New Zealand Ice Skating Association (Inc.)

Oturehua

Irishman Creek

‘Opawa’ Mt. Nessing South Canterbury

"The Point", Windwhistle.

Manorburn Dam, Alexandra.
New Zealand Ice Skating Association (Inc.)

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I am pleased to have been asked to extend a message of congratulations to the New Zealand Ice Skating Association on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary and to welcome all those attending the Jubilee celebrations to take place in Christchurch from 16-18 October 1987.

Christchurch has always had a close association with the sport of ice skating, not only as the headquarters of the New Zealand Association, but as the home of many prominent administrators and champion ice skaters. Ice skating facilities in Canterbury have been extensively used as venues for many national and South Island championships and greatly helped the growth of public participation in the sport.

I commend the initiative of the Association in having this excellent history written by Mrs. Rhona Whitehouse, as it provides a most necessary and comprehensive survey of the development of ice skating in New Zealand and contains considerable statistical information and reminders of those who have been prominent participants in past championships. I am sure it will be read with great interest and much appreciated by all ice skating enthusiasts.

I wish the Association well in the next fifty years and hope that the Jubilee celebrations will be well supported and outstandingly successful.

Sir Hamish Hay
MAYOR
Sandy Allchurch was introduced to ice skating in 1935 approximately when South Canterbury was served by many naturally frozen ponds. He was present at the inaugural meeting of the New Zealand Ice Skating Association on 25 June, 1937, at Opawa, Albury, and played in the first ice hockey tournament for the Erewhon Cup. He has competed in figures, free, dance, speed and hockey in both ice and roller skating championships and competitions. This was followed by judging and refereeing in artistic skating. During the Second World War he lost touch with ice skating until 1950 when he was placed second in the N.Z. Pairs Championship, partnered by his wife Joyce. He has held many executive positions on the N.Z.I.S.A. which are detailed further on in this book, and his dedication to skating is well known in this country and overseas.

FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT
Mr. T. W. Walls

I am pleased to have the privilege of writing a brief foreword to the Association's official history which records in considerable detail its progress over the past fifty years. From very modest beginnings at the Opawa Station Rink at Albury, South Canterbury, the Association has progressed from a completely outdoor skating organization to a largely indoor one. The provision of artificial ice rinks which allow for year round skating must surely improve our standard, and it must only be a matter of time, and dedication, before we produce a crop of skaters who can compete successfully in world competitions. As a sports minded country we take our place in the world competition in many sports, so why not in ice skating too! The public image of our sport has, in recent times, received a very considerable boost on television, as well as through the visit to this country of those superb exponents of the art, Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. We should not allow this increase in interest to wane. Let us see to it that by our efforts the sport continues to enjoy increasing public support so that we can produce skaters able to match the best in the world during the next fifty years.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
MR. ALLAN WEEDS

Mr. Weeds has been associated with ice skating since joining the Arrowtown Club in 1959, where he served on its committee and as President. In 1963 he was elected to the Otago Ice Skating Association and N.Z. Ice Skating Association. He has served as President of the Invercargill Ice Skating Club, Otago Ice Skating Sub-Association and the N.Z. Ice Skating Association and is a Life Member of the Otago Sub-Assn. and N.Z. Ice Skating Assn. He is a valued Senior Judge and Referee of the N.Z.I.S.A.
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The New Zealand Judges Panel has had a fluctuating membership over the past 50 years, with many judges being on the Panel for a brief period. There have in other cases been those who have judged for many seasons. Present day judging entails so much more compared with thirty to forty years ago as Short Programmes in both Pairs skating and Singles Free skating are now required sections of national and international championships. The Free Dance and O.S.P. (original set pattern) are also added sections in combination with Compulsory Dances. New Zealand Judges are now annually upgraded by a Panel of three New Zealand Judges who hold International Competition ranking. Marking Secretaries have also become an important part of championships in the last few years, to ensure that accurate results are produced in the shortest possible time after the event. They follow the system set out by the International Skating Union.

MARKING SECRETARIES

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skaters, in her effort to present the first 50 years of New Zealand skating. I am sure that due to her unstinting efforts and personal contacts we are fortunate to have many of these skaters from our earlier years present at these 50th Jubilee Celebrations. Rhona’s involvement in ice skating started in the early 1940’s at Mt. Harper. Having been a champion roller skater, she found it easy to take to the ice, even if on hired skates. However, she caught the ice skating bug and each July for the following seven consecutive years Rhona would spend her holidays skating at Lake Tekapo, and has many happy memories of those occasions. It was at Tekapo that she met most of the past Senior New Zealand champions of earlier years. Rhona has been active in judging ice skating (and roller) tests and championships since 1955 from Club level up to National level and has also judged at the 1980 Australian National Championships in Adelaide along with other N.Z. judges. Currently Rhona is a long serving member of the N.Z.I.S.A. Figure Committee and also the N.Z.I.S.A. Judges Panel.

On behalf of the N.Z.I.S.A. I would like to thank Rhona for her tremendous dedication and endless hours of work in compiling the Jubilee Book. I know she has enjoyed doing it and has renewed many old friendships during this time. I have known Rhona for 20 odd years now and have enjoyed her company on many skating trips in N.Z. and Australia, and the Jubilee Book reflects on the effort she has given to the sport of ice skating. I hope it will hold many hours of happy reading for you all.

JEANNE BEGEJ
The South Island of New Zealand has had ice on its lakes and ponds for probably thousands of years, but skating was not an active pastime until the latter half of the nineteenth century and it has been reported that as early as 1860 a skating club was active in Alexandra and that permission had been granted to form a skating pond on the Recreational Reserve. In the twentieth century ice could be found on dozens of natural ponds and lakes and enthusiasm gradually grew in the Otago and Canterbury Provinces. Curling became a very popular ice game and clubs sprang up in many areas of Central Otago and later in Canterbury. It was not until the early 1930's that ice hockey became popular with clubs, matches being played at Tekapo, Albury, Mount Harper, Irishman's Creek and Blue Lake (near the Hermitage at Mt. Cook). The standard of skating gradually improved until quite a number of first-class hockey teams were competing for a challenge cup named the Erewhon Cup. 

And so it was on the 25 June, 1937, that an ice hockey tournament was held at the property of Mr. Matthew Wills. This property was the home of Mr Wills and known as Opawa Station at Albury in South Canterbury. When the match was over a group of enthusiasts gathered in a caravan and discussed the forming of a New Zealand Ice Skating Association. The convenor of this inaugural meeting was Mr Harold T. Richards of Windwhistle (in the chair), others present being Messrs. Charles Kerr, Andy A. Taylor, Otto Richards, Matthew Wills, Brian Savill, G. O'Hara, Vic Hahn and Eric Milton, representing, pro tem, Mt. Harper, Opawa, Windwhistle, Timaru, Tasman and Canterbury Winter Sports clubs.

An excerpt from a letter dated 2 August, 1937, from Mr Milton to Mr C.W.F. Hamilton of Irishman's Creek, read - "N.Z. Ice Skating Association. After some ice hockey at Albury the question of the above was discussed and a meeting is being held at the above address on Wednesday, 11 August, 1937, at 11.30 a.m. to go into the matter more fully. Could you manage to come along as I know how interested you are in skating."

It was at this meeting on 11 August, 1937, that a decision to form a New Zealand Skating Association was made in Christchurch by representatives of a number of clubs interested in winter sports. It was intended to apply for affiliation with the National Skating Association of Great Britain. The following were appointed to act as a committee until the general meeting could be held in March or April, 1938: Messrs. H.T. Richards (chairman), Chas. Kerr, V.A. Hahn, O. Richards, A.A. Taylor, Leslie J. Le Cren and Eric Milton (honorary secretary).

The encouragement of skating generally in New Zealand was to be the chief object of the association. Various branches of skating would be under the control of special committees. Competitions in various parts of the country would be held. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Waino V. Sarelius, Leslie J. Le Cren and Eric Milton was set up to form rules and regulations for the association.

In the following year 1938 the affiliated clubs were Windwhistle Winter Sports Club Mt. Harper Ice Skating Club, Tekapo Ice Skating Club, Opawa Ice Skating Club, Oturehua Winter Sports Club, Irishman's Creek Club and Alexandra Winter Sports Club. Ensuing years saw many more outdoor clubs starting up which created greater interest in figures, speed and hockey.

The first National Championships conducted by the N.Z.I.S.A. were held on the Manorburn Dam, Alexandra, Central Otago, on 22 July, 1939. Only figures and speed were held that year. Very few skaters could do free skating and the figures required for the championship were elementary. They were Forward Outside Eight, Forward Inside Eight and Change of Edge starting on either foot. Dancing and Pair Skating did not appear on the programme but the speed events attracted great interest, as it always did in Central Otago.

A description of the first New Zealand Championships is taken from the "Otago Daily Times", 23 July, 1939, and headed -

ICE SKATING - NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

A BRILLIANT SPECTACLE

'In the brilliant sunshine of Central Otago, some 2,000 people watched the first New Zealand Ice Championships, which were held on Saturday 22nd, at the Manorburn Dam, Alexandra, on a magnificent icefield covering 60 acres and extending for two miles and a-half. It is an ice sports field which for expanse and accessibility is probably unexcelled in New Zealand. A more picturesque setting could hardly be imagined. From the rocky crags forming a natural grandstand, the spectators looked across a basin of sun-drenched ice, on which, between events, about 1,000 skaters wove an animated pattern full of colour, the skates flashing in the sun. On the brown slopes above were grouped the 300 cars, trucks and other vehicles which, with the help of taxis, brought most of the participants to the scene, the remainder arriving on bicycles or on foot. It was a perfect day, and the refreshment booths did a roaring trade in hot pies and saveloys.

A minor casualty

Despite the fact that most of the non-competitors were beginners, a broken wrist was the only casualty beyond the usual quota of bruises. Owing to the mild nature of the weather the ice was not as thick as usual, but the safety committee had marked out the doubtful areas and controlled the crowd. Visiting skaters were most enthusiastic about the ice-field, the advantage being most stressed was the freedom from wind.

Control of New Zealand's first ice skating championships was entrusted to the Alexandra Winter Sports Club, and the officers headed by Mr. M. Warhurst (President), G.D. Calder (Secretary), A.D. Armstrong (whose broadcast kept everyone well informed), and J.H. McKissock and A. Stewart (ice safety committee) managed the meeting most efficiently. The New Zealand Ice Skaters' Association was represented by Messers. Richards (President), Milton (Secretary) and Loughnan.

