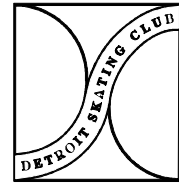


THE DETROIT SPIN



NEWSLETTER FOR THE DETROIT SKATING CLUB

MAY 2007

BOARD MEMO:

Where Have the Heroes Gone?

One of the unusual conventions of modern American culture is the "Take Your Daughter/Son to Work Day." It happens every spring, and ultimately answers the question "What do you do at work, Momma/Daddy?" Some days, even as parents, we are unable to answer this question for ourselves. Come this time every spring, our skaters, whether competitive or testing, look at their accomplishments from the fall schedule: did s/he pass an especially difficult test?? did s/he move up a level? did s/he enter their first competition? did s/he try a new discipline? did s/he emerge from basic skills or junior club? What do you, as your skater's biggest fan, really know about their life at the rink?

Registering for summer ice is exciting! The world is full of sunshine and blooming flowers; your skater can take a breath and really get into the scholarship of their chosen discipline. Maybe they will work with another coach; maybe they will 'try' something new ... a new jump ... a new discipline. Encourage your skater to look around the rink and 'see' something new: Who is more advanced in their favorite discipline? Who are our Olympians? Who are your skaters' role models? Who are the 'heroes' who make our Club run like a top? The office staff who keeps the business aspect running smoothly, the Ice Sports Café staff who prepare healthy and delicious foods for all of us to enjoy every day, the Beaumont staff who helps put us all back together; the off-ice staff who enhances our skaters' on ice artistry.

Summer schedule is a wonderful time to 'sample' all our Club has to offer: go to several ice show performances; take a lesson with a friend and your favorite coach; have lunch with your skater at our wonderful picnic tables; compete or volunteer at Skate Detroit; watch our synchro teams in training sessions; try a flight in our jump harnesses; come and watch and enjoy the discipline, challenge and rewards of figure skating. Don't be afraid: learn about the exciting experiences our Club has to offer. Take a chance: summer time is the perfect time to look for your DSC 'hero.'

Donna Dennis, Vice President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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

Gabriella Carr (Associate)
Kaitlyn Juszczuk (Associate)
Taya Sosa (Associate)

DSC ICE SHOW:

DSC's annual ice show "Skating in Color" will be held June 7-10. **Tickets are on sale in the main office during regular business hours starting MAY 8.** Prices are \$13 for bleacher seating and \$23 for gold seats. Charity tables are \$150 or \$195. Tickets will be available for purchase during regular business hours or by phone at 248-332-3000 x102.

TEAM ELAN:

OPEN JUVENILE, 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 or calling 248-332-3000 x 104. For more information contact Coach Jennifer DeSimone at jenniferdesimone@comcast.net or Coach Sarah Feldt at 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 or calling 248-332-3000 x 104. For more information contact Jennifer DeSimone at jenniferdesimone@comcast.net.

EXCELLENCE FUND:

The Detroit Skating Club Excellence Fund provides financial grants to skaters based on financial need and skating performance in qualifying competitions. We invite skaters who have demonstrated the following levels of achievement.

1. Juvenile or Intermediate single skater who qualified to compete at the 2007 Junior National Championships.
2. Juvenile and Intermediate dance or pair team who qualified for the final round at the 2007 Junior National Championships.
3. Novice or above single skaters who competed in the 2007 Sectional and/or 2007 National Championships.
4. 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.

Applications are available in the main office and are due no later than May 31, 2007

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.

