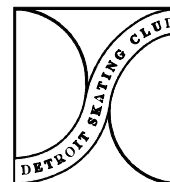


# THE DETROIT SPIN



NEWSLETTER FOR THE DETROIT SKATING CLUB

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## BOARD MEMO:

Spring! A time of renewal, recommitment and fresh starts. You can see all of these things happening at DSC. Skaters have reviewed last season and are looking forward to the upcoming competitive year. The anticipation of fresh new programs and music is building. The ice show will begin initial rehearsals soon. Flowers will appear, the grass will green up and the building improvements continue. Synchro auditions promise both recommitment and an exciting new future.

Just like the busy springtime bunnies, DSC is hopping with all sorts of activities. High school state championships, the Red, White and Blue challenge cup, and the basic skills competition are just some of the things going on during this busy time. Skate Detroit 2007 will be here before we know it.

No matter what your interest or level of skating, DSC offers something for everyone. As many other rinks close for the summer, DSC continues full speed ahead offering the best coaching, off-ice training and facilities anywhere; all under one roof. By being proud of our facility, our learning environment and our shared love of skating, all of us help make DSC the great club it is.

Let us carry the excitement and good feeling of spring with us as we move forward, striving always for continuous improvement to serve our skaters for whom we exist.

Matt Johnson, Secretary

## GET WELL WISHES:

Ed Kmit, President of Detroit Skating Club, is home recovering from heart surgery. Ed suffered a mild heart attack several weeks ago and had to have surgery to repair the damage done to his heart. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

We would like to welcome the following skaters to Detroit Skating Club and hope you enjoy training at our facility:

Piercyn Hunt (AM)  
Meagan Marshall (Out of Town)  
Jordan Ruge (Associate)  
Amy Scheck (Associate)

We would also like to welcome back the skaters and coaches  
from the Birmingham Skating Club for the spring and summer months

**GOOD LUCK TO OUR ADULT SKATERS WHO WILL BE COMPETING  
AT THE 2007 ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BENSENVILLE, ILLINOIS – April 11-14**

Alexandra Dunne-Bryant (Championship Master Ladies)  
Antonio Conte (Championship Adult Gold Men)

## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FIGURE SKATING:

The Michigan High School Figure Skating teams are in place and DSC has many skaters on various teams. We hosted the District 1 Team Events on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 and the Championship Event for team and individual skaters on Saturday, March 31, 2007. Congratulations to our skaters who competed:

### **Bronze Solo Dance – Hickory Hoedown**

Crissie Gulu, Christian Combined - 7

### **Silver Solo Dance – Tango**

Kaitlyn Shariak, Walled Lake – 4  
Lauren Beltowski, Bloomfield Hills United – 5

### **Pre Gold Solo Dance – Kilian**

Katarina Irvine, Birmingham – 6  
Michele Lowell, Bloomfield Hills United – 9

### **Gold Solo Dance – Viennese Waltz**

Regan Alsup, United Farmington - 1  
Jamie Rodes, Bloomfield Hills United - 3  
Lauren Williams, Christian Combined - 7

### **Pre Preliminary Free Skating**

Crissie Gulu, Christian Combined – 9

### **Preliminary Free Skating**

Erin Greenberger, Birmingham – 9

### **Intermediate Free Skating**

Kaitlyn Shariak, Walled Lake – 1

### **Novice Free Skating**

Lauren Ko, Christian Combined – 1  
Alice Lee, Bloomfield Hills United – 4  
Alyssa Albers, Plymouth-Canton – 5

### **Junior/Senior Free Skating**

Sameena Sheikh, Bloomfield Hills United - 1  
Regan Alsup, United Farmington - 2  
Ameena Sheikh, Bloomfield Hills United - 3

### **Level A Longest Element**

Stephanie Crosby, Troy - 1  
Alice Lee, Bloomfield Hills - 2  
Lindsay Kramer, Wyandotte - 4  
Dana Fenster, Bloomfield Hills - 5

### **Level B Longest Elements**

Julie Jueckstock - 6

### **Novice/Senior Artistic Showcase**

Stephanie Crosby, Troy – 4  
Alyssa Kirsch, Christian Combined – 6

## COMPETITION RESULTS:

### **Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships, Edina, MN – March 16-18, 2007**

Alexandra Dunne-Bryant (Championship Master Ladies)	1
Antonio Conte (Championship Adult Gold Men)	2

### **World Championships, Tokyo, Japan – March 19-24, 2007**

Alissa Czisny (Ladies)	15
Meryl Davis and Charlie White (Dance)	7
Federica Fiella and Massimo Scalia (Dance – Italy)	9

## SUMMER ICE REGISTRATION:

The summer schedule is currently being prepared. The summer registration process will start approximately the second week of May with Resident members. As always, registration will then proceed with an assigned appointment time according to type and date of membership.

**REMINDER: Final payment for reserved ice for the fall/winter season was due March 15<sup>th</sup>**

## TEAM ELAN:

### AUDITIONS

#### **April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:30 p.m. – Juvenile**

**Juvenile:** Skaters must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2007. Juvenile moves in the field is preferred, preliminary is required.

