

Scott Thode awarded Life Membership of NZISA



At the 2010 AGM, the delegates voted unanimously to award Scott Thode with Life Membership in recognition of his many contributions over the years to the NZISA. The following is an outline of Scott's contributions that was read to the delegates prior to voting:

"I first started skating in 1987 at the Glen Innes rink. We took our three boys to Kiwi Skate and decided to join in rather than freeze at the side of the rink. I joined the Ice Sports Club when it was formed at Glen Innes and helped with running of the ice rink when the club took it over. I served on the Ice Sports Club committee from 1991 and was Vice President of the club in 1992.

The boys eventually outgrew the Glen Innes rink and we moved to the Avondale rink. I became involved in the activities of the Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club, helped with computer tabulation at competitions and furthered my skating taking dance lessons.

In 1995 I was elected President of the Auckland Club and held the position for seven years. I was on

the AIFSC committee until 2009. I was a delegate for the club to NZISA and North Island AGMs. I was also on the committee of the North Island Ice Show Club and was its secretary for a while.

I have been a member of the committee of the North Island Ice Skating Sub Association for several years and was the Vice President. I've helped organise NI competitions, in particular the documentation, scheduling and tabulation.

In 1997 I was elected to the NZISA Auckland Technical Committee and served as local secretary. In this role I carried out a number of tasks such as organising the Auckland tests and arranging judges for competitions. In 1999 I was elected to the NZISA Council and also to the position of National Secretary of the NZISA Technical Committee. I served as both first and second Vice President of the NZISA and I was an NZISA council member up to 2008 and was Secretary for the 2007/8 year.

I've looked after the technical organisation of Nationals for several years and also acted as co-ordinator for the

2000 Nationals in Auckland. In January 2002 I was team leader for the group that went to the Four Continents competition in Korea, and in March 2006 I was team leader for Worlds in Calgary.

I continue to help with computer tabulation and operation at competitions, and in late 2005 and early 2006 I designed, procured and implemented the new IJS hardware system for NZISA.

I am an Electrical Engineer with a particular interest in electronics and computers."

A message from Dan Mellamphy regarding Scott being made a Life Member of the NZISA:

"Life Members NZISA Inc extend hearty congratulations & a big welcome to Scott Thode on his recent elevation to Life Membership. Those of us who have been involved with our Sport over the years know what a great contribution Scott has made in many aspects of Administration at Club, Regional & National levels. Hopefully we will con-

tinue our friendship with Scott & his family."

Thanks Scott & welcome on board.

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Officials Training Seminar

The NZISA held a training seminar for Judges, Technical Specialists and Controllers, Data / Replay Operators and IJS System Technicians / Accountants. Thirty-eight officials from around the country attended the seminar which was moderated by Susan Lynch (ISU Technical Controller) from Australia; Wendy Langton (ISU Judge) from Australia and Dingding Liu (ISU Data/replay Operator) from Hong Kong. Sandra Williamson-Leadley worked across the groups in regards to NZ-specific content. The feedback from the moderators was very encouraging – they were impressed that so many of-

officials had taken part in the training and how keen everyone was to increase their skills and knowledge. The Technical Panel participants took part in a practical assessment exercise, with the judges and Technical Controllers also completing a written assessment. The ISU had released a Communica-



tion at the start of the seminar and the participants were able to go through the new rules and guidelines and put

this to practical use in their judging and calling practices.

Special thanks to the Spectrum Adult Synchronized Skating team and Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club members for preparing and serving lunch to the participants. A great way to fundraise!!

Thanks to all those officials who attended the seminar for your participation and enthusiasm. Individual comments from the moderators will be sent to you shortly. A reminder to the Judges and Technical Controllers that your written assessment is due in by Monday 24 May.

ISU COMMUNICATION 1611 – Single & Pair Skating

As advised by email to Coaches, Judges and Officials the ISU has announced a new Scale of Values, Levels of Difficulty and Guidelines for marking Grade of Execution.

The Announcement also advises a change in the calling of Levels in the Spiral Sequences for Ladies and the number of Step Sequences for Men. As both these elements are on the

Congress Agenda for discussion amongst the Members, New Zealand will not be implementing these changes until approved by Congress. Once approved at Congress they will come into effect immediately.

In the meantime Ladies Levels on Spiral Sequences and the Men's second Step Sequence will be called as per ISU Communication 1557.

All other changes advised in Communication 1611 will take effect immediately, commencing at the Queenstown Invitational Competition.

Wendy Clucas

Technical Committee Chair

Next Meeting of the NZISA Council

The next meeting of the NZISA Council is on 29-30 May in Christchurch. All correspondence to be considered by the Council at this meeting should be with the National Secretary at least one week prior to 29 May. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Correction to Communication 048

In the article about Allie Rout retiring from competitive skating, an error was made. Nina McKenzie was the first NZ lady to compete in a Junior Grand Prix event in 1999. Our apologies for the error.

Article on Keith Dickson

Check out the May edition of North & South magazine for an article on Dunedin ISC skater, Keith Dickson.



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www.nzisa.com

ISU Seminar for Singles & Pairs

An ISU Judges Seminar for Singles & Pairs will be held in conjunction with the Championships. Proposed Seminar dates are Saturday, November 27, Sunday November 28 and Wednesday, December 1.

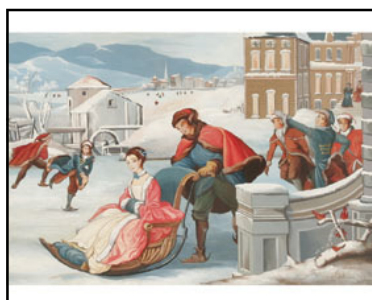
All New Zealand Judges (Junior level and above) who wish to attend the seminar need to ap-

ply through the National Secretary. The Technical Committee will make recommendations to Council who will then forward the names on to the ISU and ISA for approval to attend.

Further information about the Australian Figure Skating

Championships and the ISU Seminar will be published on the ISA website www.isa.org.au and the Ice Skating Victoria website www.iceskatingvictoria.org as it becomes available. Information will also be posted on the NZISA website, www.nzisa.com, as it becomes available.

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Australian Figure Skating Championships

Ice Skating Australia is very pleased to announce that the 2010 Australian Figure Skating Championships (AFSC) will be held in Melbourne at the Ice-house. Synchronized Events will be held on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 with practice ice available to all teams on Wednesday, November 24. Intermediate Events will take place over the weekend of November 27 & 28. Primary, Novice, Junior and Senior Events will take place from Monday,

November 29 – Thursday, December 2 with practice ice available from Saturday,



November 27.

NZ representative skaters will be selected at the 2010 NZ National Championships 3 – 8 October.

Judges (Novice level and above), Technical Specialists (Novice level and above) and Tech-

nical Controllers who wish to officiate at the Australian Championships, need to apply through the NZISA Secretary (forms will be available on the NZISA website in August). The Technical Committee will then make recommendations to the Council who will then forward the names on to the ISA Officials Coordinator to approve. There is no guarantee that you will be put on a panel but you will be allowed to practice.

