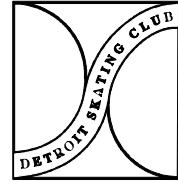


# THE DETROIT SPIN



NEWSLETTER FOR THE DETROIT SKATING CLUB

APRIL 2008

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## BOARD MEMO:

Spring is a time of new beginnings and fresh starts. Here at the Detroit Skating Club, it is just that. This spring, new pair teams are pairing up, new synchro teams are forming, fresh programs are being choreographed, new dresses are being created, and the ice show is well on its way.

With Nationals, Synchro Nationals, and Internationals all coming to an end, the past competitive season is one to remember with all our skater's success. The coaches, staff, and skaters hard work provided the Detroit Skating Club not only with a sense of excitement, but one complete with many stepping-stones and accomplishments.

As a Board of Director, we continue to place our efforts in maintaining and finding new ways to strengthen the Detroit Skating Club. In preparation for the next season, we are striving to make sure all the necessary resources are in place to continue the momentum.

We wish the skaters, coaches, parents, and staff a spring full of new beginnings and fresh starts, and are looking forward to another successful and exciting year.

Board of Director  
Kristy Panos

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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

Alyssa Boff (Jr Associate)  
Noah Finkelstein (Jr Associate)  
Helen Malinski (Off-Ice)  
Jannel Simon (Jr 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 2008 ADULT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LAKE PLACID, NY – April 8-12**

Alexandra Dunne-Bryant (Championship Master Ladies)  
Antonio Conte (Championship Adult Gold Men)  
Deb & Dave Gaultier (Championship Adult Dance)  
Valerie Knoelk (Adult Pre/Bronze Ladies)

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors will be discussing long and short-term goals for DSC. All members are encouraged to attend and voice their ideas and concerns.

## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL FIGURE SKATING:

The Michigan High School Figure Skating teams competed at the Championship Event for team and individual skaters on Saturday, March 15, 2008 in Novi. Congratulations to our skaters who competed:

### **Pre/Bronze Solo Dance**

Anna Li, Ann Arbor Huron – 3  
Alexandria Anstett, Wyandotte – 8

### **Bronze Solo Dance**

Crissie Gulu, Christian Combined – 6  
Emily Moreau, Mercy - 8

### **Silver Solo Dance**

Kaitlyn Shariak, Walled Lake – 4

### **Gold Solo Dance**

Katarina Irvine, Birmingham – 5  
Lauren Williams, Christian Combined – 4

### **Intermediate/Novice Test Track F/S**

Kaitlyn Shariak, Walled Lake – 2  
Jennifer Johnson, Birmingham – 7  
Kaitlyn Krizanic, Birmingham – 10  
Angela Wan, Lake Orion – 5

### **Intermediate Competitive F/S**

Hannah Vertin, United Farmington – 2  
Anna Li, Ann Arbor Huron – 3

### **Novice/Senior Competitive F/S**

Regan Alsup, United Farmington - 1  
Cyara Hotopp, Bloomfield Hills United - 5  
Lauren Ko, Christian Combined – 2  
Catherine Lepkowski, Lakeland/Milford – 2

### **Juvenile/Senior Artistic Showcase Duet**

Kat Irvine/Muffy Lavens, Birmingham - 4

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

Regan Alsup, United Farmington - 2  
Alyssa Kirsch, Christian Combined – 4

### **Pre/Juvenile/Intermediate Artistic SC**

Hannah Vertin, United Farmington - 2

### **Final Standings for Jumps**

#### **Level A**

Christian Combined – 1  
United Farmington – 2  
Dearborn Unified – 3

#### **Level B**

Ladywood – 1  
Traverse City Combined – 2  
Troy – 3

### **Final Standings for Spins**

#### **Level A**

United Farmington – 1  
Plymouth/Canton – 2  
Grosse Ile – 3

#### **Level B**

Traverse City Combined - 1  
Petosky – 2  
Novi – 3

### **Final Standings for Moves**

#### **Level A**

United Farmington – 1  
Christian Combined – 2  
Midland – 3

#### **Level B**

United Farmington – 1  
Ann Arbor Pioneer – 2  
Divine Child - 3

## COMPETITION RESULTS:

### **Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships, Ann Arbor, MI – March 8-9, 2008**

Alexandra Dunne-Bryant (Championship Master Ladies)	1	
Antonio Conte (Championship Adult Gold Men)	4	
Deb & Dave Gaultier (Championship Adult Dance)		1
Valerie Knoelk (Adult Artistic Dramatic)	2	
Valerie Knoelk (Adult Pre/Bronze Ladies)		4

### **Leon Lurje Trophy, Kungsbacka, Sweden – March 14-16, 2008**

Novice Evolution – 7

### **World Championships, Gothenburg, Sweden – March 17-23, 2008**

Meryl Davis and Charlie White (Dance)	6
Federica Faiella and Massimo Scalia (Dance – Italy)	5

## 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>**

## NEWS FROM OFF-ICE:

Any skaters wanting to enroll in either Ballet or the On-Ice Conditioning classes during the summer must be evaluated by the instructors for class placement. Ballet evaluations will take place during the remaining classes of this fall session. If you are not currently enrolled in a ballet class, it is your responsibility to either drop into a class and request an evaluation or book a private evaluation with one of the ballet instructors. Any private evaluation will be billed as a private lesson.

If you would like to be evaluated for the On-Ice Conditioning class, you must drop in on the current Saturday morning class and be evaluated by Cindy Silk. If you cannot make the class, please contact Cindy for further details.

## CONGRATULATIONS:

To **Kristy Panos** on recently being promoted to sectional judge for singles and pairs and senior sectional judge for synchro. Kristy is also a DSC board member.