#### **April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:30-9:30 p.m. – Intermediate/Novice**

**Intermediate:** Skaters are between ages 11-18 as of July 1, 2007. Intermediate moves in the field are preferred, pre-juvenile is required.

**Novice:** Skaters are between ages of 11-15 as of July 1, 2007. Novice moves in the field is preferred, juvenile is required.

#### **April 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30-10:30 p.m. and April 5<sup>th</sup> 4:15-5:15 p.m. – Junior/Senior**

**Junior:** Skaters are between ages of 12-18 as of July 1, 2007. Junior moves in the field is preferred, intermediate is required.

**Senior:** Skaters are 14 years of age and older as of July 1, 2007. Senior moves in the field and silver dance is preferred, novice moves in the field is required.

### PRELIMINARY, PRE/JUVENILE AND BEGINNER SYNCHRONIZED TEAMS

Clinic on Saturday, May 5 from 4:00-5:30 pm at Detroit Skating Club for \$15 per skater.

Audition on Sunday, May 6 from 3:40 – 4:30 pm at Compuware Arena. Please come 30 minutes early.

The Audition Fee is \$30 if pre-registered, \$40 at the door. You may register by e-mailing [djohns@dscclub.com](mailto:djohns@dscclub.com) or calling 248-332-3000 x 104. For more information contact Coach Jennifer DeSimone at [jenniferdesimone@comcast.net](mailto:jenniferdesimone@comcast.net) or Coach Sarah Feldt at [sarah@bruenor.org](mailto:sarah@bruenor.org).

### MASTERS AND ADULT SYNCHRONIZED TEAMS

Informational meeting on Sunday, April 22 at Compuware Arena at 7:00 pm.

Clinics are at Compuware Arena and skaters are encouraged to attend. Fee is \$12 per skater for each clinic (\$24 total) on Sunday, April 22 from 8:40 – 9:30 pm and Sunday, April 29 from 7:40 – 8:30 pm

Auditions are at the Detroit Skating Club and skaters are encouraged to attend both sessions, but must attend at least one on Friday, May 4 from 8:00 - 9:30 pm and/or Friday, May 18 from 8:00 - 9:30 pm.

The Audition Fee is \$30 if pre-registered, \$40 at the door. You may register by e-mailing [djohns@dscclub.com](mailto:djohns@dscclub.com) or calling 248-332-3000 x 104. For more information contact Coach Carrie Brown at [carrie@twmi.rr.com](mailto:carrie@twmi.rr.com).

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Apr 3-5** - Auditions for Team Élan Novice, Junior & Senior teams

**Apr 11** - Adult National Championships

**Apr 19** - Test Day (High tests)

**Apr 19** – Ice show Meeting for ALL parents

**Apr 20** - Champions on Ice 2007 Tour

**Apr 20** – Costumes Pick up (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

**Apr 21** - Test Day (Low tests)

**Apr 21** – Costume pick-up (9:00 – noon)

**Apr 29** - Learn to Skate Competition

## SKATE DETROIT:

Skate Detroit will be held July 25-28. Skate Detroit is open to all Freestyle skaters from Pre-Preliminary thru Senior; Solo Dance from Juvenile thru Senior, Pair teams from Juvenile thru Senior and Team Dance from Pre/Juvenile thru Novice. IJS will be used for Juvenile through Senior events. Applications are now available at the monitor's desk and are due no later than May 25, 2007.

## EXCELLENCE FUND:

The DSC Excellence Fund provides financial grants to skaters based on financial need and skating performance in qualifying competitions. The intent is to help support the skater's future. The Excellence Fund invites applications from skaters who have demonstrated the following levels of achievement:

- Juvenile or Intermediate single skater who qualified to compete at the 2007 Junior National Championships.
- Juvenile and Intermediate dance or pair team who qualified for the final round at the 2007 Junior National Championships.
- Novice or above single skaters who competed in the 2007 Sectional and/or 2007 National Championships.
- Novice pair or dance team or above who placed in the top 6 at the 2007 Sectional and/or competed at the 2007 National Championships.

Excellence Fund applications are now available in the main office.

**Applications are due no later than May 31, 2007.**

## SEVERE WEATHER:

It's that time of year again when the weather is very unpredictable. Sometimes these storms can cause severe winds and tornadoes. Parents, please instruct your children to follow the instructions of their coaches and employees of DSC. If threatening weather is in the area and the sirens are activated, we will ask everyone to leave the ice and move to the locker rooms. This is the safest place in the arena with heavy block walls and no windows. If we lose power at the rink, the phone system goes down. So if you call and do not get the recorded message, you know we do not have power. If we lose power and/or once power has been restored, we will make every attempt to email the status of the conditions at our facility.

## E-MAIL ADDRESS:

If at any time throughout the year your email address changes, please make sure you give the new information to the main office so you can continue to receive the newsletter and other club mailings without interruption. *If you are not registered you **will not** receive this information* - please register online at [www.dsclub.com](http://www.dsclub.com) or give your email address to the main office.