The judges were Mr. Waino V. Sarelius (Christchurch) and Mr. W. Rutherford (Ranfurly). Mr. Sarelius, the South Island Vice-consul for Finland, definitely graced the occasion. Although he is 60 years of age and resumed skating only five years ago after giving it up for 25 years, he demonstrated the various tests in fancy skating with skill which none of the competitors could approach.
Standard High

Uncertainty as to when the ice would be bearing prevented a larger entry from the north, but there was a high standard of performance, and the events were intensely interesting. The Central Otago skaters were too good for the visitors, who annexed only one title, Mrs. J. Gilkison (Dunedin) winning the Three-quarter-mile Championship.

The Men's Mile and a-Half Championship was a most thrilling speed event. In the first heat, B. Hjelstrom, with an attractively easy style, made the running all the way till the last lap, when Symons, a speedy skater and a stylist, flashed past with a great burst. The second heat was much slower, and the pace was shared till near home, when Scott shot ahead and breached the tape first. The final followed soon after, and this was also slower. Symon's pace gave him a well-deserved win and also his first success on ice.

The Results

New Zealand Ladies' Figure Skating Championship

Four entries
Miss Sadie Cameron (Alexandra) 28\% points 1.
Miss N. O'Kane (Alexandra) 26\% points 2.
Miss N. Hall 24 \% 3.
Mrs. J. Gilkison (Dunedin) 22\% 4.

New Zealand Ladies' Three-quarter-mile Championship

Mrs. J. Gilkison 1. Time, 4 min. 20 sec.
Miss Jones (Poolburn) 2.

New Zealand Ladies' 440 yards Championship

Six entries
Miss Jones 1. Time, 57 sec.
Mrs. J. Gilkison 2.
Miss H. Weir (Ranfurly) 3.

New Zealand Men's Figure Skating Championship

Seven entries
A.W. Robertson (Oturehua) 30\% points 1.
B. Hjelstrom 28 " 2.
G.J. Rivers (Alexandra) 24\% " 3.
W.A. Govan (Alexandra) 22\% " 4.

New Zealand Men's Mile and a-Half Championship

Thirteen entries
First Heat: K. Symons 1. Time, 6 min. 5 sec.
E. Allen 2.
B. Hjelstrom 3.
Second Heat: C. Lott 1. Time, 6 min. 51 sec.
E. Jones 2.
- Huddleston 3.
Final: K. Symons (Alexandra) 1. Time, 6 min. 55 sec.
B. Hjelstrom 2.
C. Lott (Oturehua) 3.

New Zealand Men's 440 yards Championship

Sixteen entries
B. Hjelstrom 2.
C.J. Noone 3.
C. Lott 2.
L. Allen 3.
B. Hjelstrom 2.
C. J. Noone 3.

After the Second World War began in 1939, Mr. Harold T. Richards left New Zealand for active service and was killed in action in 1940. Owing to the War, no further N.Z.I.S.A. Annual Meetings were held after 1940 until 1946, and no National Skating Championships were held after the 1939 ones until 1946.

In 1946 the first Figure Committee of the N.Z.I.S.A. was formed to control all branches of figure skating. From this date onwards National Championships continued each year on outdoor ice in the South Island (there being no ice outdoors or indoors in the North Island) until 1952. The championships that year were held for the first time on indoor ice at the newly erected Centaurus Rink in Christchurch which had just opened and remained open for 32 years, finally closing in September, 1984, and eventually being demolished in March, 1985.

In 1948 a Panel of Judges was instituted and the following were approved as a panel from which the committee would select judges for various events:- Mesdames Bennett and M. Wills (nee Janet Richards), Messrs. Cropper, Ellis, W. Hamilton, Ron Hosken, W. Rutherford, Jim Ryan and Waino Sarelius.

Timaru in South Canterbury, had its first indoor ice rink which opened in 1951. Named the Timaru Ice Rink, it remained open until 1954, and this was a sad occasion for Timaru skaters who had had so many happy times on the rink despite the small area of ice.

The N.Z.I.S.A. instituted its own Tests in 1948. These were based on general principles as those laid down by the International Skating Union (I.S.U.) but with different titles. They were the Preliminary Test and First Test. Looking back to the 1952 National Championships at the Centaurus Rink in Christchurch of particular interest was the fact that the Judges for this Meet were Armand Perren, Cissy Trenholm and Marika Sarary of the 'Ice Follies' Show which was performing in Christchurch at the time. About 1,200 spectators filled all available space at these Championships, but thousands had to be turned away owing to lack of sufficient seating accommodation. About one month later two other members of the 'Ice Follies' Company put some Timaru skaters through their New Zealand Figure Test, which resulted in Mrs. Molly Brown and Mr. Jack Lyttle being the first New Zealand skaters to obtain their Bronze Medals in both Figures and Dancing.

At that time New Zealand Tests were laid down by the Association in line with those adopted by the National Skating Association of Great Britain.

The 1954 season saw, for the first time in the history of the N.Z.I.S.A., the inauguration of Provincial championships by all affiliated sub-Associations. The Otago Sub-Association was the first to hold their championships, followed by the South Canterbury Sub-Association championships and Canterbury Sub-Association Championships.

By 1959 the N.Z.I.S.A. had 21 affiliated clubs which covered speed, hockey and artistic, three of those clubs being based at Centaurus Rink, Christchurch. An official luncheon to mark the twenty-first birthday of the Association was held at Timaru. Four foundation members were present (Messrs. Kerr, Milton, Hahn and O. Richards), and each spoke on the progress the Association had made over the years. The cake was cut by the president, Mr. E. Milton, the cake being suitably decorated in ice blue and silver.

In June, 1964, confirmation was received from the I.S.U. of the N.Z. Ice Skating Association's election as a full member of the I.S.U. With the guide lines of I.S.U. Regulations in artistic and speed skating, this brought opportunities of competition in World and International competitions for our skaters.
The first indoor rink in the North Island was the 'Ice Palace' in Wellington, which created more interest in skating. This was a combined ice and roller rink building which opened in 1964, and the Wellington Ice Skating Club was duly formed and affiliated to the N.Z.I.S.A. in 1965. The rink remained open until 1975 when it finally closed down.

In response to an invitation from Sydney, Australia, a party of New Zealand skaters visited Sydney and competed unofficially in the Australian Championships during 1965. There were ten skaters accompanied by their professional coach, Mrs Gwen Le Comte (formerly Gwen Jones of Melbourne and an Australian Gold Medallist).

At this stage it is fitting to mention that Warren Maxwell, the New Zealand Medal Tests he passed there were Bronze Figures in 1965, Silver Dance in 1966 and Inter-Silver Free in 1966. The New Zealand skating fraternity was happy to have known Warren and sorry to see him leave on his return to England, but proud of his continual improvement and success in ice dancing he and his partner, Janet Thompson, achieved to become British Ice Dance Champions in November, 1976 and November, 1977.

More highlights from N.Z.I.S.A. Minutes

1961 -
The decision to include in the National programme an Intermediate Championship indicated a forward step in catering for that age group who are not of Senior standard and ineligible for the Junior events, 14 years and under.

1966 -
Three skaters from Australia, W. Hewison and Miss Edwina Sloman (dance) and Miss Mary-Ellen Holland (figure and free) gave exhibitions throughout the South Island which were well received by the public.

1968 -
Former President, Patron and foundation member, Mr. C. J. Kerr, died on August 17th at Geraldine.

1972 -
The 'Paradise Ice Rink' at Glen Innes, Auckland, opened in April.

1973 -
The 'Glace Ice Rink' in Invercargill opened.

1974 -
Miss Gay Le Comte was the first New Zealand skater to pass the New Zealand Gold Medal Tests for Figures and for Free skating.

1975 -
Two Judges' Seminars were held, one in Auckland and one in Invercargill. Mr. Ken Herriott, former Secretary of the Association passed away in May.

1976 -
The Council of the N.Z.I.S.A. approved the entry of Gay Le Comte in the 1976 World Artistic Figure Skating Championship. This was the first time a New Zealand skater had competed in an artistic World Championship. Miss Janna Greene and Mr. Alan Wild had to withdraw their entry for the 1977 World Dance Championship owing to Alan's illness. Janna passed the Australian Gold Dance Medal Test.

A New Zealand team of twelve skaters competed at the Australian Championships in Brisbane. Ann and Alan Brennock of Christchurch won the Australian Junior Dance Championship, a milestone for New Zealand.

1977 -
Approval by Council for nomination of Miss Katie Symmonds of Auckland to the 1978 World Championships in Ottawa, for entry in the Figure and Free event.

Mr. Sid Croll, of Australia, and an I.S.U. Judge and Referee, visited New Zealand, travelling to Auckland, Christchurch and Invercargill where he conducted judging seminars. He was escorted throughout New Zealand by Mr H.A. Allchurch.

1978 -
Miss Katie Symmonds of the Auckland Figure Skating Club to represent New Zealand at the 1978 World Championships. Miss Janna Greene turns professional and concentrates on teaching dance.

Four judges selected to attend Sydney Seminar in August - Mr. H.A. (Sandy) Allchurch, Mrs. Jeanne Begej, Mrs. Wendy Clucas and Mrs Pam Hewinson. Mr Geoffrey Taylor of Melbourne to attend and conduct seminar at the time of the 1978 National Championships in Invercargill. Unanimous decision by the Figure Committee to adopt I.S.U. Rules and Regulations for running of championships.

Nominations ratified for:- Katie Symmonds to represent N.Z. at 1979 Worlds in Vienna. The President, Mr Alan Weeds, to be team leader in Vienna. Katie Symmonds, Katherine Lindsay, Denyse Adam and John Walkingshaw to Australian Championships in 1979. Mrs Wendy Clucas and Mrs Pamela Hewinson had been accepted by the I.S.U. as International Competition Judges.

Twentyfive years' service to skating - That is what the Otago/Southland Ice Skating Sub-Association; the Centaurus Ice Skating Club, and the Canterbury Ice Skating Sub-Association celebrated in 1978.

Sportsperson of the Year Award: Mrs Sue Blair, New Zealand's top short track speed skater, announced as the winner of the Award for 1979. She first competed in National Championships in 1969 and she had top honours for many years since that date. She won the Silver Medal at the 1978 Australian Championships.

1979 -
A team to represent N.Z. at Australian Championships in Melbourne announced, viz., Kathy Lindsay, Denyse Adam, John Walkingshaw, Ann Tranter and Allan Brennock.

