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Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. Please send articles, items for sale, etc., to Delwyn Watson (del.watson@xtra.co.nz).

This being our third newsletter of 2004 makes me realise how fast the year is passing, with less than 6 weeks to New Zealand Nationals (20th - 23rd September 2004) and even less to the North Island Competition.

The North Island competition is being held over three days, being Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th September 2004. The dates were changed to give our skaters who are representing New Zealand at the Australian Nationals, a few days to get over their trip.

May I wish all our skaters competing at both North Islands and Nationals the very best and for those who are competing in their first New Zealand Nationals - enjoy your experience.

Congratulations to all who have passed tests during the year; keep up the good work.

Regards.

Dael Haynes, AIFSC President.

Auckland Club Championships Results 10 – 11 July, 2004

Skate School Novice

1. Annie Dee
2. Eva Boon
3. Jessica Webb

Skate School Advanced

1. Kate Jenkins
2. Kim Jenkins
3. Preeya Laud

Elementary Ladies under 10

1. Luella Ware GIFSC

Elementary Ladies 10 & Over

1. Emma Judd AIFSC
2. Emma Thorne GIFSC
3. Winnie Wong AIFSC
4. Alexandra McAvoy AIFSC
5. Natalie Segedin GIFSC
6. Siobahn Brown AIFSC
7. Aimee Prendergast AIFSC
8. Ashlee Gordon GIFSC
9. Sarah Brown AIFSC
10. Esther Gan AIFSC

Elementary Men 10 & Over

1. Jason Williams GIFSC

Juvenile Ladies

1. Ariel Nadas GIFSC
2. Libby-Jean Hay AIFSC
3. Doris Kuo AIFSC

Juvenile Ladies 12 & Over

1. Courtney Bettink GIFSC
2. Kestra Laurent GIFSC
3. Lisa Kuo AIFSC
4. Melissa Gallagher AIFSC
5. Alicia McNabb AIFSC

Pre-Primary Ladies

1. Yuko Tanaka AIFSC
2. Christine Winspear AIFSC

Pre-Primary Men

1. Jimmy Kuo AIFSC

Novice Ladies

1. Allie Rout AIFSC
2. Leanne Rudolph AIFSC

Novice Men

1. Cameron Hems GIFSC

Junior Ladies

1. Dee Pulman AIFSC
2. Vicky Kuo AIFSC
3. Caitlin Haynes AIFSC

Junior Men

1. Joel Watson AIFSC
2. Mathieu Wilson GIFSC

Open Synchronized

1. Botany Blades AIFSC

Masters Silver

1. Catherine Rezaei AIFSC

Masters Diamond

1. Sheryl Squiers GIFSC

Most Artistic Skater

Joel Watson

Most Promising Skater

Ariel Nadas

Also, congratulations to the following Auckland Home Club members who competed at the Glenburn Club Championships on the 17 & 18th July at the Avondale Ice Arena:

Elementary Ladies Under 10

1. Zoe Cameron-Brown

Elementary Ladies Over 10

1. Alexandra McAvoy
2. Aimee Prendergast

Juvenile Ladies

1. Libby Jean Hay
3. Doris Kuo

Juvenile Ladies Over 12

2. Hannah McAvoy
4. Lisa Kuo

Pre-Primary Men

1. Jimmy Kuo

Novice Ladies

1. Allie Rout

Senior Men

2. Tristan Thode

Senior Ladies

1. Rachel Fisher
2. Caitlin Haynes

Silver Masters

1. Catherine Rezaei

Synchronised

1. Botany Blades

And congratulations to Auckland Home Club Members who have been chosen by the New Zealand Ice Skating Association to compete at the **Australian National Championships** in Sydney, 21-28th August:

Senior Men: Tristan Thode
Junior Men: Joel Watson

Junior Ladies: Dee Pulman
Novice Ladies: Allie Rout



Allie in Pinzolo

Last year I was lucky to be chosen to represent New Zealand and in April 2004, I travelled to the final European Criterium competition in Pinzolo, Italy. My dad and I flew via Dubai and landed in Milan. Then the adventure began! First we took the underground train to our hotel. I was very tired after all the flights and pulling my suitcase up and down escalators and stairs.

Next day, we were up at 4.00 am to catch the bus to Pinzolo. The trip was through forests, snow, mountains and beautiful old villages. After a 5 hour trip we arrived and started our 10 day stay there.

First unpacking, then to the rink to check it out and have my first skate. Three days later, after plenty of practice, I stood shivering on the rink, waiting for the first notes of "The Flight of the Bumble Bee" my piece for the Interpretative 10 - 12-year old section. I won that and, two days later, was placed 2nd in the Springs '93 Ladies section. There were 18 other competitors from 10 other countries.

Next day we skied our hearts out with the skaters from the British Dance team in the beautiful surroundings of the Pinzolo mountains before journeying our way home via the Middle East with two huge trophies that will always remind me of Italy.

An Important Message to All Parents and Spectators at Competitions

There have been a number of complaints from Officials, Coaches and Skaters concerning some parents and spectators who insist on staying in the area set aside for Skaters and Coaches. We understand that there are a lot of new skaters and parents who do not understand these rules and we would like to offer you a few reasons:

Your child's coach is a trained professional. You pay them to do a job and most do it very well. They do know how to look after your child during warm-ups and before and after they skate – this is what they are trained to do. It is more stressful for a skater to have a worried parent hovering over them while they prepare than a relaxed parent sitting watching from the stands. The parent sitting in the stands shows their child that everything is okay and there is nothing to worry about. A parent who fusses over their child will usually have a very stressed and tearful skater. It is also difficult for other skaters in the same grade to have a competitor's parent standing around them.

