

# Communication 044

## New Zealand Ice Skating Association

### 2009 National Championship

The New Zealand National Championships have come and gone for another year with a number of new National Champions crowned. A huge thank you must go to the North Island Ice Skating Sub-Association and the Nationals Organising Committee for the wonderful effort in making the 2009 NZ National Championships a success. The work done by this group is to be

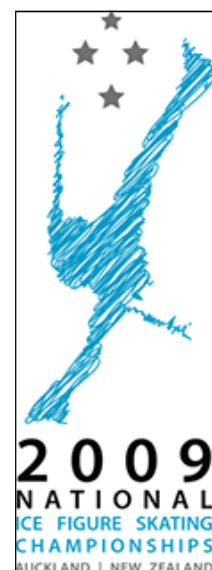


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commended and on behalf of the NZISA Council and the NZ Skating Community, we would like to say THANK YOU to each and every one of you!

officials and volunteers who gave up their time to help with the smooth running of the championship. You also deserve a huge THANK YOU and we hope that you will continue to support our sport in the future with the same enthusiasm and skill.

To each of the skaters, thank you for your performances! You have entertained us and reminded us why we are involved in this sport. Congratulations to all of the medal winners! For those of you who have achieved personal bests, well done! We wish everyone well for their continued training and look forward to seeing you all at the 2010 NZ National Championships.



Thank you to all of the

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### 2009 National Championship Results

Complete results for each of the grades are available on the NZISA website by clicking on the 'Competitions' link and going to the NZ National Championships and clicking on 'Results'.

#### Allchurch Shield Results

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| 1. Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club            | 84 points   |
| 2. Glenburn Figure Skating Club                | 61 points   |
| 3. Centaurus Ice Skating Club                  | 55.5 points |
| 4. Dunedin Ice Skating Club                    | 16 points   |
| 5. Ice Sports Southland                        | 11.5 points |
| 6. Queenstown Ice Skating Club                 | 6 points    |
| 7. Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club      | 5 points    |
| 8. West Auckland Synchronized Ice Skating Club | 2 points    |
| 9. Alexandra Ice Skating Club                  | 1 point     |
| 10. Allegro Ice Dance Club                     | 0 points    |

## Sportsperson of the Year

Thank you to all of the clubs and individuals who sent in nominations for this award. The nominations received by clubs and individuals for the Sportsperson of the Year Award were:

Chris Boyd (QISC)

Amber Harries (AIFSC)

Grant Howie (DISC)

Melissa Morris (ISS)

Chelsea Richdale (CISC)

And the winner for 2009 is **Chelsea Richdale**.

The Centaurus Ice Skating Club's Committee wrote the following about Chelsea:

Chelsea has been involved with skating and Centaurus Ice Skating Club for many years as a competitive skater. She is cheerful (even at 5:30 AM!) and sociable, taking an interest in her fellow skaters. Chel-



sea not only participates in club activities and fundraising, she also works for the rink as a Kiwi Skate coach encouraging those new to the sport. Last month Chelsea was given the opportunity to showcase figure skating by performing at the Christchurch Ice Dome during the annual Winter Festival. Chelsea's positive attitude and friendly demeanour make her a great ambassador for the sport of figure skating.

A huge thank you to all of the nominees for the time and effort they put into giving something back to the sport they love!

## Administrator of the Year

Thank you to all of the nominated and other volunteers for the work that you do to administer, promote and enhance our sport. Without these volunteers, our sport would definitely not be where it is today.

The nominees for this award were:

Gill Boyd (QISC)

Sue Harries (AIFSC)

Graeme Irving (ISS)

Trish Morris (AISC)

Jessica Shaw (DISC)

Petrina Waugh (CISC)

And the winner for 2009 is **Trish Morris**.

The Committee of the Alexandra Ice Skating Club wrote the following about Trish:

The Alexandra Ice Skating Club (AISC) takes great pleasure in nominating Trish Morris for the 2009 Administrator of the Year Award.

The origins of Trish's involvement with the AISC are lost in the mist of times. Trish has been involved longer than anyone can remember. Trish's earliest involvement with ice skating was as a recreational skater on the Manorburn Dam near Alexandra, as a child. Trish first became actively involved with the AISC, or Winter Sports Club as it was then known, when her own children be-

gan to skate. No one is quite sure how long ago this was, but her eldest child is now in her 30's. While Trish's children have all now moved on, her involvement continues.