A report that Invercargill is to have an Olympic size ice rink scheduled to open in March, 1980. Mr Max Parmenter, owner of the 'Glace Ice Rink', is building the rink.

Mrs Jeanne Begej accepted by the I.S.U. as an International Competition Judge.

In September, 1979 the Figure Committee held coaching schools in Auckland and invercargill, with Gerhard Hubman of Austria giving lectures on and off the ice, group and private lessons.

1980 -
The Annual General Meeting held on 1st and 2nd March, 1980 was to be the last of Annual General Meetings. From then all general meetings were held bi-ennially, and as from 1982 the N.Z.I.S.A. was split which resulted in the separation of Artistic and Speed. Artistic skating has remained under the auspices of the N.Z.I.S.A. while speed skating is now under the newly formed Ice Racing Federation (Inc.)
In conclusion, mention must be made of the following people, who through their untiring efforts in working so many hours into the night and from early hours of the mornings have prepared suitable ice for the N.Z. National Ice Skating Championships. On looking back it is fair to say that in some years it was only through these hard-working people that the championships could have been held, such as TEKAPO outdoor rink, where Mr. Doug Rodman would be up all night on his 'Bluebird', determined to get that ice ready for figures early in the morning. Many were the nights he would have no sleep at all.

Then there was Mr. Max Parmenter who owned and opened the Glace Indoor Rink in INVERCARGILL on 13th June, 1973. This closed down for the change over to a new building during March, 1980. The new rink opened in the middle of October, 1980, and closed in January, 1984.

N.Z. National Championships conducted by the N.Z.I.S.A. were held at both of these rinks in 1973, 1978 and 1982 and at all events Mr. Parmenter had beautiful ice for the competitors.

The AUCKLAND rinks - 'Paradice' at Glen Innes, and the 'Paradice' at Glenburn are both owned by Mr. Ross Blong and are still in operation. National Championships were held at the Glen Innes Rink in 1974 and 1977, and the Glenburn Ice Arena was the host rink for the 1981, 1984 and 1985 Championships. In all cases Mr. Blong has devoted many hours in maintaining ice which would be in perfect order for National Championships.

In CHRISTCHURCH the Centaurus Rink, first owned by Mr. A. F. W. Jones and the brothers Mr. Frank Kirkpatrick and Mr. George Kirkpatrick (Ice Rinks Ch' Ch' Ltd) was always reliable with good ice. In 1978 Mr. Jaap de Haan became the owner and operator and he devoted many hours in the night and early mornings preparing the ice for the benefit of the 'early-bird' figure skaters prior to and during National Championships.

OUTDOOR ICE - it was here that nature had a big part as the decision by the N.Z.I.S.A. relied so very much on weather conditions, and local hard workers of clubs arranging suitable and safe ice for National events could be found in areas such as Idaburn Dam, Lake Ida, Cromwell, Manorburn Dam and Arrowtown.

"OPAWA STATION" homestead and rink where the inaugural meeting was held in a caravan on the drive in front of the home.
**SPEED SKATING HISTORY**
by Pamela B. Gray

The first recorded results of speed skating championships held just prior to the Second World War state that the distances skated were half mile and one and a half miles on a track measured as approximately 220 yds. In those days approximate was near enough and it is understood that the starting tape was a piece of elastic. This imaginative idea died out quite quickly, no doubt with shortages the elastic was put to better use.

When organised skating once again got under way in the 1940's, distances were set as 220 yds, 880 yds, and one and a half miles, still on the 220 yd track. Early winners were Jack O'Kane (Alexandra), Roy Blair (Dunedin), Richard Smith (Mt. Harper) D. Cassie (Tekapo) and N. Weir. The ladies events were taken by Corinne Gilkinson, Sue Grigg, Shirley Buchanan and L. Weir, all being prominent figure skaters. Speed events were held in the 1940's and early 1950's on outdoor ice at Tekapo, Manorburn Dam and Mt. Harper to name the most popular. The advent of an indoor rink in Timaru in 1951 did not tempt the speed skaters as it was far too small for serious racing. However the opening of the Christchurch rink in 1952 meant speed skating could be done regardless of the weather and for longer than just a few weeks each winter.

**JAN BELT**

In 1952 the first championship was held on the indoor ice, all racing was done on the mass start system and the indoor distances remained the same as the outdoor. Jan Belt, S. Nuttford and C. Smith took the titles for the men on this occasion and Sue Grigg and Doraen Noble won the ladies events. During the early 1950's figure skaters dominated the speed events also. Ivan McDonald, who held almost all the figure skating titles at that time, showed his versatility by holding most of the speed titles as well. Many times events had to be held back because Ivan or others like him were expected on the figure skating and speed skating rinks at the same time. Other prominent skaters at that time were John Dowling and Rona Dickson. Some changes were brought about by the Dutch immigrants to New Zealand in the mid 1950's. They brought with them the 'new' idea of 400 metre tracks and racing pairs. Gradually the idea caught on and in 1961 the 400m track racing was instituted. The 200m (220yd) track remained with mass starts, except that now the numbers were limited and heats were run. The Dutch skaters started to make their mark on New Zealand speed skating, especially on the longer distances. Jan and Billi Belt and Jan Havenaar showed a different style and gradually speed skating became a very specialised sport in this country.

**ANJE KREMER**

In 1962 small track racing for indoor rinks, measured on a lap rather than a specific distance was brought in. Racing regulations were drawn up to fall in line with the International Skating Union, to which the New Zealand Ice Skating Association soon became affiliated. Longer distances on the 200m and 400m tracks were brought in and a new idea - a 42km Marathon for men and a 15km Marathon for women and juniors. Records started to fall every year, sometimes by as much as four seconds on the shorter distances. Besides the skaters already mentioned who figured prominently in the New Zealand Championships, others such as Gerry Glover who was to go on and hold a World Record for Roller Speed Skating, his wife Marlene, Jeanette Bayne, Robert Montgomery, David Lyttle, Peter Bell, Charles Sparrow, Paul McLachlan and Ron Faikingham, all made their contribution to New Zealand records and took their share of New Zealand titles. Anje Kremer also recently arrived from Holland began her almost unsurpassed reign among the women skaters, particularly on the outdoor tracks. This was to continue right up to the present time, as she continued to better her own records.
During this time the skaters from the Central Otago clubs gradually dropped away, for which no doubt some poor winters contributed. With the new decade, the 1970's speed skating had never been so popular or progressed so far. In 1972 with the advent of a rink in Auckland the first North Island skaters competed on the outdoor ice. Speed skating was becoming popular and skating on the lakes a novelty for North Islanders. Among those from Auckland to make their mark on the New Zealand skating in those early times were Brian Davies, Bruce Sturgess, Vicki Nepia and Josie Morton. 1973 was an unforgettable year for speed skating when New Zealand became involved in its first International competition. Twenty-three Australians competed at Lake Ida and also an Australian team contested the new Tasman Trophy against a strong New Zealand representative team comprising Stuart Baird, Brian Davies, Tony Tinga, Robert Montgomery, Anje Kremer and Brett Oetgen on the 200m track, and John Adams, Stuart Baird, Tony Tinga, Robert Montgomery, Jan Havenaar and Anje Kremer on the 400m track. They competed in splendid style and soundly beat the Australians in an exciting competition. During these championships seventy-four New Zealand records were set or broken, forty-two in the 400m track and thirty-two in the 200m track, forty-four of these by New Zealand skaters.

**FIRST NEW ZEALAND TEAM TO AUSTRALIA**

Back Row: L to R, P. SILCOCK, B. DAVIES, J. HAVENAAR, S. BAIRD, T. TINGA

Front Row: B. OETGEN, R. MONTGOMERY, J. ADAMS

Following this in 1974 the first New Zealand team competed in Australia where Jonelle Mills of Queenstown and Tony Tinga of Christchurch took Australian titles - a great boost to skating at that time. New names were now emerging - the senior ranks were dominated by Stuart Baird, with Robert Montgomery and Dean Cade. Tony Tinga and John Adams were the prominent intermediates and Donald Copping, Brett Oetgen, John Hocking, Ross Jensen and Bruce Sturgess the up and coming juniors. Sue Blair and Anje Kremer fought the womens titles and Debbie Cade and Jonelle Mills were always there. Also 1974 saw the revival of the small track indoor championships, which had never really flourished, at a trial championships in Auckland and this became the forerunner of the later popular 111m track championship. 1979 saw a further step being taken when Peter Silcock and Brian Blair became International Starters after attending a Starters Course in Norway and, after officiating at the 1977 World Championships, Jan Havenaar received recognition as an International Referee.

**1976 N.Z. FIGURE and SPEED TEAMS to AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**


Middle row: Ken Howie, Debbie Cade, Carol Williams, Mark Atkinson.

Front row: Dean Cade, Ann Brennock, Pam Hewinson, Julie Clark, Kelvin Nicolle.

Seated front: Sue Blair.

SUE BLAIR

The progressive trend continued into the early 1980's with Sue Blair representing New Zealand at the World Short Track (Indoor) Championships and Anje Kremer the New Zealand representative at the World 400m Track (Outdoor) Championships. Invercargill skaters had now joined the ranks of New Zealand Champions, Craig Hillis, Jerrard Stock, Barry Kerema, Ken and Malcolm Howie and Jens Jensen to name a few.
Christchurch skaters continued to produce winning form and MARK ATKINSON who had emerged as a promising newcomer in the Australian trip of 1974, now held undisputed sway over the senior ranks, having held the Senior Title for six consecutive years. TIM McDONALD was also a prominent senior skater, especially over the longer distances, while TONY SMITH was proving to be a promising intermediate.

The forming of a solely speed skating club in Christchurch in 1980, such as Auckland and Invercargill had already done, seemed to boost the sport even more in this area. Numbers were increasing and the sport growing. With the 'maturing' of speed skating at this time, it was felt that the time was right for speed skating, or ICE RACING as it is now called, to stand on its own feet, so in 1982 the links with the New Zealand Ice Skating Association were finally broken when the ICE RACING FEDERATION OF NEW ZEALAND was formed. Ice Racing had come of age and took control of its own future.
IRISHMAN CREEK RINK
Mr. Waino Sarelius, who judged figures at the first New Zealand Championships in 1939, is shown at middle right, waltzing with partner and wearing plus-fours and beret.

