

September 2018 NEWSLETTER

I hope you've all been able to find some time to watch some of the amazing skating that can be viewed via the ISU YouTube site <https://www.youtube.com/user/SkatingISU>

Our own National Championships start this Saturday and we hope to see many of you there supporting all of our own skaters as well as our guest skaters.

RESULTS FROM INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

It's been a very busy few months for some of our Junior and Senior level skaters who have been competing in various international competitions.

Junior Grand Prix Linz, Austria 29 August–1 September

Junior Ladies	Jojo Hong	SP 18 th	FS 17 th	Overall 18 th /33
Junior Men	Brian Lee	SP 17 th	FS 20 th	Overall 20 th /21



Brian Lee with coach Slava Kuznetsov

The Team Leader for this event was Kevin Poit.



Jojo Hong with coach Florent Amodio

Junior Grand Prix Vancouver, Canada 12-15 September

Junior Ladies	Nicola Korck	SP 24 th	FS 26 th	Overall 25 th /28
Junior Men	Harrison Bain	SP 15 th	FS 17 th	Overall 17 th /21

The Team Leader for this event was Heather McDonald, and Sue Petricevic was there as a Judge.



Heather McDonald, coach Bess Cao, Harrison Bain
Nicola Korck and coach George Galanis

2018 US International Figure Skating Classic, Salt Lake City, USA 13-15 September

Senior Ladies Brooke Tamepo SP 15th FS 15th Overall 15th/15

Sandra Williamson-Leadley was there as a judge

2018 Autumn Classic International, Oakville, Canada 20 – 22 September

Senior Ladies Brooke Tamepo SP 18th FS 17th Overall 18th/22

Senior Ladies Isabella Bardua SP 22nd FS 20th Overall 20th/22



Sandra Williamson-Leadley was there as a judge, and Anita Tamepo as unfunded Team Leader

Isabella Bardua and Brooke Tamepo

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Adult ISU competition in Vancouver, Canada 11-13 October

Bronze III Ladies Freeskate Jeanette King

Bronze III Ladies Artistic Jeanette King

Bronze III Men Artistic Alistair Christie

Silver V Freeskate Sue Hoseit

Silver V Artistic Sue Hoseit

Swan Challenge, Bled, Slovenia 1-4 November

Silver V Freeskate Sue Hoseit

Silver V Artistic Sue Hoseit

SELECTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT SQUAD FOLLOWING NORTH ISLAND AND SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPS

Skaters can be selected to the NZIFSA Development Squad at South Islands, North Islands or our National Championships. The following skaters made the Selection TES for the 2018-19 Development Squad at the North Island or South Island Championships.

Pre Elementary Ladies	Yuhuan Ding Ivana Chen
Juvenile Ladies	Jazmyn Evangelou Hannah Sutton Cara Tang Marina Chen
Basic Novice Ladies	Nicole Cao Victoria Larsen Hope Zhang Jordon Laker
Basic Novice Dance	Ann Kyle & Blake Barraclough
Intermediate Novice Ladies	Lucienne Holtz Misaki Joe Cordelia Shi Yvonne Li Natasha Woodacre Ruth Xu
Intermediate Novice Men	Star Richens Stepan Kadlcik
Advanced Novice Ladies	Rebekah Sime Jess Hay Mirika Armstrong Emmanuel Tsang
Advanced Novice Men	Douglas Gerber
Junior Ladies	Asia Tapealava Nerin Cornwell Nicola Korck Ella Smith
Junior Men	Harrison Bain

We look forward to confirming the full development squad for 2018/19 after our National Championships.

ISU INTERNATIONAL ICE DANCE DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SEMINAR, SEOUL, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, 12-18 AUGUST 2018.

In August Ann Kyle and Blake Barraclough headed off to Korea with their coach Debbie Darvill to attend the ISU Ice Dance Development Seminar.

From Ann Kyle

Before Blake and I went to Seoul we did not know what to expect for a 7 days ice dance seminar. There were 11 dance couples from 6 different countries including Australia, China, South Africa, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. The three moderators from Italy, Japan and Ukraine made this multi-nation training lots of fun. We learned a variety of techniques and skills. We even had to go to a lecture theatre every morning, where we learned rules, regulations and the history behind figure skating. Each couple has a unique personality and style. We appreciated each other's differences and will definitely benefit from the exchange of the artistic mixes and creativities. Thanks to all the organisations/ federations that make this happened.

From Blake Barraclough

After the long flight to Korea I stepped out of the airport and as I felt the giant gust of heat I knew this was where it all started. After check in, we then went out to the city via train and explored the city in the heat of summer. I couldn't wait to get back to the hotel and have a cold shower and then a spa.

The next day we had the opening orientation and met all the other skaters and coaches from Australia, South Africa, China, Japan, and South Korea. They were all very friendly.

The seminar was ran by 3 moderators. One moderator is called Maurizio Margaglio. He was a previous world champion, and also won Olympic bronze. Our other moderators were Mariya Tumanovska and Ayako Higashino. Who are also great coaches.



