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AUCKLAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2005

From the President

What a busy year 2005 has been so far for ice skating and our ice skaters!

Four of our home club skaters are at present representing New Zealand at the Australian Nationals. They are Tristan Thode (Senior Men), Vicky Kuo (Senior Ladies), Allie Rout (Novice Ladies) and Christine Winspear (Primary Ladies).

We have a large team of Auckland skaters participating at the New Zealand National Champs this year, which is being held in Dunedin the week of 26th September 2005. This year we also have two synchronized skating teams working towards the National Champs. May I wish all our skaters good luck with their training, and all the other hard work necessary to compete at the New Zealand Nationals.

Enjoy your training and I look forward to seeing many of our home club skaters compete at the North Island Champs the weekend of 11th and 12th September 2005.

May I take this opportunity of thanking my committee for a tremendous effort in hosting our Autumn and Auckland Club Champs.

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2005 Competition and Holiday Dates

South Islands	August 12 -14	Dunedin
Australian Champs	August 20 - 27	Perth, Australia
North Islands	11-12 September	Auckland
School Holidays	September 23 - October 10	
New Zealand Nationals	September 26 - 30	Dunedin

AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS - PERTH 20-27TH AUGUST

The New Zealand Ice Skating Association selected six AIFSC home club members this year to compete in Australian Nationals in Perth this year -

Vicky Kuo (Senior Ladies)
Joel Watson (Senior Men)
Tristan Thode (Senior Men)
Dee Pulman (Junior Ladies)
Allie Rout (Novice Ladies)
Christine Winspear (Primary Ladies)

(Unfortunately, Joel Watson and Dee Pulman are unable to travel to Australia to compete this year.) Keryn Haynes and Sam Christians have joined up with the Queensland Synchronised Team to compete at Australian Nationals. We'd like to congratulate all skaters on their selections and wish them all the best at their competition.

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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).

2005 Autumn Championship

Results

Skate School Novice

- 1 Iyrin Quigley
- 2 Joshua Jansson
- 3 Vicky Dixon

Skate School Advanced

- 1 Anna Sato
- 2 Amelia Prowse
- 3 Brooke Tamepo

Skate School Free

- 1 Jauran Mansouri

Elementary Ladies Under 10

- 1 Zoe Cameron Brown
- 2 Alexandra Ley
- 3 Preeya Laud

Elementary Ladies 10 or Over

- 1 Luella Ware
- 2 Brooke Peri
- 3 Esther Gan

Juvenile Ladies under 12

- 1 Kyzsana Leiataua
- 2 Libby-Jean Hay

Juvenile Ladies 12 or Over

- 1 Paige Brownsey
- 2 Winnie Wong
- 3 Emma Judd

Pre-Primary Ladies

- 1 Ariel Nadas
- 2 Courtney Bettink
- 3 Kestra Laurent

Primary Ladies

- 1 Christine Winspear

Novice Ladies

- 1 Allie Rout

Novice Men

- 1 Cameron Hems

Junior Ladies

- 1 Vicky Kuo
- 2 Caitlin Haynes

Junior Men

- 1 Mathieu Wilson

Senior Ladies

- 1 Aslihan Aydin
- 2 Vicky Kuo

Senior Men

- 1 Tristan Thode

Masters Masters

- 1 Catherine Rezaei

Juvenile Synchronized

- 1 Botany Blades

Open Synchronized

- 1 Botany Bladettes

2005 Auckland Club Championship Results

Elementary Ladies Under 10

- 1 Alexandra Ley
- 2 Jessica Webb
- 3 Brooke Tamepo

Elementary Ladies 10 and Over

- 1 Luella Ware
- 2 Brooke Peri
- 3 Sarah Ritchie

Juvenile Ladies Under 12

- 1 Kyzsana Leiataua

Juvenile Ladies 12 or Over

- 1 Emma Thorne
- 2 Emma Judd
- 3 Esther Gan

Pre-Primary Ladies

- 1 Ariel Nadas
- 2 Courtney Bettink
- 3 Kestra Laurent

Primary Ladies

- 1 Christine Winspear

Novice Ladies

- 1 Allie Rout

Novice Men

- 1 Cameron Hems

Junior Ladies

- 1 Dee Pulman
- 2 Caitlin Haynes

Junior Men

- 1 Mathieu Wilson

Senior Ladies

- 1 Aslihan Aydin
- 2 Vicky Kuo

Senior Men

- 1 Tristan Thode

Silver Masters

- 1 Catherine Rezaei

Juvenile Synchronized

- 1 Botany Blades

Open Synchronized

- 1 Botany Bladettes

Coming soon!

