

JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is long overdue. It was started back in March, but there has been one thing after another that got in the way of getting it finished. Our apologies for the delay.

ANTI-DOPING SEMINARS – COMPULSORY FOR INTERNATIONAL SQUAD

We have traditionally run an anti-doping seminar at our National Championships as that is one of the few times we have all our prospective international squad members in the one place. The timing of these seminars has often been a source of discontent. It is a challenge to find a time that minimizes the financial burden for out-of-town skaters of staying additional nights, and, importantly, the impact on skaters who may be competing later that day. Last year we trialed the Drug Free Sport NZ e-learning for those unable to attend the seminar at Nationals. While this clearly has value, there are some shortfalls, particularly when we have skaters from Basic Novice age trying to work their way through the module. The decision has therefore been made to return to the requirement for skaters to attend an anti-doping seminar in person.

To make this much easier for our skaters, Preeya Laud, our new Anti-Doping Officer, has organised the delivery of the following anti-doping seminars

- South Island Championships, Dunedin Ice Stadium – 2.30pm Sunday 18th August
- North Island Championships, venue to be confirmed - 2.30pm Saturday 24 August

A further anti-doping seminar will be held at Nationals in Gore for our skaters who train overseas and for those skaters who are out of the country for NI and SI champs. This will be held on Saturday 5 October between the end of the competition and the banquet. The exact timing and venue will be confirmed closer to the time.

Note: Attendance at one of these seminars is compulsory for any skaters wanting to compete internationally. Selection to the International Squad will be contingent on having attended an anti-doping seminar, so please make sure you plan around these times.

RESULTS FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The following skaters have represented New Zealand at competitions overseas since the last newsletter.

ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Zagreb, Croatia 4-10 March 2019

Junior Ladies

Jojo Hong

SP 32/46

Special congratulations to Jojo for this achievement. As mentioned in the last newsletter, Jojo is the first skater we have had qualify to compete at Junior Worlds since the ISU brought in the minimum TES qualification requirement. Only those skaters who place 1-24 in the Short Program get to compete the Free Skate. While Jojo did not make the Free Skate, her finish in 32nd place was still very credible.



Kempen Trophy, Turnhout, Belgium 7-8 March 2019

Advanced Novice Ladies	Ally Landon-Lane	SP 8 th	FS 14 th	Overall 13 th /21
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Italian Adult Competition, Milano, Italy 4 - 5 May 2019

Silver V Ladies Free Skating	Sue Hoseit	Overall 1 st /2
Silver V Ladies Artistic	Sue Hoseit	Overall 1 st /2

Oceania Novice International, Melbourne, Australia 15 – 17 May 2019

Ice Skating Australia and NZIFSA jointly organised the second Oceania Novice International with funding support from the International Skating Union Development Commission. The competition is for Basic Novice, Intermediate Novice and Advanced Novice Singles skaters and Basic Novice and Advanced Novice skaters in Pairs and Ice Dance.

Basic Novice Ladies	Misaki Joe	Overall 9 th /23		
	Jordon Laker	Overall 12 th /23		
	Victoria Larsen	Overall 19 th /23		
	Brooke Cathro	Overall 21 st /23		
Intermediate Novice Ladies	Lucienne Holtz	Overall 10 th /20		
	Natasha Woodacre	Overall 11 th /20		
	Grace Greenstreet	WD		
Advanced Novice Ladies	Ally Landon-Lane	SP 4 th	FS 8 th	Overall 6 th /14
	Mirika Armstrong	SP 7 th	FS 6 th	Overall 7 th /14
	Rebekah Sime	SP 8 th	FS 9 th	Overall 9 th /14
	Jessica Hay	SP 14 th	FS 13 th	Overall 13 th /14
	Emmanuel Tsang	WD		

Emmanuel sustained an injury just before she was due to fly to Australia, and while she had hoped to be recovered enough to compete, unfortunately that did not happen, and she had to withdraw.

