

ART NEWS FLASH FEBRUARY 2014

OBITUARY JAMES TAYLOR



On the 3rd December 2013, Jim Taylor lost his battle with cancer.

Jim had made his mark on the International judging arena by judging 17 World Championships, and was a highly respected world judge

With his dream to host a World championship in New Zealand, he initiated the challenge and became an integral part of the organising committee of the hugely successful 2012 New Zealand World Artistic Championships.

His 50th NZ National Championship, that he has judged, was recognised by the NZFRS Artistic Committee at the 2013 National Championships Artistic.

Jim's quiet persona gave him an aura of respect that was unquestionably deserved. His guidance will be missed dearly.

"Kua hinga te totara nui" – "The mighty totara has fallen"

L Hudson-Coe

COACHES PASSES

Coaches passes must be worn each day in the marshalling area at NZFRS conducted events.

These include;

Areas

NZ Artistic Championships

Graeme Sheppard Challenge

Joan Alexander Challenge

If you haven't received a pass please contact the administrator of the Coaching Commission Raewyn Hailes raewynhailes@hotmail.com

GRAEME SHEPPARD CHALLENGE AND JOAN ALEXANDER CHALLENGE 2014

This combined event will be held at the Rotorua Sports Centre 31 October and 1 and 2 November 2014. The event will include all artistic and precision events generally held at these competitions and a schedule for this will be available in due course. The event is expected to start with training early on Friday morning and continue until late Sunday afternoon depending on entries. This event will be the designated selection event for the NZ Oceania Artistic team to the 2015 Oceania Championships to be held in Australia.

ARTISTIC RULES 2013/2014

These have been approved by the Board and are available on the Skate NZ website. They are also attached with this mail out for your information.

OFFICIALS/COACHES CONFERENCE

A very successful Officials/Coaches conference was held in January at Rotorua. This was well attended and there was a lot of positive discussion between all present. The Artistic Committee would like to thank all those who organised and gave presentations at this seminar with special thanks to Leigh Hudson-Coe for a brilliant job of the overall organisation of the event. There is a drop box available for you to access with information from the seminar as follows;

Dropbox is at <http://www.dropbox.com/>

Login/username is judgescoachesnz@gmail.com

Password is [doublemapes](#)

JUDGES SEMINAR – ADVANCE NOTICE

Judges seminar in Auckland – Bill Spooner, International A judge, retired to conduct. Seminar will be specifically aimed for judges, but does not exclude coaches from attending. Dates are 12 & 13 July. Proposed start 12noon Saturday 12th. Venue yet to be confirmed

INVITATION TO GERMAN CUP COMPETITION

Attached is information relating to this event held each year in Freiburg, Germany. Anyone who would like to attend this event would need to make application through the NZ Artistic Committee as per NZ Artistic Committee Policy 11

Yours in skating

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