

SPIRAL

Newsletter of the
Canterbury Masters
Figure Skating Club

AUGUST 2023

Hello everyone

Can't believe it's August already, somehow the July newsletter never quite made it in time! The competition season is well underway and the next event we turn our attention to is the South Island Championships that will take place in Dunedin from August 11–14. Several of our Club members will be participating in this event, and our good wishes go with them so they may have success and achieve personal bests and other goals they set themselves. This means we also say farewell to the DB Trophy that our skaters won at last years event. I wonder if they will bring it home again for the second time.

Coffee Club returned this term on both Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30—10.30am. Since Covid Alpine only offered the session on Thursdays. With ever increasing numbers of new members and skaters Thursday session became very busy, so Alpine offered a trial in term 3 with both days, which has been welcomed by many of our regular skaters.

Many of our Club members have taken the opportunity to head to Staveley Ice Rink <https://www.staveleyicerink.co.nz/> for some family fun in the country on the outdoor ice. The drive is approx. 1.5hrs from Christchurch. Hopefully it will remain open for another couple of weeks. Bookings are required, check out their website. Club members are happy to share some of their photos in this issue.

We continue to have an influx of new members joining the Club in the last few weeks, so a warm welcome to all our new members. We look forward to seeing everyone along to our next Family session on Saturday 19th August 6—7pm.

WINTER PLAYGROUND



Anna, Cassidy & Hudson



Trish



Julian



Kim tries her Hockey skates out!



Kim, Ollie & Andreas



Kim & Cassidy



Glen



Hudson having a blast!

Meet the White family..... yes that's Linda our Club President, with family members Martin, Taylor & Marcus on the ice at Staveley recently. Linda was one of the founding members of the Club in 2004 and when the children came along they changed to Family membership.

This time the focus is on Marcus and his ballroom dancing achievements. Following in the family "dance" steps as Linda was a competitive dancer in her teens, as were her two sisters and brother, with one sister competing at the World Champs twice. Her late mum was also very involved in organising dance events locally and at the Masters Games. Marcus took to the ice at age 5 in the Kiwi Skate program but changed to ballroom dancing at about age 10. Pictured below Marcus White 15 (and 5' 9" tall) and ballroom dance partner Anya Coombes 14 who competed at the Gore Festival of Dance in May gaining first in two events and many second and third places. They are pictured here with the local Mayor Ben Bell who presented them with the trophy for Junior C Grade Latin.



Marcus, Martin, Taylor & Linda

Flashback to 2019 Club Champs



What a distance Marcus White has come. His first appearance in skates (see inset) was in 2008. Now he leads his mother, Linda, with poise and confidence in an elegant Dutch Waltz



Marcus and Anya pictured here with the Local Mayor Ben Bell who presented them with the trophy for Junior C Grade Latin. Pictured at right, looking rather dapper in his tuxedo together with partner Anya looking stunning in her long gown.



SKATES OFFERED Make a \$\$ Donation to Club. If interested contact: Jeanne jeannebg111@gmail.com

Size 9 (41) Ladie White

Size 9 (41) Unisex Grey



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Blood, sweat, tears, happiness, bliss, determination, grace, elegance, hard work, passion and inspiration in a sport that is more a way of life than a sport.



Our Club Member Victoria pulling 13 chairs on the ice at Staveley under the stars at night !



New Members: Marine, Annette & Barbara



Sarah, Amanda , Craig & Katie

Notice Board:

Congratulations to Club Members who passed the NZIFSA Elementary Stoking Test 0 in June. They are:

Sarah Nurkka, Pollyane Carvalho da Silva, Judy McArthur, Alison McDowell, Grant Ritchie & William (Liam) Grant

A very warm welcome to our new Club Members.

Next Family Club Session: Saturday 19th August 6—7pm

Club Discount Days \$13 Coffee Club only or \$20 CC & Session Combo

Term 3 Club Discount Dates remaining: 15, 24, 29 August, 7, 12 & 21 Sept

Remember we have safety equipment for your use at Club sessions, kept in the room near Pro Shop. Helmets & Halos please be sure to return them to the cupboard after use.

Club Champs Announcement will be available soon—check the Club website.



After skating it's coffee & chat time for Sarah, Sophie, Trish, Sam & Annette



Members of the NZ Contingent at Oberstdorf
L to R Olga, Victoria, Sue, Alastair, Trish, Sally & Tammy (kneeling)

Trish & Alastairs' trip to Oberstdorf in May

Follow up to our report in May Issue of Spiral.

Trish obtained 2 x 4th placings out of 15 competitors in the Freeskating & Interpretive Events and Alastair had 2 x 6th placings at the Adult International Competition. Well done we are proud of you both.

Pictured at Left: Members of the New Zealand contingent who competed at the Competition.

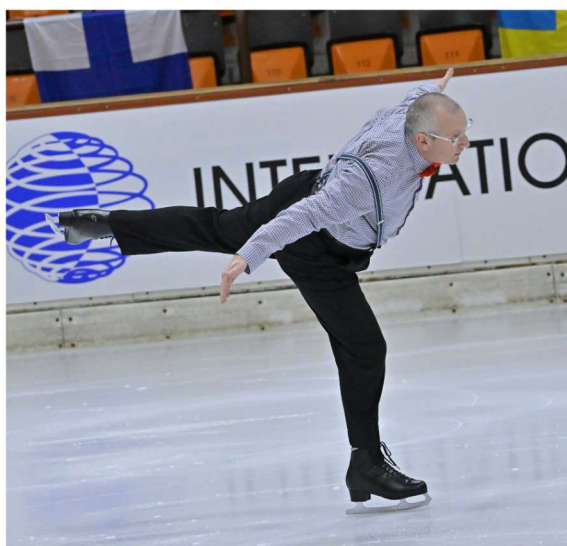
L to R Olga, & Victoria (Auck) Sue (Dn) Alastair & Trish, Sally & Tammy (kneeling) (Auck).



Farewell to Club members Nicole Weber & Mike Kitteridge who have returned to live in Canada.

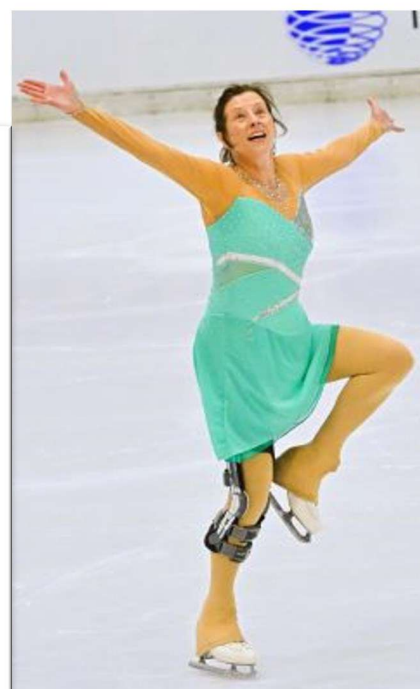


Available to purchase Badges \$5 each
Monograms \$7.50ea
Replacement Keyrings \$3 each



Do you have a story to tell our Club Members! Newsworthy information is always welcome.

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Club Championships

Friday 10 Nov 6 - 7pm (Practice)
Saturday 11 Nov 4.30 - 7pm
Sunday 12 Nov 8am - 1pm

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