TEKAPO TIGERS 1959
Back row:
A Maud, P Bain, J Dampier-Crossley, J van Roogen, J Dewar.

Front row:
B Scott, T. Murray, H. Hunter-Weston, M Murray.
ICE HOCKEY
By Rhona Whitehouse

The EREWHN CUP was presented to the Mt. Harper Ice Skating Club by Mr. Wyndham Barker, and in 1937 the Club gave it to the New Zealand Ice Skating Association as a challenge cup for the premiership in ice hockey among the affiliated clubs in New Zealand. Before the Second World War the holders were challenged to defend the cup. The competition was not held from 1939 to 1945, and after the War, owing to petrol restrictions, it was played off on the knock-out system. At the Association Meeting on 7 June, 1939, it was moved that all ice hockey rinks, where clubs were competing for the Erewhon Cup, have boarded edges at least 2 inches high. This would ensure that all rinks were uniform in this respect.

Considerable discussion took place at the Meeting on 2 April, 1946, to arrive at a method of deciding the winner of the trophy as teams would be competing from Central Otago to the Rakata Gorge. Finally it was moved that the Cup be played for annually on the knock-out basis. At the Ice Hockey and Figure Skating Sub-Committee meeting on 2 July, 1946, a point was raised as to the legality of kicking the puck or stopping it with the skate. Both were barred.

Over the next three seasons many friendly hockey games were played in addition to the Erewhon Cup matches, and during the 1950 season ice hockey matches were played under varying conditions, but a result was obtained with the Tekapo Club winning the Cup.

At the Meeting on 29 May, 1940, it was decided that for the ensuing year the Assn. hold no competitions or races which involve New Zealand skaters or Erewhon Cup matches. The view was expressed that while all agreed as to the expediency of keeping down the use of petrol as a national necessity, the Association hoped that individual clubs would still keep up their local activities.

A hockey team was formed by the Fairlie Ice Hockey Club in 1951 and they had several friendly games with Tekapo and Opawa with the usual social activities which followed. The Erewhon Cup final was played on the Fairlie Rink between Tekapo and Opawa on wet ice. Extra time had to be played to decide the winners as no goal had been scored until the extra spell. Opawa eventually got one home and so won the Cup for 1951. At the N.Z.I.S.A. Annual Meeting on 28 April, 1951, there was considerable discussion on the question of playing on figure skates. Claws and projecting back ends were considered dangerous and sometimes advantageous, but proper ice hockey skates were very hard to obtain and were expensive also. It was considered it would ruin figure skates to remove the claws, and so it was finally agreed that figure skates be allowed for that year if claws were taped and the taping examined by referees before each spell.

In 1952 the local rules of ice hockey, under which the Erewhon Cup series had been played, were revised to conform with international rules so that new arrivals would find no difference and players from New Zealand going elsewhere would not be handicapped. The final match for the Erewhon Cup was played at Tekapo late in the season, the ice and weather not being the best. Mr. Charles Kerr, in his remarks at the presentation of the Cup, congratulated Canterbury, the winners, on being the first team to take the Cup north of the Rangitata River to Christchurch. The Canterbury Club's hockey team was also successful in winning all games for the Lake Ida Shield presented by the Lake Ida Company for annual competition amongst teams above the Waitaki River.
This Canterbury team was still in possession of the Erewhon Cup and the Lake Ida Shield for 1953 and 1954. In the 1953 final of the Erewhon Cup between Canterbury Club and Tekapo, the teams were:

**CANTERBURY** — O. Ellis (Captain), R. Smith (Vice-Captain), G. Planicks (a Czech skater), D. Cassidy, R. Yellowlees, J. le Quesne, B. Begg, W. A. Weakley, B. Armstrong (Goal).


In 1953, with the co-operation of Mr. Frank Kirkpatrick, the Canterbury Ice Skating Club was able to arrange a match on the Centaurus Rink on 5th July between a team from the “Hot Ice” Company under the title of “Perren’s Pirates”, and a combined team drawn from clubs in Canterbury. This was to take the form of a Charity Match in aid of St. John Ambulance, but unfortunately on the early morning of that day the Rink was badly damaged by fire and the event was later played off on the 26th July. This was a fast and exciting game, several of the “Pirates” being international hockey players. Canterbury players had come long distances at short notice to take the ice against such formidable opponents without a combined practice.

1956 — Hockey matches were played off under new conditions with the result that competing clubs managed their own affairs very successfully. Under the able leadership of Lex Eddington, the Mt. Hutt Hockey team did well under his coaching and several visits were paid to the Centaurus Rink, with return matches played on the Mt. Hutt Rink.
The Canterbury Ice Hockey Assn. was a most active body - committee meetings held approximately every two weeks with good attendances. Under the Association's control was the organisation of all ice hockey played in the indoor rink, and the supervision of sixty players, a four-hour practice session and a full scale match every week. Sunday matches on special occasions were run which assisted various charities as well as providing the Association with considerable funds. These funds provided a new dressing room, two sets of uniforms and players' benches. It was a very healthy outlook at this stage of ice hockey. The officers elected for 1956 were: Patron, Mr. R. A. Young; President, Mr. A. C. Sparrow; Vice-President, Mr. J. Le Quesne; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. R. W. Smith; Assistant-Secretary, Mr. B. R. Offord; Committee, Messrs. W. Brittain, A. W. Sparrow, K. W. Adamson, J. R. Selwood, V. J. Thompson; Delegate to Canterbury Ice Hockey Referees Assn., Mr. W. A. Weakley; Delegate to N.Z.I.S.A., Mr. V. J. Thompson; Selector, Mr. W. Travis.

In 1957 Mr. Wyndham Barker of Winchester, South Canterbury, died. He and his wife donated that much treasured trophy the Erewhon Cup. Mr Barker was the grandson of the renowned pioneer Dr. Barker.

Many clubs reported several hockey activities during the season through to 1958, but hockey in Canterbury was on the down-grade owing mainly to Ice Rinks (Ch'Ch') Ltd. not having the weekly matches they had in previous years.

A new competition confined to South Canterbury only was an added interest for hockey players. This was the McKerrow Memorial Cup, a trophy in memory of Graham McKerrow, a prominent hockey player, who in 1957 was accidently drowned while getting in some practice on a secluded frozen creek when the ice gave way.

In 1959 a group of hockey enthusiasts organised a chartered DC3 aircraft to travel to Alexandra. Twenty-six passengers, including players, arrived at the Manorburn Dam in fine weather, having left a wet Christchurch far behind. The idea of the trip was to boost ice hockey in Otago. A large number of spectators were treated to a fast game of ice hockey by players from the leading teams in the Erewhon Cup and Lake Ida Shield competitions. Chief credit for organising the excursion went to Alistair Hamilton, a well-known hockey player and a member of the Ice Hockey Sub-committee that year.

The final of the Ashby Burgh Rose Bowl ice hockey series at the Centaurus Rink resulted in a win for Rangers when they beat Hawks in 1960. The Tekapo Ice Hockey team had a good season, winning the Erewhon and McKerrow Cups, and of course the highlight of that season was to beat International 5-4 in the final of the Erewhon Cup at Tekapo and scoring the winning goal seconds before full time!

The Canterbury Ice Hockey Assn. had a very successful 1961 season with sixteen games being played which included Rangers (who won the Ashby Burgh Rose Bowl), Haws and Wolves teams. Individual trophies were won that year by Len Smith (Larsen Cup for best goalie), Brian Dando (Hamilton Cup for most improved player) and John Hanning (Committeemans Cup for best first year player).

The standard of the game had advanced appreciably over the past few years and by 1963 it came to the stage where the first International competition for New Zealand took place in a trial of strength against the visiting Hakoah Club from Melbourne, Australia, the New Zealand side accrediting itself well. Hakoah played their first match at Lake Tekapo against a Christchurch team and won by seven goals to three. The main match was played on the following Sunday in Christchurch against Hawks before a capacity crowd, with Hakoah winning 8-6. The match was the first ice hockey match to be televised and was a thriller all the way. The next day Hakoah played Rangers and beat them 7-6. On the Wednesday the Australians played their final match against Wolves and lost to the Christchurch team by twelve goals to seven.
It was not unexpected that the indoor ice hockey clubs would break away from the N.Z. Ice Skating Asn., as already a New Zealand Ice Hockey Federation had been formed and constituted in order to conduct and control its affairs in New Zealand and in alignment with overseas organisations. Mr. Barry Offord, the Secretary of the N.Z. Ice Hockey Federation and a dedicated player, had sacrificed much of his time for the benefit of the game and to him much praise was given. The object of the Federation was the control and advancement of ice hockey in New Zealand. Membership was open to any club and to provincial associations. Local teams would still be able to arrange their own matches and administer their own affairs without any interference from the N.Z. Federation which had been formed in 1964.

The Canterbury Ice Hockey Association felt it would be better if they were affiliated to a body that is interested in ice hockey alone, and therefore stated the wish to resign from the N.Z.I.S.A. as they had applied for membership to the International Ice Hockey Federation.

At the N.Z.I.S.A. Annual Meeting on 3 April, 1965, it was resolved by members that the Erewhon Cup remain with the N.Z.I.S.A. for competition among the affiliated clubs and played on outdoor ice. The death of Mr. Matthew Wills of the Opawa Club was a sad loss. He had been a keen and well-known hockey player in the early days. A new club formed in Otago in 1966, known as the Queenstown Skating and Ice Hockey Club, and in 1968 Oturehua formed an ice hockey section, the Club experiencing a most successful season, being unbeaten in four matches.

Mr. Vic Hahn stated in 1972 that a very poor hockey season had been reported to the N.Z.I.S.A. This was most unsatisfactory as few clubs took an active interest. It was therefore decided not to nominate an ice hockey committee until the Secretary of the N.Z.I.S.A. had ascertained from all clubs if there was any interest in continuing the Erewhon Cup competitions. In 1973 no competition was held and in the ensuing years up to and including 1982 ice hockey was practised by only a small group of skaters and competitions were not held on a regular basis.

In 1975 there was no progress in finding regional winners to compete for the Erewhon Cup. No competition had been arranged and it was known that a National ice hockey tournament had been played but not under the auspices of the N.Z.I.S.A. As there was a lack of interest shown by member clubs in the E.C. competition the Council abandoned the event for the 1975 season, and so it was not until 1983 that a glimmer of enthusiasm was shown when the Canterbury Ice Hockey Assn. won the Cup that year and again in 1984 and 1985, while Gore was the winner for 1986

1987 has arrived and a grand old man of sport died on the 21st February. Although he was 88 years of age, Mr. A. C. Sparrow (Bert to his numerous friends) was still reasonably active as he regularly played golf in between a couple of trips to hospital during the previous twelve months. He was on the way to play a game of golf when he died while driving his car to the Course. Bert was President of the International Ice Hockey Club in 1954 which had been formed twelve months previously, and he was President of the Canterbury Ice Hockey Association in 1956.

