



Activity noted since the last communique

1. ACTISA competitions/events:

The local competition year has now ended.

The next event on the calendar for our skaters is the end of year exhibition gala to be held Saturday 12th December. Skaters have the chance to show off their new found skills in a fun environment. Skaters can choose music of any theme and some might wish to keep to a Christmas theme and others not. Group entries are welcome. The announcement and entry forms will be available at the rink and on the website in the next few days.

2. Interstate competitions:

Callum Bradshaw and Sarah Batey will compete at the Penrith Ice Palace Trophy at Penrith and Genevieve and Laura Temple at the Panda Challenge in Adelaide over the weekend of 7th/8th November.

The ACT representative team to the Australian Figure Skating Championships has now been announced and includes: Monique Lawrence (primary ladies), Ben Meeuwissen (intermediate men), Lauren Ashman, Emily Leong, Eleonore Willis, Tanisha Jory and Georgia Tongs (intermediate ladies), Sarah Batey & Kody-Leigh Hirst (novice ladies), Callum Bradshaw (novice men) and Josephine Kooyman (adult gold ladies). Congratulations and best of luck to these skaters who have worked hard all year towards this goal.

3. ISA Tests:

The next ISA test day will be Saturday 14th November beginning 4pm. Applications have now closed. Following the tests (~5pm) our representative team to the AFSC 2015 will skate their routines as an exhibition and all are welcome to attend although strict silence needs to be maintained during tests.

New test application forms have been developed and are posted on website. The old forms are no longer in use.

4. Aussie Skate Tests:

The next Aussie Skate testing session is Thursday 5th November. The December session has been moved to December 10th (due to judges being away at the Australian Championships on 3rd December).

5. Memberships:

The membership report has been held over to the next meeting. 2016 membership renewals will be mailed out over the Xmas break.

6. Awards Lunch

To be held Sunday 22nd November at the Weston Creek Labor Club at Stirling. Details available on the noticeboard at the rink and on the website. Tickets are required so we have exact numbers for planning and are now available at the rink from Deborah Poole, Virginia Maybury, Alison Lawrence, Adele Collett, Chris Marsden, and Sonia Fladun-Dorling. There will be presentations for new Aussie skaters, Aussie skate graduates and presentation to our state representatives to the Australian Figure Skating Championships. All skaters and family members welcome.

7. 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.

8. 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. The price for the new jackets will be \$100 for adult sizes and \$75

for child sizes. This is a non profit exercise for ACTISA and the committee hopes skaters will wear the new jackets with pride.

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

9. Summer Development Camp:

The committee has taken on board feedback following our successful camp in January this year and will be seeking expressions of interest for skaters to attend another similar development camp in late January (last week of school holidays) 2016. Put this in your diaries now and look out for information in coming weeks.

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, 9th 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.**

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

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