Trish has been an integral part of the development of ice sports in Alexandra since the early days. Trish has served for many years on the committee which first established a permanent rink (winter operation only) adjacent to the Manorburn Dam and which later re-established the rink, now known as "Ice Inline", in Alexandra itself in the early 1990's. Trish served as Treasurer on the Ice Inline Management Committee for many years. Her involvement continues today as she works tirelessly to represent both the interests of the AISC on that committee and the interests of ice sports in general as that committee works toward building a roof over the rink to significantly extend our current 12 week season.

Within the AISC Club itself Trish has taken on many formal and informal roles essential to the continued operation of the Club. Trish has willingly and enthusiastically taken on everything from sewing costumes to employing overseas coaches, managing their employment, scheduling the season's programmes and so on. Trish continues to take a lead role within

the club including general administration as we set up for each skating season, providing administrative support to the club skating coach, coordinating enrolments and actively growing club membership. Currently Trish is the AISC competition secretary and coordinates our popular and growing Kiwi Skate programme. Trish has also served ice skating at regional and national as a member of the Technical Committee.

It is difficult within the scope of this nomination to do credit to the commitment and enthusiasm Trish shows to our club and ice skating in general. She is an integral part of the club, has filled many administrative and organisational roles over many years and is always willing to do anything which will assist the development of the club and the sport of figure skating. Our Club recognized her contribution in 2004 when she was awarded a life membership. However we believe her contribution to the development of ice skating and ice sports through her active and ongoing involvement as an administrator within our club, on the ice inline management committee and through her regional and national involvement with ice skating deserves greater recognition.

## The Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence

The New Zealand Ice Skating Association Council considered a number of skaters who have competed domestically, in Australia and internationally for this award. It is wonderful that we have a number of skaters who are representing their club (s) and NZ on a number of stages.

This year's recipient is

**Madelaine Parker.** Madelaine has had an outstanding skating season for the past 12 months

at the Novice Ladies level. She won the 2008 NZ National Novice Ladies Champion title; placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Novice Ladies at Hollins Trophy in June 2009; won the 2009 Novice Ladies event at the New South Wales State Championship in July; won the Short Program, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Free Skate and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the Novice Ladies event at the 2009 Australian National Championship in August and won a silver medal in

the Novice Ladies event at the 2009 New Zealand Winter Games international figure skating competition.

Madelaine - Congratulations on your achievements and on winning the Norman Cameron Cup of Excellence for 2009!



## 2010 New Zealand National Championships

The 2010 NZ National Championships will be held in Dunedin, 3 to 8 October (in school holidays). A preliminary schedule of the days events will be held on will be out in early 2010. While it will be based on the



schedule for the 2009 National Championships, there will possibly be some changes to the days that Junior and Senior are held on. We will keep you posted.

## International Representative Assignments

### *Four Continents – Jeonju City, Republic of Korea, 25 – 31 January 2010*

Allie Rout – Senior Ladies

Cameron Hems – Senior Men

### *Junior Worlds – The Hague, Netherlands, 8 – 14 March 2010*

Allie Rout – Junior Ladies

Cameron Hems – Junior Men

Ayesha Campbell / Shane Speden – Junior Ice Dance

### **World Cup Challenge for Junior (Synchronized Skating) – Goteborg, Sweden, 11-13 March 2010**

Botany N'Synch (subject to meeting age and test requirements)

### **World Synchronized Skating Championships – Colorado Springs, USA, 9 – 10 April 2010**

Team New Zealand

### *2010 Junior Grand Prix events*

Allie Rout as the NZ Junior Ladies Champion will have first choice in the JGP events that New Zealand is assigned. Once Allie has chosen the events (maximum of 2) she wishes to compete in, the other Junior Ladies named in the international development squad will be given a choice of events until all assigned events are filled. The skaters will be given the choice in the order of the final result of the Junior Ladies event at the 2009 NZ National Championships. Ayesha Campbell and Shane Speden will have a choice of events once the list of JGP events NZ has been assigned is out (approximately May 2010)



## Development Group Selections

### **Talent/Age ID Squad**

|                    |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Juvenile Ladies    | Rebecca Lau<br>Keziah Venter<br>Kate Delbridge | Kara Croudís-Bonniface<br>Keely McGuigan<br>Jenna-Lea Dysart<br>Tracy Danbrook |
| Pre Primary Ladies | Kaho Hirafune<br>Brooke Tamepo                 |  |
| Primary Ladies     | Jessica Zhao<br>Bailey Sutherland              | Alexandra Ley<br>Abbey Miller  |
| Novice Ladies      | Sarah MacGibbon                                |  |
| Pre Primary Pairs  | Kara and Ashley Croudís-Bonniface              |  |
| Juvenile Dance     | Zara Anthony-Whigham and Alex Anstey           |  |

