

## OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

There is a lot to celebrate in this newsletter and I am sure you will join us in congratulating our skaters who competed at our recent National Championships.

### **NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS & NEW ZEALAND ADULT SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS, AUCKLAND 24-27 SEPTEMBER**

Our National championships are the pinnacle event of our skating calendar and were a great success, with much of the credit for this going to Anita Tamepo and Bridget Danbrook and their band of helpers from the North Island Ice Skating Sub-Association. We'd like to extend a sincere thank you to the organisers, officials and volunteers for making it such a successful event.

Congratulations to all those who competed. We got to enjoy some great skating over the four days of competition. All the results can be found on the Competitions section of the NZIFSA website <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/competitions/>.

### **SELECTIONS FROM THE 2015 NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Provisional announcement of selection of representative skaters and those that had made the development squads was made at the banquet following the completion of the standard grades at the National Championships and the confirmed selections are listed below.

#### **Selection of International A Team Representative Skaters**

The following skaters have met the NZIFSA criteria to be eligible for selection to represent New Zealand at International Competitions

##### ***Advanced Novice Ladies***

Anastasia Kuznetsova



##### ***Advanced Novice Men***

Harrison Bain

##### ***Junior Ladies***

Brooke Tamepo



##### ***Junior Men***

Michael Durham



##### ***Senior Ladies***

Allie Rout

It's great to have skaters performing at this level. To have International A Team representatives at Novice, Junior and Senior level is really exciting, and promising for the future.

### **Selection of International B Team Representative Skaters**

The International B Team provides an opportunity for a further group of skaters to gain experience at international competitions. These skaters are eligible to attend any international competitions where the number of spaces available to New Zealand in any grade exceeds the number of selected International Representatives, but they aren't eligible for any NZIFSA funding for this.

#### ***Basic Novice A Ladies***

Pei Lin Lee  
Ella Smith  
Asia Tapealava  
Grace Greenstreet



#### ***Basic Novice A Men***

Douglas Gerber



#### ***Advanced Novice Ladies***

Zara Anthony-Whigham



#### ***Junior Ladies***

Tracy Danbrook  
Christina Floka



#### ***Junior Men***

Brian Lee



### **Selection of Skaters for the Australian Figure Skating Championships**

The following skaters have met our selection criteria to compete at the 2015 Australian Figure Skating Championships. Ice Skating Australia is not always able to accept all of our skaters to compete, and we are awaiting confirmation as to whether they have places available for all those that met our selection criteria.

#### ***Primary Ladies***

Pei Lin Lee  
Ella Smith  
Asia Tapealava



#### ***Intermediate Ladies***

Emma Taggart  
Sarah Reynolds



#### ***Intermediate Men***

Rohan Kinraid

#### ***Novice Ladies***

Anastasia Kuznetsova  
Zara Anthony-Whigham



#### ***Novice Men***

Harrison Bain



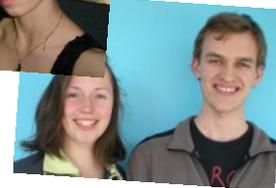
**Junior Ladies**  
 Brooke Tamepo  
 Tracy Danbrook  
 Christina Floka



**Junior Men**  
 Michael Durham  
 Brian Lee



**Senior Ladies**  
 Allie Rout



**Novice Dance**  
 Emma Cunningham & Jake Meyer  
 Varshana Schelling & Liam McIver



**Novice Synch**  
 Synergice



**Open Synch**  
 Kia Kaha

**NZIFSA Development Squad** (listed alphabetically by surname). Those marked with \* met the Development Squad selection criteria at either the North or South Island Championships.

**Elementary Ladies**  
 Isabella Smith\*



**Juvenile Ladies**  
 Claudia Clarke\*  
 Rivers Richens\*  
 Natasha Woodacre\*



**Juvenile Men**  
 Star Richens\*



**Pre-Primary Ladies**  
 Laila Bekhit\*  
 Grace Greenstreet



**Pre-Primary Men**  
 Douglas Gerber\*



**Primary Ladies**  
 Pei Lin Lee\*  
 Ella Smith  
 Asia Tapealava



***Novice Ladies***

Anastasia Kuznetsova\*  
Zara Anthony-Whigham



***Novice Men***

Harrison Bain\*



***Junior Ladies***

Tracy Danbrook\*  
Christina Floka  
Brooke Tamepo\*



***Junior Men***

Michael Durham\*  
Brian Lee\*



***Senior Ladies***

Allie Rout\*

**OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE AT THE NATIONALS BANQUET**

**Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence**

The cup is awarded to the skater, couple, pair or team that has excelled in skating over the year, in international competitions (including Australia) or have had an outstanding year in skating. The trophy is only to be awarded if a skater deserves it and fits the above criteria. If there is no skater, couple, pair or team that fit the criteria that year, the trophy will not. It had been several years since we had awarded this cup and the Board were very pleased to be able to award the Norman Cameron Cup of excellence to Michael Durham.



**Administrator of the Year**

There were only two nominees for the Administrator of the Year award again this year, which was disappointing as we know we have some really great administrators out there in our clubs, but the quality of the two nominees we did have was far from disappointing. The two nominees are Derryn Neaves and Brooke Tamepo.

Derryn is Treasurer for AIFSC, and from the nomination we received, clearly does an outstanding job of keep track of the finances and providing really useful monthly reports to the committee. But in addition to that she puts her hand up to help on competition days, taken on data replay role, has managed to convince her boss to do all the printing of judges sheets for comps, including NI's and Nationals, is there for all the fundraising activities, is there to help out with costumes, makeup, transport etc. In all these roles she clearly makes a very valuable contribution to the running of the club.