The other skater who had to withdraw, Grace Greenstreet, very sadly, broke her leg when she fell during her official practice. Fortunately, Grace was still able to fly home as the very helpful hospital staff made sure she was in a cast that would allow the airline to accept her as a passenger. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Grace a speedy recovery.

The rest of the New Zealand contingent was made up as follows

Jeanette King	Team Leader
Nicki Holtz	Assistant Team Leader
Kendra Street	Judge
Sandra Williamson-Leadley	Technical Controller
Ina Paul	Data / Replay Operator



Misha Ge signing Grace's cast

ISU International Adult Figure Skating Competition, Oberstdorf, Germany 19 - 25 May 2019

Bronze I Ladies Free Skating	Olga Levien	Overall 14 th /29
Bronze I Ladies Artistic	Olga Levien	Overall 10 th /23
Silver V Ladies Free Skating	Sue Hoseit	Overall 3 rd /3
Silver V Ladies Artistic	Sue Hoseit	Overall 5 th /5

White Nights 2019, St. Petersburg, Russia 1 - 2 June 2019

Silver V Ladies Free Skating	Sue Hoseit	Overall 1 st /1
Silver V Ladies Artistic	Sue Hoseit	Overall 1 st /1

OCEANIA COACHING SEMINAR, MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA

Following the Oceania Novice International, Misha Ge ran a two-day coaching seminar. We had five of our coaches attend this: Rosie Armstrong, Michelle Carroll, Caitlyn Paul, Simone Thornett and Marina Tsevina. For various reasons, we ended up having only two skaters as demonstrators: Mirika Armstrong and Lucie Holtz.



(Back L to R) Rosie, Mirika, Misha, Marina, Michelle, (Front), Lucie and Caitlyn. Missing from this photo, Simone.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Junior Grand Prix allocations

The International Skating Union (ISU) have allocated New Zealand two Junior Grand Prix events for men, and on the back of Jojo's placing at Junior Worlds, three Junior Grand Prix events for ladies. We are very pleased to announce that we are sending the following teams to these events.

ISU JGP Courcheval, France 21 – 24 August 2019

Junior Ladies	Ruth Xu
Junior Men	Douglas Gerber
Coach	Mathieu Wilson
Team Leader	Kevin Poit

ISU JGP Lake Placid, New York, USA 28-31 August 2019

Junior Ladies	Dani Gebser
Junior Men	Harrison Bain
Coach	Bess Cao
Team Leader	Inge de Fiellietaz

ISU JGP Riga, Latvia 4-7 September 2019

Junior Ladies	Jojo Hong
Coach & unfunded Team Leader	Stephanie Zhang

You should be able to view these via this link <https://www.youtube.com/user/ISUJGP2011>
 Additionally the ISU Media usually send out the various links the week before each event. If this occurs again in the 2019 season, the General Secretary will forward this to the skating community.

We wish these skaters all the very best for these Junior Grand Prix, as well as to the international competitions below that we will have skaters attending.

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy, Dongguan, China 30 October – 3 November 2019

This senior only event is part of the ISU Challenger Series

Senior Ladies Brooke Tamepo

Asian Open Figure Skating Trophy International, Dongguan, China – Postponed till October

We did have six skaters registered to attend this event which had originally been scheduled for 6 - 9 August. Unfortunately the competition was postponed at short notice due disruption in Hong Kong where the competition organisers (the Hong Kong Skating Union) are based. They have rescheduled this event as a Novice (Basic, Intermediate and Advanced) and Junior event and it will run concurrent with the ISU Challenger event 30 October – 3 November 2019. The announcement has just been received by our federation and details will be sent to the eligible skaters in the next few days.