2005 NORTH ISLAND ICE FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Paradise Ice Arena, Botany Downs on Sunday 11 September and Monday 12 September.

Check the notice boards for times and further details.

Mladost Trophy



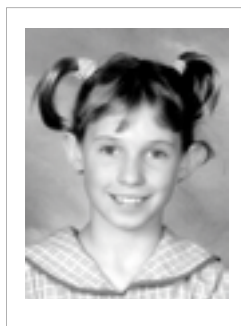
Mladost Trophy Croatia 2005 was my last international competition for a couple of reasons: I have just started school after 9 years of Home Schooling and I really want to focus on my studies for the next few years; secondly, the level of skating in these Northern Hemisphere ISU competitions is incredibly high and the age restrictions mean I would have to skate as a Junior next year (which is definitely out of the question). Knowing this, I was going to make sure I really enjoyed the whole experience and come home satisfied that I'd done my best and made the most of my opportunity.

The thing I was looking forward to the most was seeing the Japanese skaters again. It was so exciting to read about Mao Asada's winning the world junior grand prix last year after seeing her skate and speaking with her at Mladost 2004. The Japanese girls in novice this year weren't quite as strong (no triple axel combinations attempted) leaving 1st and 2nd place for the Canadian girls. The UK girls were also skating to a higher standard than last year, landing big clean double axels and triple jumps.

The star of the show this year however would have to be the Japanese girl who skated in Springs (under 12). She was so tiny she couldn't see over the barrier (she was in fact 11). She had all her triples up to Lutz and showed beautiful artistic ability and flexibility. I will definitely be looking out for her in Junior Worlds. The other thing to surprise me was the number of skaters the Croatian clubs had who were under 8 or 9 (about 30) most of whom had all their doubles and were not far off their double axels. I put it down to all the exposure they get to international competitions held at their rinks every year and being so close to so many other countries. I skated my best ever short program and my long was pretty good too. I was told several other skaters in my grade pulled out at the last minute, once they saw how high the standard was, but I wasn't there for a placing so I was happy just to give it my best shot. I think I did that.

After the competition we hired a car and DROVE. Some of the highlights were our stay in Venice, the massive underground caves and the Lipica horse stud farm in Slovenia, and seeing the famous restored bridge in the city of Mostar, in Bosnia, that was destroyed in the war of 1992. My friend Meret from Switzerland flew down to join us which made this trip even better.

Aravinda Marinkovich



Name: Alexandra (Allie) Rout
 Grade: Novice Ladies
 Date of birth: 6 August 1993
 Place of birth: Auckland New Zealand
 Height: 139cm - Short
 Profession: Student
 Home Club: Auckland
 Main Training Rink: Botany
 Year started skating: 1998
 Coach: Slava Kuznetsov
 Hobbies: Horse Riding, Pets, Reading

Main achievements:

Thirty-six gold medals in five years, including:
 NZ Novice Ladies champ 2003 and 2004
 Gold at Australian Nationals 2004
 Gold at NSW State Champs.
 International Age Group in Europe 2003, 2004 three gold's and one silver.

skater profile

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Name: Doris Kuo
 Grade: Juvenile Ladies
 Date of birth: 30 October 1994
 Place of Birth: Taiwan
 Height: 146cm
 Profession: Student
 Home Club: Auckland
 Main Training Rink: Paradise Botany Downs
 Year started skating: 2003
 Coach: Irina Voroninskaya
 Hobbies: Piano, Violin, Tennis



Gift Boxed Ceramic Skates

AFSC 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 AFSC committee member or email del.watson@xtra.co.nz

For Sale

Figure Skates: Graf Galaxy Extra Light:
 Ladies size 7 medium. Worn for 9 months, worth \$800 new.
 Will sell for \$400 Ph: 828 4742

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.

Elementary Free

Sarah Ritchie, Alexandra Ley, Ashleigh Gallagher

Preliminary Stroking

Aimee Prendergast, Jahne Potgieter, Esther Gan

Preliminary Free

Esther Gan, Aimee Prendergast, Zoe Cameron-Brown

Inter-Bronze Stroking

Winnie Wong, Alexandra Wilson

Inter-Bronze Freeskate

Winnie Wong

Inter-Silver Stroking

Doris 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.

June

Zoe Cameron-Brown	2
Esther Gan	14

July

Alicia Duffy	1
Ashleigh Gallagher	1
Alice Lilley	1
Keryn Haynes	7
Iyrin Quigley	17
Samantha Boyce	17
Amber Harries	26

August

Alexandra Rout	6
Ariel Nadas	6
Emma Judd	8
Carlin Wright	17

September

Nicola Gatland	9
Alicia McNabb	17
Kestra Laurent	20