



# Go Figure!

AUCKLAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CLUB NEWSLETTER

November 2005

## From the President

Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club has had a very busy year. Now we're in the final quarter of 2005, and the Summer Holidays are approaching fast.

Congratulations to our skaters who attended the Australian Nationals in Perth. Unfortunately Christine Winspear suffered an injury and was unable to complete the competition, but Tristan Thode took Bronze in Senior Men and Allie Rout won Gold in Novice Ladies. 'Well Done' to all our representatives.

Congratulations also to our New Zealand Nationals Team, awarded Second Place in the inter-club competition. Hopefully we will continue with the excellent performances. Congratulations to all our skaters who have recently passed medal tests, especially Dee Pulman for passing her Gold Stroking - 'Well done!'

A reminder that the Club AGM will be held at Paradise, Botany Downs, on Sunday, 20th November, at 4:45pm. The Committee would certainly welcome any parents who are prepared to help out with the running of the Club. I hope to see as many members as possible attending.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for a year of hard work and to wish all our members a happy Festive Season.

*Dael Haynes, President: AIFSC*

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Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. Please send articles, items for sale, etc., to Deborah Ley ([ley.family@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ley.family@xtra.co.nz)).

**Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club**

# NEEDS YOU!

to attend the AGM  
on Sunday 20 November,  
at 4.45pm,  
Paradise Ice Arena,  
Botany Downs.

## North Island Championships

### Elementary Ladies Under 10

1st – Alexandra Ley

### Elementary Ladies 10 & Over

1st – Amber Harries  
 2nd – Sarah Ritchie  
 3rd – Ashleigh Gallagher  
 5th – Jahne Potgieter

### Juvenile Ladies

2nd – Libby-Jean Hay  
 3rd – Zoe Cameron-Brown

### Juvenile Ladies 12 & Over

1st – Aimee Prendergast

### Pre-Primary Ladies

1st – Doris Kuo  
 4th – Alexandra Wilson  
 5th – Lisa Kuo  
 7th – Winnie Wong

### Novice Ladies

1st – Alexandra Rout

### Junior Ladies

1st – Dee Pulman  
 2nd – Caitlin Haynes

### Senior Ladies

2nd – Vicky Kuo

### Senior Men

1st – Tristan Thode

### Masters Silver

1st – Catherine Rezaei

### Juvenile Synchro

1st – Botany Bladettes

### Open Synchro

1st – Botany Blades

### President's Trophy

Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club

## Here are the Nationals 2005 results from sunny Dunedin.

### Juvenile Ladies

8th – Libby-Jean Hays  
 13th – Zoe Cameron-Brown

### Pre-Primary Ladies

9th – Winnie Wong  
 11th – Alexandra Wilson

### Novice Ladies

1st – Alexandra Rout

### Junior Ladies

3rd – Dee Pulman  
 4th – Caitlin Haynes

### Senior Ladies

2nd – Vicky Kuo

### Senior Men

1st – Tristan Thode  
 2nd – Joel Watson

### Juvenile Synchro

1st – Botany Bladettes

### Open Synchro

3rd – Botany Blades

### Allchurch Shield

(Trophy for the club with the most points)  
 2nd – Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club

Well done to all our skaters representing AIFSC.



## Success for Synchro at NZ Nationals

On Sunday 25 September 2005 the Botany Blades and Bladettes went to Dunedin for the New Zealand National Figure Skating Championships. We were all very excited to be going to Dunedin, it was the first time for the Bladettes.

On Sunday we had the competition draw at 6:00pm. Monday finally came, and we had our official short program practice, followed by the opening ceremony at 4:30pm. After that it was competition time, the Bladettes were first to perform our short program at 8:27pm. On Tuesday we had another official practice for our long program before competing at 8:29pm that evening.

At the end of the evening there were presentations for completed events. All the Bladettes were overjoyed to place first in our first Nationals. After all that competing we all had a lot of fun for the rest of the week, sight-seeing around Dunedin, by the end of the week everybody was very tired and ready to go home!

Fiona Latham, Botany Bladettes

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## Skating on Sky

The competition season has started again in the Northern Hemisphere, which means that ISU Figure Skating coverage has returned to ESPN (SKY Digital). "Skate America" and "Skate Canada" have already been broadcast, but "Skate Canada" is repeated on Tuesday and Wednesday, 15th & 16th November. Here's a list of the upcoming events to the end of the year:

**Sunday, 13 November, 10:30 pm**

Skate Canada, St. John's, Newfoundland  
Men's and Ladies' short programmes

**Monday, 14 November, 4:00 am**

(R) Skate Canada, Men's and Ladies' short

**Tuesday, 15 November, 8:30 am**

(R) Skate Canada, Men's and Ladies' short

**Wednesday, 16 November, 8:30 am**

Skate Canada - conclusion

**Wednesday, 16 November, 9:00 pm**

Cup of China, Beijing, China  
Men's and Ladies' short programmes

**Thursday, 17 November, 10:00 pm**

(R) Cup of China, Men's & Ladies' short

**Friday, 18 November, 9:00 am**

(R) Cup of China, Men's & Ladies' short

**Sunday, 20 November, 3:00 pm**

Cup of China, conclusion

**Tuesday, 22 November, 6:00 am**

(R) Cup of China, conclusion

**Monday, 28 November, 1:00 am**

Skate America, Atlantic City, New Jersey  
Exhibition (60 min) (delayed broadcast)