RESULTS FROM HOLLINS TROPHY, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA 7 - 10 JUNE 2019

Congratulations to everyone who participated at Hollins Trophy, we hope you had a great experience and achieved your personal goals. The results are listed below:

Elementary Ladies (NZ Juv. equiv.)	Georgia Chen			Overall 21 st /26
Basic Novice Ladies	Marina Chen			Overall 3 rd /22
	Jazmyn Evangelou			Overall 12 th /22
	Cara Tang			Overall 17 th /22
	Ann Kyle			Overall 20 th /22
Intermediate Novice Ladies	Emilia Crooks			Overall 8 th /16
Intermediate Novice Men	Blake Barraclough			Overall 2 nd /2
Advanced Novice Ladies	Rebekah Sime	SP 7 th	FS 5 th	Overall 6 th /14
	Ally Landon-Lane	SP 4 th	FS 8 th	Overall 7 th /14
Advanced Novice Men	Stepan Kadlcik	SP 2 nd	FS 2 nd	Overall 2 nd /5
Junior Ladies	Dani Gebser	SP 2 nd	FS 5 th	Overall 3 rd /24
	Jojo Hong	SP 1 st	FS 6 th	Overall 4 th /24
	Ruth Xu	SP 8 th	FS 18 th	Overall 13 th /24
	Ella Smith	SP 14 th	FS 22 nd	Overall 21 st /24
	Asia Tapealava	SP 20 th	FS 23 rd	Overall 22 nd /24
	Hannah Sime	SP 24 th	FS 24 th	Overall 24 th /24
Junior Men	Harrison Bain	SP 1 st	FS 1 st	Overall 1 st /5
	Douglas Gerber	SP 2 nd	FS 2 nd	Overall 2 nd /5
Senior Ladies	Brooke Tamepo	SP 2 nd	FS 3 rd	Overall 3 rd /4
Senior Men	Brian Lee	SP 3 rd	FS 3 rd	Overall 3 rd /3

REPRESENTATIVE SELECTIONS FOLLOWING HOLLINS TROPHY COMPETITION

The NZIFSA Selection Policy provides an opportunity for skaters who were selected to a representative level at the New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships last year, to meet the international representative selection criteria based on their performance at the Hollins Trophy competition held in Sydney 7-10 June 2019. This provides an opportunity for skaters to be selected to a higher grade if they have moved up since nationals and for reprioritising our international squads for competitions with closing dates from 1 July 2019 to 1 week after the finish of our National Championships.

We're very pleased to announce that the following skaters have met or re-met the selection criteria at Hollins Trophy to be included in the International Representative Teams.

International A Team selection criteria met at Hollins

- Advanced Novice Ladies – Rebekah Sime (attained selection TES for A Team)
- Advanced Novice Ladies – Ally Landon-Lane (re-attained selection TES for A Team)
- Junior Ladies – Dani Gebser (re-attained selection TES for A Team)
- Junior Ladies – Jocelyn (Jojo) Hong (re-attained selection TES for A Team)
- Junior Ladies – Ruth Xu (moved up from Int. Novice and attained selection TES for A Team)
- Junior Men – Harrison Bain (re-attained selection TES for A Team)
- Junior Men - Douglas Gerber (moved up from Adv. Novice and attained TES for A Team)

International B Team selection criteria met at Hollins

- Basic Novice Ladies – Marina Chen (moved up from Juvenile and attained selection TES for B Team)
- Basic Novice Ladies – Jazmyn Evangelou (moved up from Juvenile and attained selection TES for B Team)
- Intermediate Novice Dance – Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough (moved up from Basic Novice and attained selection TES for B Team)
- Senior Men – Brian Lee (attained selection TES for B Team)

Skaters who met the selection criteria at the 2018 New Zealand Ice Figure Skating Championships, and who are still age eligible for that grade at 1 July 2019, are still included in the International Representative Teams, however, the order of priority for assignment to international competitions may have changed following Hollins Trophy. The confirmed list of all the international representative skaters in order of priority is as follows:

International A Team Representatives

Skaters marked with an * are eligible for selection to a grade other than the one they competed in due to age.