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OPAWA TEAM with Erewhon Cup
Back row: Ross Macaulay, John Campbell
Middle row: Cliff Brown, Ben Glass, Doug Brown, Sam Irving, Ted Glass.
Front row: Gary Johns, Ron Taylor.

MT. HARPER TEAM
taken at Tekapo 4 August, 1946
Front row: Lex Eddington, Walter Taylor, Lloyd Allen
SADIE CAMERON - 1939 Ladies Champion

At the age of 25 she entered the Championship and until 1934, when the Manorburn Dam was built, she had skated two or three times on what one might call rickety ice. The competition consisted of a forward outside eight, forward inside eight and change of edge, as well as back outside edges in the field. The only tuition she had was from an elderly Swedish gentleman who told her to 'lane ophir' (lean over). She said skaters had no idea about legs, body or shoulder positions. Her first lesson by a professional was from Norinne Calder from Australia.

A. W. ROBERTSON - 1939 Men's Champion

The first New Zealand Senior Men's Champion, who had no tuition, but was self-taught. He used to skate on dams or ponds around the Oturehua district and according to his widow, he was really good.

JANET RICHARDS - 1946 Lady Champion

Janet started skating in 1934, two years after leaving school. She lived with her family at Windwhistle, inland Canterbury, and there was usually plenty of good ice on the ponds on the property, and on some of the lakes up the Gorge. About that time the Windwhistle Winter Sports Club came into being and skating became the craze. She soon became a fanatic though she only had a pair of very old clamp-on skates for the first winter. No one knew even the rudiments of how to skate, or what a good pair of skates and boots looked like. Within a couple of years she and a few others managed to import good figure skates and boots and she also obtained the book "Modern Figure Skating" by T. D. Richardson (Published 1930). From this book she taught herself entirely in those early years and it wasn't long before she began teaching other skaters. In 1936 Mr. Doug Rodman who was the proprietor of one of the earliest outdoor rinks at Lake Tekapo, asked her to teach skating there, which offer she gladly accepted. She returned to Tekapo each winter season until 1939 when World War Two was declared. It was then that she went to Irishman's Creek for five years and worked in the munitions factory. There was an ice rink on the property so she could continue skating when time permitted. In 1946 she went to Canada to study for a Bronze Medal and Bar in figure skating which she succeeded in getting at the Vancouver Glaciarium in 1947. She was taught
there by the professional Leo MacGrath and said she was agreeably surprised to find her standard of skating (based on her own version of T. D. Richardson's book) was well accepted and just needed brushing up. While in Canada she joined a Travelling Ice Show for a while where she skated on her stilts, having brought them from New Zealand with the idea it would be a quick way to make dollars. Mr. (later Sir) William Hamilton had designed and made the stilts for her. With Brian Tufnail as her partner, Janet won the National Dance and National Pairs Championships in 1946.

**BRIAN TUFNAIL**  
1946 Men's Champion

He first skated on ice at the Empire Pool, Wembly, England in 1935 at the age of 20. After two years on blades, he left for New Zealand and turned to rollers, first as an amateur and later as a professional at the Napier rink since 1949. As a competitive skater for three years, he was very successful and had the distinction of being the only skater in New Zealand to have held both ice and roller National titles. His achievements included N.Z. Men's Ice figure championship 1946, also ice Pair and Dance titles with Janet Richards as his partner in 1946. In 1947 and 1948 he was runner-up in Men's ice figures, and won ice Dance and Pair National titles with Corinne Gilkison.

**CORINNE GILKISON**  
1948 Ladies Champion

Corinne passed the Bronze Figure Test in Sydney, Australia, as there were no medal tests held in New Zealand at that time during 1948. She won several N.Z. National Speed events, which included Ladies Half Mile and One Mile in 1946, and in 1948 the 880 yds. In 1947 and 1948 she and Brian Tufnail won the Senior Dance and Senior Pairs National Championships. Besides ice skating, Corinne was the New Zealand Women's Ski-ing Champion for 1948. This is not all, as she has several tennis titles, runner-up in N.Z. Doubles Tennis Championship, and as recently as 1984 and 1985, has won the Otago Veteran's Ski-ing Championships and two Otago Bronze Golf Championships. Corinne has been one of New Zealand's most versatile sportswomen and does not seem to be giving up yet.
PENEOLE BARKER
1947 Ladies Champion

In the 1940's there were no Medal Tests held in New Zealand, and if a skater wanted tuition to gain a medal, it was necessary to travel across the Tasman Sea to Australia. Penelope, affectionately known as 'Jimmy', had a bit of tuition from Ronald P. Hosken, the 1947 Men's Champion. The day Jimmy won was a bitterly cold day but with a mile and a half of ice along the gorge at Idaburn Dam, near Oturehua in Central Otago. There were crowds of people standing on the cracking and groaning ice and groups around the curling games. Jimmy feels sure that she is unique not to have passed any medal tests, done any teaching or been in any ice shows. However, she was a very neat and graceful skater.

RONALD P. HOSKEN
1947 Men's Champion

In 1947 he travelled to Melbourne, Australia, for a period of three months' training and was successful in passing the Australian Bronze Figure Test. During this time he also learnt all he could about the administration side of skating and also took a course on judging. On his return to New Zealand he competed in the New Zealand Senior Men's Championship which he won. From then on he devoted his time to judging and administration. He said that the standard in that era was particularly low but skaters had a lot of fun. Those were the days when all skating was done on outdoor ice. Ron was a Vice President of the N.Z.I.S.A. from 1949 to 1957.

SUSAN GRIGG
1953 National Senior Ladies Champion
1949 National Dance Champion with Keith Butters
1952 National Dance Champion with Tom Grigg
1953 National Dance Champion with Tom Grigg
1953 National Pairs Champion with Tom Grigg

In 1949 Susan went to Melbourne with Rosemary Murray and Shirley (Winks) Buchanan and was successful in passing the Bronze Figures Test. Susan, who is a sister of Tom Grigg, has been a very versatile sportsperson. Besides being to the fore in ice skating in the forties and fifties, she has also excelled in golf and croquet and won National and Provincial titles in both of those sports.
TOM GRIGG
1949 National Pairs Champion with Rosemary Murray
1950 National Pairs Champion with Shirley Buchanan
1951 National Pairs Champion with Joy Stewart
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1953 National Pairs Champion with Susan Grigg
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In the late 1940's Tom went to Melbourne and obtained the Bronze Medal for figures, like several other keen skaters had done. Their enthusiasm for skating and wishing to improve their standard by going to Australia certainly showed up on their return to New Zealand. It seemed to give great inspiration to other skaters to become really seriously interested in skating and from 1952 onwards it was obvious that Tom and those other skaters who had obtained Australian Bronze Medals had made a great impression.

Tom was a member of the N.Z.I.S.A. Committee from 1946 to 1950 inclusive, and was a Vice President of the Association for the years 1951, 1952 and 1953.

JOY STEWART
1951 and 1952 National Ladies Champion
1951 National Dance Champion with Tom Grigg
1951 National Pairs Champion with Tom Grigg

Joy went to Australia in 1950 where she passed her Silver Wings figures test at the Melbourne Glaciarium. She joined Armand Perren's "Ice Follies" Show when it was in Christchurch during August, 1952. She then toured New Zealand and Australia with this Show and later with the "Hot Ice" Show, finishing her contract in Sydney.

SHIRLEY BUCHANAN
1949 and 1950 National Senior Ladies Champion
1950 National Dance Champion with Tom Grigg
1950 and 1952 National Pairs Champion with Tom Grigg

Shirley (more widely known as 'Winks') first learnt to skate at Tasman Downs School, South Canterbury, on a rink which was a hollow in the ground filled by a water-race, probably 10 times larger than the Tekapo Rink and all black ice which she said was sheer heaven.

In 1949 Winks went to Melbourne with Rosemary Murray and Susan Grigg, where she spent three months training at the Glaciarium under the watchful eye of Jack Gordon. She went for the Bronze Medal Test for figures there and was successful in passing it.

On her return to New Zealand she had been asked by Mr. Doug Rodman to teach at the Tekapo Rink in 1950, but she had to refuse as it would have denied her entry into the New Zealand Championships.

She did do some judging at junior championships with Tom Grigg at Tekapo, Windwhistle and Lake Ida.

ROSEMARY MURRAY

Rosemary lived in the ice and snow area of the McKenzie Country and skated at Tekapo. In 1940 she had the pleasure of some special coaching from one of the stars of J. C. Williamson's ice show "Switzerland" - Pat McKinnon.

As enthusiasm grew, Rosemary eventually went to Melbourne with Susan Grigg and Shirley Buchanan for training in the early part of 1949. She was successful in passing the Australian Bronze Figure Test and the Australian Bronze Dance Test. After spending four months in Melbourne she returned to New Zealand and entered the New Zealand Championships, winning the National Pairs Championship with Tom Grigg.
LYNNE WITHEY
1954 and 1955 National Senior Ladies Champion
1957 National Pairs Champion with John Dowling

Lynne passed New Zealand Inter-Silver Figures and Bronze Dance Tests, having learnt from Gwen Le Comte and Ann Taylor. Later she went to Melbourne for training with Felix Kasper and was the first New Zealander to pass the Gold Wings Test there. Having gained the Silver Medal in March, 1956, she was successful in gaining the Gold Wings in the following two months. After her marriage she resumed ice skating in Virginia, U.S.A. and had also appeared on television.

JOHN DOWLING
1952 National Senior Men's Champion

In 1950 Jack went to Melbourne and gained the Bronze Figures Medal Test. In New Zealand he went for the Bronze Figures Test (instituted for the first time that year) and passed it on the 12th August, 1952. He was the first person to have passed the test so holds the No 1 Medal.

