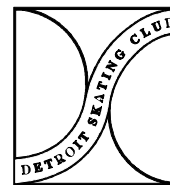


# THE DETROIT SPIN



NEWSLETTER FOR THE DETROIT SKATING CLUB

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2007

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## BOARD MEMO:

DSC Members and Friends

As you know by now, after returning from a two week vacation, Brian Dilworth decided, for his own personal reasons, to resign from his position as the Managing Director of DSC. The administrative staff and operations personnel of DSC continue to fully function, seamlessly, in their established manner, and the process to find a new Managing Director will be implemented in due process.

As a non-profit entity, DSC remains committed to serving its members and those from the general public who make use of its facilities. We, as the DSC Board, appreciate your continued understanding and your support.

DSC Board of Directors,

Ed Kmit,  
President

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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

Alexandria Anstett (Synchro)  
Lee Blizman (Off-Ice)  
Paul Blizman (Off-Ice)  
Samantha Borowiak (Synchro)  
Ethan Burgess (Team)  
Karen Cao (Associate)  
Tyler Colligan (Team)  
Frank Colosimo (Off-Ice)  
Felix Gluzberg (Off-Ice)  
Bridget Hillman (Synchro)  
Lesley Hocking (Synchro)  
Gabrielle Hodges (Synchro)  
Dan Jeska (Off-Ice)  
Iris Johnson (Synchro)  
Audrey Kohl (Associate)

Kimberlyn Lazarski (Synchro)  
Alicia Lerner (Synchro)  
Susannah Lyddon (Synchro)  
Evelyn Metric (Synchro)  
Teresa Moses (Off-Ice)  
Natalie Puckett (Synchro)  
Brenae Smith (AM)  
Erin Spencer (Synchro)  
Raisa Strumba (Off-Ice)  
Michael Thouson (Off-Ice)  
Delanie Thurlow (Synchro)  
Katelyn Zink (Synchro)  
Jacqueline Zolynsky (Synchro)  
Josephine Zolynsky (Synchro)

## SYNCHRO PROGRAM:

Our synchro program has a new name- Evolution! We are fielding seven teams – Senior, Novice, Juvenile, Open-Juvenile, Preliminary, Beginner and Adult Masters. The Senior and Novice teams just returned from a very successful “boot camp” in Traverse City, where they accomplished a lot both on and off the ice. With all teams starting fall practices, the coaches and skaters are hard at work putting together programs and building the Evolution family. The Senior team is once again a member of Team USA, and looks forward to competing at the Spring Cup in Milan, Italy in February. All of our skaters, coaches and parents are looking forward to a great season. Go Evolution!

## REMINDER:

All skaters competing in Qualifying competitions must file their application no later than **September 1, 2007**. U.S. Figure Skating prefers all skaters to register online at [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org).

### **IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE 2007 - 2008 QUALIFYING COMPETITION SEASON Online Registration Requirement (Does Not Apply to Collegiates or Adults)**

Beginning this year, online registration is the **ONLY** acceptable method of entry into the qualifying competition season. There are **NO** paper entry forms. You will access online registration by logging in at [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org). A username and password are required elements for successful online registration. Your username is your U.S. Figure Skating membership number. If you do not already have a password, go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) and follow the online instructions. U.S. Figure Skating strongly recommends that you obtain a password prior to the start of registration. Registration opens July 16, 2007, so be sure to **REGISTER EARLY** to avoid any complications prior to the Sept. 1, 2007 deadline.

**EVERYONE WISHING TO COMPETE IN THE 2007-08 QUALIFYING COMPETITION SEASON MUST REGISTER ONLINE BY SEPT. 1, 2007.**

### **Sectional Entry Fees**

All competitors qualifying from their regional championships to the sectional championships will be subject to a \$150 entry fee and a \$10 administrative fee. U.S. Figure Skating, with authorization during registration from the competitor, will charge the credit card used to pay the initial regional championship entry fee \$160 to cover these fees.

