

### CONGRATULATIONS DWAYNE LI AND DOUGLAS GERBER

What an amazing accomplishment! Dwayne Li, at his first ever International Competition, the SEA Trophy in Singapore, has made the minimum TES in both the Short Program and Freeskate required to compete at the ISU Junior World Championships. Well done, Dwayne.



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At the same competition, Doug Gerber made the Freeskate score for Junior Worlds, and the Short Program for ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships. Doug had already made the Four Continents Freeskate score at the Santa Claus cup last year.

To qualify for these ISU Championships the skaters need to achieve the specified score for the Short Program and the Free Skate, rather than a total TES. They do not have to achieve these at the same international competition. We have provided the TES from the events where they met the TES.

Both skaters will need to compete at our 2022 National Championships to be selected and prioritised as the International Representatives for Junior Worlds and / or Four Continents Figure Skating Championships. We are expecting to see some really great skating at our 2022 National Championships.

Dwayne Li's TES for Junior Worlds qualification

	Minimum SP TES = 25.00	Minimum FS TES = 44.00
SEA Trophy, Singapore 2-4 September 2022	34.24	61.38

Doug Gerber's TES for Junior Worlds qualification

	Minimum SP TES = 25.00	Minimum FS TES = 44.00
SEA Trophy, Singapore 2-4 September 2022		51.75

Doug Gerber's TES for Senior ISU Championship qualification

	Minimum SP TES 4C's = 28.00 Worlds = 34.00	Minimum FS TES 4C's = 46.00 Worlds = 64.00
SEA Trophy, Singapore 2-4 September 2022	29.89	53.94
Santa Claus Cup, 6-10 December 2021		62.25

## DEVELOPMENT SQUAD SELECTIONS FROM NORTH ISLAND CHAMPS

Skaters can be selected to the NZIFSA Development Squad at South Island, North Island, or our National Championships. The following skaters made the Selection TES for the 2022-23 Development Squad at the North Island Championships. Note these are in alphabetical order by surname or team name.

<b>Basic Novice Ladies</b>	Mira Ren
	Emily Yang
	April Yao
<b>Advanced Novice Ladies</b>	Connie Yang
<b>Basic Novice Synchronized</b>	Ice Angels
	Vibranium

Congratulations to these skaters on this achievement. We look forward to confirming the full Development Squad for 2022/23 after our National Championships.

## CONGRATULATIONS TRACY HIPKISS – ISU COACH SUPPORT

The ISU has awarded Tracy Hipkiss an ISU Coach Support for Synchronized Skating. This Coach support gives an opportunity for Tracy to attend an ISU Judges Seminar and a mentor is assigned in order for Tracy and the Junior Team she coaches to further develop. This is an amazing opportunity for one of our young coaches to work with a high-level mentor, and we know Tracy is looking forward to this.

## A TRIBUTE TO WENDY CLUCAS

Wendy Clucas was our Patron and so much more besides. She was a role model and inspiration to many. She held multiple National Championship titles, turned professional coach in 1964 for a short time, was an International Judge, NZISA/NZIFSA Office holder (including President and CEO) and friend to many. With her passing on 11 August 2022, she leaves behind quite a legacy.



Going solo on double runner blades - about 2 years of age

Wendy was born 11 December 1945. The only child of Doreen and Bert Grafton.

Her dad played ice hockey and her mum was a recreational skater.



Wendy started skating as a very young child. She started competing in 1958 and went on to win more National Titles than any other New Zealand skater.

### National Titles

- 1958 Junior Pair – with Timothy Allen
- 1960 Ladies School Figure
- 1961 Senior Pairs  
Senior Dance
- 1962 Ladies Champion  
Ladies School Figure  
Senior Dancing  
Senior Pair  
NZ Waltzing Trophy
- 1963 Ladies Champion and School Figure  
Senior Dancing  
NZ Waltzing Trophy
- 1965 Ladies Champion and School Figure  
Senior Dance  
Waltzing Trophy
- 1966 Ladies Champion and School Figure  
Senior Dancing





