

NEW ZEALAND ICE FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION

JULY/AUGUST 2013 NEWSLETTER

Hollins Trophy

Congratulations to all those who participated in this competition. Hollins Trophy is traditionally a big event and this year proved to be no different. Suzanne Cunningham who attended as a judge certainly gained valuable experience in judging large grades.

Results			
Pre Primary	Ladies	Pe-Lin Lee	$16^{th}/24$
-	Men	Harrison Bain	1^{st}
Primary	Ladies	Alicia Dennis	$18^{th}/18$
-	Men	Brian Lee	$1^{\text{st}}/3$
Novice	Ladies	Brooke Tamepo	$12^{th}/22$
Junior	Ladies	Preeya Laud	$14^{th}/22$
		Tracy Danbrook	$13^{th}/22$
	Men	Michael Durham	$4^{th}/5$
		Thomas Woodbridge	$5^{th}/5$
Senior Dance		Ayesha Campbell & Shane Speden	1^{st}

Disney on Ice

Some of our members in Christchurch and Auckland were given the opportunity to perform a curtain raiser when Disney on Ice toured recently with their "Princesses and Heroes" ice show.



In Auckland the AIFSC team also attracted the attention of Sam the Weatherman and featured on Breakfast TV. The following is a link to some of the edited action

http://tvnz.co.nz/breakfastnews/sam-and-synchronised-iceskaters-video-5452635

With only 4 weeks to choreograph, prepare and practice a 9 minute programme to Disney themed music, coaches and skaters had quite a bit of work to do.

Auckland skaters with Amanda (choreographer) and Caitlin (coach)

The following is from Sabrina Snoad's recollections of her experience in Auckland: We were led into the arena where we had trained hours before, however this time all the seats were filled! We found out it was a crowd of eight thousand people! We were lined up beside the ice for what felt like years until we were finally introduced. Then the music began and so did our programme. During the routine it was hard to believe what was happening. Everyone was smiling and no one wanted it to end!

However it did, and there was a huge cheer from the crowd which made everyone feel so special. We then had to quickly put on our guards and dash to our seats on the other side of the arena to watch the rest of the show.

Disney was an amazing experience and I would love to do it again, and I'm sure the rest of the team would too!!



Christchurch skaters at a dress rehearsal for Disney on Ice

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Skate Down Under International Competition

The following skaters have been selected to compete at this International competition in Sydney at the international competition "Skate Down Under" August $20 - 22^{nd}$.

International Representatives

Senior Dance Ayesha Campbell and Shane Speden Junior Ladies Madelaine Parker, Sarah MacGibbon

B Team

Junior LadiesTracy DanbrookJunior MenMichael DurhamNovice LadiesAnastasia Kuznetsova

Team Leaders Kim Lewis and Suzanne Cunningham

Officials invited by the Host Nation:

Technical Specialist Irena Zemanova

Data Entry Ina Paul

Judge Sandra Williamson-Leadley

Junior Grand Prix

We were allocated two Junior Grand Prix events this year, and are pleased to announce that the following skaters will be representing New Zealand at these competitions.

Mexico City, Mexico, September 4 – 8th Sarah MacGibbon

Gdansk, Poland, September 18 – 22nd Madelaine Parker

Sandra Williamson-Leadley will be attending the Mexico competition and possibly the Junior Grand Prix in Poland as a Judge.

US International – Salt Lake City

Sandra Williamson Leadley has accepted the invitation from USFSA to Judge at this Senior International Event 11-15th September.

Morgan Templeton (nee Figgins)

Congratulations to our Senior Ladies Champion who gave birth to a lovely little boy on 2nd July, maybe a skater in the future

Nominations for Administrator of the Year and Sportsperson of the Year Awards

We'd like to encourage you to nominate those outstanding administrators and the skaters who display the attributes of a great sportsperson for the NZIFSA Administrator of the Year Award and the Sportsperson of the Year Award respectively.

Nominations must be received by the General Secretary secretary@nzifsa.org.nz by 1 September. The Board will be the selectors for this award and will announce the recipients at social function at the end of the 2013 NZ National Championships. .

Criteria for the Administrator of the Year Award

- Take on a leadership or integral role in their club / sub-association
- Take on administrative/organisational roles and perform their duties in a manner that progresses the sport or enhances the functioning of the club / sub-association.
- Positive role model for other administrators of our sport
- Possibly work in a mentoring role within the club / sub-association

Criteria for Nomination for Award

- Positive role model for other skaters
- Demonstrate a 'fair play' attitude/good sportspersonship
- Positive and tangible contribution to their club and the sport in general
- Active role in the activities offered by the club and/or skate school, e.g. club nights, fundraising, KiwiSkate coaching sessions, etc.

NOTE: While skating achievement is considered, it is not the basis of this award

Recognising our volunteers

Sport NZ have teamed up with Lotto and Regional Sporting Trusts to recognise and reward the Sport Makers - the volunteers who make sport happen throughout New Zealand. The partnership is all about acknowledging and supporting our wonderful sport volunteers nationwide – the sport makers who blow a whistle, coach, balance the books or help cook the sausages for the fundraising BBQ.

As part of the partnership, Regional Sporting Trusts will be allocated some fantastic sporting merchandise to distribute to local sport makers (via planned initiatives they are running), in recognition of their contribution to sport.

If you know someone who gives their time and energy to make your sport happen, you can show your appreciation for their wonderful contribution by sending them a thank you e-card. The e-card also gives them the chance to enter into a draw to win \$500 worth of quality sporting goods including clothing, cones, bibs, balls and more.

For more information visit www.lottovolunteers.co.nz/sportmakers

We are now in to the busy time of our competition season and we wish all our skaters successful performances.

Jeanette & Wendy