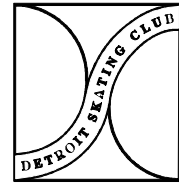


THE DETROIT SPIN



NEWSLETTER FOR THE DETROIT SKATING CLUB

JAN/FEB 2008

BOARD MEMO:

Because January marks the beginning of a new year it is natural to reflect backward on the year that has ended and anticipate forward into the coming year. Depending upon one's area of concentration we are all at different points in our skating season.

U.S. and European Championships are taking place as I write this and DSC is well represented and already doing well. Congratulations to all of our National competitors. The Synchro teams are off to Nashville and Milan. Congratulations and good luck to our Synchro teams! The High School figure-skating teams are in full swing, providing a chance for DSC skaters to show both school colors and DSC companionship at the same time.

For our lower level skaters one season is over and a new one is just beginning. The local non-qualifying competitions start this month. As a club, we can look back upon a very successful season at the Juvenile and Intermediate levels. DSC was very well represented at Junior Nationals, with 15 skaters by my count, spanning both Juvenile and Intermediate levels in all three disciplines: freestyle, pairs, and dance.

With the current Learn-to-Skate session having started in mid-January we have new skaters that are joining DSC for the first time this month. Other skaters have recently graduated from the Learn-to-Skate program and transitioned into private coaching, marking a whole new phase of their skating development. At the other end of the spectrum, we saw masters level skaters retire from competitive skating this year after "going out on top".

We had our annual Champions Ice Revue exhibition in January and it is indicative of the strength of the club that we can fill a three-hour exhibition with skaters in all four of the major skating disciplines and only scratch the surface of our talent pool. There are many DSC skaters ready to make 2008 "their year".

DSC is a diverse club so we find ourselves at various points in our seasons. Yet because it is the beginning of a new calendar year one cannot help but reflect upon past successes and disappointments and set new and exciting personal goals for the coming year. As I myself reflect back upon the past year at DSC I see much of which to be proud, and also some areas for improvement as we move forward.

As your Treasurer I see opportunities for improvement. The economy is down – at the national level, at the state level, and also within our club. This presents us with a challenge, especially because we have some catch-up needed to lift the club back onto sound financial footing. With strong support from DSC employees, coaches, and most importantly the DSC membership, I am confident that we can do so. Indeed, I think to a large extent we have already done so, but we won't see the full effects immediately. We have already taken corrective action in terms of some of our internal accounting procedures so that we can better manage our financial position and forecast, and this allowed us to take proactive steps to improve our financial outlook.

I look forward to 2008 as the year we prove to ourselves that DSC is on top in terms of our financial situation as we continue to demonstrate skill in all areas of figure-skating. Congratulations to all of our skaters for a strong 2007 and good luck in 2008.

Will Sterbenz, Treasurer

CONGRATULATIONS TO MERYL DAVIS & CHARLIE WHITE
2008 U.S. NATIONAL SILVER MEDALISTS IN SENIOR DANCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR SKATERS WHO COMPETED AT THE U.S. NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ST. PAUL, MN JAN 21-26, 2008. (See results)
WE ARE PROUD OF ALL OF YOU!

William Brewster (Junior Men)
Andrea Best & Trevor Young (Junior Pairs)
Megan Gueli & Grant Marron (Junior Pairs)
Jaylyn Kelly & Gabe Woodruff (Junior Pairs)
Rachael Richardson & Brad Coulter (Junior Dance)
Alissa Czisny (Senior Ladies)
Laura Lepzinski & Ethan Burgess (Senior Pairs)
Meryl Davis & Charlie White (Senior Dance)
Jennifer Wester & Daniil Barantsev (Senior Dance)

Also congratulations to Federica Faiella and Massimo Scali who won the Italian National Championships and were 4th at the European Championships.

EVOLUTION:

Congratulations to all teams on their great performances at Mid-America Synchro Championships (see results page). We are proud of you! All teams (except Senior) will be skating at the Midwestern Sectional Championships in Nashville, TN to qualify to advance to the National Championships in Providence, RI, February 20-23, 2008.

Good luck to Senior Team Evolution who will be competing in Milan, Italy, February 8-10, 2008!

Evolution, DSC's Synchronized Skating Program, will be hosting their annual National Send-off Exhibition at DSC on Monday February 18th at 6:30 PM. All of the Evolution teams will be performing their 2008 competitive programs. Come join us as we wish Evolution luck at the 2008 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in Providence, RI!