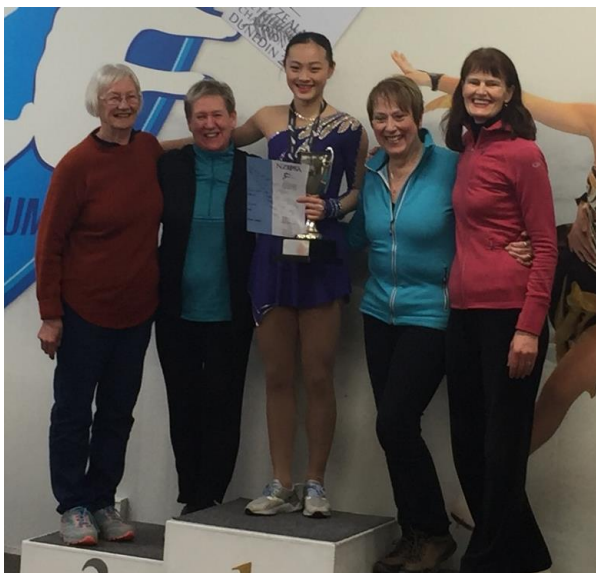
From the photo album. With her skating partner Ivan McDonald. Trophies won in 1960 - 1961 They scooped the pool National Dance Champions, National Pairs Champions, National Ladies Figure & Free-skating Champion, National Men's Figure & Free-skating champion.

Wendy was New Zealand Judge for over 50 years. From 1961 – 1963 and 1965 – 2017, she volunteered her time as a Judge, Referee & Technical Controller, and when she stepped back from judging, she took on the Data / Video Replay Operator role. Wendy also served as an International Judge from 1977 – 2009.

Alongside Jeanne Begej, Wendy was involved in the development of KiwiSkate, which was first launched in 1986. Wendy was a volunteer KiwiSkate coach in those early years.

In 1990, the New Zealand Ice Skating Association (NZISA) awarded Wendy Life Membership.

Wendy was also heavily involved in the administration of our sport. She was President of NZISA 2001 -2005, Vice President in 2007, Secretary of the NZISA Technical Committee for 12 years, and on the Organising Committee of the ISU Congress that was held in Christchurch in 1990. For those newer members concerned we might have made some typos here, we were NZISA until 2011, when we changed our name, restructured and became NZIFSA. Wendy continued to be involved in the restructured organisation and was the NZIFSA Chief Executive Officer 2012 -2014.



Ruth Xu, 2020 Senior Ladies Champion, sharing the podium with past champions - Wendy Clucas (nee Grafton) 1962,63,65 & 66, Jeanne Begej (nee Wyatt) 1968 & 69, Sue Hoseit 1967, Rosie Armstrong (nee Blong) 1987, 89, 90 & 91

Wendy was appointed as NZIFSA Patron in 2017. In her role as Patron, whenever she was available, she would be there at our National Championships. She often volunteered to act as timekeeper so she had a front row seat, and many of our skaters will have received their medals from Wendy in recent years.

What an amazing contribution she Wendy made to our wonderful sport over so many years and in so many ways. She is remembered and missed by many.

Our thoughts are with daughters Janine and Sonja, son-in-law Scott, and husband Jim.



## RECENT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

After the travel limitations and the challenges COVID has put in their way over the last couple of years, it is great to be able to report back on a number of our skaters who have been competing in International Competitions. Some mixed results, but each one of them should feel very proud of what they have accomplished.

### Cranberry International, Boston, Mass. USA, 10-14 August

Senior Women Jojo Hong SP 2<sup>nd</sup>/15 FS 6<sup>th</sup>/15 Overall 5<sup>th</sup>/15  
 Congratulations Jojo on your results at this competition

### Sydney Synchro Festival, Sydney, Australia, 26-28 August

Sandra Williamson-Leadley attended this as an international official. Sandra also attended the ISU Judges and Referees seminar that was held alongside this competition.

### Junior Grand Prix, Ostrava, Czech Republic, 31 August – 3 September

Junior Women Mirika Armstrong SP 33<sup>rd</sup> /35 FS 33<sup>rd</sup> /35 Overall 33<sup>rd</sup> /35  
 Coach Rosie Armstrong

Livestream link for this event: <https://www.youtube.com/c/isujuniorgrandprix>

### SEA Trophy, Singapore 2-4 September

We had a good-sized team at this event and would have liked to send more if they had been able to accept more than 2 entries in a grade from each ISU member taking part.

Pictured here, from L to R – Bess Cao, Jazz Evangelou, Christine Aixinjueluo, Cara Tang, Ruth Xu, Doug Gerber, Dwayne Li, Mathieu Wilson and Stephanie Woodacre.



