since that time. The NZISA are pleased to be able to announce that the following skaters are on the 2010 NZ Synchronized Skating Team:

1. Shannon Costello
2. Jacqui de Vries
3. Ashleigh Gallagher
4. Amber Harries
5. Aleisha Haslemore - Captain
6. Caitlin Haynes
7. Harrison Holcombe
8. Emma Houliston
9. Samantha Marr
10. Hannah McAvoy – Vice Captain
11. Elizabeth O'Neill
12. Juliette O'Neill
13. Caitlyn Paul
14. Fallon Pullar
15. Chelsea Richdale
16. Rachel Vermeulen
17. Alison Wills (subject to passing stroking test)
18. Carlin Wright

There are five skaters from the 2009 NZ Synchronized Skating team and three former members of Team Australia skating with the team. The coach for the team is Mrs Robi Chalmers from Adelaide, Australia, with Kevin Poit as Team Leader and Heather McDonald as Team Manager.

The team has had training camps in December (Auckland) and are currently at a training camp in Dunedin. Both programs have been completed and the skaters are training hard to perfect them. There will be a showcase in Auckland during the February camp and a showcase in the south during the March camp.

The skaters depart on 27 March for Denver where they will train until the World Championships on April 9 – 10. We ask that the NZISA Skating Community support the team in their fundraising and other efforts as they prepare for this important event.



2010 NZISA Rules and Regulations



The NZISA Technical Committee and Council have been working on finalising the 2010 NZISA Rules and Regulations and these will be available on the NZISA website by the end of January. All Judges, Technical Controllers, Technical

Specialists, Club Secretaries, Technical Committee and Council Members should receive a hard copy in the mail by 31 January. Please ensure that the address that the NZISA have for you (check my NZISA on the website) is the address that you wish this to

be sent to. Please advise Jeff Eichmann, Technical Committee Secretary, tcsecretary@nzisa.com, if you have not received this by the first week in February.



Coaches' Code of Ethics

A timely reminder with the skating season about to start, please have a read of the coaches' code of ethics. If there are skaters who are changing coaches, please ensure that a skater has informed the coach that they are

changing and that all monies owing to the former coach have been paid before you begin lessons with the skater. Please remember that you are a professional and need to treat your colleagues and skaters accordingly.

Policy Submissions



Please ensure that when you make a submission on a policy that it is in the format as it would appear in the policy. This ensures that your suggestion is able to be seen in context and reads as it would appear.



Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is being held on 13-14 February. Please ensure that any correspondence is to the National Secretary by 5 February.

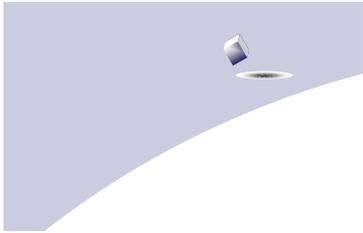


Skate Sensations - Synchro Team Reunion

Calling all former members of the Skate Sensations Precision (Synchronized Skating) Team – it has been 20 years since New Zealand's first Synchronized Skating Team to compete in Australia

was formed. It has been suggested by a few members that it would be great to get the people who were on the team and management staff between 1990 and 1994 together for a reunion. Labour Weekend in 2010 might be a good time for everyone to meet up (hopefully that will mean our expats who now live in Australia or further afield may be able to come as well). Please contact all former members that you know or have contact with and let them

know about the plans for a reunion. Sharyn Robb (Macdonald) has agreed to set up a contacts database for us and be our liaison person for everyone to get in touch with. Her mobile number is +64 21 134-3196 or her address is 6 Yew Tree



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Lane, Hillmorton, phone or email address yet – we will let you know as soon as possible. In the meantime if you want to email contacts, please send these to secretary@nzisa.com and the messages will be sent to Sharyn.

Remember that you can access lots of information on our website:

www.nzisa.com

Development Squads and Camps



An error in the Technical Element Scores for Sarah MacGibbon (DISC) in the Novice Ladies Free Skate event means that Sarah has earned the TES points required to be named to the International Development Squad rather than the Talent/Age ID Squad as was announced in NZISA Communication 044 and at the NZ Nationals banquet. Our congratulations and apologies to Sarah, who is currently living, training and competing overseas, and plans to be back in Dunedin in March 2010.

An addition to the Development Squads is Christina Floka (AIFSC). Christina made the required TES points for Novice while competing in the Novice Ladies event at the 2009 Australian National Championships. She entered the NZ Nationals in the Junior Ladies event but was forced to withdraw due to injury after the draw. As she is no longer eligible to compete as a Novice competitor but is too young to skate as a Junior internationally, she has been named to the Talent/Age ID Squad. On behalf of the NZ Skating Community, we would like to wish Christina a full recovery from her injury and congratulate her on being named to the Development Squad.

Development camps for the skaters named to the Talent / Age ID Development Squad will take place in Auckland (27 - 28 February for NI skaters) and Gore (6-7 March for SI skaters) . All other NZ skaters who are in the Juvenile to Novice grades are eligible to take part in these development camps at their own cost while the skaters named in the squad will receive partial funding. Letters regarding the development camps will be sent out shortly. Keep an eye on the NZISA website for more information.

Happy Skating for 2010