In addition, Evolution will be holding a Silent Auction and a raffle to win themed gift baskets. There are several wonderful items up for bidding, including Red Wings tickets, Pistons tickets, and a membership to the Bloomfield Tennis Club. All proceeds will go to benefit the Evolution Synchronized Skating Teams! Come support Evolution and enjoy some great skating!

THE AMELON FAMILY – LIFE MEMBERS:

Life members of DSC, Dr. and Mrs. Maynard Amelon were recently honored on December 6, 2007 when Botsford Hospital dedicated their newest medical facility in Redford, MI to Maynard "one of this community's most endeared family physicians."

Detroit Skating Club was well represented at the presentation as daughters, Cindy, Debbie, Peggy, Kandi and Mitzi all trained at DSC. All five girls attained their USFSA Gold Dance medal, with three of the girls also passing the CFSA (Canadian) Gold medal dance test.

Daughter Debbie, a Hollywood screen writer is the co-author of the recently published "Dorothy Hamill, A Skating Life".

Our congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Maynard Amelon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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

Ashley Berg (AM)
Anna Cobb (AM)

Eliot Jones (Adult)
Mina Lee (Jr Associate)

Catherine Lepkowski (AM)
Ashley Lustig (Associate)
Rachael Moblo (Associate)

Margaret Payne (Jr Associate)
Raquel Postic (Associate)
Rebekah Postic (Associate)

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Liz Yuhas from Birmingham who won the raffle at the "Champions Ice Revue" for the Learn to Skate classes.

To Meryl Davis and Charlie White who have been named to the U.S. World Figure Skating Team. The World Championships will be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, March 17-23, 2008.

To Jennifer Wester and Daniil Barantsev who will compete with U.S. teammates, Meryl & Charlie, at the Four Continents Competition in Seoul, Korea, February 11-17, 2008.

4th ANNUAL DSC WINTER GAMES CHALLENGE CUP:

The 4th annual DSC Winter Games Challenge will be held on March 16, 2008. Let's rally those teams! Join in on the fun! The competition consists of three teams; Red, White & Blue! The teams will be comprised of Basic Skills Skaters and DSC members. Applications will be available Monday, February 10, 2007 at the ice monitors desk and also from Georgia Hartsell in the main office.

COMPETITION RESULTS:

Mid-America Synchronized Championships, Fraser, MI – Jan 12-13, 2008

Evolution Beginner Team - 1
Evolution Preliminary Team - 4
Evolution Open Juvenile Team - 7
Evolution Juvenile Team - 2
Evolution Novice Team - 3
Evolution Senior Team – 5 short, 3 long
Evolution Masters Team - 1

U.S. National Championships, St. Paul, MN – January 21-26, 2008

Junior

William Brewster (Men) - 9
Andrea Best & Trevor Young (Pairs) - 4
Megan Gueli & Grant Marron (Pairs) - 9
Jaylyn Kelly & Gabe Woodruff (Pairs) - 7
Rachael Richardson & Brad Coulter (Dance) - 11

Senior

Alissa Czisny (Ladies) - 9
Laura Lepzinski & Ethan Burgess (Pairs) - 14
Meryl Davis & Charlie White (Dance) - 2
Jennifer Wester & Daniil Barantsev (Dance) - 5

European Championships, Croatia – January, 2008

Federica Faiella and Massimo Scali (Dance) – 4

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FIGURE SKATING:

The Michigan High School Figure Skating teams are in place and competition starts the beginning of December. DSC has many skaters on various teams and we wish them all good luck this season. Each high school is assigned to one of five districts and must participate in the competitions designated for their district only. If possible, teams will be assigned to the district closest to their high school location, but first priority will be given to the teams hosting competitions. The Championship Event for team and individual skaters is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Novi Ice Arena. Good Luck to our skaters who will be competing this year:

Birmingham United

Kat Irvine
Jennifer Johnson
Kaitlyn Krizanic

Bloomfield United

Nina Dhingra
Megan Gueli
Cyara Hotopp
Lesley Jacobowitz
Alice Lee
Sarah Marron
Sameena Sheikh
Maddie Young

Christian Combined

Crissie Gulu
Alyssa Kirsch
Lauren Ko
Jamey Little
Emily Moreau
Alexandra Panaretos
Audrey Powell
Amy Scheck
Katie White
Lauren Williams