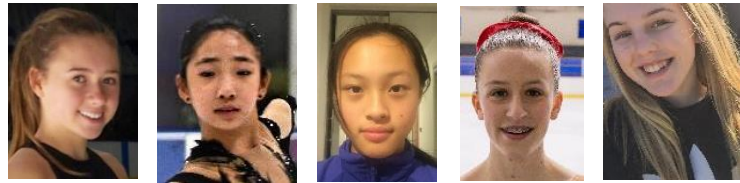
Advanced Novice Ladies

Jojo Hong*
Rebekah Sime
Ally Landon-Lane
Mirika Armstrong



Junior Ladies

Dani Gebser
Jojo Hong
Ruth Xu
Ella Smith
Nicola Korck



Junior Men

Harrison Bain
Douglas Gerber



Senior Ladies

Isabella Bardua
Brooke Tamepo



International B Team Representative Skaters

Basic Novice Ladies

Marina Chen
Jazmyn Evangelou
Hope Zhang
Brooke Cathro



Intermediate Novice Ladies

Ruth Xu
Lucienne Holtz
Yvonne Li
Natasha Woodacre
Cordelia Shi
Grace Greenstreet
Misaki Joe



Intermediate Novice Men

Stepan Kadlcik
Star Richens



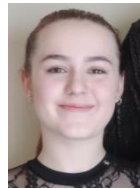
Advanced Novice Ladies

Emmanuel Tsang



Junior Ladies

Asia Tapealava
Nerin Cornwell



Senior Men

Brian Lee



Intermediate Novice Dance

Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough



Basic Novice Synchro**

Titanium: Mackenzie Anderson
Caitlin Carter
Alex Hamilton
Ashley Ip
Jordon Laker
Olivia Pokorny
Catilin Rae
Jenna Scholtz

Brooke Stansfield
Kelly Zou



Mixed Age Synchro**

Black Ice: Nicola Bebelman
Katrina Chan
Sophie Foune
Neske Groenewegen
Victoria Heald
Georgia Hessel
Leah Hodgson
Melissa Laby
Jordan Messenger
Courtney Osborne

Vanessa Preston
Jenna Thomas
Taylyn Vallet
Courtney Wertheim
Tunku Zubir



Kia Kaha: Brittany Bensemman
Chahna Davis
Rowan Green
Olivia Henderson
Rachel Lister
Liam Mclver
Abbey Miller
Willow Ryan
Varshana Schelling

Sasha Seatter
Helena Tartt
Anna Winter
Rachel Woollet



** For a synchronized skating team to retain their selection, 75% of the team going to the international competition must have been listed as part of the team selected at the NZ National Championships and must meet the requirements for that grade for that competition.

RESULTS FOR RECENT AUSTRALIAN INTERCLUB COMPETITION

WinterSun 2019, Brisbane, Australia 10-13 July 2019

Preliminary Ladies (NZ Elementary)

Sophie Pokorny

Overall 2nd/7

Basic Novice Ladies

Olivia Pokorny

Overall 8th/8

UPCOMING AUSTRALIAN INTERCLUB COMPETITION

Crystal Challenge, Melbourne, Australia 8-11 August 2019

Junior Ladies

Nerin Cornwell

APRIL SKATER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

The April Holidays were a very busy time for many of our skaters and coaches participating in development camps both here and in Australia.

Pre-Elementary to Juvenile Camps – 24-26 April 2019, Auckland (Botany) and Gore

Held at the same time at opposite ends of the country, we had two camps for Pre-Elementary to Juvenile level skaters and for any KiwiSkate coaches or coaches Level 1 and above.