Club competitions should be seen as preparation for major skating events. Encourage your child to learn to tie their own laces on their boots, dress themselves and to be prepared for accidents. The more independent your skater is, the more relaxed they will be. At major events, parents are not allowed near the skaters.

Also please note that the best place to video is on the spectators' side of the rink. At the Botany Downs rink, the judges sit on this side and these are the people your skater is showing his/her routines to, so it stands to reason that the best place to video will be on the opposite side to the skaters and coaches.

Please do not publicly question an official's judgement. There are procedures for questioning a judge's marks and your coach will know these and only he/she can do this if they decide to. It is not a parent's place to do this. Foul language will not be tolerated in any form – please remember that your child learns by your example.

Last but not least, our competitions are run by a small handful of parents who volunteer their time for your child to be able to compete. Some of these parents very rarely see any of the competition themselves and haven't done so for years. These parents will eventually leave and so it is important that everyone takes on a small job at the competitions in order to learn the procedures. Anyone offering to help is most welcome and we promise not to throw anyone in the deep end!

A very big thank you to all parents who do become a part of the audience and also to those who do help out at competitions.

An Important Message to All Skaters at Competitions

Skaters, please remember that you are competing because you love to skate. Without your competitors, there would be no competitions! There is always a winner and a loser in a competition – strive to be good at both of these. It takes a much better person to be a good loser than a good winner.

Once you have finished your skate, you can relax and watch the other skaters compete. Encourage each other – yes, even your competitors, and show common courtesy to all your fellow skaters, as has already been said, without them, you would not have a competition.

At presentations, you should be present with the appropriate costume and boots. At North Islands, and at National events, you should also be wearing your club jackets. After you have received your medal, trophy or certificate, please go back to the other skaters and wait patiently for the rest of the competitors to receive their awards. You should not be off in the background having photographs taken or doing spins and jumps!



Name: Dee Pulman

Grade: Junior Ladies

Date of Birth: 7 February 1987

Place of Birth: Auckland, New Zealand

Height: 165cm

Home Club: AIFSC

Profession: Student

Main Training Rink: Paradise Ice Arena, Avondale

Year started skating: 1995

Coach: Rosanna Armstrong

Previous Coach: Rosanna Armstrong

Choreographer: Rosanna Armstrong, Valerie White

Hobbies: Hanging out with friends, Shopping

Main Achievements:

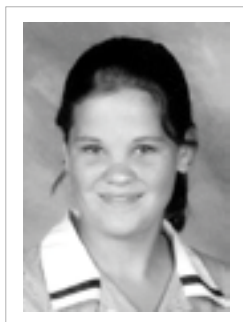
2x NZ National Champion

Attending ISU Training seminar in China

2001 NZ Representative at Australian Nationals

National Development Squad Member

skater profile



Name: Caitlin Haynes
Grade: Junior Ladies
Date of Birth: 24 February 1987
Born: Durban, South Africa
Height: 160cm
Home Club: AIFSC
Main Training Rink: Paradise Ice Arena, Botany Downs
Year started skating: 1995
Coach: Viatcheslav Kuznetsov (Slava)
Previous Coach: Gordon Rushton
Choreographer: Viatcheslav Kuznetsov and myself
Hobbies: Riding my horse, running, going to gym, shopping, photography, having a lesson with Slava.
Main Achievements:

- 2000 silver at NZ Nationals (Pre-primary Ladies)
- 2001 & 2002 gold at Winter Sun (Brisbane) (Pre-Primary & Intermediate Ladies)
- 2002 bronze at Hollins in Sydney (Intermediate)
- 2002 silver at NZ Nationals (Novice)
- 2002 NZ Representative at Australian Nationals, (Novice)
- 2003 NZ Representative at Afriskate in Cape Town. (Novice)

North Islands Photograph

Due to the fact that some of our home club skaters were away during our Club Championships, would all AIFSC Home Club Skaters intending to compete at the New Zealand Nationals in Queenstown please stay on the ice after the medal ceremony to have a group photo taken. All skaters to be wearing the AIFSC jackets.

For Sale

Girls Skating Tights

(new, in original packaging) Danskin Shimmery tights - med, suit height 133-140cm/weight 29-35kgs \$10

Danskin Ultra Shimmery tights - large, suit height 141-156cm/weight 36-43kgs \$10

Danskin Ultra Shimmery tights - size B, Flesh tone colour \$10

Danskin Over the Boot tights - size A/B, Light toast colour \$20

Contact: Delwyn Watson, email: del.watson@xtra.co.nz

Figure Skates: Graf Galaxy Extra Light: Ladies size 7 medium

(Good condition ~ only worn for 9 months): \$450.00 Ph: 828 4742

Medal Test Passes

Congratulations to the following AIFSC Members who have passed medal tests:

Bronze Freeskate

Jimmy Kuo

Bronze Stroking

Doris Kuo

Lisa Kuo

Jimmy Kuo

Interbronze Freeskate

Courtney Bettink

Doris Kuo

Kestra Laurent

Elementary Freeskate

Jahne Potgieter

Elementary Stroking

Tania Ostick

Jenny Ho

Emma Hudson

Cathy Wang

Happy Birthday!

August

6	Alexandra Rout
8	Emma Judd
23	Yuko Tanaka

September

17	Alicia McNabb
20	Kestra Laurent

October

4	Cameron Hems
10	Doris Kuo
10	Catherine Rezaei
21	Christine Winspear
22	Vicky Kuo
26	David Coring
27	Jimmy Kuo
29	Alexandra McAvoy