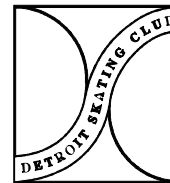


# THE DETROIT SPIN



NEWSLETTER FOR THE DETROIT SKATING CLUB

JUN/JUL 2008

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## BOARD MEMO:

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless*

*~Sherry Anderson*

Have you ever wandered into DSC, just looked around and observed the complexity of what goes on around you? Have you ever stopped to consider what it takes to manage and effectively run our club? Take a look around and you can see:

- A building with three rinks, fifteen locker rooms, off-ice facility and offices that require maintenance, zamboni's, cleaning, painting and improvements
- An outdoors that requires snow removal, lawn cutting and gardening
- Private businesses that service our requirements, Ice Sports Cafe, Beaumont, Fred's Sharpening, Jone's Skate Shop
- Coaches giving lessons, Learn to Skate, the Ice Show, testing
- A front office staff that answers calls, pays the bills, communicates with the membership and schedules every skater
- The monitors office that keeps the daily activity moving
- Supporting our other customers and programs like, senior hockey league, USA Hockey, Evolution
- Skate Detroit

My message is simply that DSC is a very complex privately owned enterprise that requires a tremendous amount of effort to run smoothly. Due to the complexity, the Board of Directors has set up a committee structure that has eleven "master committees" and under that, another twenty-four sub-committees.

DSC has about 400 members, in various classifications, resident, resident inactive, associate, jr. associate, team, synchro, life, judge to name just a few. In addition, there are spouses and coaches not counted in that 400.

Most often, but certainly not always, resident members make up the bulk of volunteer effort, and they number between 50 and 60. It doesn't take much to realize that 50-60 resident members cannot effectively manage 30+ committees. We need everyone's support.

By this letter, the BOD is encouraging and requesting your participation in the club activities and committees. We can use each of your efforts, time and knowledge to keep DSC at the forefront of the skating world. There are many "wants" that we have, but frankly, not enough manpower to adequately investigate nor implement. We intend to revamp the committee structure for better effectiveness, but before doing so would like to know the level of volunteerism we can expect, and in what areas those interests lie.

A full list of committees is available in the office. The range of opportunities and needs is almost endless. Membership Committee (how do we move forward in these ever changing economic times, what type of memberships should we have), External Affairs (Metro council, US Figure Skating), By-laws (what needs to be brought up to date, what future needs do we need to support), Strategic Planning, Facilities, Finance, Fundraising, Hockey, Skating Programs, Skate Detroit, and on and on.

Coaches and skaters, we can use your help as well. What interests you? How can you help?

Think about how you can support your club and let Debbie Johns, Marianne Swift or any BOD member know. Leave a note in my box at DSC. Send an email. Just let us know! Our next board meeting is July 14th, so if you could respond by then, we can continue to move forward sooner rather than later. Let's continue to strive to be the best skating club in the country.

*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better . It's not. ~Dr. Seuss*

Michael Young  
DSC Board of Director

### POWER OUTAGE:

Due to the recent power outage from the storms that moved through our area we were unable to open for the first few days of our scheduled summer ice. If you had ice booked Monday – Thursday, June 9-12, you will have a credit at the ice monitors desk. You will be able to use those credits at any time throughout the summer for dropping in on ice or off-ice sessions. Please check with the ice monitor when using your credits and they will be happy to help you.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

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

Hannah Calender (Jr Associate)  
Ellana Collins (Associate)  
Mia DeCerchio (Jr Associate)  
Nicolette Fey (Jr Associate)  
Katie Hochrein (Resident)  
Lauren Jackson (Synchro)  
Lauren Mali (Jr Associate)  
Maya Nassif (Jr Associate)  
Jamie Lynn Okopny (Off-Ice)  
Ellie Saham (Jr Associate)  
Amanda Sherrill (Jr Associate)  
Isabella Swiatkowski (Jr Associate)  
Jolie Vassel (Jr Associate)  
Emma Waggoner (Jr Associate)

### CONGRATULATIONS:

To Meryl Davis and Charlie White on winning the PSA 'Edi' Award for Best Dance Performance at the U.S. National Championships. The performance was their original dance "Kalinka". They were presented the award at the PSA Awards dinner, Thursday, May 22 in Rosemont, IL.

To all our 2008 Graduates!!!

### SKATE DETROIT:

The IJS planned program sheets are an integral part of the IJS system and the success of our skaters. It is the responsibility of the coach and/or skater to get this done! If there are questions on how to do this please come and ask Jerod. The sheets are available online at [USfigureskating.org](http://USfigureskating.org), member services and coordinate with the non-qualifying events of the summer.

Volunteers are still needed, if you can help please contact Georgia Hartsell or Sue Cassar.

## OFF-ICE PARTICIATION POLICY:

In order to maintain the safety and integrity of the DSC Off-Ice program, and its participants, the following policies will be in effect and enforced by the DSC Off-Ice Professionals beginning June 9, 2008.