## LEARN TO SKATE 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL COMPETITION:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Learn to Skate Competition will be held April 29, 2007. The competition is also open to DSC Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary skaters. Applications are available in the Learn to Skate and Ice Monitor's offices. For more information please contact Barb, Elaine or Betsy in the Learn to Skate office or at [learntoskate@dsclub.com](mailto:learntoskate@dsclub.com).

## LEARN TO SKATE APPRENTICE PROGRAM:

The Learn to Skate program is accepting applications for the apprentice program (instructor training). Skaters must be 17 years old and have at least a novice test level in free skating or moves. For more information please contact Barb Elenbaas or Elaine Budd at the rink, or at [learntoskate@dsclub.com](mailto:learntoskate@dsclub.com).

TEST TIDBITS:

Congratulations to our newest Gold Medalist:

**Alissandra Aronow – Senior Moves in the Field (Arctic)**  
**Amy Berglund – Senior Pair Test**  
**Emily Laughlin – Senior Moves in the Field (Bowling Green)**  
**Abby Leet – Senior Moves in the Field**  
**Deryck Szatkowski – Senior Pair Test**  
**Kali Warren – Senior Moves in the Field (Berkeley)**

Test Results from 3-18-07

Pre/Preliminary Moves in the Field

Alexa Sotiroff

Pre/Preliminary Free Skate

Alexa Sotiroff

Preliminary Moves in the Field

Jacquelyn Green  
Serena Seyburn  
Stephanie Wells

Preliminary Free Skate

Crissie Gulu  
Veronica Stafford

Preliminary Pair

Alexandra Dunne-Bryant

Preliminary Dances

Madison George  
Emily Moreau  
Elizabeth Weber

Pre/Bronze Dances

Clark Meek (Berkeley)  
Madeline Meek (Berkeley)

Pre/Juvenile Moves in the Field

Allison Kohl  
Alexander Martin  
Madeline Meek (Berkeley)  
Elizabeth Weber  
Melissa Yax

Juvenile Moves in the Field

Caitlin DeLuca  
Elizabeth Seryak

Juvenile Free Skate

Cara Schooley  
Lauren Vivian

Intermediate Free Skate

Alexandra Aldridge

Novice Moves in the Field

Erin Gales  
Melanie Laughlin (Bowling Green)  
Sharon Neff  
Julia Pyko

Junior Moves in the Field

Alexandra Aldridge  
Kathleen Weishaar (Arctic)  
Taylor Wiedemann  
Madeline Young

Applications are available at the Monitor's Desk or online at [www.dsclub.com](http://www.dsclub.com)

April Testing

High Tests are tentatively planned for Thursday April 19, 2007 4:15 PM -7:00 PM (depending upon judge availability). Low Tests (through Intermediate) will be April 21 times TBD

**All April test forms are due by 5:00 PM Friday April 6, 2007-NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

If you are testing a high level, I'd appreciate your applications (or at least intent) ASAP. Coaches, you can send me lists of skaters you plan to test in April via email to [testchair@dsclub.com](mailto:testchair@dsclub.com) or [blakea@chartermi.net](mailto:blakea@chartermi.net)

**\*\*\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\***

May Testing

**All applications are due by 5:00 PM Tuesday May 1, 2007 NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** Testing is planned for May 22 and 23, 2007. This is a change and it is earlier due to the volume of tests that take place at our May sessions. If you think you may have a conflict, please DO NOT test this month. You may test out of club with permission. To find other test sessions, check [www.sk8stuff.com](http://www.sk8stuff.com)

Thank you in advance for your planning!!

### **NEXT TEST DATES**

**Saturday, April 21, 2007 – applications due Apr 6**  
**Tuesday/Wednesday, May 22 & 23, 2007 – applications due May 1**  
**Sunday, June 24, 2007 – applications due June 11 (Dance only)**  
**Sunday, July 15 – applications due July 1 (F/S and Moves only)**  
**Sunday, July 29 – applications due July 13 (Dance and F/S)**  
**Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19 – applications due Aug 3**  
**The listed dates are tentative and subject to change (See information below)**

If skating elsewhere or testing out of club, you must have test permission. This is available by calling the main office. If you are a DSC 2<sup>nd</sup> club member, you need to request permission from your Home Club Test Chair. Test Credit: Only in the event of serious injury or illness that keeps you from skating for a period of time, will a credit be given with doctor documentation or the death of an immediate family member.

### **CHAMPION'S ON ICE:**

Tickets are available for the Champion's on Ice 2007 tour that will be held at Joe Louis Arena on Friday, April 20. A block of tickets for DSC is being held with group sales through Olympia Entertainment. Please call 313-471-3099, mention Detroit Skating Club and receive \$10 off tickets at the box office price of \$65, \$45 and \$25.

### **SUGGESTION BOX:**

We would like to hear from you. Although many of our members are willing to express their suggestions in person, several others would rather remain anonymous. We have set up a suggestion box in the main lobby for any member to express their suggestions to us. We also have an email address at [Suggestions@dscclub.com](mailto:Suggestions@dscclub.com).

### **CONDOLENCES:**

To Sarah Trent on the passing of her father. Sarah was a member of Team Élan Adult.