- The Auckland camp was attended by thirteen skaters and two coaches. The moderators were Rosie Armstrong, Stephanie Woodacre and Mathieu Wilson. Off-ice sessions were taken by Sam Kuri, Maryanne Rushton, Barbara Lindsay-Taylor and Melanie Anderson.
- The Gore camp was attended by twenty two skaters. The moderators were Simone Thornett and Deanna Pielak-Jones for all on-ice and off-ice sessions.

Basic Novice to Senior Camp with Christy Krall, Dunedin 15-19 April 2019

Thirty two skaters and five coaches attended the development camp moderated by Christy Krall.

The A Team



The B Team

OneTeamMVMT, ISA and NZIFSA Synchro Development in Australia 20-22 April

Ice Skating Australia (ISA) and NZIFSA teamed up with OneTeamMVMT (OTM) to seek International Skating Union (ISU) Development Funding for a Synchronized Skating Development Camp in Australia in April.

We had three coaches and thirteen skaters attend this camp. OneTeamMVMT secured the services of Anu Oksanen, coach of the World Champions, Marigold IceUnity of Finland to run this camp, and she brought two of her skaters with her. A truly amazing experience for these synchro skaters.

The following link is a short video OTM put together https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2249976328651276&id=1628516690797246&sfnsn=mo



We also have the following account from Titanium skaters Jenna, Caitlin, MacKenzie and Ashley

On Friday the 19th of April, we left Auckland to go and take part in the One Team Movement synchro camp held in Sydney, Australia. The camp took place over the Easter weekend for 3 whole days. We were fortunate enough to take part in this camp with coach Anu and two of her skaters from Marigold IceUnity from Finland.

The camp consisted of many different activities that would help us to grow as a team. Our aim is to bring all the new skills we have learnt over the weekend back to our team members that were unable to attend to help our team improve during the year ahead. Along the way we meet a wide variety of different teams and skaters, we met people from Australia, Canada, China, Finland and Japan. The camp was truly an amazing experience that we will never forget. The only negative thing we could say about the camp, was that it should have been at least a week long.

We are truly grateful, and we would like to thank Lisa from One Team Movement and NZIFSA for giving us this opportunity. We hope with all our hearts to be able to attend this camp again in the years ahead.

ISU Dance Seminar, Oberstdorf, Germany. 30 April – 7 May 2019

Ann Kyle and Blake Barraclough, and their coach Debbie Darvill were granted special permission to attend the ISU Dance Seminar in Oberstdorf, Germany. The seminar was for Intermediate and Advanced Novice couples and was a great opportunity for Ann and Blake to continue to develop their ice dance skills.

Debbie reported back that “each day was full of on and off ice sessions. Usually 3 of each. The mix of five on ice moderators made the sessions varied and informative from each point of view. The background of each moderator bringing slightly different techniques, yet all with the same outcome.

We also had a ballet, ballroom and theatre teacher, with the ballet teacher working on classical and modern dance. She also took the stretching class. These classes pushed the skaters outside their comfort zone to extend their concepts.”

The seminar also provided a great opportunity for Debbie to network with some very high profile dance coaches. We’re hopeful this will translate into some of these coaches coming to New Zealand to run training seminars.

UPCOMING SKATER DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

ISU Dance seminar, Seoul, Korea. August 11 – 18 August 2019

The following three dance couples have been accepted to attend the ISU dance seminar in Korea aimed at couples who are Basic Novice to Junior level dancers:

- Lucienne Holtz - Tim Bradfield
- Gemma Pickering - Benjamin Pickering
- Isabelle Guise - Dashane Du Plessis

Coach, Helen Sutherland, will be participating in this seminar with these skaters. We look forward to hearing about their experience when they get back.