The announcement of the skaters included in the Talent / Age ID and International Development squads were made at the 2009 NZ Nationals banquet. It was stated at the time that we apologised for any errors that occurred due to the timing of getting the selections ready for announcement at the banquet. The following skaters were announced, in error, as being part of the Talent/Age ID group:

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|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Pre Primary Ladies | Preeya Laud                      |
| Pre Primary Men    | Thomas Woodbridge                |
| Primary Dance      | Anne-Sophie and Dominic Shogimen |

All of these skaters made the required TES points but are just outside the age limit. As the error was not the skater's and their names were included publicly, they will be invited to participate in skater development sessions. It is hoped and anticipated that they will move up to the next grade for the 2010 skating season to align with age requirements. Our sincere apologies for the error and any distress caused.

### **International Squad**

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|---------------|---|--|
| Novice Ladies | Iyryn Quigley<br>Eerina Watkins (to 30 June 2010)<br>Madelaine Parker (based on her Australian National result) | Jessie Park (to 30 June 2010)<br>Aimee Clement |
| Junior Ladies | Allie Rout<br>Ariel Nadas<br>Melissa Morris   | Sam Waugh<br>Ayesha Campbell                   |
| Junior Men    | Cameron Hems (to 30 June 2010)  |  |
| Senior Ladies | Allie Rout  |  |
| Senior Men    | Cameron Hems (based on TES received for Junior Mens event)  |  |
| Junior Dance  | Ayesha Campbell and Shane Speden  |  |

### **Synchronized Skating Development**

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| Juvenile | Botany Bladettes   |
| Novice   | Botany Blades (also eligible to compete internationally) |
| Junior   | Botany N'Synch   |
| Senior   | Ice Statix<br>Icentric                                   |



## Olympic Qualifying Competition

Allie Rout competed at the Olympic Qualifying Competition in Oberstdorf, Germany in a bid to qualify for one of the remaining places for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, Canada. Although Allie did not qualify, she competed well in her first major Senior competition. Allie's results were:



30<sup>th</sup>/33 SP; 27<sup>th</sup>/33 FS; 28<sup>th</sup>/33 overall.

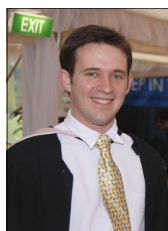
## Junior Grand Prix –Dresden, Germany

NZ had its biggest team ever at a Junior Grand Prix event at the Dresden, Germany competition. Allie Rout and ice dancers, Ayesha Campbell and Shane Speden, along with team leader, Kim Lewis, and coaches, Slava Kuznetsov and Monica McDonald were all in Dresden for the event. Sue Petricevic and Sandra Williamson-Leadley were the NZ judges for the event. The results for the NZ team are as follows: Allie Rout – 16<sup>th</sup>/33 SP; 19<sup>th</sup>/33 FS; 20<sup>th</sup>/33 overall Ayesha and Shane – 21<sup>st</sup>/21 CD; 20<sup>th</sup>/21 OD; 20<sup>th</sup>/21 FD; 20<sup>th</sup>/21 overall.

This was the first time that NZ has ever had an ice dance team at a Junior Grand Prix event.

## Frankfurt Seminar

Inadvertently omitted from the last NZISA Communication were the results of the exams at the Frankfurt Global Seminar held in July. Simon Thode (former NZ Senior Mens representative and coach) became the first NZ Technical Specialist to gain his international grading. Congratulations to Simon on this achievement!



Sandra Williamson-Leadley passed the exam for International Technical Controller for Synchronized Skating.

## FUTURE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Four Continents – Jeonju City, Korea 25 – 31 January 2010

Junior Worlds – The Hague, Netherlands 8 – 14 March 2010

Worlds – Torino, Italy 22 – 28 March 2010

World Cup Challenge for Juniors (Synchro) Goteborg, Sweden 11 – 13 March 2010

World Synchronized Skating Championships – Colorado Springs, USA 9 -10 April 2010.

## University Blues Award

Grant Howie was awarded an University Blues Award from Otago University for his involvement in Ice Skating as both a competitor in Solo, Synchronised Skating and as an official. Congratulations to Grant!!



## Ice Show Skaters

Two of our former NZ Senior Men representative skaters are taking part in ice shows overseas. Joel Watson, who is living and training in the USA, is currently skating with Holiday on Ice and Mathieu Wilson, currently coaching in Auckland, is getting ready to join Disney on Ice in the USA for a tour over the next few months. A great way to use the skills they have learned over the years as well as developing new ones. Enjoy the experience and best wishes to both of you!

