



Activity noted since the last communique

1. Retirement from the committee

We were sad to receive the resignation of our most energetic and enthusiastic competition convenor yet, Mr Tony Maybury. Tony has had to resign from the committee for personal reasons and I am sure you will join us in thanking him for all his efforts. We wish him all the best.

This does leave a committee position vacant so if there are any members out there who feel tempted to join the group please chat to one of the current committee members to make your intentions known.

2. ACTISA competitions:

The next competition to be held will be the ACT Championships and Spring Challenge for 2015 over the 16th and 17th September. Entries have now closed and we have 11 entries for the ACT Championships and 19 for the Spring competition so our competition convenor is even feeling relaxed. So good luck to all our competitors and above all enjoy yourselves.

The committee wishes to thank all our volunteers who assisted at the recent National Federation Challenge and Reg Park Artistic competition. These competitions were a great success with several generous and effusive thank you emails together with verbal feedback received from interstate families and coaches commenting on the efficient organisation of the competition and the positive atmosphere for the skaters. This can only happen with our volunteers. Thanks especially to the music gurus Tony Nairn and Alison Lawrence who made sure everything went smoothly from that end with many hours of preparation prior to the comp to make that happen. Another positive note was the recruitment of several new volunteer parents to the group. Welcome!

3. Interstate competitions:

Several skaters travelled to Sydney over the first weekend in October to compete at the Liverpool Triple Challenge. We are led to believe they enjoyed themselves and several brought home trophies. Congratulations to Monique Lawrence (first in pre-primary to intermediate artistic division, 6th pre-primary ladies technical), Anastasia Bradshaw (5th pre-primary to intermediate artistic division), Georgia Tongs (3rd in intermediate ladies technical, 4th pre-primary to intermediate artistic division), Callum Bradshaw (1st in novice mens artistic and technical divisions) and Sarah Batey (3rd in novice ladies technical division).

Charlie Kesteven competed in the Masters Games in Adelaide the same week and has also brought home gold in the elite masters ladies freeskating competition and silver in the highest artistic division. This is the first time these games have included figure skating and reflects the increasing popularity of adult competition in our country.

4. ISA Tests:

Congratulations to the following skaters who passed tests on 11th September: Harry Harper primary dance (European Waltz and Silver Samba), Anton Pavic junior dance (Killian and Quickstep) and Brianna Steggall junior dance (Killian and Quickstep). And on 26th September: Elizabeth Marshall preliminary, Hana Franklin elementary patterns, Sofia Jensen elementary, Monique Lawrence primary.

The next ISA test day will be Saturday 14th November beginning 4pm. Applications close Monday 24th October. This will be the last test session for 2015 and there will also be ice time for our representatives to the Australian Figure Skating Championships to perform an exhibition skate free of charge.

New test application forms have been developed and will be posted on website. The new forms will be used for the next test session.

5. Aussie Skate Tests:

The next Aussie Skate testing session is Thursday 5th November

6. Memberships:

We welcomed three new Aussie Skate members in September: Haylie May, Jenna and Nyssa Sampson. There were eight new Aussie Skate members in August: Welcome Mackenzie Bolger, Alecia Byrne, Sulin Ford, Emiery Labios, Aleisha Mathe, Millie Raymond, Shelby Ruthenberg, Ashton Wright. And we had one Aussie Skate graduate Elizabeth Marshall.

7. Awards Lunch

To be held Sunday 22nd November with time and venue to be confirmed.

8. Exhibition Gala

To be held Saturday 12th December starting 4pm. Everyone can be involved. Look out for the pre-announcement over coming days for some more information.

9. Website:

At last we have systems go on the website. Have a look at www.actisa.asn.au. We are still busy populating some areas and training extra committee members to enter data so that it is easier to keep the website up to date. Thanks to Greg Ash for his determination to see this through with the website developer.

10. New ACTISA jackets:

After some consultation the committee have approved new jacket styles and developing artwork for the jackets. These will be available by the end of the year and will be presented to the ACT representatives to Nationals at the awards dinner so everyone can see the finished product then.

We still have some stock of the old jackets so if anyone is looking for one of those let Julie know (pres@actisa.asn.au) and we will check if the size is available in our stock.

ACTISA committee wishes to remind members of the following:

1. Judging:

ACTISA is always on the lookout for more judges and technical officials. Fancy giving it a go? You can start trial judging Aussie Skate as soon as you are 15 years old! Contact judges@actisa.asn.au if you are interested.

2. Volunteers

We are very pleased to welcome new volunteers at any time. In particular we have need of someone to run Aussie Skate testing sessions, getting items together for the fundraising table and a competition co-convenor if anyone feels they have a special interest in any of these areas. Please contact a member of the committee to find out what is involved and to make your offer known.

3. Funding:

Skaters and judges can apply for funding at any time. Please check our website for the appropriate form and procedure.

4. Feedback and Enquiries:

Feedback including complaints are welcome at any time and should be made in writing and submitted by sending to our PO Box, placing it in the drawer at the rink, or emailing pres@actisa.asn.au. Only written complaints will be accepted and all complaints will be considered seriously and receive a response. Enquiries regarding committee decisions and processes are also welcome. Often information is not correctly interpreted before being passed on resulting in confusion and a perception that correct and fair procedure is not being followed. Instead of automatically believing what you hear, please check by contacting ACTISA yourself.

5. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 2nd December at the Woden Tradies Club, commencing at 6:30pm. Comments and suggestions are always welcome! **Please note that committee meetings are not open to the general membership or non-member parents except by special arrangement.**

There will be an additional extraordinary meeting held after the ACT championships to decide nominations for the Australian Figure Skating Championships. Look out for the announcement of the team over upcoming weeks.

You can also check the website for news at www.actisa.asn.au

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