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The weather seems to finally be deciding that summer is closer than winter and hopefully it will continue to settle down and warm up. This time of year also signals the end of the New Zealand competitive skating season and the beginning of searching for new music, learning new programs and sitting tests to move up to the next grade. There are a number of test days over the coming weeks in various centres around New Zealand. Good luck to all skaters sitting tests!

NZ Skaters at International Competitions

While the NZ skating season draws to a close, the ISU skating season is just getting started. Allie Rout represented NZ at the Junior Grand Prix event in Zagreb, Croatia where she finished 5th in the Short Program, 8th in the Free Skate and 7th overall out of 33 skaters. This is the best ever result for a NZ skater at a Junior Grand Prix event! Well done Allie!



At the banquet: Allie Rout (purple dress), on her left is Mirai Nagasu and on her left is Jenni Vahaama.

Morgan Figgins also represented NZ at a Junior Grand Prix event. Morgan finished 26 in the Short Program, 25 in the Free Skate and 27 overall out of 31 skaters in the JGP event in Sofia, Bulgaria. Morgan was also to skate in the JGP event in Chemnitz, Germany but had to withdraw due to illness.

Tristan Thode is off to the Golden Spin competition in Zagreb, Croatia in early November. Best wishes to him for a great skate!

As well as our Tier 1 skaters, two of our international judges have also been away at international competitions. Sandra Williamson-Leadley judged the Ladies and Ice Dance events at the JGP in Zagreb and Sue Petricevic judged the Ladies event at JGP-Chemnitz.

Correction to Announcement of Tier 3 Skaters

At the Nationals banquet and in the last NZISA Communication, there was an error in the announcement of the Tier 3 skaters with two names being omitted: Ayesha Campell TES 24.16 and Kate Jenkins TES 15.96 in the Pre Primary Ladies event. My sincerest apologies to both of these skaters who were notified of their inclusion in the Tier 3 Development Squad earlier in the month.

-Sandra Williamson-Leadley

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Mexican Olympic Festival

The Mexican Skating Federation is planning to hold a competition, 22 – 27 January 2008, in Mexico City. This competition is open to Singles skaters in Juvenile to Senior grades. Each country is allowed to send up to 10 skaters per grade. We have received a hard copy of the announcement which has been scanned and posted on the website. Please read the entry criteria carefully as the entry and element requirements for some grades are different from NZISA requirements. Skaters who are interested in attending this international Inter-Club competition need to contact the NZISA International Competition Coordinator, [Craig Anderson](#).

Call for NZISA Resources

Over the years, a number of people have housed or borrowed NZISA resources. We would like to gather all of these resources back into one central point so that we can ensure that a better system of keeping track of our resources can be established and maintained. Of particular interest is the NZISA minutes book(s) prior to 1980, the medal tests record books prior to 1990 and the ISU Dance music CDs. If you have any of these, or other NZISA items, please contact [Scott Thode](#) or [Sandra Williamson-Leadley](#) to let us know. Many thanks for your help in bringing our resources back together.

Prime Minister's Scholarships for Athletes, Coaches and Officials

Further to the letter of 4 October from the NZISA Secretary, applications for Prime Minister's Scholarships for Athletes, Coaches and Officials are due in to the National Secretary by 23 November 2007 so that they can be considered in accordance with the PMAS Policy at the NZISA Council meeting which will be held 24 & 25 November. No late applications can be accepted. Applications are then sent in by the NZISA to SPARC by 1 December. Applications must be accompanied by a covering letter to the NZISA as to how the applicant meets the eligibility criteria set out by SPARC. Please see the following SPARC websites for further details and application forms.

Athletes

www.sparc.org.nz/high-performance/prime-ministers-athlete-scholarships

These scholarships are only available to skaters who will be studying at a tertiary institution in 2008 and competed in the 2007 NZ Nationals in Novice, Junior or Senior grades.

Coaches

www.sparc.org.nz/elite-sport/coaching/Prime-Minister%e2%80%99s-Coach-Scholarship-Programme

Officials

www.sparc.org.nz/elite-sport/officials/prime-ministers-officials-scholarships

Development Camps for Tier Level Skaters

These are currently being discussed and organised and more information will be coming out before the end of the year. Keep your eyes on the NZISA website www.nzisa.com your first stop for information on skating in New Zealand.

Running Your Club: SPARC Resources

SPARC provides a wealth of information on sponsorship, growing your membership, fundraising and much more.

www.sparc.org.nz/sport/running-your-club/running-your-club/raising-funds

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Anti-Doping

Jan Christieson is NZISA's Anti-Doping Officer. Jan is responsible for getting anti-doping information out to International representative skaters and to ensure that the correct forms are

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completed for the ISU for those skaters who must complete therapeutic use forms, i.e. International skaters who take asthma medication. If you have any questions regarding the medication you are currently taking, please contact [Jan Christieson](#).

2008 NZ Nationals

As advised in the last NZISA Communication, the 2008 Nationals will be held in Gore between Sunday 28 September and Friday 3 October 2008. In order to make the scheduling of events easier, a proposed format for the 2008 Championships was sent out to Clubs and is posted on the NZISA website (www.nzisa.com). Your feedback on the format would be greatly appreciated. Please advise your club secretary or send the feedback to the NZISA Secretary, [Scott Thode](#).

Update Your Contact Details

Please visit the [myNZISA](#) tab in the Members' area on the NZISA website and check your contact details.

2008 NZISA Rules and Regulations

The Technical Committee held several forums during Nationals to allow skaters, coaches, officials and parents to put forward ideas/suggestions for changes to the current NZISA Rules and Regulations. The Technical Committee have been working on incorporating the suggestions that came out of the meetings held during Nationals into the recommendations for rule changes to the NZISA Council. If you have any sugges-

tions that were not put forward at a forum, please contact the National Technical Secretary, [Dael Haynes](#), with your ideas. The Council will be going through the recommendations put forward by the Technical Committee and these will be voted on as is or amended at the November Council meeting. Publication of the NZISA Rules and Regulations will be done as soon as possible after the November meeting. All changes to the Rules and Regulations will come into effect as of 1 January 2008.

Website: Members' Forums and Members' Area

Visit the new [NZISA Members' Forums](#) on the NZISA website to express your views, communicate with others, sell your old skating stuff, and to get answers. Don't be shy!

While you're there, you might want to look at the [Members' Area](#) where you'll find minutes of meetings, financial statements, software, and a wealth of other information and resources.

The [myNZISA](#) tab in the Members' Area allows you to check your TC number, highest test passes, and to subscribe or unsubscribe from NZISA email lists. If you've forgotten your password you can have it sent to you [here](#).

Nominate Your Olympic Torch Bearer

The search is on for a kiwi to carry the flame for New Zealand when the Olympic Torch Relay visits Australasia next year – and the NZOC need your help. As friends of the New Zealand Olympic Committee, the NZOC and their sponsor Samsung are asking for nominations for New Zealand's torch bearer in the relay to Canberra on April 24.

Any New Zealander who has shown fantastic commitment to their community could be a worthy torch bearer. To nominate, go to www.samsung.co.nz/olympictorchrelay and select the New Zealand resident button on the nomination form page. If you nominate the chosen candidate, you will win a Samsung U700V mobile phone worth \$699.

The nominations will be judged by double Olympic gold medallist and NZOC ambassador Danyon Loader, NZOC Secretary-General Barry Maister, and Samsung-New Zealand General Manager Marketing Jean-Philippe Diel.