

CENTAURUS ICE SKATING CLUB INC.

HOLLINS TROPHY

At the beginning of June, a group of skaters headed over to Sydney to compete at the Hollins Trophy. Centaurus was represented by Laura Mills, Anna Cairns, Nicholas Apperley, and Elizabeth & Juliette O'Neill.

First held in 1968, the Hollins Trophy is the oldest interstate figure skating competition held in Australia. This year the competition attracted 183 competitors from all over Australia and New Zealand. Next year, with the proposed introduction of synchronised skating, the competition will be even bigger.

For our skaters, this was their first real competition of the season. For Laura, this was a chance to repeat her 1st place success from last year. Unfortunately, this was not to be. Practising at the Macquarie Ice Rink on the first day, Laura was involved in a collision with another skater and suffered concussion. She didn't feel well enough to continue and withdrew from the competition.

Results for our remaining skaters were mixed. Juliette skated two solid performances to finish 5th out of 17 in the Pre Primary division. Anna skated a great short programme and was placed in 6th position. Her freeskate was not as good as her technical but she still managed to finish in 10th place. For Elizabeth, her technical skate was disappointing, but in true competitive spirit she was back the next day to pull off a very good freeskate and move up to 9th place. Our most successful skater was Nicholas Apperley. Nick didn't skate his best technical programme, but managed a great performance in his freeskate, with a 'clean' programme, to achieve 2nd place. Well done, Nick!

The results of this competition can be found on the NZISA website—www.nzisa.com.

SKATER PROFILE—Juliette O'Neill.

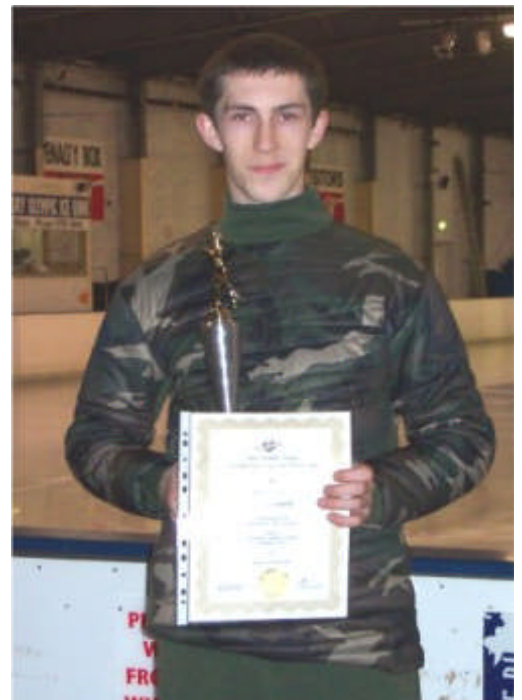
D.O.B: 14 August 1990. Starsign: Leo.
Favorite colour: Orange. Favorite Food: Egg Sandwiches!?
Hobbies: Ice skating and Netball.

Juliette O'Neill first got into the sport of figure skating when her older sister (Elizabeth) came skating with her school and began taking private lessons, then before she knew it, Juliette was out there giving skating a go along side her sister!

Juliette is only into her fourth year of skating and already has had huge success. This has clearly been shown last year when Juliette took the title in Glenburn Champs (Auckland) and both South Island and NZ National Championships! Juliette is also well known for her gorgeous yellow Garfield costume, which she wore in her winning artistic performance at the MIRA Competition in Sydney Australia.

One of Juliette's first and best memories of skating was placing 2nd at her first National Championships. Also one of her most embarrassing moments was when she was just beginning to skate and was in a group lesson, practicing stopping. At this point Juliette couldn't stop and when the coach said 'stop' Juliette just kept going!

