

## OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

### RESULTS FROM RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Listed below are the results from recent International Competitions that our skaters competed at.

#### Skate-Down-Under, Sydney 20-22 August



Our team that went to the International Skate-Down-Under competition in Sydney.

Back row (L to R) - Suzanne Cunningham (Team Leader), Sarah MacGibbon, Madelaine Parker, Ayesha Campbell and Shane Speden.

Middle row (L to R) - Kim Lewis (Team Leader), Tracy Danbrook, Anastasia Kuznetsova.

Front - Michael Durham.

Novice Ladies (10)	Anastasia Kuznetsova	7 <sup>th</sup> SP	5 <sup>th</sup> FS	5 <sup>th</sup> overall
Junior Ladies (15)	Madelaine Parker	8 <sup>th</sup> SP	4 <sup>th</sup> FS	6 <sup>th</sup> overall
	Tracy Danbrook	9 <sup>th</sup> SP	8 <sup>th</sup> FS	9 <sup>th</sup> overall
	Sarah MacGibbon	10 <sup>th</sup> SP	14 <sup>th</sup> FS	14 <sup>th</sup> overall
Junior Men (2)	Michael Durham	2 <sup>nd</sup> SP	2 <sup>nd</sup> FS	2 <sup>nd</sup> overall
Senior Dance (4)	Ayesha Campbell & Shane Speden	3 <sup>rd</sup> SD	3 <sup>rd</sup> FD	3 <sup>rd</sup> overall

#### Junior Grand Prix, Mexico 4-7 September (28 competitors)

Junior Ladies	Sarah MacGibbon	25 <sup>th</sup> SP	22 <sup>nd</sup> FS	23rd overall
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#### Junior Grand Prix, Poland 18-22 September (27 competitors)

Junior Ladies	Madelaine Parker	20 <sup>th</sup> SP	24 <sup>th</sup> SP	22 <sup>nd</sup> overall
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#### Ondrej Nepela Trophy, Slovakia 3-5 October (14 competitors)

Senior Dance	Ayesha Campbell & Shane Speden	14 <sup>th</sup> SD	14 <sup>th</sup> FD	14 <sup>th</sup> overall
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After completing the Senior Dance event at Nationals, Shane and Ayesha travelled immediately to Slovakia to compete at this International Competition with qualifying for Four Continents in mind. Unfortunately, although they made the qualifying TES for the Freedance they missed the required TES for the Short Dance. Ideally they would have liked more time between the two events but unfortunately, it is NZIFSA Policy that all skaters must compete at Nationals in order to be considered for Selection.

## **NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS DUNEDIN 28 SEPTEMBER – 1 OCTOBER**

Nationals was a success with much of the credit going to Dion Cunningham, championship co-ordinator, and his small band of assistants. 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 participated. While not everyone can come away with a medal, just getting to Nationals is an achievement in itself and you should all be very proud of that achievement.

Next year the hosts are again Dunedin Ice Skating Club. The dates have yet to be confirmed, but we hope to have that information for you very soon.

### **SELECTIONS FROM 2013 NATIONALS**

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

#### **Selection of International Representative Skaters**

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

Novice Ladies	Anastasia Kuznetsova
Junior Ladies	Madelaine Parker, Tracy Danbrook, Preeya Laud, Sarah MacGibbon
Junior Men	Michael Durham
Senior Dance	Ayesha Campbell & Shane Speden

#### **International B Team**

Primary Men	Brian Lee, Harrison Bain
Junior Men	Thomas Woodbridge (subject to medical clearance and monitoring)
Senior Ladies	Sarah MacGibbon

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

The following skaters have met our selection criteria to compete at the 2013 Australian Figure Skating Championships. While Ice Skating Australia are not always able to accept all of our skaters to compete, we have just received confirmation that they have places available for all those that met our selection criteria.

Primary Ladies	Abbey Heale, Zara Anthony-Whigham, Zelda Ladefoged
Primary Men	Brian Lee, Harrison Bain
Intermediate Ladies	Kara Croudís-Bonniface
Novice Ladies	Anastasia Kuznetsova, Brooke Tamepo, Abbey Miller
Junior Ladies	Madelaine Parker, Tracy Danbrook, Preeya Laud Sarah MacGibbon (substitute)

Junior Men	Michael Durham Thomas Woodbridge (subject to medical clearance and monitoring)
Senior Ladies	Sarah MacGibbon
Senior Men	Mathieu Wilson
Novice Dance	Anja Noetzel-Hayward & Connor McIver
Senior Dance	Ayesha Campbell & Shane Speden
Adult Synchro	Spectrum

#### **International Development Squad**

Novice Ladies	Anastasia Kuznetsova
Junior Ladies	Madelaine Parker, Tracy Danbrook, Preeya Laud, Sarah MacGibbon
Junior Men	Michael Durham Thomas Woodbridge (subject to medical clearance and monitoring)
Senior Ladies	Sarah MacGibbon
Senior Men	Mathieu Wilson
Senior Dance	Ayesha Campbell & Shane Speden
Junior Synchro	Mesmerice, Botany Ice Statix

#### **Talent ID/ Age Development Squad**

Juvenile Ladies	Olivia Henderson, Lotte Rayner, Asia Tapealava
Pre Primary Ladies	Pei-Lin Lee
Primary Ladies	Abbey Heale, Zara Anthony-Whigham, Zelda Ladefoged
Primary Men	Brian Lee, Harrison Bain
Novice Ladies	Anastasia Kuznetsova
Juvenile Synchro	Botany Blades
Junior Synchro	Mesmerice, Botany Ice Statix, Icentric

Congratulations to all skaters who have qualified for selections. Rachel Fisher the NZIFSA Development Director will be in touch regarding plans for the new season ahead.

