

New Zealand Ice Skating Association (Inc.)

Communication 026

May 2006

Since our last Communication, which came to you in March, the Annual General Meeting of the Association has been held and the new Council has already met twice. April was a very busy pre-season month for many skaters and administrators, especially those who were at the Judging seminar or the Selection Competition in Christchurch.

Selections

After the selection competition on Saturday April 21 these skaters were named to represent New Zealand at the Australian National Championships in Sydney, from August 21 to 26:

Senior Men:	Tristan Thode, Joel Watson
Junior Men:	Mathieu Wilson
Junior Ladies:	Morgan Figgins, Allie Rout
Novice Men:	Cameron Hems
Intermediate Ladies:	Claire McGillan, Millie Campbell

Injury dispensations:

As Elizabeth O'Neill and Grant Howie were named at Nationals 2005 for the Selection Competition, they have been given extensions of time because of injury.

Further selections:

A further group of skaters has been named to receive financial assistance to attend Hollins Trophy or an Australian State or Club competition. They are:

Novice Men:	Ian Pollock
Novice Ladies:	Caitlyn Paul, Juliet O'Neill
Primary Ladies:	Samantha Waugh
Pre-Primary Men:	Alex Kam
Pre-Primary Ladies:	Jessie Park
Juvenile Ladies:	Madelaine Parker
Juvenile Men:	Richard Kam

We hope that skaters other than those named above will also take the opportunity to travel to Australia to compete in the Hollins, State or Club competitions. Please remember to gain NZISA approval to compete before you make your travel bookings.

An Australian competition below the level of national championships can be a very good first step in gaining experience outside New Zealand. Contact one of the Selection Convenors (Sandra Williamson-Leadley, Sue Petricevic) if you need more information.

International Judging System

A training seminar was held in Christchurch from Tuesday to Sunday 17 – 22 April, to enable judges, technical specialists, data entry operators and other officials to be trained in the new system. We were privileged to have as leaders of the seminar three outstanding Canadians, Ted Barton, Susan Heffernan and Andre Bourgeois. As a result of the seminar and lots of hard work we now have the necessary equipment and trained personnel to make a start with the new system.

Introduction of IJS in New Zealand

The NZISA Council met over the weekend of May 29 – 30 in Auckland and spent a great deal of time working out the best options for introducing the new system in New Zealand. Because we are only just beginning the roll-out of the IJS, we have some severe restrictions to consider. The equipment is very bulky and costs about \$1000 to move from one venue to another. In addition, we do not yet have a full team of trained officials in any one centre.

The Council has therefore decided to support the use of the system in three competitions this year. They are the South Island, North Island and National Championships. Assistance will be given to the organising committees of each competition to enable them to bring judges and technical officials to the competition from other centres if it proves necessary.

We are keen to make a success of IJS and we encourage organisers of club and sub-Association events to consider carefully before deciding whether or not to go to the IJS this year. It is vital that our skaters, coaches and parents have confidence in the new system, and in particular that they have faith in the competence of our judges and technical panels right from first exposure. The Council is very keen to ensure that every contact of members with the IJS is a successful one.

Further training seminars are already under way. One has been held in Auckland and there will be others in Christchurch and Gore. Sandra Williamson-Leadley is organising.

TC Registrations and other admin matters

It can't be any simpler! All TC registrations must go through to your club, with individual cheques payable to the club. Clubs will forward TC registrations, along with a single cheque, to: *The Treasurer, NZISA, 5 Logan Terrace, Parnell, Auckland*. Skaters are not considered TC registered until the form and fee is received by NZISA, and they cannot compete or test if they are not currently registered. Club Treasurers are asked to be sure to detail what cheques are for, especially when they cover more than one item.

Council 2006

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in Auckland on April 8. Elected members of the Council for the next year are:

President:	Dr Warwick Johnson (Dunedin)
First Vice-President:	Sandra Williamson-Leadley (Christchurch)
Second Vice-President:	Wendy Clucas (Christchurch)
Secretary:	Janice Howie (Gore)
Treasurer:	Craig Anderson (Auckland)
Councillors:	Scott Thode (Auckland)
	Dael Haynes (Auckland)
	Gill Boyd (Queenstown)
	Sue Petricevic (Auckland)

Mr Allan Weeds, our long-serving Patron, was re-elected for a further 12 months. Professor Paul Roth (Dunedin) is the honorary solicitor.

I would like to note the contribution to skating made over the last 12 months by Council members who have not returned this year. We thank Jeanne Begej, Robyn Morris and Larree Simm-Nicol for their hard work and input.

Selectors 2006

At its first meeting the new Council decided to change the structure of selection procedures. Sandra Williamson-Leadley was appointed Convenor of Selections, with Sue Petricevic as Co-Convenor. The Council has asked the Convenors to consult widely with officials such as senior judges before making their selection recommendations to Council.

In making their recommendations the convenors of selection will be paying close attention to Rule 304 (newly published) of the NZISA Rules and Regulations. Rule 304 sets out guidelines of elements needed at each level.

A selection competition, as held in Christchurch in April this year, is scheduled for May next year. The venue has not yet been set.

Calendar of Events

May	14	Auckland Autumn Championships
	20	IJS regional seminar Christchurch
	27	IJS regional seminar Gore
June	9 – 12	Hollins Trophy, Sydney
	18 – 19	Glenburn club championships
	18	Dunedin club championships

	28 – 1 July	Queensland State Championships
July	14 – 16	Otago-Southland Championships (Alexandra)
	15 – 16	Auckland club championships
	19 – 23	N.S.W. Championships Sydney
	29	NZISA Special General Meeting to receive and ratify 2005 Financial Report (Auckland, 2 p.m., venue to be advised)
	29 – 30	NZISA Council meeting (Auckland)
Aug	11 –13	South Island Championships (Queenstown)
	19 – 26	Australian championships (Brisbane)
	20 –21	North Island Championships (Auckland)
Sept	17	NZISA Council meeting (Auckland)
	18 – 22	New Zealand National Championships (Auckland)
Dec	2 –3	NZISA Council meeting (to be confirmed.)

Warwick Johnson
 NZISA President
 7 May 2006