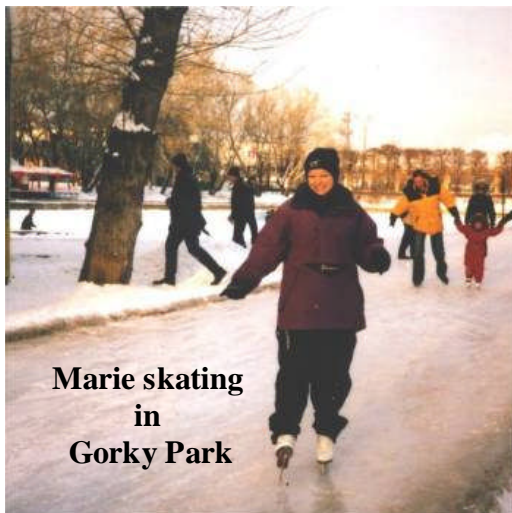
Juliette is planning to build on last year's success this year, working hard on jumps like her favourite the flip jump, trying to make it a double! Juliette hopes to have most of her double jumps consistent by the end of the year, and perfect her flying camel! All the best for the year Juliette and good luck with that dreaded flying camel.



**Nicholas Apperley
2nd Place, Intermediate Men
Hollins Trophy**

Skating in Europe – the ultimate Overseas Experience

For the most of 2002 and the beginning of 2003 I worked in London and travelling around Europe. Below are a few places I managed to get to where skating was the mission!



**Marie skating
in
Gorky Park**

My first skating experience was driving (that included going through the Channel Tunnel from Britain) to Rouen, France to watch the World Synchronised Ice Skating Championships where I sat in awe amongst my British friends and took comprehensive notes - yet to be inflicted upon our own Synchronised Team 'Ice on Fire'.

I made it a goal while I was on my OE to keep up with my skating and to work towards competing at the World Ice Challenge in Bordeaux, France in early September 2002.

The World Ice Challenge brings together adult skaters (often referred to as recreational skaters) from all over the world to compete in dance, freeskate and interpretive classes of the competition.

My preparation for the event was largely in London at the Alexandra Palace ice skating rink where I was warmly welcomed into the rink's club sessions and received coaching in freeskate and dance. To my surprise I was not the only skater from 'down under' there and regularly shared the ice with two skaters from Canberra, Australia – also on their OE.

With the 8 hour train journey through France behind me, and friends from the club in London cheering me on, I competed in my first adult competition with an interpretive programme on (very) foreign soil and was awarded a silver medal. It was such a great experience to be amongst so many talented and dedicated adult skaters – many twice my age and fearless. Everyone at the event were very supportive and encouraging (including the Frenchman who was awarded the gold ahead of me) and I made some fantastic friends from all over the world. I learnt a lot from them about skating interpretive/artistic programmes. While I was the only skater from New Zealand, there were competitors from USA, Australia, Switzerland, France and Britain.

A further highlight was being allowed to watch the French Senior National Synchronised Ice Skating team train on the ice during a break in our competitions.

Two last skating experiences were equally exciting but for different reasons. One was skating at the outdoor rink erected in the courtyard of Somerset House in London just before Christmas. The other was, for me, a dream come true – skating in Russia.

After carrying my skates around a very chilly Moscow in December (-17 C) for a day I finally made my way to Gorky Park – principally a summer amusement park where in winter they flood the pathways and locals go ice skating. It was like being in a small town where people used their skates to get from place to place instead of walking. If anyone has seen the movie 'Gorky Park' then you will have an idea of how magical this part of the world is – a true winter wonderland.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the club for this opportunity to share some of my experiences with you.

Best wishes for all of your skating this year,

Marie McLeod

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Centaurus Club Tracksuits, size 10 and size 12.
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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Club, the following new members:
Mackenzie Soper, Danielle Ribbon
Reane McCauley, Rennay Russell, Cushla Smith

CLUB TROPHIES

A reminder—please return all trophies
from last year's Club Champs to the rink
by the end of this month. Please ensure
that your trophy is polished and will
engraved before handing in.



HOLIDAY TRAINING CAMP

Have you registered yet? Entry forms can be found in the
filing cabinet at the rink (3rd drawer), or downloaded from
our web site. Please complete asap—registration is due this
week. This camp is being subsidised by the Club and will
only cost \$50 for club skaters for the two week programme.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes for June to the following club
members -
Annika Matravers, Lesley Bird and Kirsten Harvey

DISPENSATION

Do you wish to skate in the Nationals but will for various
reasons (injury, absence, illness etc) be unavailable to
participate in Club Champs and/or South Island Champs.
If so, you must apply to the club for dispensation. If
you are unsure about what to do, please speak to Ina Paul,
our Club Secretary (ph 332 8146).