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

##### **Administrator of the Year**

The Board had a difficult job deciding which of the 6 nominees for Administrator of the Year would receive the award this year, as we had a number of very high calibre nominees.

It was with pleasure that the President presented the award to Anita Tamepo (WAISC) in recognition of the contribution she has made as Test Secretary, and as Secretary of both the NISSA and WAISC. She is described as enthusiastic, tireless, efficient, collegial and creative.

The other nominees for this award were

- Jeanne Begej (CMFSC)
- Dion Cunningham (DISC)
- Wendy Gardiner (GFSC)
- Hazel Miller (CISC)
- Sam Snoad (AIFSC)

Reading all these nominations was very heartening and reinforced how fortunate we are to have such great people doing outstanding work for our sport.

### **Sportsperson of the Year**

The Board received 4 nominations for this award and we'd like to acknowledge each of them for this accomplishment.

Kaitlin Chamberlain (DISC)  
Kath Craven (CMFSC)  
Tracy Danbrook (AIFSC)  
Chahna Davis (CISC)

The Board decided that Kath Craven best met the criteria for this award. Her nomination filled 2 pages outlining her involvement both on and off-ice in all the clubs activities. At 84 Kath is still skating, competing and encouraging others to do so. It was noted that Kath's very presence on the ice is inspiring especially to adult skaters who feel less inclined to please age as an excuse for not progressing. Kath wasn't at the banquet and was very surprised, thrilled and almost speechless (a rare occurrence) when presented with her award subsequently.



Kath Craven receiving the Sportsperson of the Year award from Jeanne Begej

### **Wendy Clucas retiring from judging after 50+ year**

Wendy Clucas was presented with a bouquet of flowers and gift voucher after announcing her retirement from judging after 50+years. Although no speech was made at the time Wendy has provided the following a brief account of the changes in judging.

*Oh how times have changed, from a Closed Marking system with judges having a piece of paper where placings were awarded, moving onto a sheet with the skaters names and making notes and handing in, we then moved to the same format but with a box of cards draped around our necks one side had cards up to 6.0 the other 0.9 and held up after each figure, or freeskate. During the time of School Figures Judges stood on the ice at strategic points until the skater completed the figure, then they all walked around the figure examining the tracing. They then stood in a line where Marking tabulators noted the scores awarded. Results from School Figures and Freeskating were calculated on the percentage at the time for the end result. Later the Short Programme was included and School Figures dropped. Now of course most skaters will only know the present IJS System. The time given to the sport both in Judging and Administration has mostly been a very pleasurable one. I have made many friends both here in New Zealand and overseas. Although having retired from judging, I will not be gone completely from the sport as I plan to still perhaps do other jobs taking the pressure off others who already have busy workloads during a championship.*

### **THEATRE ON ICE**

A Seminar was held during nationals moderated by Jan Gardner from Australia and the Coach of the visiting Team. For anyone interested in this discipline please contact Kendra Street who has agreed to head this.  
Email: [kendrawilkie@hotmail.com](mailto:kendrawilkie@hotmail.com)

### **FUNDING GRANTS**

A reminder that you can access a directory of potential funding sources via the Sport NZ website  
<http://www.sportnz.org.nz/en-nz/funding/>

### **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

Those skaters named as International Representatives or as part of the International B Team are encouraged to plan ahead what international competitions they want to attend, and should consult with our Skater Development Director, Rachel Fisher, if they have questions about what competitions are appropriate.

In addition to the international competitions that cater for Advanced Novice to Senior skaters /couples, there are a number including the likes of the Kempen Trophy – Belgium 31 January to 1 February 2014 that now include Basic Novice A & B which are suitable for our primary skaters that met the B Team criteria.

#### **ANTI-DOPING INFORMATION**

There is a new list of WADA 2014 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods that we ask all representative skaters and development squad skaters to refer to. If you search one line for the above title you should find this information very quickly. These come into effect 1 January 2014.

Drug Free Sport NZ [www.drugfreesport.org.nz](http://www.drugfreesport.org.nz) has resources that we can order to provide you with quick reference guides to common medicines as well as more comprehensive guides. Please contact Jan Christieson [anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz) if you would like copies of any of these resources. The 2014 guides aren't available yet, but the 2013 guides will be relevant for those competing at the Australian Figure Skating Championships.

Skaters are also encouraged to log into RealWinner <http://isu.realwinner.org/Default.aspx> - an online educational programme for athletes and support personnel, covering the new World Anti Doping Code.

To all skaters who will be competing in the Australian Figure Skating Championships we wish you all the best.

Jeanette & Wendy