The second nominee for this award is Anita Tamepo. Anita is secretary for the West Auckland Ice Skating Club and the North Island Ice Skating Sub Association. Anita is

described as a lynchpin for the club. She often single-handedly coordinates and takes responsibility for the club's major events and functions. As part of NISSA She is an essential part of a dedicated group of volunteers who ensure that there are training opportunities for skaters throughout the year. Anita has consistently participated in technical panel training and can be found at virtually every North Island competition on the panel as data entry, video replay and occasionally calc.

Derryn and Anita both clearly make a significant contribution to their clubs, but also beyond that. The Board after some deliberation have decided to award the Administrator of the Year award jointly to Derryn and Anita.

### **Sportsperson of the Year**

The Board only received two nominations for this award, which was also very disappointing. The two nominees were Pansie Sun and Charlotte van Uden.

Pansie has been skating since 2007 and has always pushed herself to try new and challenging things. Not only has she competed in Adult Bronze singles and Interpretive events, she also competed in Adult pairs with Stuart Brown. As a skate school coach at Avondale, she displays huge enthusiasm for the sport. She encourages and supports other skaters by showing them that she is always willing to try something new on the ice. Pansie is also an active club member, helping at club events, and can always be relied upon to supply home baked cookies. She was described in the nomination as a wonderful ambassador for the sport.

The second nomination for this award is for Charlotte Van Uden. Charlotte started skating in 2003 when she was 6. Charlotte is incredibly hard working and very determined. She has set herself many skating related goals and has striven hard to achieve them. Charlotte is an incredibly good sport and is never heard saying a bad word about anyone. She always takes the time to smile and interact with younger skaters and is always positive and supportive of them out on the ice. Charlotte always remembers to congratulate other skaters and constantly displays the very best of attitude – making her a great role model for other skaters. Charlotte has also worked as a skate school coach, and been part of the “Disney squad”, showing great team spirit and the ability to work with skaters of all ages and abilities.

The Board are very pleased to announce that Charlotte Van Uden was appointed as Sportsperson of the Year.

### **The Allchurch Shield**

The Shield is named after Sandy Allchurch and is awarded to the club that gets the highest number of points, based on where their members place in the various grades, at our New Zealand National and Adult Skating Championships. Sandy Allchurch was actively involved in the Association for many years and was at the inaugural meeting in June 1937 of what was, until 2011, the New Zealand Ice Skating Association. Sandy was also Patron for our Association for many years, and was very dedicated to supporting ice skating. Being able to present this award each year is a rather special acknowledgement to Sandy and the contribution that he, and others like him, have made to our sport.

Again this year it was a very close competition. As the adults had yet to compete it wasn't possible to announce the winners at the banquet. When all the results had been included at the conclusion of the adult grades, the Allchurch Shield was won jointly by Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club and Dunedin Ice Skating Club. Well done to both clubs.

### Summary of the Allchurch Shield points

Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club (AIFSC)	21
Dunedin Ice Skating Club (DISC)	21
West Auckland Ice Skating Club (WAISC)	20
Glenfield Figure Skating Club (GFSC)	19
Centaurus Ice Skating Club (CISC)	15
Allegro Ice Dance Club (AIDC)	9
Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club (CMFSC)	7
Ice Sports Southland (ISS)	4
Alexandra Ice Skating Club (AISC)	0
Queenstown Ice Skating Club (QISC)	0

### UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

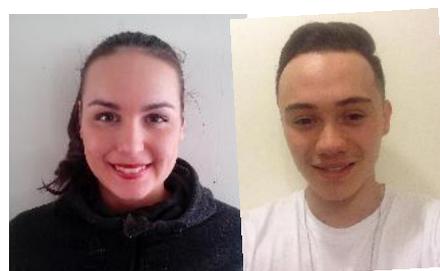
#### Junior Grand Prix, Zagreb, Croatia, 7-11 October

The second of the two Junior Grand Prix competitions we were allocated by the ISU is to be held in Zagreb, Croatia. The following two skaters will be representing us at this event and we wish them all the very best for this:

Brooke Tamepo

Michael Durham

Heather McDonald is the Team Leader for this event, and Sue Petricevic will be attending as an ISU judge.



#### Cup of Nice, Nice, France 15-18 October

Michael Durham will be competing in Junior Mens at this event, and Sue Petricevic will also be attending this competition as a judge.

#### ISU Development Trophy - Cape Town, South Africa, 21-27 November, 2015.

The ISU Development Trophy to be held in Capetown, South Africa. A call for expressions of interest has been sent out to those skaters that are eligible for the Development Trophy. While these dates don't necessarily work so well for our older skaters that will have end of year exams, or for those skaters that are planning to compete at the Australian Figure Skating Championships 27 Nov – 4 Dec, but we still hope to have some skaters attend this event.

### OTAGO UNIVERSITY BLUES AWARD FOR SARAH MACGIBBON



Thursday 24th September, Sarah MacGibbon was awarded an Otago University blues award for figure skating. The blues award is the Otago University graduates' Association's award for outstanding contributions to sport. Well done Sarah

### NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on Tuesday 13 October, but if you have any items of correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, they will need to be directed to the follow meeting on the 7&8 November. Please send any correspondence for that meeting to the General Secretary ([secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)) by Saturday 31 October at the latest. Any correspondence received after that date will be tabled at the following meeting.

All the best in skating,

Sandra Williamson-Leadley and Jeanette King