RONA DICKSON -
1954 National Dance Champion with Kees Stikkelman
1956 National Ladies Champion

Besides artistic skating Rona was a very proficient speed skater and was successful in winning many National, Provincial and Club events. Artistic Medal Tests she passed were Inter-Silver Figures and Bronze Dance. She was coached by Gwen Jones at Centaurus Rink. In 1955 she departed for Melbourne where she passed her Australian Silver Figures test and Bronze Dance test. She and Lynne Withey, both friendly rivals, had training for six months in Melbourne under the watchful eyes of Dawn Hunter. She turned Professional in 1957 and taught at the Centaurus Rink, Christchurch, until end of 1959.

KEES STIKKELMAN
1954 National Dance Champion with Rona Dickson

In November, 1954, Kees passed the Bronze Dance Test, and in September, 1956 he passed Inter-Silver Figures.
IVAN MCDONALD
National Dance Champion with Lynne McDonald - 1955, 1956, 1957
National Dance Champion with Christine Wadsworth - 1968 and 1971
National Pairs Champion with Wendy Grafton - 1961 and 1962

Ivan won his first N.Z. Men’s Championship while he was a pupil of Mrs. Celia Sommers, but it was not on blades that he first began skating. It was on roller skates that he and his sister Lynne first became enthusiastic and used to skate at the De Luxe Roller Skating Rink in Christchurch. They were very young children and it was obvious then they showed promise of a great future in skating. In 1952 the indoor Centaurus Ice Rink opened and in 1953 Ivan and Lynne gave up rollers to concentrate on ice. After only six month’s practice, and at their first attempt, they achieved what they consider their greatest success. Then aged only 13 and 10, Ivan and Lynne won the N.Z. Waltzing competition from tough opposition. After that there was no stopping them. From 1967 to 1971 inclusive Ivan was a member of the Figure Committee of the N.Z. Ice Skating Association, and a N.Z.I.S.A. Judge for many years. He passed N.Z. Inter-Silver Figure, Silver Dance and Silver Pairs Tests.

LYNNE MCDONALD
1959 National Ladies Champion
1955, 1956, 1957 National Dance Champion with Ivan McDonald

Both Lynne and Ivan felt they owed a lot to the former Australian professional Gold Medallist, Gwen Le Comte, who taught them in Christchurch. In 1960 Lynne turned professional and with her brother Ivan, went to Melbourne for four months to improve their skating at the St. Moritz Rink.

On her return to New Zealand she taught at the Centaurus Rink, Christchurch, and later in 1968 she moved to Wellington where she began teaching at the Wellington Rink.

She passed the N.Z. Inter-Silver Figures, Bronze Dance and Bronze Pairs Tests.

JOHN DOWLING
1957 National Pairs Champion with Lynne Wlthey
1958, 1959, 1960 National Dance Champion with Anne Dowling
1960 National Pairs Champion with Anne Dowling

John passed New Zealand Inter-Silver Figures Test, Silver Dance Test and Silver Pairs Test.

ANNE DOWLING
1958, 1959, 1960 National Dance Champion with John Dowling

Anne is the sister of John Dowling and she was successful in passing her Bronze Figures Test, Silver Dance Test and Silver Pairs Test. Both John and Anne had lessons from Mrs. Ann Ryan (formerly Taylor), an Australian Gold Figure and Gold Free Test holder and who was also undefeated Australian Dance Champion for 5 Years. Ann taught them right from the beginning of their skating days to the stage where they won three N.Z. titles.
JOAN WALKER
1957 and 1958 National Ladles Champion

Passed New Zealand Inter-Silver Figure Test and Bronze Dance Test. She started skating in 1954 and even though her tuition by Gwen Jones was interrupted for a year in 1956, she climbed into top-class in a very short time. It was on a bitterly cold day at Lake Ida in 1957 that she won her first Senior Ladies title from Lynne Withey. Joan turned Professional in 1962 after further tuition in Melbourne. On her return to New Zealand she taught for one season in Naseby, Central Otago, and then at the Centaurus Rink in Christchurch in 1964 and 1972. In 1962 she regained her amateur status.

SANDRA JACK
1960 and 1961 National Ladles Champion

Sandra passed the N.Z. Bronze Figure and Inter-Silver Free Tests. At Melbourne, in 1963, she passed the Bronze Medal Figure Test. In 1964 she turned professional and toured New Zealand with "Ice Follies of 1964", an Australian production. From there she went to Alexandra, Otago, as a professional coach, but lack of ice was a major disappointment. In 1969 she regained her amateur status and took part in judging. She went to live in Auckland in 1973 and did judging there.

WENDY GRAFTON
1965 National Dance Champion with Gerry Glover
1961, 1962 National Pairs Champion with Ivan McDonald

Wendy was first introduced to ice by her parents, Mr. Bert Grafton and Mrs. Doreen Grafton, who were fond of the sport (father played ice hockey and was later Secretary of the N.Z. Ice Skating Asn.). As a toddler she used double blades at a cold outdoor lake in Canterbury. At the age of 10 she had a lesson once a week. In 1957 she commenced two lessons a week and the following year passed the first Bronze Figure medal test and six months later passed the Inter-Silver Figure Test. At the age of 16 she spent time in Australia and passed the Australian Silver Figure and Free Skating medal tests. The following year after leaving school she returned to Australia and worked on Inter-Gold figures, returning to New Zealand where the test was passed along with Inter-Gold Free Skating test. Wendy also passed the Silver Pairs and Silver Dance Tests.

On the administrative side Wendy has been very active as a member of the Figure Committee and the Council of the N.Z. Ice Skating Association.

In 1978 she was accepted by the International Skating Union as an International Competition Judge.

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IVAN MCDONALD and WENDY GRAFTON
National Dance Champions
National Pairs Champions

SHIRLEY BAYNE
1964 National Ladies Champion
1963, 1964 National Pairs Champion with Gerry Glover

Shirley gained New Zealand medals for the following tests:- Inter-Silver Figures, Inter-Silver Free, Inter-Silver Dance and Silver Pairs. She turned professional in 1965 and taught at the Manorburn Dam, Central Otago, for that season. Then she went on to teach at Centaurus Rink, Christchurch, for the remainder of 1965 until end of 1973.

LESLEY ANDERSON
1965, 1966 National Pairs Champion with Leslie Coxon


LESLEY COXON
1965 National Pairs Champion with Lesley Anderson
1966 National Pairs Champion with Lesley Anderson
1967 National Pairs Champion with Judith Farr
1968 National Pairs Champion with Judith Farr

Leslie passed Medal Tests for Bronze Figures, Bronze Dance, Bronze Free and Silver Pairs. He turned professional in 1968 and taught at the Centaurus Rink, Christchurch. In 1965 he went to Australia and passed the Australian Tests - Bronze Figures and Inter-Silver Dance. He also competed in the Australian Nationals in 1965, placing third in both Pairs and Dancing.

JUDITH FARR and LESLIE COXON
1967, 1968 National Pairs Champion with Leslie Coxon

She passed Inter-Silver Figures, Inter-Silver Free and Bronze Pairs in New Zealand. In Australia she passed Bronze Figures and Free in 1965.
GERRY GLOVER
1964, 1965 National Men's Champion
1963, 1964 National Pairs Champion with Shirley Bayne
1965 National Dance Champion with Wendy Grafton

Besides artistic skating, Gerry made great headlines in the world of roller and ice speed skating by holding four World Records and four World Championships. He gained the Silver Medals for Dance and Pairs Tests and the Bronze Figure Test medal. He also passed the Gold Medal Speed Test.

The decision to change from ice to roller skating was as a result of the short ice season (six months) at that time. To continue training in the off-season he began to roller skate as preparation for the next ice season. As his standard improved on rollers, opportunities to advance further began to appear.

SUSAN HOSEIT
1967 National Ladies Champion

At the early age of three, Susan first experienced ice skating on the Manorburn Dam. First tuition was commenced in 1957 at the Centaurus Rink during school holidays under the expert eye of Mrs. Gwen Le Comte. Her initial competitive skating began in 1959 and she skated from then on in club, provincial, New Zealand Junior, New Zealand Intermediate and finally winning the New Zealand Senior title.

In 1965 Susan went to Australia and gained her Australian Bronze and Intermediate Silver Medals. In 1969 she went to Australia again and was very successful at Sydney in gaining the First Class Gold Figure Test, the first by a New Zealander. This Test was skated at the Silver Blades Ice Rink at Narrabeen, Sydney. Twenty figures had to be skated, followed by a four minute Free Skating programme and comments by the judges following the test referred to the test figures as being the best presented in many years, and the Free Skating programme highly commended. The coach was Mrs. Desira MacDonald.

New Zealand Tests she passed were Inter-Silver and Silver Figures.

JEANNE WYATT
1968 National Lady Champion
1969 National Lady Champion (Jeanne Begej)

New Zealand tests she passed were Inter-Silver Figures, Silver Free Skating and Inter-Gold Dance. Jeanne had regular lessons in figures, free skating and dance at the Centaurus Rink under the guidance of Mrs. Kath Craven who attained her English Silver medal tests in Figures and Free skating. Both Kath and her husband Bert were head instructors at Earls Court in England. Later Jeanne went to Melbourne where she lived for two years and had lessons from John McKilligan from Canada.

Since giving up competitive skating Jeanne has been a most active administrator of the sport. She has been a club secretary, and is a member of the Figure Committee and Council of the N.Z.I.S.A., and is Secretary (since 1978) of the N.Z.I.S.A.

In 1979 she was accepted by the International Skating Union as an International Competitions Judge.
MURRAY HERRIOTT
1968, 1969 National Men's Champion

Murray passed the New Zealand Inter-Silver Free and Inter-Silver Figures Tests.
He went to Australia with a skating team in 1965 and with his partner, Dianne White, was placed second in the Australian National Pairs Championship.
He turned professional for a while and went back to amateur status in 1977.

PAMELA BERNICE HEWINSON
1969 National Dance Champion with Don Hewinson

Pam started skating at the age of 14. She and Don were taught by Gwen Le Comte at the Centaurus Rink. She holds the Intermediate Silver Medal for figures and free skating, and also holds the Bronze Test medal for Pairs and the Intermediate Gold Medal for Dance.
During 1958 she spent some time training in Australia, and in 1961 began judging and is currently International Competition Judge for Figure Skating and Dance, having been accepted by the International Skating Union in 1978.
Pamela, now Mrs Gray, has been on the Figure Committee and Council of the N.Z.I.S.A. and as Secretary of the N.Z.I.S.A. from 1971 to 1977 inclusive.

DON HEWINSON

Don holds the New Zealand Bronze Medal for Dance and Pairs Tests. He has been on the Council of the N.Z.I.S.A. for many years and is a keen and most devoted worker in all spheres of ice skating.