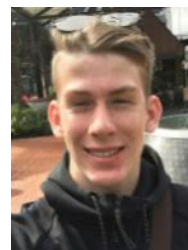
2019 SKATER DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2018 NZIFSA introduced two skater scholarships as another way to support the development of our skaters. Again, this year skaters in the NZIFSA Development Squad were given the opportunity to apply for one of two \$4000 scholarships. One scholarship was for skaters who were Juvenile to Basic Novice level and the other was for skaters who were Advanced Novice to Senior level. We were very disappointed that we only received two applications this year, one for each scholarship. Our disappointment is no reflection on the quality of the two applications we did receive. These two applications were assessed by the scholarship review committee and NZIFSA is very pleased to announce that the Skater Development scholarships were awarded as follows:

Juvenile to Basic Novice B Scholarship – Hope Zhang



Advanced Novice to Senior Scholarship – Harrison Bain



Below is Harrison’s report on his training in Colorado Springs, that he used his scholarship for.

I have had time to reflect on the 4 weeks in Colorado Springs and can say it was a truly memorable experience.

I was lucky enough to travel with Richard Laidlaw and his skating crew from Australia. We stayed as a group of 9 in an air bnb home around ten minutes from the Broadmore World Arena, which is home to the USA Olympic Ice Figure Skating Team. The best coaches are available at the Broadmoor Rink and I was fortunate to have instruction from the best.

I will talk you through how the operation works. Ice time is purchased two weeks in advance. Lessons with particular coaches are kind of like a lucky dip. Coaches will see you in the sessions and call you over. Ben Augusto and Catherine Hill follow a schedule but these seem to be the only ones. The first two weeks we were there the majority of the high profile USA skaters were having time off after worlds. So access to the top coaches was made easier. I managed lessons with Tom Zakrajsek expert coach in Jumps and found this was of huge benefit. Tom worked on my entry and air position technique. Tammy Gamble also works on Jumps and she was fantastic sharing her knowledge. Eric Scholtz (Harness Coach), Kristy Krall are both excellent to work with. Let's not forget Spin Coach Janet Champion. Came up with some new spins working with Janet

In a way both Danni Gebser and myself were there working for ourselves but were conscious of being New Zealand Representatives. We attended 4-5 / 45minute ice sessions every day plus skating skills classes in the mornings. This went on for 6 days per week and I was there for a total of 4 weeks. One of the things to remember is this is not a holiday. In saying that the feeling of constant learning and pushing your body makes the outcomes and advances enjoyable. I did a lot of personal training sessions leading up to this trip, which got me through the tough work load without injury. The facilities are world class. Independent warm up areas with rubber tracks and ballet studio are just some of the extras that Broadmore offers. There are two rinks in the complex with one rink being the main arena and second rink of equal standard just slightly smaller.

The atmosphere is incredible as the class of skater is of a high calibre. The discipline shown by the skaters in mental attitude and the way they conduct themselves on the ice is very professional. I managed to meet first hand quite a few of the USA team skaters and get an understanding of their life as a skater and expectations from their coaches and parents. They are privileged to have this opportunity but things can go south for them pretty quickly as well. Like all skaters you have your good days and bad days.

My coach Bess Cao joined me for the last two weeks of the trip and this was beneficial to us both. Bess was able to drive things along with a format and we were very lucky to get good coaching during this time. Like all things if I was to go again I would be more prepared in understanding what to expect. I can honestly say from the time I arrived till the day I left I gave it everything I had to get the best outcomes.

I was lucky enough that I received the funding on offer from NZIFSA scholarship program. The timing to receive this funding in lead up to a big national and international season was perfect. To the selection committee I'm grateful you had the faith to give me this funding. I hope you can see the benefits of the investment through my skating this season.

Kind regards
Harrison Bain

Creating a fund to support an ongoing scholarship programme

NZIFSA are looking at how we might develop a fund to support an ongoing scholarship programme. We would welcome any donations, big or small. We would also welcome any suggestions members might have as to how we might fund these scholarships.

THE NEW COMPUTER SYSTEMS ARE UP AND RUNNING

The NZIFSA now has two new computer systems for running our competitions. Many thanks to Pub Charity for their funding towards these and to our team of Allan Danbrook, Keith Darvill, Alan Greenstreet and Mike Slater who spent many hours trying to match the International Skating Union's specifications with what was available in the market.

