

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION June 2015 NEWSLETTER

The competitive season has started with the first of the Club championships having taken place on Queen's Birthday weekend. All competition details are listed on the NZIFSA website under the Competitions tab. Please contact the Club or Sub-Association directly for more information. Best wishes to everyone for a successful season!

RESULTS FROM HOLLINS TROPHY COMPETITION

Elementary (Juvenile) Ladies

Grace Greenstreet Overall 4th/23

Primary Ladies

Pei-Lin Lee Overall 16th/21

Olivia Henderson Overall 21st/21

Novice Ladies

Anastasia Kuznetsova	SP 4 th /24	FS 2 nd /24	Overall 3 rd /24
Charlotte Van Uden	SP 21 st /24	FS 17 th /24	Overall 17 th /24

Novice Men

Harrison Bain	SP 1 st /6	FS 3 rd /6	Overall 2 nd /6
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Junior Ladies

Tracy Danbrook	SP 8 th /15	FS 9 th /15	Overall 7 th /15
Brooke Tamepo	SP 12 th /15	FS 7 th /15	Overall 8 th /15
Preeya Laud	SP 13 th /15	FS 8 th /15	Overall 10 th /15
Kaho Hirafune	SP 9 th /15	FS 12 th /15	Overall 11 th /15
Christina Floka	SP 15 th /15	FS 15 th /15	Overall 15 th /15

Junior Men

Michael Durham	SP 3 rd /4	FS 1 st /4	Overall 1 st /4
Brian Lee	SP 4 th /4	FS 4 th /4	Overall 4 th /4

Well done to all of our skaters! For many of these skaters this was their first competition outside of New Zealand.

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS FROM HOLLINS TROPHY COMPETITION

The revised NZIFSA Selection Policy provides a further opportunity for skaters who competed at the New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships last year, to meet the international representative selection criteria based on their performance at the Hollins Trophy competition held in Sydney 5-8 June 2015.

The following is the confirmed list of skaters that met the selection criteria at Hollins Trophy.

International A Team Representatives

Harrison Bain	Novice Men
Michael Durham	Junior Men



International B Team Representatives

Brooke Tamepo Junior Ladies
Preeya Laud Junior Ladies
Brian Lee Junior Men



Congratulations to these skaters – a great effort.

Any skaters who met the selection criteria at the 2014 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships are still included in the International Representative Teams, however, the order of priority for assignment to international competitions may have changed. The confirmed list of all the international representative skaters in order of priority is as follows:

INTERNATIONAL A TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Novice Men

Harrison Bain

Junior Men

Michael Durham

Senior Ladies

Allie Rout

INTERNATIONAL B TEAM REPRESENTATIVES

Junior Ladies

Brooke Tamepo
Preeya Laud
Tracy Danbrook

Junior Men

Brian Lee

Senior Ladies

Morgan Templeton
Madelaine Parker

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS OUTSIDE NZ

Asian Trophy, Bangkok, Thailand 5-8 August

Skaters on the A & B International Representative teams (Primary to Senior) are encouraged to think about attending the upcoming Asian Trophy. The announcement for this competition is now available. If you are interested in this competition, please contact Ina Paul, NZIFSA Test/Competition Secretary, testsecretary@nzifsa.org.nz. Preliminary entry forms are due to Ina by **Sunday 28 June** so we can meet the organising committee's deadline, with final entries due **Friday 10 July**.

WinterSun, Brisbane 8-12 July.

The announcement is now available at <http://www.ifsc.org.au/WinterSun-2015.html> close Friday 26 June. This is an interstate competition for Singles (Preliminary to Senior), Pairs (Pre-Primary to Senior), Dance (Elementary to Senior). Your entries need to be

submitted via Ina Paul, NZIFSA Test/Competition Secretary, testsecretary@nzifsa.org.nz. To meet their deadline your entries will need to have been received by **Monday 22 June**.

Figure Skating at Australian Masters Games – Adelaide 8 – 10 October

Entries are open for the 15th Australian Masters Games to be held in Adelaide this October. Figure Skating is just one of the 56 sports represented at the Games and will include Singles, Dance and Synchronized events across various divisions. There will also be Artistic events open to Singles, Pairs, Duos and Ensembles. Age Groups: 18-27, 28-37, 38-47, 48-57, 58-67, 68+. You can enter now by visiting www.AustralianMastersGames.com.

Reminder to skaters wishing to compete at competitions out of New Zealand

A reminder to any skaters considering competing in any competition outside New Zealand that you need to have permission from the NZIFSA before you make arrangements. As per section 203.5 of the Rules and Regulations, please email the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz with the details of the competition and the grade you wish to compete in.

