

# **NEW ZEALAND ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (INC)**

## **COMMUNICATION 013**

It is with sadness and regret that I inform you of the death of a former member of the NZISA Technical Committee and long serving skating judge.

### **ARIE VERHOEF**

Passed away on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2003 in his 70<sup>th</sup> year.

Arie commenced skating in his Native Holland at the age of four and emigrated to New Zealand in 1952. He was better known in the Otago/Southland area as a skater who liked nothing more than gliding across the ice using the edge of his blade. Teamed with his wife Frances they were Runners-up for the NZISA Norman Wright Waltzing Trophy in 1970 and again in 1980 when held at the Manorburn Dam, Alexandra. Arie was also a very successful competitor at the Masters Games in Dunedin participating in Figures and Dancing events since its inauguration in 1992 until 2002. He also spent time organizing and assisting other skaters in order that they may also compete. Helping Beginners and Kiwi Skaters young and old was his great love.

Arie was the backbone of judging in Otago/Southland always prepared to officiate when called upon traveling all over the region at a personal cost.

Arie spent many hours volunteer working at The Big Chill Ice Rink in Dunedin up to the time of its closure even when his health was not the best.

He was made a Life Member of the NZ Ice Skating Association at our recent Annual General Meeting in Christchurch for his long service and dedication to the sport and was absolutely delighted with this award.

We will miss Arie's contribution to skating in New Zealand, his strong and direct approach to whatever he considered not correct and his passion for developing skating at the basic level.

Wendy Clucas  
President

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