CHRISTINE WADSWORTH (nee Besley)

Partnered by Ivan McDonald, Christine won National Senior Dance titles in 1968 and 1971. She passed Inter-Silver Dance, Inter-Silver Free and Inter-Silver Figures Tests.
KELVIN NICOLLE
1969 National Pairs Champion with Petricia Browne

Medal Tests he passed were Bronze Free, Inter-Silver Dance and Bronze Pairs. Kelvin was also very involved with ice speed skating and held many executive positions in that field, being on the Speed Committee of the N.Z.I.S.A. from 1968-1971, and 1974-1981 inclusive, also on the Council of the Association in 1976 and 1977 and Vice-President from 1978-1981 inclusive.

PETRICIA BROWNE
1969 National Pairs Champion with Kelvin Nicolle

She passed Inter-Silver Figures, Silver Free and Bronze Pairs medal tests, also an Australian Preliminary Figure Test. During the winter of 1972 she did some coaching at Alexandra, Otago. Petricia also was an active executive member of the N.Z.I.S.A. being on the Figure Committee from 1973-1975 and 1979-1980 inclusive. She was a Council Member for the 1976 year. Petricia and Kelvin were placed second in the 1967 Australian Championships.

GAY LE COMTE

Gay started skating at the age of 5 years, but did not have lessons until she was seven years old. She was taught at Christchurch by her mother, Gwen Le Comte, and in the eleven years she had skated she passed Bronze Dance, Gold Figure and Gold Free Tests in New Zealand. She then competed in the 1976 World Championships in Gothenburg (being the first skater from New Zealand to compete at a World fixture), but prior to this had spent some time training in Australia and Vancouver, Canada. On returning from the 1976 Worlds she turned professional, first teaching in Christchurch, and later at Toowoomba, Brisbane and Townsville, all in Queensland, Australia. She returned to New Zealand in 1986 and is now teaching at Christchurch's Big Apple Rink.

ANN BRENNOCK
1975, 1977 National Pairs Champion with Alan Brennock

She passed N.Z. Gold Dance, Gold Free Dance, Silver Figures, Silver Free and Inter-Silver Pairs Tests. Australian Tests passed were Bronze Figures and Bronze Free. She and Alan entered the Senior Dance Championship of Australia in 1978 and 1979. In 1981 Ann turned professional and taught Dance, Figures and Free until the closing of the Centaurus Rink, Christchurch, in September, 1984, which has since been demolished. As the rink was open for six months only of each year, Ann taught roller figures, free and dance at the Rollerland Skating Rink in Christchurch during the off season and is still continuing to do so.

ALAN BRENNOCK

Alan passed the New Zealand ice tests, viz, Gold Dance, Inter-Silver Figures, Gold Free Dance, Inter-Silver Pairs and Bronze Free. Both Alan and Ann were most successful in Australia in 1976 when they were the winners of the Australian Junior Dancing Championship.
GRANT WALKER
1974, 1976 National Pairs Champion with Julie Clark

Grant began skating at the age of 5 and entered New Zealand Championships, starting with Junior on to Intermediate and finally Senior events. He and Julie were in the 1976 New Zealand team at the Australian National Championships, placing 4th in Novice Pairs.

After giving up competitive skating, Grant, because of work commitments, left ice skating in 1977 in N.Z., but worked for a while in Sydney, where he also worked for a period at the Blacktown Ice Rink. Grant passed New Zealand Inter-Silver Figures and Free Tests, also Bronze Pairs Test.

JULIE CLARK

Julie passed New Zealand Silver Figures, Inter-Silver Free and Bronze Pairs Tests. She began skating at 10 and at 11 years old she and Grant won their first N.Z. Championship in Junior Pairs in 1971, Intermediate Pairs in 1972 and 1973 and finally the Senior Pairs in 1974 and 1976. She and Grant were scheduled to skate their Silver Pairs Test, but Grant joined Radio N.Z. and was transferred to Wellington which severed the partnership.

JANNA GREENE
1975, 1976 National Dance Champion with Alan Wild

Janna was only four years old when she put skates on for the first time and was under expert guidance of her mother, Mrs Rosemary Greene (nee Clark-Hall), who had tuition in England and holds the English Silver Medal for figure skating tests. Much later Janna trained in figures, free skating and dance under Gwen Le Comte and Diane Ninnis in Christchurch. She went to England, her tutor for figures and free skating being the well-known and highly esteemed Gladys Hogg, and her dancing instruction was from John Lane, who won the 1976 World Professional Ice Dance Championship. Janna and her partner Alan Wild were reunited in Sydney in 1976 and they resumed training under David Barker. Barker was Janna's partner for her Gold Dance Test in 1977 in Australia and she was successful in passing it with no reskates for any dance being necessary. This made her the first New Zealander to gain the Australian Gold Dance Test. On her return to New Zealand she turned professional and taught at the Centaurus Rink, Christchurch, until 1983. The New Zealand Tests she passed were Silver Figure, Silver Free and Silver Dance.

ALAN WILD

He passed the New Zealand Inter-Gold Dance Test, Bronze Figure and Inter-Silver Free Tests. After winning the Senior Dance title in 1976 with Janna, they both decided it was imperative to gain overseas experience. Wild went to Sydney and trained under the instruction of Gretchen Black for figures and free skating and under the celebrated British coach David Barker, for his dancing. After several months in Australia for training Alan finally returned to England in 1977.

RICHARD BATES
1976 Senior Men's Champion

As a skater representing Auckland, Richard entered the Senior Men's Championship in 1975 and 1976. He passed New Zealand Preliminary Figure and Preliminary Dance Tests in 1973.
KATIE SYMONDS
1977,1978, National Ladies Champion

English-born Katie immigrated to New Zealand with her parents and older sister in 1972. She began skating in her former home town, Nottingham, England, when she was 12 years old. She found an ice rink in Auckland, and skating soon became a regular routine, then in 1976 she went to Colorado Springs for training with Ronnie Baker, Peter Kollen and John Renn, and had amateur show experience in Colorado with Broadmoor Amateur Review and Convention shows. A short period back in New Zealand, then with her mother, off to Australia and competed in Skate and National Championships in 1977 and 1978, placing third in National and second in New South Wales State Championships. In 1978 she was the New Zealand representative at the World Championships in Ottawa and again in 1979 at Vienna for the Worlds.

JOHN WALKINGSHAW

At the age of 17 John began figure skating in Scotland. His coach at that time was Mr. Bobby Van Zeebroek, and he skated at the Murrayfield Ice Rink in Edinburgh. While there John passed the Third Class Free Test on the 25th June, 1972.

In 1974 he came to New Zealand and in 1978 became the New Zealand Senior Men's Champion and retained the title until he retired in 1983. His highest New Zealand Medal Test qualifications were Bronze Dance, Test 5 (Silver) Figures, and Test 7 (Gold Star) Free Skating. He passed this Gold Star Free Skating Test on 17 December, 1982 and is still the only person to hold that qualification in New Zealand.

He also represented New Zealand at the Australian Championships three years running, placing 3rd in the Novice Men's Free on the first of those trips in 1978. On the 29 April, 1985, he turned professional and is currently teaching one night a week at the Gore Rink in Southland.

She then turned professional and joined the "Ice Capades" East Company 1980-1981 as a Line skater and understudy to Theresa Foy. In 1981-1982 she was with "Ice Capades" West Company as a Solo skater, starring as Alice in "Alice in Wonderland". Katie began rubbing shoulders with such ice skating personalities as Peggy Fleming, Dorothy Hamill and John Curry, all former Olympic Gold Medallists who had joined the circuit. By early 1983 Katie was back in New Zealand and teaching at the Glenburn Rink in Auckland for 2½ years. In 1985 she was, as a qualified aerobic exercise instructor, teaching at Les Mills, Auckland Gyms, and teaching later on aerobics in Singapore.

Test qualifications include -New Zealand Inter-Gold Dance, Inter-Gold Figures, Gold Free, Australian Inter-Gold Figures and Free, U.S.A. Inter-Gold Figures and Free, Inter-Gold Dance.
DENYSE ADAM

In 1979 Denyse was awarded the title of 'Sportsperson of the Year'. She has had a varied skating career which has included great experience in World and International Championships.


She competed in two World Ice Figure Skating Championships - in 1981 at Hartford, U.S.A., and in 1982 at Copenhagen, Denmark. Added to this list, she was a competitor in International Competitions - 1979 at Merano, Italy, 1981 at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, 1983 at St. Gervais, France and Oberstdorf, Germany.

Denyse has passed New Zealand Gold Medal Test for Free Skating and Part One of N.Z. Gold Test for Figures. She turned professional in 1985 to teach skating at Auckland on a part-time basis.

KATHY LINDSAY
1982 National Ladies Champion

Kathy is the holder of the New Zealand Inter-Gold Figure Test medal and the Gold Free Skating Test medal. She trained in Austria for six months under Gerhardt Hubman. While there she travelled to Fussen, West Germany, and had special training under Walter Hofer. Later she spent 2½ months in Regina, Canada, training with local coach, Frances Zmetana.


She has also represented New Zealand in Australian National Championships in 1978, 1979 and 1980. Kathy is now teaching part-time at the Gore Rink in Southland.

CLARE SHAVE
1984 National Dance Champion with Chris Laurie

Clare took up Dance Skating because she was given a pair of blades by the Canterbury Sub-Association for the Most Promising Skater as part of its anniversary. She holds medals for Bronze Figures, Bronze Free Dance and Silver Dance Tests.

CHRIS LAURIE

He has passed Bronze Free Dance and Inter-Silver Dance Tests. Both he and Clare Shave have been taught by Ann Tranter (nee Brennock).
CHRIS BLONG
Senior Men's Champion 1985 and 1986

At the age of 9 years Chris started figure skating in 1978 at the Paradise Ice Rink, Glen Innes, Auckland. He has passed the N.Z. Gold Figure Skating Test and the N.Z. Inter-Gold Free Skating Test. Chris represented New Zealand in the Australian Nationals for the past four years and the 1985 Junior Worlds.

JANE CLIFFORD
1985 New Zealand Senior Lady Champion
1985 South Island Senior Lady Champion

Jane began ice skating at the age of 5 years during 1972 and soon wanted her very own skates and teacher, Sue Oetgen. Subsequently successes came thick and fast. From 1975 through to 1986 she gained first, second and third places in Club, Provincial and National Championships. In 1980 Jane was a member of the New Zealand team which went to compete in the Australian National Championships. She was entered in the Novice event. In October, 1986, she left the New Zealand shores to visit England on a working holiday.

