

ISU Development Camp – Manila, Philippines 21-26 April

For the second year, the International Skating Union held the ISU Development Trophy in Manila. This year there was a 5 day workshop followed by a competition for Basic Novice to Junior level skaters. The following development / international squad skaters attended this year:

Tracy Danbrook (AIFSC)	Junior Ladies	SP 5 th /9 FS 4 th /9 Overall 5 th /9
Michael Durham (GFSC)	Junior Men	SP 6 th /8 FS 5 th /8 Overall 6 th /8
Zara Anthony-Whigham (DISC)	Basic Novice A Ladies	FS 4 th /12
Abbey Heale (CISC)	Basic Novice A	FS 6 th /12

The team was accompanied by Coach/Team Leader, Caitlin Haynes, and Sandra Williamson-Leadley was invited by the ISU to attend as a judge.

Comments from Development Squad members on participating in the ISU Development Trophy

I learnt lots of new skills from our coach, Shanetta Folle, that I can take away to continue practicing. After the training, we got to compete against each other which was also a great experience as having lots of people around created a great atmosphere to skate in. Tracy Danbrook



This was a great opportunity to learn new jumps, spins and techniques. We had many new exercises to do. It was also fun to skate with a whole lot of other people from different places around the world. Abbey Heale



I learnt lots and gained a lot of knowledge that I can use in my skating. Another highlight of the trip for me was meeting Michael Martinez who competed in the Sochi Winter Olympics. Michael Durham

Singles Development Camp 23-25 April

A three day camp was held at the Avondale rink in Auckland for skaters from around the country that are in the Talent ID / Age Development and International Development Squads. Kim Lewis and Liudmila Kuznetsova worked a very committed group of skaters over the three days with on-ice and off-ice conditioning.



The group also spent a little time working on developing interview skills.



ISU International Adult Skating Competition – Oberstdorf, Germany 27 May – 1 June

At the end of May, three of our Adult skaters competed at the 2014 ISU International Adult Skating competition. This is the largest Adult Skating competition in the world and a great experience for our adult skaters. The results are as follows:

Eleanor Stanbury (CMFSC)	Bronze Ladies IV & V	FS 8 th /8
	Bronze IV Artistic	5 th /12
Karl Hewitt (DISC)	Silver Men II	FS 10 th /11
	Silver II Artistic	6 th /6
Sue Hosiet (DISC)	Silver Ladies IV	FS 4 th /8
	Silver IV Artistic	4 th =/7

One of our former Adult skaters, Keith Dickson, who now skates for Australia with his pairs partner, Sharon Straub, also competed at Oberstdorf and their results were:

Keith Dickson	Silver Men V	FS 3 rd /3
	Silver V Artistic	1 st /1
Dickson/Straub	Adult Pair Skating	FS 12 th /12

The adult skaters also competed at other events in Europe and these results will be included in the next newsletter.

Hollins Trophy – Sydney, Australia 6 – 9 June

The following skaters competed recently at the Hollins Trophy competition.

Asia Tapelava (DISC)	Pre Primary Ladies	FS 22 nd /30
Pei-Lin Lee (WAISC)	Primary Ladies	FS 9 th /16
Anastasia Kuznetsova (WAISC)	Novice Ladies	SP 8 th /15; FS 3 rd /15; Overall 4 th /15
Brian Lee (WAISC)	Novice Men	SP 1 st / 6; FS 1 st /6; Overall 1 st /6
Harrison Bain (AIFSC)	Novice Men	SP 2 nd /6; FS 5 th /6; Overall 3 rd /6
Preeya Laud (WAISC)	Junior Ladies	SP 7 th /8; FS 5 th /8; Overall 6 th /8
Sarah MacGibbon (DISC)	Senior Ladies	SP 3 rd /4; FS 3 rd /4; Overall 3 rd /4

Well done to all our skaters. This is a great competition to attend to gain feedback early in the season on your programmes as well as competing against a different pool of skaters. You do not need to be selected for this competition. We encourage NZ skaters who are aiming for selection, as a NZ rep or inclusion in the development squad, at the NZ Nationals to consider including this competition in their yearly plan.

Officials Training Seminar – Christchurch 2 & 3 August 2014

By now, current NZIFSA Officials would have received notification from Suzanne Cunningham about the Judges and Technical Panel Training seminar being held in Christchurch on the weekend of 2 & 3 August, NZIFSA Officials Director. Please ensure that you complete and submit your registration form by 30 June. We are fortunate to have secured Susan Lynch (Technical Specialists and Controllers), Wendy Langton and Natalie Taylor (Judges) and Ina Paul (Data and Replay) as moderators. The sessions will begin on Saturday morning at 9:30 am and will be finished by 4:00 pm on Sunday to allow people to travel. All sessions will be held at Riccarton High School. Further details will be sent out with confirmation of registration.

