NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC)

COMMUNICATION 009

2002 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ice Sports Southland hosted this years Nationals at their new venue in Gore. The ice rink is part of a sports complex that presently includes a swimming pool. Many thanks are extended to Robyn Morris and her group of assistants, plus all those who helped with the music, marshalling and announcing. To the few judges who made themselves available, thank you very much for your sterling efforts and good humor throughout the week. It was not an easy task but everyone coped well even when one of our judges took sick and had to be replaced. A big thank you also to the 'engine room' while busy inputting marks these dedicated workers never see the skating. Entries were the largest we have experienced including five skaters from Western Australia, one Junior Lady from Germany presently studying in Dunedin and one Senior Lady from Turkey residing in Auckland.

RESULTS

JUVENILE LADIES 1st Juliette O'Neill CISC

2nd Sheree Cowan CISC

3rd Jaimee Nobbs WA

3rd Anna Brocklehurst AIFSC

JUVENILE MEN 1st Russell Ngan CISC

PRE PRIMARY LADIES

DIV 1 1st Clair McGillian ISS 2nd Anna Cairns CISC 3rd Alanna Pollock CISC

PRE PRIMARY LADIES

DIV 2 1st Rachel Gregory ISS 2nd Lucy-Kate Johnson DISC 3rd Joanne Biemond Alex

PRE PRIMARY MEN DIV 1 1st Cameron Hems Glbrn

2nd Richard Clark CISC

3rd Grant Howie Alex

PRE PRIMARY MEN DIV 2 1st Adrian Wood DISC

PRIMARY LADIES 1st Allie Rout AIFSC

2nd Morgan Figgins Glbrn 3rd Caitlyn Paul CISC

PRIMARY MEN 1st Iain Pollock CISC 2nd Nicholas Apperley CISC

NOVICE LADIES 1st Laura Mills CISC

2nd Caitlin Haynes AIFSC

3rd Dee Pulman AIFSC

NOVICE MEN 1st Mathieu Wilson Glbrn

JUNIOR LADIES 1st Vicky Kuo AIFSC

2nd Ilona Voboril Germany

2nd Michelle Cahill CISC

3rd Claire Gregory ISS

SENIOR LADIES 1st Imelda-Rose Hegerty AIFSC

2nd Aslihan Aydin Turkey

3rd Kirsten Mather Western Aust

SENIOR MEN 1st Ricky Cockerill DISC

JUVENILE DANCE 1st Lesley Bird and

Kurt Scoringe CISC

JUVENILE PAIRS 1st Anna Cairns and

Richard Clark CISC

2nd Chloe Becker and Luke Scoringe CISC

PRE PRIMARY PAIRS 1st Annika Matravers/

Dean Borland CISC

JUNIOR SYNCHRONIZED 1st Southern Lights ISS

OPEN SYNCHRONIZED 1st Ice on Fire CISC

2nd Spirit of Southland ISS

MASTERS PLATINUM 1st Keely Jamieson CISC

MASTERS MASTERS 1st Loris Mills QISC

2nd Jeanne Begej CISC

3rd Val Wesseling DISC

ALLCHURCH SHIELD – for the Club gaining the most points.

Centaurus Ice Skating Club won this convincingly

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

Selectors had a difficult time making their decision and awarded this to two deserving athletes both from Auckland

Tristan Thode, Dee Pulman

ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR

Chrissie Nielson-Vold Dunedin

SELECTIONS

Concluding Championships the following skaters were announced as selected to represent New Zealand at the following events.

AUSTRALIA Primary Allie Rout, Morgan Figgins

Intermediate Caitlyn Paul, Elizabeth O'Neill
Novice Laura Mills, Caitlin Haynes, Dee Pulman
Mathieu Wilson
Junior Vicky Kuo, Tristan Thode, Joel Watson
Senior Imelda-Rose Hegerty, Ricky Cockerill

FOUR CONTINENTS Ricky Cockerill, Tristan Thode, Joel Watson Imelda-Rose Hegerty, Vicky Kuo

WORLDS Ricky Cockerill

JUNIOR WORLDS Tristan Thode

INTERNATIONAL Junior Tristan Thode, Joel Watson, Vicky Kuo Novice Laura Mills, Caitlin Haynes, Dee Pulman Mathieu Wilson Youngsters Allie Rout, Morgan Figgins

The following skaters have also been selected to compete at any Australian Club or State Championship for 2002/03.

Clair McGillan, Anna Cairns, Cameron Hems, Richard Clark, Juliette O'Neill, Sheree Cowan, Nicholas Apperley, Iain Pollock.

These skaters will also be included in Development Camps wherever possible.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

As previously mentioned in the last Communication, five skaters, three coaches and two judges attended an ISU Seminar for Synchronized skating in Capetown South Africa. Since returning home two Gore skaters have been invited to join a Queensland Synchronized Team "Ice Viva". Rachel Gregory and Aleisha Haselmore have been given permission from the New Zealand

Ice Skating Association to join this team and wish them well in their pursuits to hopefully represent Australian at an International Competition. The experience that these two girls will have while training in Australia can only improve their skating and their teammates when they return to Gore. We wish both girls well as they depart our shores this month to commence training.

VENUE 2003 NATIONALS

The proposed venue for next years Nationals is Botany Downs Ice Arena, Auckland October 6th – 9th inclusive. Negotiations are still to be finalized.

NEW ZEALAND DRUG AGENCY

Skaters are reminded that information on drugs can be obtained from the Drug Agency Website www.nzda.co.nz.

There is also a medical book available produced by the ISU for anyone interested. This can be obtained from ISU Website www.isu.org/medical but is quite long.

OPEN FORUM

The first Open Forum was held during the National Championships with a small number of people attending from Clubs throughout New Zealand. This took the format of an open discussion covering various Club Policies on entry into their championships for visitors. NZISA will endeavor to issue a calendar of events to avoid the clash of championships. An Open Forum will be held next year at the time of the Nationals.

JUDGES HANDBOOK – Singles Skating

Another order will be placed for this excellent Handbook. The cost for all Judges on the Classification Panel is subsidized by the NZISA. Please forward a cheque to Scott Thode for \$40 if you require one.

JUDGES UPGRADING

These are being worked on at present and will be forwarded to Judges as soon as finalized.

REGULATION CHANGES

There are a number of regulation changes being worked on presently. These will be advised as soon as approved by Council and will come in to effect January 2003.

Changes to Kiwi Skate Tests

Dance Changes

Combination spin in Juvenile and Pre Primary Short Programme

Spin revolutions in Pair Skating Tests

Standardizing of Requirements for Elementary Grades at Club and Regional

Championships.

Cross Credits for Overseas Skaters – Novice Grade upwards.

Masters Cross Credits

Masters Masters Grade to be renamed Silver Masters.

Criteria for International Representation

Likewise Regulation changes made by the ISU at the Congress this year will be advised as soon as they are received in print and will come in to effect immediately.

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