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AUCKLAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CLUB NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2007

From the President

We are well into 2007, with tests being taken and our skaters working hard towards the Autumn Champs and on their personal goals for the year.

This year, the Selection competition for Primary Ladies, Senior Ladies, Novice and Senior Synchro will be held in conjunction with the Autumn Champs; may I wish you all 'good luck!' Congratulations to all the skaters who have passed tests this year. There are too many of you to mention individually here but the test results can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

The named Tier 2 and 3 Development Camp is taking place in Queenstown during the April school holidays. Auckland member, Alexandra Ley will be attending. Good luck to everyone attending this camp – may they bring back all the knowledge they can and enjoy the experience.

'Well done' to Joel Watson and Tristan Thode on their results at the Four Continents Competition held in Colorado Springs, earlier this year. Joel then went on to represent New Zealand at the Senior World Competition in Tokyo, Japan. Congratulations to you both and keep up all your hard work.

The NZISA AGM will be held on 21 April in Christchurch. We will update you on the new Council Members in the next newsletter.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all safe journeys over the Holiday period and to all our members, Happy Easter!

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).

Competition Dates for 2007

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| ACT Autumn Trophy | Canberra, ACT | 11-12 May |
| Selection Competition | Dunedin | 19-20 May |
| Auckland Autumn Championships and Selection Competition | Botany Downs, Auckland | 26-27 May |
| Hollins Trophy | Canterbury, Sydney | 8-11 June |
| Dunedin Club Championships | Dunedin | 10 June |
| Ice Sports Southland Club Championships | Gore | 16-17 June |
| Alexandra Club Championships | Alexandra | 30 June |
| Otago/Southland Championships | Gore | 6-8 July |
| Queensland State Championships | Boondall | 27-30 July |
| Centaurus Club Championships | Gore | 30 June - 1 July |
| Glenburn Club Championships | Avondale, Auckland | 7-8 July |
| Auckland Club Championships | Botany Downs, Auckland | 14-15 July |
| NSW State Championships | Penrith, Sydney | 18-22 July |
| Queentown Club Championships | Queenstown | Late July/ Early August |
| North Island Championships | Botany Downs, Auckland | 5-6 August |
| Australian National Championships | Hunter Valley | 18-25 August |
| South Island Championships | Christchurch | 26-28 August |
| 2007 National Championships | Christchurch | 10-14 September |
| Canterbury Masters Club Championships and South Island Masters Games | Christchurch | 11 October |

Tragedy in Sydney

Twelve members of Australia's ice skating community were on a night harbour cruise on a small pleasure boat on March 28th 2007 when a Sydney ferry collided with them leaving four people dead and three others seriously injured. Most of those on the motor cruiser were in Sydney to participate in a week-long seminar given by American Olympic coach Kathy Casey at the Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink.

The boat, owned by Mr Peter Lynch, Treasurer of Ice Skating Australia and a Councillor of the NSW Ice Skating Association was completely destroyed in the accident.

Dr Alan Blinn, President of the NSW Ice Skating Association and an international judge, Mrs Simone Moore, a highly regarded world championship judge, 14 year-old Queensland skater Morgan Innes, and a friend of Dr Blinns were all killed in the accident.

Liz Cain, the wife of Peter Lynch and one of Australia's highest profile skaters and coaches who competed in the Winter Olympics in 1980 has undergone surgery to amputate part of one leg as a result of the terrible crash.

She was rescued by her 22 year-old son Sean Carlow, the Australian Men's National Champion. Also Belgian skating judge, Rita Zonnergyn was seriously injured but is in a stable condition in hospital.

The Auckland Ice Skating Club would like to extend their condolences to all family, friends and skaters who have been affected by this tragedy.

A scholarship fund has been set up in the name of Alan Blinn, with the blessing of the Moore family. All contributions will be invested and two scholarships will be awarded yearly to talented young skaters in Australia - one in memory of Simone Moore and one in memory of Alan Blinn.

Donations to the fund can be sent to:

NSW Ice Skating Association Inc.
PO Box 3266
North Strathfield NSW 2137.

Further information can be obtained from:

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Synchro Update

Fundraising

As we have done in past years the Synchro management team, have and are organizing various fundraising activities to assist with expenses towards Nationals. These include sausage sizzles, chocolate sales, cling wrap sales, mate skates and various other initiatives as well as grant applications for ice time, team performance and practice outfits and Airfares and accommodation for Nationals.

Our fundraisers are structured on a points system and therefore skaters earn funding on their efforts. This funding is open to all club members taking part in Nationals this year, so should you want more information on this, feel free to contact a synchro management team member.

Nationals 2007

Synchro continues to grow and this year we have a total of 38 participating skaters and we will be sending 3 teams to Nationals in Christchurch. Many of the Juvenile team's parents and siblings will be traveling with us and our total contingent this year will be around 75. In order to cope with this we have chartered an Airplane. The plane can seat 138 people and seats are open to any skater and their family who wish to travel to Christchurch. We will be leaving on Sunday 9 September and returning on Saturday 15 September. The cost per person will be \$200.00 return.

Joining Synchro

Synchronised skating is a disciplined fun team sport and is open to all club or potential club members. We encourage any skater to come and give it a try. Inclusion in a team would be dependent on age and level of skating. Should you want more information please contact John Potgieter on 272 2548 or 021 897401.

