

DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas is just about upon us and the NZIFSA Board, Development and Operations Groups would like to wish all the members of the NZ Skating Community a *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!* We hope that you have a wonderful summer break.



RESULTS AUSTRALIAN FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS – SYDNEY

The following skaters represented New Zealand at the Australian Figure Skating Championships held at Penrith Ice Palace, Sydney 27 November – 4 December 2015.

<i>Primary Ladies</i>	Pei Lin Lee	13 th /22
	Ella Smith	16 th /22
<i>Intermediate Ladies</i>	Emma Taggart	10 th /22
<i>Novice Ladies</i>	Anastasia Kuznetsova	7 th /23
	Zara Anthony-Whigham	23 rd /23
<i>Novice Men</i>	Harrison Bain	3 rd /9
<i>Junior Ladies</i>	Brooke Tamepo	10 th /20
	Preeya Laud	13 th /20
	Tracy Danbrook	15 th /20
	Christina Floka	20 th /20
<i>Junior Men</i>	Michael Durham	4 th /7
	Brian Lee	7 th /7
<i>Novice Dance</i>	Emma Cunningham and Jake Meyer	2 nd /4



Harrison on the right

Congratulations to our medal winners – Harrison Bain (Novice Men) and Emma Cunningham & Jake Meyer (Novice Dance) pictured, and to all our other competitors. There was clearly some very stiff competition in a number of grades.



HEART-FELT CONDOLENCES TO BARBARA LINDSAY-TAYLOR

Many of you will know our Senior Judge, Barbara Lindsay-Taylor. Very sadly, Barbara's son, Dean Taylor, lost his long and difficult battle with cancer in the early hours of Monday 7 December. Our hearts go out to you Barbara, to Dean's wife, Tracie and their children, and to your extended families.

NEW POSTAL ADDRESS FOR NZIFSA

Our PO Box has had to move as the Post Office it has been at has closed. The PO Box number stays the same, but the Box location and post code have changed.

From 14 December our new postal address is:

NZ Ice Figure Skating Association
P O Box 29024
Riccarton
Christchurch 8440

AGM TO BE HELD IN AUCKLAND ON 9 APRIL 2015

The AGM is to be held Saturday 9 April with meetings for the Board, Operations and Development Groups on Sunday morning. The venue has yet to be confirmed, but we anticipate starting with member forums at approximately 1pm, followed by the AGM at 3pm, and a social get together from 4-5pm.

The following positions are up for election in 2016 and we would like to encourage people to consider standing for these roles:

Vice-President
Chief Executive Officer
One Board member
General Secretary
Technical Director
Officials Director

If you have any questions about any of these roles please don't hesitate to contact Bridget Danbrook secretary@nzifsa.org.nz, Jeanette King president@nzifsa.org.nz or Sandra Williamson-Leadley ceo@nzifsa.org.nz

STROKING SEMINARS FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS

The first of the stroking seminars to work with coaches and officials on the new stroking tests took place in Auckland on Sunday 13 December. Further seminars will be held in January in Christchurch and Dunedin for coaches and Officials in those areas. The dates for these are still being finalised, but we hope to have details for you in the very near future.

SKATER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS IN 2016

January Development Camps

NZIFSA will be running a skater development camp in Auckland Friday 22-Sunday 24 January. In addition, NZIFSA will be providing support for skaters to attend a skater development camp in Christchurch Monday 18 – Friday 22 January. Details about both these camps were emailed out to skaters and coaches last week. If you have any questions about these camps, please contact our Skater Development Director, Liudmila Kuznetsova at liudmila.sk8coach@me.com.

NZIFSA Development Camps in April with Manon Perron

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the NZIFSA have been granted Olympic Solidarity funding via the New Zealand Olympic Committee (NZOC) to run development camps for our Development Squad skaters and for coaches in April next year. We are very excited to have secured Manon Perron as moderator for these camps. There will be one camp in Dunedin (26-28 April), and one in Auckland (29 April - 1 May).

We are very keen to maximise the benefit of having Manon out here and so will be opening these camps up to skaters in Juvenile level and up. We will be providing our Development Squad skaters with additional opportunities for training with Manon, over and above the opportunities offered to our other skaters. To ensure numbers are manageable, skaters will only be allowed to attend either the Auckland or Dunedin camp, not both. There will be more details and a registration form for coaches and skaters in the New Year.

ISU Development Trophy – Poland 11-17 April 2016

We are still waiting on details of the ISU World Development Trophy to be held in Gdansk, Poland 11 - 17 Apr 2016. As soon as we have more information about this event we will be sending it to the Development Squad members.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

We're keen to include any snippets of news you might have that celebrate the achievements of our members. If you have any pictures or stories you think might be of interest, please send them through to Jeanette King at president@nzifsa.org.nz or Sandra Williamson-Leadley at ceo@nzifsa.org.nz.

Paradise Skate School Coach of the Year 2015

We'd like to thank Rosie Armstrong for sending us through copies of the awards made to her top skate school coaches at Avondale and Botany. Each an award is made to the top skate school coach at each rink recognising outstanding effort and commitment to the skaters and classes. This year the awards went to:

Tracy Danbrook
2015 Paradise Botany Skate School
Coach of the Year



Brooke Tamepo
2015 Paradise Avondale Skate School
Coach of the Year



NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Tuesday 9 February. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by Tuesday 2 February at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and all the best in skating,
Sandra Williamson-Leadley and Jeanette King