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The National Councillors, Sandra Williamson-Leadley, Jan Howie, Sue Petricevic, Craig Anderson, Dael Haynes, Liz Speden, Ina Paul, Leanne Hems and Kevin Poit, would like to take this opportunity to wish all our skaters and their families a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. All the best for your skating in 2009

NZ National Synchronized Skating Team

Auditions for the NZ National Synchronized Skating Team were held during the National Championships held in Gore. In order to be eligible to audition, a skater had to be a member of a synchronized skating team competing at the 2008 NZ Nationals and meet the minimum age requirement as set by the ISU. There were 25 skaters from 4 different teams who took part in the auditions that were facilitated by Kevin Poit. A big thank you to all of the skaters who auditioned and the people who came to watch the auditions!

The NZISA appointed selectors, Heather McDonald and Kevin Poit, and team coach, Robi Chalmers, then viewed the auditions and independently selected the team members. The following skaters are members of the first ever NZ National Synchro-

nized Skating Team:

- Paige Brownsey
- Sophie Dawson
- Jacqui de Vries
- Rose Gleeson
- Caitlyn Haynes
- Keryn Haynes
- Grant Howie
- Megan Kliegl
- Kim Kubala
- Hannah McAvoy
- Brylie Meng
- Juliette O'Neill
- Fallon Pullar
- Lisa Stevens
- Alaina Thompson
- Ashleigh Thompson
- Michaela Voigt
- Alison Wills

Dael Haynes and Robyn Meng have been named as the Team Managers. They have been working hard on fund-raising and getting the team organized for



training. We would like to thank everyone who applied for the positions of Team Manager and Team Coach.

Congratulations to all of the team members and we wish you well in your preparations as you work towards representing New Zealand at the 2009 World Synchronized Skating Championships in April in Zagreb, Croatia.

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Westpac Emerging Talent Award Nomination

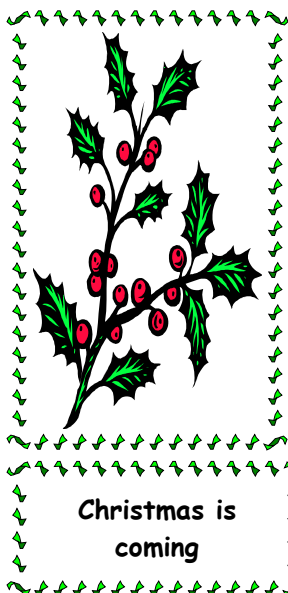
As part of the Halberg Awards, there is a category for national sporting organisations to nominate athletes for the Westpac Emerging Talent Award. The skater who fits the eligibility and

performance criteria and that the NZISA have nominated is Allie Rout. The winner will be announced at the Halberg Awards in February.

New Zealand Winter Games

Preparations are still underway for New Zealand's first International Figure Skating Competition that will be part of the NZ Winter Games held at various locations in Otago. The NZISA have named the following skaters to represent New Zealand at this competition, based on the results of the 2008 NZ National Championships.

Novice Ladies
Madeleine Parker
Jessie Park



Junior Ladies
Allie Rout*
Samantha Waugh

Junior Men
Cameron Hems

Senior Ladies
Allie Rout*
Morgan Figgins

Senior Men
Tristan Thode
Mathieu Wilson

Any places that are

available, such as Novice Men (2 places), Junior Men (1 place) and Junior or Senior Ladies (1 place depending on which category Allie decides to compete in) will be able to be contested at the 2009 Selection Competition. Any skater who meets the ISU age requirements for each of the grades will be able to contest for a place. In order to be selected to represent NZ at the NZ Winter Games competition, they must place 1st (or second in the case of Novice Men) at the Selection Competition and meet the minimum TES for being an International representative as per the Selection Policy.

PM Scholarships

The following skaters, officials and coach have applied to SPARC through the NZISA for a 2009 Prime Minister's Scholarship:

Tristan Thode (Athlete)
Mathieu Wilson (Athlete)

Sue Petricevic (Official)
Sandra Williamson-Leadley (Official)
Slava Kuznetsov (Coach)

The applicant's will be notified by SPARC by 24 December as to the success of their application.