Medal Test Passes

The following Auckland Club Members passed tests in March 2007 - *well done skaters!*

15 March 2007

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| Alexandra Rout | Inter-Gold Stroking |
| Eerina Watkins | Inter-Silver Stroking |
| Yuko Tanaka | Inter-Silver Stroking |
| | Inter-Silver Free |
| Alexandra Ley | Inter-Bronze Stroking |
| | Inter-Bronze Free |
| Amber Harries | Inter-Bronze Stroking |
| Iryin Quigley | Inter-Bronze Stroking |
| | Inter-Bronze Free |
| Kenya Kavanagh-Vincent | Preliminary Stroking |
| | Preliminary Free |
| Megan Brake | Preliminary Stroking |

Competition Results

21 Mar 2007 2007 Worlds Auckland skater **Joel Watson** finished 42nd at his first World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

10 Feb 2007 2007 Four Continents in Colorado Springs **Joel Watson** finished in 14th place, **Tristan Thode** in 15th.



Joel outside the Main arena in Tokyo



Sean Carlow, Ryan Bradley, Ben Okolski & Joel at Tokyo Disneyland

Autumn Champs Raffle

At the Autumn Champs we will be running a grocery hamper raffle.

We would like all club members to donate a grocery item for the raffle. So take a look in the pantry and bring something along to the rink, Deborah Ley and Jacqueline Prowse will collect the donations.

AGM and Club Xmas Party

To get ourselves into the Xmas spirit, it was decided that the club would have an on-ice Xmas party for all its members, to coincide with the 2006 AGM at the end of November.

While the new committee were being 'sworn in', many of our skaters took to the ice and had a merry time to the strains of Xmas carols, both old and new. Each skater received a voucher for food and drink, and Santa turned up in his sleigh to deliver presents (although the reindeer had to stay in the car park).

Once the sleigh was emptied of gifts it proved very popular for rides, and Santa got a good workout pushing it around the ice.

The evening was such a success that we'd like it to become an annual event, and hope to see even more of our skaters there next time.

Skating on Sky

SKY has carried virtually all the significant US and ISU skating events this year including the Grand Prix, the US Champs, the Four Continents and most recently the Senior World's from Japan. With the arrival of the Northern Summer, few events will be held over the next few months – although repeat broadcasts do appear from time to time.

Regrettably, many of these skating programmes appear only once or, if there is a repeat broadcast, it often screens within 12 hours of the first, and so both may be easily missed.

The good news is that SKY is happy to send you a reminder! Simply visit www.skytv.co.nz. On the home page, use the drop-down menu at 'SKY INTERACTION' to select 'SKY ALERTS'. Enter the email address you want to receive the alerts and log on to the SKY ALERTS page. Scroll to the section "ADD ALERT TO LIST". Use the drop-down menu to select "Figure Skating" as the Sport you want to monitor. "ISU Figure Skating" will then automatically appear as the Key Word.

You will then receive an email message before each Figure Skating event is broadcast. First screenings almost invariably appear on ESPN, followed by repeats on the Sky Sports channels. But note that ESPN is part of the basic SKY 'Startup' package; you don't actually have to subscribe to Sky Sports in order to view Figure Skating. (Sorry, Dad.)

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Name: Amber Harries
Grade: Juvenile
Date of birth: 26 July 1994
Profession: Student at Somerville Intermediate
Home Club: Auckland Ice Figure Skating Club.
Main Training Rink: Paradise Ice Arena, Botany Downs.
Year started skating 2001, started competing in 2005
Coach: Slava Kuznetsov.
Hobbies: Netball, Horseriding, Shopping & Movies with friends

Main achievements:

- 2005 - 1st North Island Champs - Elementary
- 2005 - First entered Nationals - Juvenile Syncro
- 2006 - 1st AIFSC Autumn Champs - Elementary
- 2006 - First entered Nationals - Juvenile individual and Novice Syncro
- 2007 - Started training with Senior Syncro Team



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.

January

Jennifer Xue 1
 Craig Harries 7
 Eerina Watkins 25

February

Kelsi Edwards 20
 Caitlin Haynes 24

March

Joel Watson 5

April

Kaho Hirafune 12
 Jahne Potgieter 25

May

Katie Penfold 12
 Fiona Latham 17
 Jessica Zhao 25

For Sale

Skating Gear

- **AIFSC Sweatshirt** (med adult) \$10
- **AIFSC zip trackpants** (small adult) \$10
- **Soakers** (Terry towelling - teal) \$5
- **Skate Guards:** white one piece, purple one piece, blue/pink two piece \$5 per pair
- **Skating Sports Bag:** Large Grey/Navy with figure skate motif on sides \$30
- **Boot Covers** (white-one size) still in original packaging \$12 (red-one size) good condition \$10
- **Gardé Stirrup Leg Pants**
Breathable Coolmax Lycra with removeable double thickness pads for the knees, hips and tail bone. Velcro stirrup bottoms. (black) (med adult) \$50
- **Gardé padded fingerless mits** (med adult) \$15
- **Bumper Stickers** "I Love Figure Skating" and "Ice Skaters Have Better Figures" \$3 each
- **'SkateMate' skate sharpener** \$40
- Assorted Figure Skating Books (Fiction and Non Fiction) email or phone for details

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