

NZIFSA

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER

ALLIE ROUT COMPETED AT THE WINTER UNIVERSITY GAMES IN SPAIN

Allie Rout competed at the 27th Winter Universiade 2015 held in Granada, Spain, 3-8 February. Allie was the only athlete from New Zealand to compete this year and can be proud of a very credible performance.

I was very pleased with my performance in Spain, especially given the extremely high level of fellow competitors - it was an inspiring experience to compete along side them. I was pleased to qualify for my long program and with my overall placing of 23rd out of 34 entrants.

Well done Allie!



MORGAN TEMPLETON TO COMPETE AT GARDENA SPRING TROPHY, ITALY

Morgan Templeton is off to Italy and is planning to compete in the 25th Gardena Spring Trophy held in from the 22nd - 24th of March. We wish her all the very best with this competition.

ISU DEVELOPMENT TROPHY, KUALA LUMPUR, 6-11 APRIL

The ISU have committed to holding the World Development Trophy again this year and next. Unfortunately the details of this year's trophy have come to us very late in the piece, and clash with the NZIFSA Development Camp in Queenstown. The late notice means that we have only one skater attending this year – Brooke Tamepo in Junior Ladies. Rosie Armstrong will be attending as the Coach- Team Leader. The ISU have also invited New Zealand to send an International/ISU Judge and Sue Petricevic has accepted this invitation.

The 2015 ISU World Development Trophy is being organized by the Ice Skating Association of Malaysia. The event will include an international competition (6 April, 2015) followed by an international training camp (7-11 April 2015) with Ms. Shanetta Folle as moderator.

Skaters who have been to this event in previous years have all found the experience really valuable, and I have no doubt Brooke will get a lot out of this opportunity.

INTERIM COACHING DIRECTOR



Kim Lewis has stepped down from her role as Coaching Director. A huge thank you to Kim for all her work as Coaching Director and the significant contribution she has made to the NZIFSA.

The Board called for expressions of interest from coaches to fill this role until the AGM in April, and are very pleased to announce that Caitlyn Paul has been appointed to this role in the interim.

UPCOMING COACHING COURSES FOR 2015

A successful level 1 Coaching course was held in Auckland, March 7th & 8th. We are not planning to run another Level 1 coaching course until next year.

One further **Introduction to Coaching Course** is planned this year. It will be held in Christchurch, April 17th & 18th. The course will start Friday afternoon and finish Saturday midday. Registration forms and payment were due by 28 February 2015, but late entries may be accepted. A late payment fee may apply.

A Level 2 course is still in the works and more details will be sent out as soon as we have them from the Australian Professional Skaters Association. It is expected that there will be a series of modules to be completed, with a seminar held after the 2015 Australian Figure Skating Champs.

If you have questions about any of the above courses, please contact the NZIFSA Coaching Director, Caitlyn Paul (coachingdirectornz@gmail.com).

MADELAINE PARKER TRAINING IN CANADA

Madelaine Parker has recently relocated to Canada where her mother's family are from and is training at Winsport in Calgary. She is pictured below with Jeff Langdon and Scott Davis – both of whom had represented Canada and the USA respectively at the Olympics and are now coaching in Calgary. Madelaine sent us the following note

Last month I was offered the opportunity to train at Winsport in Canadian Olympic Park under the guidance of Scott Davis and his team. This is a fantastic opportunity for me to train alongside Olympians, improve technically, grow as an athlete and develop as a person.



SKATER DEVELOPMENT TRAINING CAMP IN QUEENSTOWN

Our second Development Camp for the year will be held in Queenstown Friday 10 - Sunday 12. We are very fortunate to have two very experienced coaches moderating this camp – our own Liudmila Kuznetsova, and John Dunn who is currently based in Australia.

All International and Talent/Age ID Development Squad skaters are expected to attend this if at all possible. Other skaters who would like to take part are most welcome to attend, but will be required to pay a fee of \$200 each for the camp as well as cover all their own travel and accommodation costs. **Registrations close 23 March.**

A number of emails have been sent out to skaters with information and the registration form. If you have mislaid this, please the NZIFSA Skater Development Director, Liudmila Kuznetsova (liudmila.sk8coach@me.com) for more information.

OFFICIALS' TRAINING FOR ICE DANCE

There will be a seminar for ice dance judges and technical panel officials in Christchurch 9 and 10 May. Please contact our Officials Director, Suzanne Cunningham (officialsdirector@nzifsa.org.nz) if you would like more information about this.

PASSING OF RON WOOD

At the beginning of March we were given the sad news that Ron Wood had passed away. Ron was Angela Woods husband, their family put a tremendous amount of time and effort into helping the Auckland figure skating club & also the NZIFSA back when it was the NZISA. Their daughters Lisa & Ingrid Wood also skated.

OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT INTO POLICIES

Member input is an important part of our policy review process. The Board would like to encourage members to have your say when we put policies up on the member's. The Selection Policy and Skater Development Policy have both just been posted on the forum again for comments on the changes we are proposing to make. We will also be holding a forum at the AGM in Queenstown and will be looking at member input then before we finalise this policy. There are several other policies also up on the forum at moment where we are calling for your input before we draft changes to these policies.

NZIFSA BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board is on the Sunday 12 April following the AGM in Queenstown. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary (secretary@nzifsa.org.nz) by Sunday 4 April for the April meeting.

2015 AGM OF THE NZ ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION, INC

The AGM will be held in Queenstown on Saturday 11 April at the Queenstown Primary School. Delegates that are flying in should plan to arrive before 9.45 and depart any time after 4pm on the Saturday. The AGM will start at 10.30am, with forums to be held 12.45pm till 3pm approximately. One of the big forum discussion items will be the Selection and Skater Development Policies that are currently up for review. We would like to encourage members to get involved in any discussions their clubs have in preparation for this forum, so that your club delegates are as well informed as possible as to their members views. All members are most welcome to attend the forums, and for that matter the AGM (though they won't have speaking rights at the AGM unless they are a delegate).

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