### **Novice Pairs and Dance**

Beginning with the 2007- 2008 competition season, all novice pairs and dance teams will begin their qualifying at their respective sectional championships. These events will no longer be offered at the regional championships.

### **Juvenile and Intermediate Pairs and Dance**

For the 2007-08 competition season, all juvenile and intermediate pairs and dance teams will advance automatically to the 2008 U.S. Junior Championships. There will be no event for these teams at the regional championships. However, these teams will have the option of competing at their respective sectional championships Nov. 14-17, 2007. At the time of registration, each team must declare whether or not they elect to compete at their respective sectional championships. Those who elect not to compete will advance directly to the 2008 U.S. Junior Championships. Those teams who elect to compete at sectionals **MUST** compete in order to advance to the 2008 U.S. Junior Championships.

### **Competition Music Information Requirement**

Beginning with the 2007-08 competition season, U.S. Figure Skating now requires all competitors to fully complete a competition music information form as part of the online registration process. Your registration will **NOT** be accepted until this section of online registration has been completed.

You will be asked to fill in the following pieces of information for each music component of the short program/original dance and free skate/free dance:

- Composer (required)
- Orchestra (required)
- Duration of Music (required)
- Record Label/Number optional but highly recommended

TEST TIDBITS:

**Congratulations to our most recent gold medalists:**  
**Nina Dhingra – Senior Moves in the Field**  
**Allison Hanson – Gold Dances**  
**Laura Lepzinski – Gold Pair**

**Test Results from June 24 &  
July 15, 24 & 29, 2007**

Pre/Preliminary Moves in the Field

Curtis Dicho  
Deborah Dicho  
Gabrielle Healy  
Valerie Knoelk  
Rachel Satkiewicz

Pre/Preliminary Free Skate

Jacquelyn Green

Preliminary Moves in the Field

Natalie Hickman  
Megan Martzloff  
Erika Ouchi  
Alexa Sotiroff

Preliminary Free Skate

Claire Husaynu

Preliminary Pair

Brian Johnson  
Peyton Lee

Preliminary Dances

Pine Kopka-Ross  
Erin Quigley

Pre/Juvenile Moves in the Field

Madison George  
Julia Spidak

Pre/Juvenile Free Skate

Grace Anderson (Westland)  
Erin Weingarten

Pre/Bronze Dances

Emily Hong  
Pine Kopka-Ross

Juvenile Pair

Meagan Marshall  
Kristopher Torossian

Juvenile Free Dance

Carol Raisky

Bronze Dances

Adam Boike  
Sierra Chadwick  
Pine Kopka-Ross  
Brittany Lee  
Alexander Martin

Intermediate Moves in the Field

Gabrielle Anderson  
Claire Kilbride  
Jessica Nicosia  
Yudai (Daniel) Takayama  
Erin Weingarten  
Maureen Wu

Intermediate Free Skate

Nicole Erd (Dearborn)

Intermediate Pair

Tyler Colligan  
Laura Lepzinski  
Meagan Marshall

Intermediate Free Dance

Joshua Leggett  
Laura Perry

Pre-Silver Dances

Pine Kopka-Ross

Novice Moves in the Field

Konstantin Chizhikov  
Nicole Erd (Dearborn)  
Alexandra Zazula

Novice Pair

Rachel Cole  
Tyler Colligan  
Jennifer Johnson  
Stephen Johnson  
Laura Lepzinski

Adult Silver Dances

Janet Chapel

Pre/Gold Dances

Lisa Lucido  
Courtney Mueller  
Kristen Rosen

Junior Moves in the Field

Alice Lee

Junior Pair

Megan Gueli  
Jaylyn Kelly  
Laura Lepzinski  
Gabe Woodruff

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

Test chairs are Dawn Anderson and Andy Glassberg, and they can be reached at [testchair@dscclub.com](mailto:testchair@dscclub.com). Please note that Dawn Anderson's home phone number has changed to (810) 266-0065 should you need to contact her regarding testing.