Thinking about becoming an NZIFSA Official?

For those of you interested in becoming or returning as a Judge or Technical Panel member, please contact Suzanne for more information about the Officials Training Seminar (dionandsuz@inet.net.au).

Skate Down Under NZ

The NZIFSA are holding an international singles competition in Dunedin Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 August for Novice, Junior and Senior singles grades. The announcement is on the NZIFSA website. All International representatives will be eligible to attend and the International B team will be invited to attend at their own cost. Our Skater Development Director, Liudmila Kuznetsova, will be making contact with all skaters who are

eligible to attend and entry forms will be sent directly to these skaters. We already have strong interest from Australia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Japan and other countries are considering our invitation.

Requesting permission to attend competitions outside New Zealand

A friendly reminder to all skaters – if you are planning to attend any competition outside New Zealand you need to request permission from the NZIFSA via the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz before making any arrangements to attend.

Introducing the NZIFSA Office Bearers

Last month we reported the results of the elections at the AGM. This month we want to take a little time to introduce you to the whole team that volunteer their time to make the NZIFSA function. The organisation is divided into three groups that all have different functions.

Board	Operations Group	Development Group
<p><i>Responsible for governance, strategy policy and budgets.</i></p> <p>President – Jeanette King</p> <p>Vice-President – Barbara Lindsay-Taylor</p> <p>Board members – Dion Cunningham, Keith Darvill, Wendy Gardiner</p>	<p><i>Responsible for Day to Day Operations</i></p> <p>Chief Executive Officer – Sandra Williamson-Leadley</p> <p>Treasurer – Tracy McGuigan</p> <p>General Secretary – Bridget Danbrook</p> <p>Test & Competition Secretary – Ina Paul</p> <p>Child Protection Officer- Imelda Sheerin</p> <p>Marketing & Promotions Officer - Aleisha Haslemore</p> <p>Grants Officer – Sam Snoad</p> <p>Anti-Doping Officer – Jan Christieson</p>	<p><i>Responsible for development activities</i></p> <p>Skater Development Director – Liudmila Kuznetsova</p> <p>Coaching Director – Kim Lewis</p> <p>Officials Director – Suzanne Cunningham</p> <p>Technical Director – Connor McIver</p>

Over the following newsletters we’re planning to profile a number of these roles and give you a bit more information about what these roles involve and the people that do them.

Child Protection Officer – Imelda-Rose Sheerin

I am the current Child Protection Officer for the NZIFSA. I am based in Auckland and am currently a Technical Specialist. I was previously a competitive skater to Senior level.

My primary role as the Child Protection Officer is to act as a contact person for the reporting of concerns under the NZIFSA’s Child Protection Policy. I also now have responsibility for arranging police checks of coaches and officials as required under NZIFSA’s policies.

It is important that the environment in which children participate in figure skating in New Zealand is safe, protected and positive. Staff, coaches, officials, volunteers and parent(s)/caregiver(s) should be familiar with the policy and those ‘on the ground’ need to take an active role in monitoring compliance with the policy and raising any concerns.



If you have any concerns that relate to the NZIFSA’s Child Protection Policy, please do not hesitate to contact me on child-protection@nzifsa.org.nz or by phone on 021650991.

Provisional Schedule for 2014 NZ National Championships

The provisional schedule for the 2014 NZ National Championships has been determined and is as follows:

Wednesday 8 October	Unofficial practices
Thursday 9 October	Juvenile Ladies & Men FS Pre Primary Ladies & Men FS Primary Ladies & Men FS Intermediate Ladies & Men FS
Friday 10 October	Synchro events; Junior Synchro SP Dance events PD or SD Novice Men & Ladies SP Junior Ladies & Men SP Senior Ladies & Men SP
Saturday 11 October	Dance events FD Junior Synchro FS Novice Men & Ladies FS Junior Ladies & Men FS Senior Ladies & Men FS
Sunday 12 October	All Adult events

While we do not anticipate or plan to change the days that the events are held, there may be some change in the order of events on each day to best accommodate the number of skaters in individual grades and the disciplines skaters are entered in, grouping together dance events and the scheduling of ice cleans. However, changes will NOT be made to the days of events due to skaters competing in more than one discipline. The banquet will be held on the evening of Saturday 11 October. Keep an eye out for information bulletins that will be sent out via the NZIFSA general email list.

All the best in skating
Jeanette King and Sandra Williamson-Leadley