The North Island system is based in Auckland and the South Island one is currently based in Christchurch. Clubs are encouraged to use the computer systems for their competitions if possible. Clubs need to book the system using the online booking form

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/NewZealandIceFigureSkatingAssociation/BookingNZIFSAComputerSystem>

Mike Slater will receive the notification if you book the North Island system and Alan Greenstreet will receive the ones for the South Island system. Please don't go directly to Mike or Alan. They will refer you back to the online booking form.

OFFICIALS TRAINING IN 2019

-5 +5 GOE Seminar for Judges, Christchurch 30 & 31 March

NZIFSA started using the new -5 +5 Grade of Execution (GOE) at the beginning of 2019. To help our judges get up to speed with this we held a seminar in Christchurch on the weekend of 30 & 31 March. All judges are required to have had this training prior to judging in 2019. Twenty two judges attended the training and Sandra has run additional training for a number of those that were unable to attend the weekend. The Moderators for this were Sue Petricevic - Singles and Pairs, Angelique Clyde-Smith (Australia) Synchronized, and Sandra Williamson-Leadley - Ice Dance. We are very grateful to have some Olympic Solidarity National Activity Funding via the New Zealand Olympic Committee to support this development of our officials.

IJS Calc Operator and Accountant Training, Christchurch 6 & 7 April

A very successful training session for both new and existing Calc Operators and Accountants was attended by 10 people. The training was moderated by Kate Rotondo from Australia. We have a shortage of people with the skills to set up competitions on the International Judging System and to run the IJS Calc during the competitions. This two day training seminar went some way towards addressing this shortage. It was also very valuable having the mix of some very experienced and the new people. Again, we are very grateful to have some Olympic Solidarity National Activity Funding via the New Zealand Olympic Committee to support this training.

IJS Technician Training

As noted earlier in this newsletter, NZIFSA purchased two new computers systems to run the IJS. One of these is based in Auckland and the other in the South Island. The plan is to develop a pool of people with the skills to be able to set the system up for competitions, trouble shoot during the event, and then pack it all away afterwards. Because of the geographic challenges in the South Island we are very keen to have 2-3 people in each location that can manage the computers for their competition. Thank you to everyone who expressed interest in helping with this. We haven't forgotten about you. As some of you will be aware, this training is happening, but slowly, as Mike Slater and Alan Greenstreet are still getting to grips with the systems themselves.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SANDRA WILLIAMSON-LEADLEY

Sandra attended the ISU Global Seminar in Frankfurt, Germany 30 June – 7 July and successfully completed her recertification as an International Technical Controller for Synchronized Skating, and as an International Referee for Synchronized Skating. Congratulations Sandra. Great effort.

COACHING COURSES

There was insufficient demand and challenges with getting enough ice time to hold the planned KiwiSkate & Introduction to Coaching Course in Christchurch earlier this year, but the other two planned courses did go ahead.

- Auckland, 16 & 17 March (9 coaches)
- Dunedin, 1 & 2 June (21 coaches)

There are no Level 1, 2 or 3 Coaching Courses planned for 2019. The intent is to hold a Level 1 course in 2020. We are still reliant on APSA for our Level 2 and 3 courses, but are continuing to explore other options.

NZIFSA AGM, CHRISTCHURCH, 27 APRIL 2019

Each year, at the AGM, elections are held for approximately half the positions that make up the NZIFSA. Which positions are elected each year is spelled out in the Constitution (which you can find at the top of the Rules & Regulations section of the NZIFSA website). In addition to the elected positions, the Board are responsible for the appointment of a small number of Operations Group roles. These appointments were considered at the Board meeting the day after the AGM. Those that were elected at the 2019 AGM are indicated by an * and those that were appointed by the Board are indicated by **.