### NEXT TEST DATES

**Sat & Sun, Aug 18 & 19 (All) - applications due no later than Aug 3 at 5:00 pm**  
**No test day in September**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2007 - applications due no later than Oct 1 at 5:00 pm**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2007 - applications due no later than Oct 30 at 5:00 pm**  
**Friday, December 14, 2007 - applications due no later than Nov 30 at 5:00 pm**  
**Monday, January 21, 2008 (MLK Day) - applications due no later than Jan 7 at 5:00 pm**  
**Monday, February 18, 2008 - applications due no later than Feb 4 at 5:00 pm**  
**Monday, March 17, 2008 - applications due no later than Mar 3 at 5:00 pm**  
**Thursday, April 17, 2008 - applications due no later than Apr 3 at 5:00 pm**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday, May 20 & 21, 2008 - applications due no later than May 5**  
**Sunday, June 22, 2008 (Dance only) - applications due no later than June 6 at 3:00 pm**  
**Sunday, July 13, 2008 - applications due no later than July 3 at 3:00 pm**  
**Sunday, August 10, 2008 - applications due no later than July 25 at 3:00 pm**  
**The listed dates are tentative and subject to change**

We have done the best we can to schedule our test sessions around significant holidays, events and competitions that affect our skaters. Please plan accordingly. You are always welcome to test out of club if these dates do not suit you. Keep in mind the following dates and deadlines:

August 25, 2007 (Non-Qualifying) Eastern Great Lakes Regional applications due.

September 1, 2007 (Qualifying) Eastern Great Lakes Regional applications due. (ONLINE ONLY).

Sunday, October 21, 2007 – Annual Awards & Recognition Banquet.

November 17, 2007 – Ice show tryouts. All tests must be passed prior to this date in order to qualify for certain levels. Please plan accordingly.

Lastly. A big thank you to all for your support and help. We would especially like to thank our test committee volunteers – Don Ross, Nancy Vektor, Amy Sheikh, Esther Mueller, Jan Kalil, Martha Newcomer, Cheryl Leggett, Linda Kmit, Peggy Bowman, Betsy Capizzo and Barb Martin. We could not have the successful test sessions we experience every month without you!!!

Dawn Anderson  
Andy Glassberg

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Pursuant to the by-laws of Detroit Skating Club the Nominating Committee of Susan Brewster, Linda Gardner, Cheryl Leggett, Terry Cole and Cindy Roth have nominated the following members to run for the Board of Directors:

Jim D'Agostini	Debbie O'Keefe
Donna Dennis	Kristy Kasapis Panos
Matt Johnson	William Sterbenz

All Resident and Life members in good standing will be mailed ballots approximately 10 days before the General Meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2007.

### 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINEES

**James D'Agostini** – James and his wife, Antonina, and their three children live in Rochester Hills. He is an attorney specializing in construction law and commercial litigation. He retired his law practice to assume his current position as a managing co-owner of L. D'Agostini & Sons, Inc. and its affiliates in the business of public works construction and industrial development. The D'Agostini's have been Resident members for the last 5 years and Jim feels that his professional knowledge and experience can assist the board in carrying out its duties at DSC.

**Donna Dennis** – Donna lives in Bloomfield Hills and is a writing instructor at International Academy of Design and Technology, Macomb Community College and Oakland Community College, as well as being a freelance writer. Her two daughters skated synchronized for many years. Donna is also a low level judge in dance and moves in the field. She has served as board liaison to Team Élan and is currently the DSC representative to Detroit Metro Council. Being an educator she is interested in the delicate balance of physical, intellectual and emotional development of our skaters. Donna sees the main responsibility of the board members and its staff as providing a safe environment for the growth of all skaters and the ability to keep DSC as a foremost club in all disciplines and a premier training facility for our skaters.

**Matt Johnson** – Matt and his wife, Beth, live in Southfield with their 2 children. The Johnson's have been involved in skating for 20 years and Resident members since 2002. Matt has volunteered as transportation chairperson for Skate Detroit for the past three years and assists with announcing and music. He also was transportation chair and driver for USFSA events held at the Palace over the last several years. The entire family has participated in the last six ice shows, with Beth and Matt both serving as chairpersons. Matt has voluntarily completed many building improvement projects at DSC. He enthusiastically supports all skating disciplines and feels his love for skating and his desire to keep our facility looking as good as our skaters do will benefit the board.