COMPETITION RESULTS:

2007 Adult National Championships, Benesville, Illinois – April 11-14, 2007

Alexandra Dunne-Bryant (Championship Master Ladies)	5
Antonio Conte (Championship Gold Men)	9
Debra & David Gaultier (Adult Pre-Gold Dance)	4
Michelle & Paul Harvath (Championship Gold Dance)	1
Valerie Knoelk (Adult Bronze Ladies III A)	WD

Puerto Rican National Championships, Mount Laurel, NJ – March 10, 2007

Diana Reina (Novice) 1

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Debbie Pitsos on her nomination by a subcommittee of coaches for the 2007 U.S. Figure Skating/PSA Sports Science Coaching Award! GOOD LUCK DEBBIE!!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 8 – Tickets go on sale at 9:00 am for Ice Show

May 9 – 24 – Registration for summer ice

May 22 & 23 – Test Days

May 26 – Last day for Fall/Winter ice schedule

May 28 – Rink closed (Memorial Day)

May 29 – June 9 – Drop in ice only

May 31 – Membership dues expire for 2006/07 season

May 31 – Excellence Fund applications due

June 7-10 – Ice Show “Skating in Color”

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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

The main office will change to their summer hours starting after Memorial Day. On Tuesday, May 29 through Labor Day weekend, the office will be open starting at 8:00 am and will close at 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday. Fridays we will close at 3:00 pm.

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.

TEST TIDBITS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST GOLD MEDALISTS:

**Amanda Allan – Senior Moves in the Field (Dearborn FSC)
Jonathan Cassar - Senior Free Skate
Kaitlyn Shariak – Senior Moves in the Field (Novi SC)**

In the last newsletter we failed to list those skaters who had passed their set of dance tests. Please accept our apology and we extend our congratulations to the following skaters:

Pre/Bronze Dances
Brian Johnson

Bronze Dances
Jolanta Martyka-Kepa

Silver Dances
Alexandra Aldridge
Andrianna Vektor
Kelsey Walton

Test Results from April 19, 2007

Pre/Preliminary Moves in the Field
Emily Hong
Anna Moloney

Pre/Preliminary Free Skate
Anna Moloney

Preliminary Free Skate
Elizabeth Weber

Preliminary Dances
Julia Spidak

Pre/Juvenile Moves in the Field
Peyton Lee
Daniel Li
Emily Moreau

Pre/Juvenile Free Skate
Rachel Branham
Natalie Fireman
Brian Johnson
Claire Kilbride
Peyton Lee

Bronze Dances
Kaitlyn Krizanic (Birmingham)

Juvenile Moves in the Field
Grace Anderson
Rachel Branham
Annie Rosentreter (Dearborn FSC)

Juvenile Free Skate
Karin Hostettler
Miranda Micallef (Dearborn FSC)
Daniel Takayama

Juvenile Pair
Alexandra Dunne-Bryant

Intermediate Moves in the Field
Miranda Micallef (Dearborn FSC)
Rachel Taylor

Intermediate Free Skate
Gina DeSico
Kaitlyn Krizanic (Birmingham)

Novice Moves in the Field
Karin Hostettler
Jennifer Johnson
Kaitlyn Krizanic (Birmingham)
Lauren Vivian (Birmingham)

Silver Dances
Jackie Fiscus

Junior Free Skate
Allyse Reiners (Dearborn FSC)
Kathleen Weishaar (Arctic FSC)

Pre/Gold Dances
Katarina Irvine

NEXT TEST DATES

**Tuesday/Wednesday, May 22 & 23, 2007 – applications due May 1
Sunday, June 24, 2007 – applications due June 8 (Dance only)
Sunday, July 15 – applications due June 29 (F/S and Moves only)
Sunday, July 29 – applications due July 6 (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)**

Applications are available at the Monitor's Desk or online at www.dsclub.com

Our test Chairs are Dawn Anderson and Andy Glassberg. They can be reached at testchair@dscclub.com. The test committee consists of Donna Dennis, Betsy Capizzo, Martha Newcomer, Esther Mueller, Don Ross, and Linda Kmit.

Due to the large number of skaters testing each month, all test applications must be in 14 DAYS before the test date. Late applications will not be accepted. REMINDER: Please make sure your test application is filled out completely, written clearly and have your coach double check it before you turn it in to make sure it is correct. DO NOT use your nickname. Put your proper name that is registered with US Figure Skating.

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 2nd 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.

CONDOLENCES:

Our condolences to Joyce Herron and her family on the passing of her father. Joyce is a Resident-Inactive member of DSC.