DENISE BORCOSKIE
1986 National Dance Champion with Kelvin Nicolle

She began skating in 1979 at the Centaurus Rink in Christchurch, and passed the Inter-Bronze Figure test. Later she became more interested in dance skating and passed the Bronze Free Dance test, and the Inter-Silver Compulsory Dance test.

KELVIN NICOLLE
1986 National Dance Champion with Denise Borcoskie
1969 National Pairs Champion with Petricia Browne

CAREY SHEPHERD
1986 Senior South Island Figure Skating Champion
1986 Senior N.Z. National Figure Skating Champion

This dedicated skater started skating at the age of 7 years and has passed Part 'A' of Inter-Gold Figures Test, the Inter-Gold Free Skating Medal Test and the Silver Compulsory Dance Medal Test of New Zealand. She has competed in the N.Z. National Championships, being most successful from the Junior, through Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate and finally Senior grade.
N.Z.I.S.A. LIFE MEMBERS

- Mr. Charles Kerr
- Mr. Eric Millton
- Mr. Vic Hahn
- Mr. Bert Grafton
- Mr. H. A. Allchurch
- Mr. Alan Weeds

* deceased

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Mr. Charles Kerr
Mr. Eric Millton
Mr. Vic Hahn
Mr. H. A. Allchurch

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1954 to 1962
1963 to 1968
1969 to 1971
1972 to 1977

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Mr. R. J. Loughnan
Mr. Charles Kerr
Mr. Eric Millton
Mr. Vic Hahn
Mr. H. A. Allchurch
Mr. Jan Havenaar
Mr. Dan Mellamphy
Mr. Alan Weeds
Mr. Terry Walls

1937 to 1939
1940 and
1946 to 1949
1950 to 1953
1954 to 1962
1963 to 1968
1969 to 1971
1972 to 1975
1976
1978 to 1983
1984 —

N.Z.I.S.A. PRESIDENTS

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Mr. D. W. Meyers (Secy.)
Mr. B. G. Donovan (Treas.)
Mr. A. R. Barnsdale
Mr. C. J. Lawrence
Miss Dawn Murray
Mr. K. J. Herriott
Mr. A. M. Grafton
Mrs. P. B. Hewinson
Mrs. J. Begej

1937 to 1953
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1964 to 1970
1971 to 1977
1978 —

N.Z.I.S.A. SECRETARIES/TREASURERS

SPOTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Presented by Ice Rinks Christchurch Ltd. in memory of the late Mr. Bert Grafton.

1971 Mr. Jan Havenaar
1972 Miss Gay Le Comte
1973 Mr Robert Montgomery & Miss Gay Le Comte
1974 Mr. Tony Tinga
1975 Mr. John Adams
1976 Mr Alan Brennock & Miss Ann Brennock
1977 Miss Anje Kremer
1978 Mrs. Sue Blair
1979 Miss Denye Adam
1980 Mr. Mark Atkinson
1981 Mr. John Walkingshaw
1982 Miss Kathy Lindsay
1983 Miss Tina Birch
1984 Mr. Chris Blong
1985 Miss Tracey Stock
1986 Miss Kelley Gregory

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

1973 Mr. H. A. Allchurch
1974 Mr. Neville Oetgen
1975 Mrs. Gwen Le Comte
1976 Mrs. Pam Hewinson
1977 Mr. Jan Havenaar
1978 Mr. Malcolm Besley
1979 Mr. Alan Weeds
1980 Mrs. Kath Cole
1981 Mrs. Rhona Whitehouse
1982 Mrs. Kerry Harris
1983 Mr. Doug. Lindsay
1984 Mr. Barry Adam
1985 Mrs. Jeanne Begej
1986 Mrs. Marjorie Bell
1987 Mrs. Wendy Clucas

VENUES OF N.Z.I.S.A. FIGURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1939 Manorburn Dam, Alexandra, Central Otago
1946 Tekapo
1947 Idaburn Dam, near Oturehua, Central Otago
1948 Tekapo
1949 Tekapo
1950 Lake Ida, Canterbury
1951 Cromwell
1952 Centaurus Rink, Christchurch
1953 Manorburn Dam
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1968 Centaurus Rink
1969 Tekapo
1970 Alexandra
1971 Centaurus Rink
1972 Cromwell
1973 Giace Rink, Invercargill
1974 Paradice Rink, Auckland
1975 Centaurus Rink
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1978 Giace Rink, Invercargill
1979 Centaurus Rink
1980 Manorburn Dam
1981 Paradice Glenburn Ice Arena, Auckland
1982 Giace Rink, Invercargill
1983 Centaurus Rink
1984 Paradice Glenburn Ice Arena
1985 Paradice Glenburn Ice Arena
1986 Big Apple Ice Rink, Christchurch
SENIOR PAIRS CHAMPIONS

1946 Brian Tufnail & Janet Richards
1947 Brian Tufnail & Corinne Gilkison
1948 Brian Tufnail & Corinne Gilkison
1949 Tom Grigg & Rosemary Murray
1950 Tom Grigg & Shirley Buchanan
1951 Tom Grigg & Joy Stewart
1952 Tom Grigg & Shirley Buchanan
1953 Tom Grigg and Susan Grigg
1954 Ivan McDonald & Lynne McDonald
1955 Ivan McDonald & Lynne McDonald
1956 Ivan McDonald & Lynne McDonald
1957 John Dowling & Lynne Withey
1958 Ivan McDonald & Lynne McDonald
1959 Ivan McDonald & Lynne McDonald
1960 John Dowling & Anne Dowling
1961 Ivan McDonald & Wendy Grafton
1962 Ivan McDonald & Wendy Grafton
1963 Gerry Glover & Shirley Bayne
1964 Gerry Glover & Shirley Bayne
1965 Leslie Coxon & Lesley Anderson
1966 Leslie Coxon & Lesley Anderson
1967 Leslie Coxon & Judith Farr
1968 Leslie Coxon & Judith Farr
1969 Kelvin Nicolle & Petricia Browne
1970 No entries
1971 Title not awarded
1972 No entries
1973 No entries
1974 Grant Walker & Julie Clark
1975 Alan Brennock & Ann Brennock
1976 Grant Walker & Julie Clark
1977 Alan Brennock & Ann Brennock
1978 No entries
1979 No entries
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1981 No entries
1982 No entries
1983 No entries
1984 No entries
1985 No entries
1986 No entries

Brother and sister combination
JOHN and ANNE DOWLING
performing a Death Spiral.
HERBERT BARKER CHALLENGE PLAQUE
for New Zealand Waltzing Competition

1952 Tom Grigg & Sue Grigg
1953 I. McDonald & Lynn McDonald
1954 K. Stickleman & Rona Dickson
1955 I. McDonald & Lynn McDonald
1956 I. McDonald & Lynn McDonald
1957 I. McDonald & Lynn McDonald
1958 I. McDonald & Lynn McDonald
1959 John Dowling & Anne Dowling
1960 John Dowling & Anne Dowling
1961 K. Stickleman & Rosanne Stevens
1962 I. McDonald & Wendy Grafton
1963 I. McDonald & Wendy Grafton
1964 G. Glover & Shirley Bayne
1965 G. Glover & Wendy Grafton
1966 L. Coxon & Lesley Anderson
1967 L. Coxon & Judy Farr
1968 I. McDonald & Christine Besley
1969 Mr. & Mrs. D. F. Hewinson
1970 Mr. & Mrs. D. F. Hewinson
1971 I. McDonald & Christine Wadsworth
1972 A. Brennock & Ann Brennock
1973 Mr. & Mrs. D. F. Hewinson
1974 D. McDonald & Katie Symmonds
1975 A. Brennock & Ann Brennock
1976 A. Wild & Janna Greene
1977 A. Brennock & Ann Brennock
1978 A. Brennock & Ann Tranter
1979 A. Brennock & Ann Tranter
1980 A. Brennock & Ann Tranter
1981 No award made
1982 Chris Laurie & Clare Shave
1983 Chris Laurie & Clare Shave
1984 Chris Laurie & Clare Shave
1985 Scott Waterfield & Catherine Boniface
1986 John Flower & Fillipa Segerberg —
1986 Alan Brennock & Jane Mentink (equal)

The HERBERT BARKER TROPHY
This trophy for the New Zealand Waltzing Competition is perhaps the most coveted and has the most interesting history of all New Zealand awards. It was fashioned at the request of Mr. Herbert Barker, who came from the South Canterbury family on whose property the Mt. Harper rink was situated. A nugget of gold, found by Mr. Barker, was incorporated in the 9ct gold figures, handcarved from members of the 'Ice Follies' show visiting New Zealand who acted as models. Mr. Barker lived for many years in Australia and only once saw his trophy competed for. He said 'Waltzing on ice is beyond all question the most beautiful sight of all times'.

Winners of
NEW ZEALAND WALTZING COMPETITION
for the Norman Wright Trophy

1955 Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Greenhalgh
1956 Mr. G. & Miss C. McKinney
1959 Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Cooney
1960 Mr. & Mrs. D. Hewinson
1961 Mr. & Mrs. F. Ritchie
1962 Mr. & Mrs. D. Hewinson
1963 Mr. & Mrs. D. Hewinson
1964 Mr. M. & Miss C. Besley
1965 Mrs. N. Sparrow & Charles Sparrow
1966 Mr. & Mrs. D. Hewinson
1967 Mr. M. & Miss C. Besley
1968 Mr. & Mrs. D. Hewinson
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1971 Mr. M. Besley & Mrs. C. Wadsworth

1972 Mr. & Mrs. D. Hewinson
1973 Mr. & Mrs. D. Hewinson
1974 Mr. & Mrs. R. O. Disney
1975 Mr. & Mrs. R. O. Disney
1976 Mr. & Mrs. R. O. Disney
1977 Mr. D. & Miss J. Mellamphy
1978 Mr. & Mrs. M. Lechner
1979 Mr. & Mrs. S. Baird
1980 Mr. D. & Miss J. Mellamphy
1981 John & Jean Flower
1982 No entries
1983 No entries
1984 Dan Mellamphy & Jacqu Sturgess
1985 No entries
1986 Neville & Jillian Phillips

This competition was for Husband and Wife, Mother and Son, Father and Daughter partnerships.
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