**Debbie O'Keefe (Alsup)** – Debbie is a veterinarian who specializes in treating cancer in pets and has worked at the Michigan Veterinary Specialists in Southfield for 14 years. She and her daughter have been a member of Detroit Skating Club since 2002. She has served on the board for Farmington Hills FSC for 3 years is currently the manager for the United Farmington High School figure Skating Team. She learned to figure skate as an adult and skated for both the Fraser Eclipse and Gems on Ice Masters synchronized skating teams. She currently skates twice a week.

**Kristy Kasapis Panos** - Kristy currently resides in Novi with her husband, Billy and son Stavros. She owns a Ram's Horn restaurant with her brother that they have successfully operated for the last ten years. Her skating career began at DSC in "basic skills" and through her tenure here competed in figures, freestyle, dance and synchronized skating. She is a gold medalist in Freeskating. Kristy also earned a bachelor's degree in Marketing Sales at Ferris State University. Upon completion of her amateur career she skated professionally for Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida. As her dedication for skating grew, in 1995 she became a U.S. Figure Skating Judge qualified to judge singles, pairs and synchro. In continuing her dedication to the sport of skating she feels there is no better place than DSC to devote her business skills, experience and knowledge. It would be an honor to serve on the board of directors at DSC and offer the same opportunities and experiences to the next generation. She looks forward to maintaining, growing and strengthening the greatest and strongest skating facility in the country.

**William Sterbenz** – Will has a Master's degree in Computer Science and has been working as a software engineer for over fifteen years. He is currently employed as a senior software engineer and Tech Lead at Autodesk, Inc. Beyond software engineering tasks, as a Tech Lead his responsibilities include supervising software projects, managing schedules, reviewing the work of other engineers, interviewing job applicants, collecting requirements from customers, developing product and business strategy, writing software design specifications and coordinating with other engineering sites within Autodesk. He is currently taking skating lessons in ice dancing along with his wife, Misako. They have two children who also skate and have been Resident members since 2005. He also plays hockey in lower level recreational leagues.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Aug 18-19** – Test Days

**Sept 1** – All qualifying competitions entry deadline

**Sept 3** – Rink closed for Labor Day holiday

**Sept 4** – Start of Fall ice season

**Sept 25** – General Meeting 7:00 pm

**Oct 1** – Annual Awards Banquet

## COMPETITION RESULTS:

### U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships, Miami University, Miami, Ohio – Aug 4-7, 2007

Jonathan Cassar (Senior Men)	4
Shanda DeWitt (Senior Ladies)	7
Pine Kopka-Ross (Junior Men)	2
Amy Manning (Senior Ladies)	5
Ameena Sheikh (Senior Ladies)	3
Lindsay Weber (Senior Ladies)	2

## EXCELLENCE FUND:

Over the past 17 years, the Detroit Skating Club Excellence Fund has given more than \$160,000 in financial grants to deserving skaters. Undoubtedly, some of those recipients are now established in and out of the skating world.

The Excellence Fund would like those recipients, who benefited from receiving financial grants, to consider making a contribution. Such generosity would pay forward to the new generation of skaters.

The Detroit Skating Club Excellence Fund is a 501(C)3 corporation and contributions are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please send checks to:

DSC Excellence Fund  
26111 W 14 Mile Road, Suite 200  
Franklin, MI 48025  
c/o Donald Brundirks

## CONDOLENCES:

To Jenny DeSimone on the passing of her grandfather. Jenny is a coach and administrative assistant for the synchronized program at DSC.

To JoAnne Berry on the passing of her brother-in-law, Dan Berry. JoAnne is a member of the Board of Directors and a Resident member at DSC.

To Brooke Sloan on the passing of her father, Laine Hetherington. Brooke is a Resident coach on staff at DSC.

To Don Ross on the passing of his sister. Don is an Adult member at DSC and volunteers on the Test Committee.