The training was full on from 9-6 every day with a pattern like 1. Lecture 2. Off ice 3. On ice 4. Lunch 5. Lecture 6. On ice 7. Off ice 8. On ice 9. Dinner. In the lectures we learnt things like how ice dance is judged, and what the current season's dances are. On ice, we did a lot of work on our basic skills, such as knee work, figure eights, etc. Myself and my partner, Ann, got to practice a lot and we learnt a lot of new exercises too.

In the morning of the last day of the seminar we did lifts, and we learnt how to do a drape lift. In this lift she has to drape over my knee while skating and her feet are lifted up off the ice.

On the last night, we invited a bunch of people to sing karaoke with us for a few hours because it was a finale kind of celebration that we were still alive. It was really fun and it went too fast, and after the troubles of getting back to Auckland with emergency landing and such I felt grateful that I was able to meet these new friends and go to this really fun and helpful seminar.

REPORT ON NZIFSA SKATER DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP

This year the NZIFSA introduced the first of what we hope will be an ongoing Skater Development Scholarship. Skaters in the NZIFSA Development Squad were given the opportunity to apply for one of two \$4000 scholarships. One scholarship was for skaters who were Juvenile to Basic Novice B level and the other was for skaters who were Advanced Novice to Senior Level. The Juvenile to Basic Novice B (now Intermediate Novice) Scholarship – jointly awarded to Mirika Armstrong and Douglas Gerber, and the Advanced Novice to Senior Scholarship was awarded to Ella Smith.

Douglas and Ella used their scholarship funding to spend the July school holidays in Adelaide, Australia training with Level 3 accredited coach Richard Laidlaw.

The following is an excerpt from a detailed report written by Ella Smith

Richard is a jump specialist coach who introduced us to new techniques for our double Axel, triple Salchow and triple Toe loop. As well as spending majority of our time training with Richard, we also spent some time with Bernadette Mercurio (Bernie) who focused on our spins, stroking, programs and fitness. Also off the ice we had Tara, who instructed our dance class to help bring some expression and movement into our programs and Chris who ran an abs program for us to build up our core strength to put into use on the ice.

I really enjoyed this experience and would definitely love to go again! I would highly recommend for other skaters to do similar training opportunities if they have the chance. There are lots of new techniques and exercises that I have learnt and will be using in the future.



This was a very intensive and focused training environment, this motivated me to work harder whilst I was there, and I can definitely feel a difference in my skating. I will continue working on what I have learnt and I am confident that this will help make some big improvements in my skating in the future.

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity.
Ella

The following is a report from Douglas Gerber

Thanks to the wonderful scholarship I received.

The sponsorship money took me to Adelaide, Australia. Where when we entered the door we were welcomed by amazing people. We were so lucky to have lessons from Richard Laidlaw, he taught us so many new techniques that have definitely made my jumps a lot stronger and better.



We were so lucky to have lessons with Bernie, she is such an amazing edge worker and she worked me so hard to the point where I felt so sick.

After our training in the morning we would head off to our dance class or ab class. Tara was in charge of the dance class where she showed us how to express our self's on the ice and add more emotion in to our skating skills. Chris was in charge of out ab class where he showed us a bunch of different ab work outs to keep our core nice and strong, he didn't just go through core exercises he went through leg work to get our legs stronger so we can jump higher.

The skating community in Adelaide were such an amazing bunch of people that took us through tours around the city and showed us new and cool places to go. Ella and I made such good friends here in Adelaide that we still keeping in contact with whilst back home.

CREATING A POSITIVE SKATING COMMUNITY

Figure skating is an incredibly tough sport physically as well as emotionally, particularly as skaters progress up through the grades. It can also be a wonderful source of lifelong friendships and provide people with a sense of being part of a very special community with a shared love of figure skating. But creating an environment in which all our skaters can achieve their best and feel part of a positive community requires a commitment from all of us. With this in mind we'd like to remind you of our Code of Ethics which you can find on the NZIFSA website. <http://www.nzifsa.org.nz/rules/Code%20of%20Ethics%20v3.0.pdf>

NZ SENIOR LADIES CHAMPION – 1951 – 1952

Joy Stewart, Senior Ladies Champion 1951-1952 was recently reunited with the Senior Ladies Trophy. Jeanne Begej kindly took the trophy to Joy and reminisced



DEMONSTRATION CANCELLED

Brooke Tamepo, Sarah MacGibbon, and dance couple Varshana Schelling and Liam McIver, all travelled to Wellington to do a demonstration before and during the break of the Team USA vs Team Canada ice hockey game, on 23 June in Wellington. Unfortunately there were some serious technical difficulties the organisers encountered with getting the ice to freeze in time and the game was cancelled. While this event didn't eventuate, we do appreciate skaters making themselves available for demonstrations that help raise the profile of figure skating.

All the best in skating
Anita Tamepo and Jeanette King