Grosse Ile High School Skating Team

Allyse Reiners

Grosse Pointe High School FS Team

Spenser Feller

Huron High School FS Team

Anna Li

Lakeland High School Team

Ryan Deaver

Lake Orion Skating Team

Sarah Daly
Angela Wan

Rochester United

Courtney Mueller

Troy FS Team

Stephanie Crosby
Katelyn Zink

United Farmington FS Team

Regan Alsup
Kim Blake

Walled Lake FS Team

Kaitlyn Shariak

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan 31-Feb 2 – Midwestern Synchro Championships (Nashville, TN)

Feb 4 – Metro Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Feb 6-9 – Synchro International Competition (Milan, Italy)

Feb 11 – Board Meeting

Feb 18 – Test Day (Apps due Feb 4)

Feb 18 – Synchro National Send-Off

Feb 20-23 – Synchro National Championships (Providence, RI)

ANNUAL ICE SHOW:

Detroit Skating Club's 9th annual ice show will be held June 5-8, 2008. This year's theme is "Jungle-Zoo on Ice". You may still participate, but please do not forget to include the \$20 late fee with your application. All costume pictures will be on display by Feb. 1. Any questions regarding the ice show should be directed to Rachel Lee at 248-644-7199.

SMUCKER'S STARS ON ICE:

This year's show is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 7:30 pm at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets can be purchased through Raquel Gumma at the Palace at fax number 248-370-5205. Make sure you tell her you are with the group from Detroit Skating Club for discounted ticket prices or get an order form at DSC. Discounted ticket prices are \$65 (reg \$70), \$35 (reg \$45) or \$15 (reg \$25).

TEST TIDBITS:

Congratulations to our newest Gold Medalists:

Abby Leet – Senior Free Skate
Farah Sheikh – Senior Moves in the Field
Sameena Sheikh – Senior Free Skate

Test Results from January 21, 2008

Pre/Preliminary Moves in the Field

Hannah Buonomo
Lauren Messner

Preliminary Moves in the Field

Cassie Lark
Rachel Satkiewicz

Preliminary Dances

Anastasia Worthy (Dearborn)
Ameena Sheikh
Sameena Sheikh
Megan Song

Adult Pre/Bronze Free Skate

Valerie Knoelk (Onyx)

Pre/Bronze Dances

Amy Hu
Ameena Sheikh
Tori Weingarten

Pre/Juvenile Moves in the Field

Emily Hong
Amy Hu

Juvenile Moves in the Field

Madison George

Juvenile Pair

Ameena Sheikh

Bronze Dances

Emily Hong
Claire Husaynu
Brian Johnson
Madeline Weiner

Intermediate Moves in the Field

Grace Anderson
Kaitlin Budd
Allison Kohl

Intermediate Free Skate

Allison Drayback

Pre/Silver Dances

Kaitlin Budd
Kyra Hauck

Novice Moves in the Field

Meghan Schooley
Angela Wan

Novice Free Skate

Mara Gueli
Madeline Koehler
Anna Steinberg

Silver Dances

Daniel Eaton

Junior Moves in the Field

Madeline Koehler
Joshua Leggett
Kate White

Junior Free Skate

Lauren Ko

Pre/Gold Dances

Nina Dhingra

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

Our test Chairs are Dawn Anderson and Andy Glassberg. They can be reached at testchair@dscclub.com. We would especially like to thank our test committee volunteers – Don Ross, Nancy Vctor, Amy Sheikh, Esther Mueller, Jan Kalil, Martha Newcomer, Cheryl Leggett, Linda Kmit, Betsy Capizzo and Barb Martin. We could not have the successful test sessions we experience every month without you!!!

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.

NEXT TEST DATES

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

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.

THANK YOU:

The office staff and ice monitors would like to thank all our members who gave us cards, gifts and goodies over the holidays.

ICE SPORTS CAFÉ:

Many thanks to all our customers who remembered us with gifts and cards over the holidays. We appreciate your generosity. Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2008!

Terry, Diane and Sue

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS:

At this time we have several spots open for Resident Membership. If you are interested in upgrading your membership please contact Debbie Johns in the main office to set up an appointment.

CONDOLENCES:

To the Havele family on the passing of Sonia's grandfather. They are Associate members at DSC.

To Kathy MacMillan on the passing of her father. Kathy is an adult member at DSC.

To the Nicosia family on the passing of Jessica and Vincent's grandfather. They are Associate members at DSC.