To **Sarah (Pekarek) Feldt** and her husband, Keith, on the birth of their daughter, Cora Leigh. She was 8 lbs. 12 oz, 21 inches long born March 24, 2008. Sarah is a synchro coach on staff at DSC.

To **Debbie Pitsos** on being named as one of the five finalists for U.S. Olympic Committee's National "Doc" Counsilman Science Award in recognition for the contribution made to the Olympic movement. Debbie is on our off-ice staff.

## 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 2008 Junior National Championships.
- Juvenile and Intermediate dance or pair team who qualified for the final round at the 2008 Junior National Championships.
- Novice or above single skaters who competed in the 2008 Sectional and/or 2008 National Championships.
- Novice or above pair or dance team who placed in the top 6 at the 2008 Sectional and/or competed at the 2008 National Championships.

Excellence Fund applications are now available in the main office.

**Applications are due no later than May 31, 2008.**

## SKATE DETROIT:

Skate Detroit will be held July 23-26. 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 [www.dscclub.com](http://www.dscclub.com) and are due no later than May 23, 2008.

## EVOLUTION AUDITIONS FOR THE 2008-09 SEASON:

Come tour our facility and meet the staff at the clinics and workshops. The fee is \$15 per session and everyone is required to attend at least one session :

**Juvenile** – Sun, April 6 at Compuware 5:00-6:30 pm & Wed, April 9 at DSC 6:00-8:00 pm.

**Novice** – Sun, April 6 at Compuware 6:30-8:00 pm & Thur, April 10 at DSC 6:00-8:00 pm.

**Junior/Senior** – Mon, April 7 at DSC 6:40-8:00 pm & Thur, April 10 at DSC 4:30-6:00 pm.

Auditions are open to all skaters; bring your current U.S. Figure Skating card. Audition fee is \$40 per skater.

**Juvenile Audition Dates** – Sunday, April 13 at Compuware 5:00-6:30 pm & Wednesday, April 16 at DSC 6:00-8:00 pm. Juvenile skaters must be 12 and under as of July 1, 2008. Juvenile MIF is preferred, Preliminary MIF required.

**Novice Audition Dates** – Sunday, April 13 at Compuware 6:30-8:00 pm & Thursday, April 17 at DSC 6:00-8:00 pm. Skaters are between the ages of 13-14 as of July 1, 2008. Novice MIF is preferred, Juvenile MIF is required. Skater under the age of 13 must have passed Novice MIF to audition.

**Junior/Senior Audition Dates** – Monday, April 14 at DSC 6:40-8:00 pm & Thursday, April 17 at DSC 4:30-6:00 pm. Junior skaters are between 14-18 years of age as of July 1, 2008. Junior MIF is preferred, Intermediate MIF is required. Skaters under the age of 14 must have passed Junior MIF to audition. Senior skaters are 16 years of age and older as of July 1, 2008. Senior MIF and Silver dances is preferred, Novice MIF is required. Skaters under the age of 16 must have passed Senior MIF to audition.

**All skaters must audition for the youngest division for which they qualify. Skaters who meet the requirements may also audition for an older division.**

Beginner, Preliminary, Open Juvenile and Masters Auditions will be held in May – dates TBD.

Skaters must attend all days. Please contact Jenny DeSimone at [www.evolutionsynchro.com](http://www.evolutionsynchro.com) or email [jenny@evolutionsynchro.com](mailto:jenny@evolutionsynchro.com).

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Apr 6-10** – Clinic & workshops for synchro auditions

**Apr 8** – General Membership Meeting @ 7:00 pm

**Apr 13-17** – Auditions for Evolution synchro teams

**Apr 17** - Test Day

**Apr 17** – Ice show Meeting for ALL parents

**Apr 18** – Costumes pick up (4:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

**Apr 19** – Costume pick-up (9:00 am – 1:30 pm)

## 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.

TEST TIDBITS:

Congratulations to our newest Gold Medalists

**Bethany Bonenfant – Senior Moves in the Field**  
**William Brewster – Senior Free Skate**  
**Sarah Marron – Senior Moves in the Field (Arctic)**

**Test Results from March 17, 2008**

Pre/Preliminary Moves in the Field

Nicolette Fey  
Courtney Newman  
Anna Ruge

Pre/Preliminary Free Skate

Chloe Roslin

Preliminary Moves in the Field

Rachel Normandin  
Jordan Ruge  
Katelyn Zink (Dearborn)

Preliminary Free Skate

Daniel Li (Ann Arbor)  
Madeline Weiner

Preliminary Dances

Erin Gales

Pre/Bronze Dances

Annie Chen

Pre/Juvenile Moves in the Field

Brienne John  
Evelyn Metric (Dearborn)  
Chloe Roslin  
Rachel Umanskiy

Pre/Juvenile Free Skate

Samantha Dickow

Bronze Dances

Madeline Meek  
Sameena Sheikh (Fraser)

Intermediate Moves in the Field

Caitlin DeLuca  
Elizabeth Seryak (Lakeland)

Intermediate Pair

Ameena Sheikh

Pre/Silver Dances

Sameena Sheikh

Novice Pair

Ameena Sheikh

Junior Free Skate

Farah Sheikh

Junior Free Dance

Tara Backer

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

Our test Chairs are Dawn Anderson and Andy Glassberg. They can be reached at [testchair@dscclub.com](mailto: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**

**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 at 5:00 pm**  
**Sunday, June 22, 2008 (Dance only) - applications due no later than June 6 at 3:00 pm**  
**Friday, July 11, 2008 - applications due no later than July 1 at 3:00 pm**  
**Friday, August 8, 2008 - applications due no later than July 23 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 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.

### 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 give your email address to the main office.

### CONDOLENCES:

To Alexandra Dunne-Bryant on the passing of her father-in-law. Alexandra is an Adult member and DSC judge.