Gold Medal Winners

There have been many changes to the levels of elements and how elements are called for Synchronized Skating by the ISU from the time of the Congress in June until November when these changes were finalised and communicated. This made it very difficult to ensure the correct levels were awarded and that credit was given to all of the features performed by the Senior Synchronized teams at the NZ Nationals. The teams and their managers and

coaches were aware of these problems before the event at Nationals. There were also 'bugs' in the computer software we received from the ISU (and still are) and these have still not been corrected (we did our best to work around them). The elements have now been verified as being correct and the problems with the numbering of elements in the Free Skate programme have been rectified. As the Gold medal has already been awarded, and the

length of the delay, it has been decided to award a second Gold medal to the Ice Statix team (AIFSC) and declare both Senior teams as joint Gold medal winners. Both Ice Statix and Icentric (DISC) had made the minimum TES points and been selected to compete in the Senior event at the 2009 Australian National Championships and this has not changed. Congratulations to both teams and we thank everyone for their patience.

New Competition

An exciting new competition in 2009 for all skaters, Pre Elementary to Senior (Singles, Dance and Pairs), will be the Queenstown Trophy. Queenstown Ice Skating Club hope to have this competition in May and for it to become



an annual event, a NZ version of 'Hollins Trophy'. More information will be coming out from the Queenstown ISC in the new year. In the meantime, please contact Gill Boyd (dyob@xtra.co.nz) if you have any questions.

2009 Summer Trophy

The NZJSA have been notified that the following AJFSC skaters will be competing in the 2009 Summer Trophy during January in Brisbane:

Amelia Prowse

Jessica Zhao

Jyrin Quigley

Keziah Venter

We wish these skaters all the best and if there are any other skaters who are attending this or any other competition during January, please let the National Secretary know and we wish you all the best for your performances as well!

T/C Registration

Just a reminder that your 2008 T/C registration is valid until 31 March 2009. All of those skaters who are entering competitions before this date have valid T/C registration.



Minutes in Brief

Nationals: Council received a request to change the date for the 2009 Nationals. We will relook at this when we know the date of the Olympic Qualifying Competition. More in minutes....

Team Leaders: We looked at Team Leaders for the forthcoming competitions. They are only needed if more than one Skater attends. As we only have one skater going to 4C's and University Games no Team Leader is required. More in the minutes....

Selection Competition: When, where? More in the minutes....

Judging Kiwiskate: All levels can now be judged by coaches. More in the minutes.....

Sports Anti-Doping: New rules for this. More in the minutes.....

Rules and Regulations: The changes for these will be out shortly for you to look at and comment on.

Craig Anderson's Resignation

It is with great regret that the New Zealand Ice Skating Association accepts Craig's resignation from Council. Craig has become extremely busy with business commitments and can no longer give the time needed to the NZISA.

We would like to recognise all the hard work and long hours that Craig has given to the NZISA in his position as Treasurer since 2006. We would like to give him a big vote of thanks for this.

Liz Speden has been appointed as Treasurer for the rest of the term.

The Minutes can be read at:

<http://www.nzisa.com/members/docs/Minutes+15+November+2008-1.pdf>

Television Feature

Christchurch skater, Ben Southern, was featured on the TV1 programme, Attitude, on 23 November. It is great to see one of our skaters, and ice skating in general, featured on television. If anyone has recorded the segment on Ben, the NZISA would love a copy for their archives. Please contact the National Secretary, Jan Howie, secretary@nzisa.com.

AYOF

The Figure Skating section of the Australian Youth Olympic Festival has been cancelled due to the lack of entries with only China, Australia and New Zealand committing to sending skaters. They hope to hold this competition again in 2011.



Officials Promotions

The new Officials Promotion list for 2009 is out now and is on the website.

Congratulations to all the Judges and Officials who were promoted.

The NZISA would like to thank all the Judges and Officials who give up their valuable time to officiate at Championships and Test Days.

We couldn't do it without you.