WHERE IS OUR CHOCOLATE MONEY!!!

We need it now! There is still a lot of money
outstanding from our last fundraiser. Please
return it now. The funds raised are to be used to
help pay for the holiday training camp, and our club
championships. If you wish to participate in these events,
please return the money this week. It can be handed to
any committee member at the rink.



WEB SITE NEWS

Check out the latest updates on the website -
July Holiday training camp - announcement and
registration form.
Club Champs - entry form and requirements.

ICE ON FIRE—SYNCHRONISED SKATING REPORT

The quote of the month for June is an appropriate one from Confucius -
“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall”
Do you think Confucius was ice skating when he came up with that one?

This month we are profiling Sarah Fursdon, (who turns out to have a hidden talent at Ten Pin Bowling when she easily beat the rest of the team last month) and Jessica Denton who joined us last year

	<u>SARAH</u>	<u>JESSICA</u>
School	Cashmere High	Cashmere High
Age	15	14
Star Sign	Libra	Leo
Favourite TV Show	ER	My wife and kids or 8 simple rules for dating my teenage daughter
Favourite Band/Group	Elemenop	All of them
Favourite Food	Chocolate and Chicken Kebabs	Chocolate
Favourite Place	Beach	Beach
The thing you hate the most	Younger Brothers	Bad eating habits
Hobbies	Skating, swimming reading	Skating, Art
The person you'd most like to go out to dinner with	Friends	Vin Diesel

We'd like to welcome new members, Ciara Zack, Juliette O'Neill, Sheree Cowan and Suzayre Burke and hope you enjoy being part of our team

Macquarie Artistic report

Juliette and myself travelled to Sydney on May 2nd to compete at the Macquarie Ice Rink Artistic. We arrived early on Friday morning and spent the weekend shopping with our rellies. On Sunday we decided to go to a new rink (Glacierium - in the Bella Vista Business Park). When we arrived we were stunned - it was so big and every thing was so clean and fresh. The ice was great and the facilities were awesome. We enjoyed it heaps.

On Monday we headed to the Macquarie ice rink where we skated for about an hour. Then we headed home for a good old Aussie BBQ.

On Tuesday morning we went to Macquarie again for another skate. After we finished skating we went up to the food court for lunch. We were going to go shopping but decided against it to be fair to Juliette because she had to skate later that night. So we headed home and rested. At about 2 pm Juliette started getting ready for her skate and at 4.00 we left for the rink. When we arrived we had tea in the food court and then headed down to meet up with Michael Pasfield. He took Juliette off to start warming her up for her skate. At 6.30 Juliette's warm-up was called onto the ice. She had a good warm-up but was a bit nervous. But all in all she had a awesome skate and gained 3rd place. But it wasn't over—it was my turn tomorrow night.

On Wednesday morning I woke up bright and early all ready to go but it had already been decided that there would be no skating that morning because it had been late when we arrived home last night. At two pm I started to get ready for my skate. We left for the rink at four. I was starting to get a bit nervous by now. When we arrived at the rink we went up to the food court for tea. And then went down to the rink. When we got down there Michael came and took me away to warm-up. And before I knew it. It was time to put my skates on. When I had put them on Michael came up to me and said are you ready. I was like - I don't think I'll ever be ready. Then my group was called. I had a good warm-up but then I had to wait because I was the last to skate in my grade. When I finally got out on the ice I was fine and had a great skate. When I got off I could finally sit down and relax until the prize giving. Which wouldn't be for another hour. When the prize giving finally started my nervousness was finally put to rest -
I got 3rd place.

When we got home I was so excited I couldn't sleep. Then when I finally did get to sleep I was being woken up to go to the airport. When we arrived at the airport, we checked in and then sat down for a hot chocolate before boarding the plane.

When we finally landed and got through customs we were so tired we couldn't even manage a smile. But we were glad to be home

By **Elizabeth O'Neill**



TEST RESULTS 2 JUNE

Preliminary Stroking
Kurt Scoringe

Bronze Stroking
Juliette O'Neill, Michelle Whelan

Elementary Freeskate
Samantha Waugh



Inter Bronze Stroking
Michelle Whelan

Inter Silver Stroking
Michelle Whelan

Inter Bronze Freeskate
Annika Matravers