**Tuesday, 29 November, 7:00 am**

(R) Skate America Exhibition

**Wednesday, 30 November, 9:00 am**

(R) Cup of China, conclusion

**Wednesday, 30 November, 10:00 am**

(R) Skate America Exhibition

**Wednesday, 30 November, 9:00 pm**

ISU Grand Prix, Paris, France  
Men's and Ladies' short programmes

**Thursday, 1 December, 4:00 am**

(R) Skate America Exhibition

**Sunday, 25 December, 3:00 pm**

NHK Trophy, Osaka, Japan

**Sunday, 25 December, 9:00 pm**

USFSA Winter Open

**Monday, 26 December, 5:00 am**

(R) USFSA Winter Open

**Wednesday, 28 December, 9:00 pm**

ISU Gran Prix Final, Tokyo, Japan  
Men's and Ladies' short programmes

**Thursday, 29 December, 9:00 am**

(R) Final, Men's and Ladies' short

**Thursday, 29 December, 10:00 pm**

ISU Gran Prix Final, conclusion

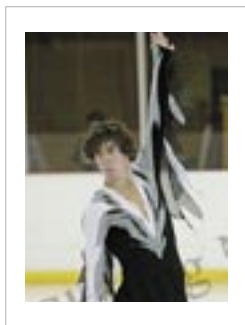
**Friday, 30 December, 9:00 am**

Skate America, Atlantic City, New Jersey  
(R) Ladies' Free Skate

Finally, if you want to see how your grandparents enjoyed ice skating, TCM is showing "Ice Follies of 1939" on 16th November. None of the leading actors could skate and the film was scripted with that in mind. Still, the Shipstad & Johnson's International Ice Follies skaters can still wow them in the final big Technicolor number!

Times are subject to change, so be sure to check SKY's digital guide on the day. Note that (no matter what Dad says) you don't have to subscribe to Sky Sports (or the Rugby Channel!) to get ESPN. It's included in the basic SKY startup package.





**Name:** Tristan Thode  
**Grade:** Senior  
**Date of birth:** 25 December 1983  
**Place of Birth:** Auckland, New Zealand  
**Height:** 178cm  
**Profession:** Student  
 (studying Biomedical Science  
 at the University of Auckland)  
**Home Club:** Auckland  
**Main Training Rink:** Paradise Botany Downs  
**Year started skating:** 1991  
**Coach:** Slava Kuznetsov  
**Hobbies:** pool, reading, x-box, rugby, music  
**Main achievements:**

- 1st Senior Men, 2005  
 New Zealand National Championships
- 3rd Senior Men, 2005  
 Australian National Championships
- Placed 17th, 19th and 21st (twice) at  
 the Four Continents International  
 Championships over the last four years
- Competed at Junior Worlds in 2003



## Gift Boxed Ceramic Skates

AIFSC is pleased to be selling these ceramic gift boxed skates. Each one is handmade in NZ and features a NZ fern on both the box and the heel of each skate. These are beautifully packaged and make perfect gifts for skaters and skating friends overseas. Please note that these are limited in number. Price \$15.00

Please contact an AIFSC committee member  
 or email [del.watson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:del.watson@xtra.co.nz)

## Medal Test Passes

Congratulations to all those skaters who have passed medal tests recently:

### Elementary Stroking

Shirley Wong, Iyrin Quigley, Sarah Ritchie, Carlin Wright, Hannah Carson, Nicola Gatland, Maryam Almesfer, Yuan Tien, Samantha Boyce, Fiona Latham, Alicia Duffy, Amelia Prowse, Eerina Watkins

### Elementary Free

Sarah Ritchie, Alexandra Ley, Ashleigh Gallagher, Amber Harries, Iyrin Quigley, Eerina Watkins

### Preliminary Stroking

Aimee Prendergast, Jahne Potgieter, Esther Gan, Alexandra Ley

### Preliminary Free

Esther Gan, Aimee Prendergast, Zoe Cameron-Brown, Emma Judd

### Inter-Bronze Stroking

Winnie Wong, Alexandra Wilson

### Inter-Bronze Freeskate

Winnie Wong

### Inter-Silver Stroking

Doris Kuo, Lisa Kuo

### Gold Stroking

Dee Pulman

## Happy Birthday!

Those that have had theirs already, better late than never!  
 To those that haven't had theirs yet – best wishes in the future.

### October

Sarah Ritchie	7
Catherine Rezaei	10
Christine Winspear	21
Vicky Kuo	22
Hannah Carson	22
Paige Brownsey	24
Ashleigh Hamblyn	25
Alexandra McAvoy	29
Doris Yi-Hsuan Kuo	30

### November

Leanne Rudolph	2
John Potgieter	3
Alexandra Ley	9
Star Potgieter	15

### December

Siobahn Brown	13
Libby-Jean Hay	14
Tristan Thode	25
Jimmy Yu-Chun Kuo	27