Advanced Novice Girls	Jazmyn Evangelou	SP 11 <sup>th</sup> /13	FS 7 <sup>th</sup> /13	Overall 9 <sup>th</sup> /13
Advanced Novice Girls	Christine Aixinjueluo	SP 13 <sup>th</sup> /13	FS 11 <sup>th</sup> /13	Overall 12 <sup>th</sup> /13
Junior Women	Ruth Xu	SP 9 <sup>th</sup> /22	FS 9 <sup>th</sup> /22	Overall 9 <sup>th</sup> /22
Junior Women	Cara Tang	SP 14 <sup>th</sup> /22	FS 13 <sup>th</sup> /22	Overall 14 <sup>th</sup> /22
Junior Men	Dwayne Li	SP 2 <sup>nd</sup> /14	FS 2 <sup>nd</sup> /14	Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> /14
Junior Men	Douglas Gerber	SP 5 <sup>th</sup> /14	FS 3 <sup>rd</sup> /14	Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> /14
Senior Men	Douglas Gerber	SP 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7	FS 3 <sup>rd</sup> /7	Overall 2 <sup>nd</sup> /7
Coach	Bess Cao			
Coach	Stephanie Woodacre			
Team Leader	Mathieu Wilson			
International Judge	Sue Petricevic			

### **Junior Grand Prix, Riga, Latvia, 7-10 September**

Junior Women	Cara Tang	SP 32 <sup>nd</sup> /34	FS 32 <sup>nd</sup> /34	Overall 32 <sup>nd</sup> /34
Junior Men	Dwayne Li	SP 14 <sup>th</sup> /28	FS 16 <sup>th</sup> /28	Overall 16 <sup>th</sup> /28
Coach	Bess Cao			
Team Leader	Suzanne Cunningham			

### **UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS**

#### **Challenger Series USA, Lake Placid, USA, 12-16 September**

Senior Ladies Jojo Hong  
Senior Dance Charlotte Lafond-Fournier & Ricky Kam  
Unfunded Team Leader Christian Fournier  
Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be attending as an international official.

#### **John Nicks Pairs Challenge, New York, USA, 8 & 9 September**

Sue Petricevic has been invited to judge at this competition.

### **RECENT OVERSEAS CLUB COMPETITIONS**

#### **2022 Onyx Challenge, Rochester, USA, 19-20 August**

Junior Dance	Isabelle Guise & Ethan Alday			
		RD 5 <sup>th</sup> /5	FD 5 <sup>th</sup> /5	Overall 5 <sup>th</sup> /5

### **UPCOMING OVERSEAS CLUB COMPETITIONS**

#### **96th Middle Atlantics, New York, USA, 7-11 September**

Sue Petricevic has been invited to judge at this competition.

### **DFSNZ EDUCATION WEBINAR FOR NZ INTERNATIONAL SKATERS**

NZIFSA require any NZ skaters competing, or planning to compete internationally, to complete a Drug Free Sport NZ Education Seminar each year. Many of our skaters and their coaches took part in the seminars that were held in conjunction with the Basic Novice to Senior Level skater development camps in April this year. If you were unable to attend those, please join this online webinar.

We are pleased to confirm that Olivia McTaggart is available to present the DFSNZ Education workshop via Zoom to the New Zealand International Figure Skaters on **Sunday 18th September at 2.00pm.**

If you are planning to compete internationally and have not already been sent a link to this meeting, please contact our anti-doping office, Preeya Laud, [anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:anti-doping@nzifsa.org.nz) and she will send you the meeting invitation.

## **NZIFSA POLICIES CURRENTLY OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Board are seeking member feedback on the **Officials' Training, Appointment & Promotions Policy** and associated Appendices (feedback due by 21 September), the **Coaches Accreditation Policy** and the **Nationals Hosting Policy** (feedback due by 17 October). In addition to this, the **Selection Policy** is back up for feedback on the proposed TES for Senior Elite 12 Synchronized. The review process for this last policy is somewhat truncated, with comments due by 25 September. Your submissions will be considered by the Board when they review the policy, and a draft of any proposed amendments will be put back out for member submissions.

## **REMINDER - RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW**

As the first step in this annual process, the Rules and Regulations have been posted on the members policy forum for submissions <https://www.nzifsa.org.nz/forums/viewforum.php?f=9>. These include some proposed changes in response to some developments and feedback over the last year. Any proposed changes have been indicated through underlining and strikethroughs. Comments and further submissions may be made on the member forum of or by email to [technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:technical.director@nzifsa.org.nz). Please make any submissions by the 16th of October. There will also be a discussion forum held in conjunction with the 2022 National Championships.

## **NZIFSA BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the NZIFSA Board will be held on Tuesday 13 September. If you have any correspondence that you would like the Board to consider, please send it to the General Secretary ([secretary@nzifsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@nzifsa.org.nz)). Any correspondence received now will be tabled at the October meeting.

All the best in skating,  
Rochelle Stansfield and Jeanette King  
President and CEO  
NZIFSA