Board
Responsible for strategic planning, policy review and the prudent financial management of the Association.
President – Anita Tamepo* Vice-President – Grant Howie Board members – Sue Hoseit*, Laura Thompson, Rochelle Stansfield*
Operations Group
Responsible for the day to day operation of the Association. In addition to the more visible roles like the Secretary responding to communications, and the Treasurer keeping track of the finances, there are all sorts of other activities that take place in the background that make the organisation function. For example the police checking of all our coaches, the oversight of the test results, and the grant applications to mention just a few.
CEO – Jeanette King General Secretary – Bridget Danbrook Treasurer – Vanessa Anderson* Test & Competition Secretary – Ina Paul* Anti-Doping Officer – Preeya Laud** Marketing & Promotions Officer – Juliet Sivertsen** Child Protection Officer – Sheryl Squier** Grants Officer – Sam Snoad** Honorary Solicitor – Peter Woods

Development Group
Responsible for coordinating the development of officials, skaters, coaches and the Rules and Regulations.
Skater Development Director – Sandra Williamson-Leadley* Technical Director – Connor McIver Officials Director – Melissa Cummings* Coaching Director – Caitlyn Paul** High Performance Director – this position is currently vacant, and the Board is not intending to appoint anyone to this role at the moment.

The AGM is an opportunity to recognise the significant ongoing voluntary contribution of those that keep the Association running. A special thank you to all our NZIFSA Office Bearers for their time and effort they put in. The AGM is also a chance to acknowledge the contribution of those that are stepping back from their roles.

Keith Darvill chose not to stand again for the Board this year. He was first elected as a Board Member at the Special General meeting in August 2011. We thank him for his commitment to the governance of the NZIFSA during the past eight years. Keith has also played an important role in the ad hoc committee that had been working away trying to sort out the specifications for the two computer systems NZIFSA has brought to run the International Judging System (IJS).

Thank you to **Arnold Schmidt** who has been our Treasurer for the past two years. Arnold's attention to detail and dedication to doing this job well have been much appreciated. There are not many people in their 80s who decide to learn a new accounting package from scratch and take on a role like this. Arnold is a wonderful role model to us all.

Thanks also to **Jeanne Begej** and **Barbara Lindsay-Taylor** who put their hands up to jointly take on the role of Officials Director when the role was vacant following the 2018 AGM. Also to **Debbie Darvill** who was appointed as Assistant Coaching Director in April 2016 and has provided support to a number of coaching activities over the last three years. Many thanks for all your help. **Wendy Thomson**, on learning that we had a young keen person prepared to take on the role of Anti-Doping Officer chose not to seek reappointment after fulfilling this role so well since October 2014. And last, but by no means least **Rachel K** for her work as our Child Protection Officer for the past two years. Rachel has been working away quietly in the background providing advice around the Child Protection Policy and running the Police Checking process for us.

WONDERFUL ARTICLE ON ADULT SKATERS IN NZ HERALD CANVAS MAGAZINE

Prior to being appointed as our Marketing and Promotions Officer, Juliet Sivertsen had been commissioned to write a figure skating article for the NZ Herald Canvas magazine about adult figure skating. It's an article is about the attraction of figure skating for those who started later in life and all the trials and tribulations that come with it! The article is available online via the link below but you do have to pay for the digital subscription.

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/lifestyle/news/article.cfm?c_id=6&objectid=12247153

IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

An Introduction to our new Child Protection Officer, Sheryl Squier

In the meantime, if you have any concerns or questions related to the safety or protection of our children or young people, please don't hesitate to contact Sheryl Squier at child-protection@nzifsa.org.nz

Results for the first two Junior Grand Prix

We're looking forward to being able to report back on how our skaters do at Courcheval and Lake Placid

News from your club

If you have any great news stories for us to include in the newsletter please send them to ceo@nzifsa.org.nz and president@nzifsa.org.nz

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