We will aim to have a quick turnaround on these so you can get flights booked as early as possible. It would be appreciated if you give as much advance notice as possible.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SEMINAR

A synchronized seminar for Officials is being planned for 1- 2 August 2015 in Christchurch. The moderators for this seminar are Aleisha McCall (International Technical Specialist) for the Technical Panel and Sandra Williamson-Leadley (ISU Synchronized Skating Judge) for Judges. Accredited coaches are welcome to attend this seminar which will focus on the requirements for this skating season as well as general synchronized skating knowledge. The seminar will include information sessions, an exam and practical exercises. Please contact NZIFSA Officials Director, Suzanne Cunningham, officials.director@nzifsa.org.nz, by **Tuesday 30 June** if interested in attending.

NZ COMPETITION SEASON

Please check on the NZIFSA website for the competitions around the country. All club and regional competitions are listed on that site along with any information about the competition. The Technical Director sends his thanks to all those at club and sub-association level for submitting their announcements for review in good time.

COMING AND GOINGS FROM OUR SKATING COMMUNITY

Congratulations Rachel



Many of you will know Rachel Fisher. As well as being a technical specialist at competitions, Rachel was our Skater Development Director from May 2013 to March 2014. Rachel became a mum on Monday 25th May to a gorgeous baby boy, Wyatt.

IN MEMORY OF IVAN McDONALD: A National Champion Passes Away

The following is a tribute by Wendy Clucas (nee Grafton) who many of you will know as a senior judge until recently, a previous president of the Association and our CEO from 2012- 2014. As you will see below, Wendy was also one of Ivan's skating partners.

Ivan sadly passed away at the Waikane Rest Home Thursday morning June 4th after a long battle with cancer. He recently celebrated his 75th birthday with his sister Lynne and daughter Caitlin.



Ivan along with his sister Lynne were well known Christchurch sport identities in their era. Ivan and Lynne roller skated prior to the Centaurus Ice Rink opening in 1952. Along with other Senior skaters of the time, they appeared regularly in the Christchurch Press under the heading "This Weeks Spotlight". Championship days saw the local ice rink filled to capacity with standing room only due to the following they had.

At the age of 13 and 10 and only six month's practice they achieved what was considered their greatest success when they won the NZ Waltzing Trophy.

Ivan went on to win many titles throughout his skating career. Not only was he successful in Figure Skating but also speed skating, he also played ice hockey with the late Joe Begej.

He was:

5 times National Men's Champion
3 times National Dance Champion and 5
times National Pair Champion with his
sister Lynne.

After Lynne turned professional he partnered up with me, and we went on to win 5 National Dance Titles and were Pair Champions twice. When I turned professional he then partnered his cousin, Tina Besley, twice.



Wendy Clucas, Ivan McDonald, Lynne McDonald and Christine Wadsworth

As long as I can remember he always skated to *Malaguena* in Singles. I can remember one National Championship held at the Manorburn Dam where both Figure and Speed Championships were held the same weekend. Ivan would be busy swapping speed skates for figure in order to compete at both, he was so competitive.

Quite a remarkable record.

Ivan also served on the Technical Committee for many years and was a well-respected Judge.

Not only was Ivan a very successful ice skater, but he was also a mountaineer climbing Mt Cook, Mt Egmont and other Peaks and then spending a season in Antarctica working with the Huskies. He spent many happy times climbing in the Arthur's Pass National Park.

Also adding to his list of achievements he participated in the partnered Coast to Coast partners and then by himself, quite an achievement. His Mother and Lynne were at Sumner to welcome in.

Not known at school to apply himself academically he was later to obtain degrees in Anthropology, Law and Accountancy plus a pilot's licence for fixed wing aircraft and started flying helicopters at the age of 60.

A couple of naughty pranks Ivan got up to as relayed to me by Lynne.

He'd been in the St. Johns room, probably chatting up a nurse, anyway he emerged some time later absolutely swathed in bandages like a mummy and proceeded to skate around the rink, much to everyone's delight. Cyril Tozer, the manager at the time WAS NOT impressed and as a consequence was banned for a few days.

One patch session about the time of Ivan being maybe 14 or so, his coach Gwen called out "where's Ivan", No reply, so she went storming into the men's toilet and dragged him out, he had been having a quiet smoke. Ha Ha. Good old Ivan!!

I have many happy memories of the times I spent with Ivan not only during our skating together but we continued to keep in touch whenever he was back in Christchurch. Thank you Ivan for all the support you gave me as a skating partner and friend, I will miss your visits.

My deepest sympathy are extended to Lynne, Caitlin and his family.

Rest in Peace my friend.

Wendy

JUSTINE BOWDEN (NEE BROWNLEE)

We have just received news that Justine Bowden (nee Brownlee), a former Senior Ladies champion, passed away after a three year battle with cancer. Her funeral will be held on Friday 19 June at 10:00 am at Lamb & Hayward Funeral Home at 467 Wairakei Road. Our sincerest sympathies to her family and friends.



NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The July meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Tuesday 14 July. 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 7 July at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting which is to be held 11 August 2015.

All the best in skating,
Jeanette King and Sandra Williamson-Leadley