

Welcome to the second newsletter for 2009. February disappeared far too quickly, so here is Issue 2 for 2009!

Remember to keep an eye on your emails and the club noticeboard for any important updates as there will be significant changes to our ice time over the next few months.

\$\$ CLUB FUNDRAISER \$\$
CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 19th April @ 9am
 (middle weekend of the school holidays)

If you have any items - clothes, gardening tools, books, childrens toys, etc, that are too good to just throw away, bring them along to the DISC Car Boot Sale Fundraiser and donate your profits to the club.

More information will be provided soon. Keep an eye on your emails and the club noticeboard.

WORLD SYNCH - CROATIA

Best of luck to the DISC members who are part of the New Zealand Synch Team heading to Zagreb, Croatia for the World Champs. Skaters leave on Friday 20th March for a week of training in Auckland, then on to Worlds which will be held 1st-5th April.



Go NZ!!



Important Dates For Your Diary

- ◆ 8th-16th April - Hockey International (Dunedin)
- ◆ 17th April - 1st May - Curling International (Dunedin)
- ◆ 19th April - CAR BOOT SALE FUNDRAISER
- ◆ 25th April - NZISA AGM (Dunedin)
- ◆ 24th May - Test Day
- ◆ 13th/14th June - DISC Club Champs
- ◆ 27th/28th June - Otago/Southlands (Dunedin)
- ◆ 24th-26th July - South Islands (Gore)
- ◆ 26th-30th August - Winter Games (Dunedin)
- ◆ 6th September - Test Day
- ◆ 11th-16th October - Nationals (Auckland)
- ◆ 29th November - Test Day

CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS

You will soon be issued with a club membership card. The card will have your name and membership number on it. Please keep it in a safe place - preferably something you always bring to the rink with you (wallet, skate bag, etc).

Club memberships and TC Registrations are due to be paid on or before 31st March. As of 1st April, anyone who has not paid will be required to pay \$15 to skate in club time as a non-member.

The Dunedin Ice Stadium will receive a copy of club members and may ask for your club card when selling green tickets as these are only available to club members.

TEST DAY PASSES

Congratulations to skaters who passed their recent tests.

Sunday 8th March - Dunedin:

- ☑ Anne-Sophie & Dominic Shogimen Bronze Freedance
- ☑ Owen Naumann Bronze Compulsory Dance
- ☑ Aleisha Muir Elementary Stroking & Elementary Freeskate
- ☑ Barbara Taylor Elementary Stroking
- ☑ Chrissie Nielsen-Vold Elementary stroking



CLUB NIGHT - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TIME CHANGE

The Dunedin Ice Stadium has a busy year ahead (which is fantastic!), so as mentioned in the previous newsletter there can be amendments to our ice time.



Please remember that this is our **on-ice time**, so allow half an hour before for getting ready, and half an hour after for supper and raffles:



Saturday 28th March (on ice) 4:30pm - 5:30pm



THEME =
EASTER



BUY, SELL & EXCHANGE:

Bring along any **skating items** (skates, costumes, club jackets, etc) to this club night that you would like to sell.

The Club takes no responsibility for items, we are merely providing the time and space for everyone to be in one place. Happy Shopping!

SITUATIONS VACANT

ICYTHAWUS NEEDS YOU - NOW!

Dunedin's only Adult Synchronised Skating Team needs more adults of **all ages** (18+) and **all abilities** to join our team. It is a great way to improve your skating skills in a fun way.

If you are interested, please come along on any Saturday and see what we are all about, or speak with Deanna. Team contact is Karen Hoebergen - ph 03 489 5910 or 027 463 4901

Practice day & time - Saturdays - 7am-8am

WORLD CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you are aware. The World Curling Games are being held in Dunedin 26th April - 2nd May.

If you are able to volunteer your time to assist with the smooth running of the event, **please contact Trevor Lewis by email - otlewis@xtra.co.nz**.

They are specifically looking for Team Liaisons - 24th-26th April (if you speak a 2nd language you may be able to be matched to a team from that country), Team Drivers - 26th-27th April and Ice "Sweepers" - 26th April - 2nd May.

Please assist if you can as the curlers frequently provide assistance to DISC.

The countries competing are Australia, Canada, England, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, United States.

JUDGING AND DANCE SEMINAR

Held in conjunction with the recent test day, Sandra Williamson-Leadley (President of the NZISA, National and International Judge) ran a seminar to assist DISC skaters, parents and coaches to understand the International Judging System (IJS) which is used at Regional and National competitions. This was particularly beneficial as the new rules for 2009 have recently been released with many changes, especially in Ice Dance.

Sandra explained how the judging system works, and with the assistance from DISC skaters, demonstrated how each element receives its own score which is then added to scores for skating skills, transitions, choreography, interpretation and performance, to make up the Total Segment Score (the final number that places you somewhere between first and last). The information provided at these seminars is vital for competitive skaters, coaches and parents to understand how to achieve the best possible scores for the skaters skills.

The seminar also provided information for those who are interested in joining the judging panel. Although it seems daunting at first, the guidelines are very clear, and with a bit of practice it won't be long before we will have a strong core of judges in Dunedin.

A huge thank you to Sandra for her unending support and for sharing her valuable time and knowledge with us.

ANNE-SOPHIE & DOMINIC SHOGIMEN - RUSSIA 2009

This coming April, 14-year-old twins Anne-Sophie and Dominic Shogimen are travelling to Russia for a competition and various training sessions. The twins are taking part in an International Ice Dance competition "Kumparsita" in Samara (one-hour away from Moscow by air), which attracts more than 40 couples from Russia and European countries. It will be very challenging and exciting for Anne-Sophie and Dominic to compete against a number of couples of their age group.

From 12 to 25 April, they are also going to attend an ice dance training camp in Moscow with Alexander Zhulin, coach of 2006 Olympic Champions and 2005-2006 World Champions Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov. The twins will also receive private coaching during their stay in Russia. Fanis will be travelling with them and will assist them in the training sessions. Fanis' professional connections in Russia has enabled Anne-Sophie and Dominic to have this rare opportunity to train with Olympic-level senior coaches.

We look forward to hearing all about their amazing experience and wish them all the best for their competition.

Good Luck Anne-Sophie and Dominic!!!