1. Only skaters registered for class, or presenting a drop in slip, may be in the Off-Ice area during scheduled class times.
2. No skaters under 13 years of age will be allowed in the Off-Ice area without supervision of a DSC Off-Ice Professional, or in possession of a written program from a DSC Off-Ice Professional. All skaters are welcome to use the area above "C" rink for warm up, cool down, stretching and body weight exercises.
3. Proper attire must be worn when participating in Off-Ice classes.
  - **Proper Footwear:** ballet shoes/athletic shoes must be worn. You will not be allowed to participate if footwear is not appropriate.
  - **Hair Up:** for dance classes.
  - **Proper Clothing:** No sweatshirts or baggy sweats for dance classes. Tee shirt and shorts recommended for gym classes.
  - Instructors will inform you of any specific recommendations regarding classes.
4. Please leave all personal possessions outside the Off-Ice areas. This includes, but is not limited to skate bags, backpacks, purses, cell phones and food.
5. Please only bring athletic appropriate drinks in the rooms – NO GLASS!!
6. Please arrive to classes on time. If you will have a consistent time conflict, please discuss with your instructor.
7. Please come to class with a great attitude! Respect your instructor as well as the other students in the class.
8. If you are injured or sick, please inform your instructor. They will try their best to modify the activity to accommodate your issue, if at all possible.
9. Please enter and exit the room where your class or lesson is taking place – do not cut through rooms, as this become quite disruptive to others trying to get their lessons and classes accomplished.
10. The outside doors to the gym and dance studio are for **exiting only**. Please enter the Off-Ice area from "A" rink. This is being done to protect the specialty floor in our rooms.
11. So as to protect the floors, no skates, with or without guards, are to be worn in the Off-Ice area at any time, and no outdoor boots worn on the floors in the winter.

Thank you for you adherence to these policies, and we look forward to providing a safe, productive and fun atmosphere. If you have any comments, questions or concerns, feel free to contact Britta Ottoboni at (248) 332-3000 Ext. 122 or any of the other Off-Ice Professionals.

## 2009 U.S. FIGURE SKATING SCHOLASTIC HONORS TEAM:

The U.S. figure Skating Scholastic Honors Team is a program designed to recognize high school age U.S. Figure Skating members who have distinguished themselves both in figure skating and high school academics. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be an eligible skater and current member of U.S. Figure Skating.
- Be a full time student entering the junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2008.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a fully accredited secondary school, attend classes and carry the minimum number of credit hours necessary to be a full time student.
- Maintain at least a 3.4 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) or 93% (based on a 100% scale) during the last two years.
- Must have competed in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition (Regionals, Sectionals and/or Nationals) at the novice, junior or senior level at least once during the past two years (2006-07 or 2007-8 skating season).

Applications are available online at [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) and must be postmarked by September 12, 2008 to be considered.

Applications are also available for the 2008-09 Memorial Fund at [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org).

## EVOLUTION:

All Adult skaters 25 years and older that are interested in skating for our Masters synchronized team for the 08-09 season are invited to attend an Open House on June 29 from 8:00-9:00 pm. For more information please contact Sarah Feldt at [sarah@bruenor.org](mailto:sarah@bruenor.org) or Amy Wright at [amycwright@gmail.com](mailto:amycwright@gmail.com).

### REMINDER:

- Since the majority of skaters are here during the morning hours, the main office is currently working under their summer schedule. Mon-Thurs 8:00-5:00 pm and Fri 8:00-3:00 pm. These hours will be in effect through Labor Day weekend.
- In observance of the holiday, we will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!
- Monday - 7/21 (all day) and Tuesday - 7/22 (until approximately 2:00 pm) Skate Detroit week will be drop-in only.
- Skaters must pay the ice monitors before dropping in on sessions.

**REMINDER – JUNE 15 ICE PAYMENTS ARE NOW DUE  
FINAL PAYMENTS ARE DUE JULY 15**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 4 – Rink closed for Holiday  
July 11 – Test Day  
July 23-26 – Skate Detroit  
Aug 8 – Test Day

### LOST & FOUND:

Terry & Di, at the concession stand, have several items (*watch, ring and change purse*) that have been turned into them. If you are missing any of these items please see Terry or Di.

### WEED CONTROL:

The islands in our parking lot and turn-around are in dire need of weed control. If anyone is willing to help pull weeds to make our facility look nicer please contact Jeff or Jerod. Thank you.

### CONDOLENCES:

To the Young family on the passing of Mike's father, Thomas Young. The Young's are Resident members at DSC and Mike serves on the Board of Directors.

To the Daly family on the passing of Sarah's grandparents. The Daly's are Associate member at DSC.

## TEST TIDBITS:

**Congratulations to our most recent gold medalists:  
Tara Backer – Senior Free Dance  
Katrina Irvine – Gold Dances  
Laura Perry – Senior Moves in the Field**

### Test Results from May 10, 20 & 21, June 22, 2008

#### Pre/Preliminary Moves in the Field

Noah Finkelstein  
Jazmin Haque  
Alicia McCallum  
Maya Nassif  
Cher Sha  
Jacqueline Williams

#### Pre/Preliminary Free Skate

Curtis Dicho  
Jazmin Haque  
Lesley Hocking (Dearborn)  
Margaret Payne  
Anna Ruge  
Jacqueline Williams

#### Preliminary Moves in the Field

Raquel Postic  
Rebekah Postic  
Emma Ramsey

#### Preliminary Free Skate

Hayley Cyrocki  
Jordan Ruge  
Rachel Satkiewicz

#### Preliminary Dances

Gabrielle Healy  
Jordan Ruge  
Rachel Satkiewicz

#### Pre/Juvenile Moves in the Field

Megan Martzloff  
Olivia Moreau  
Amy Scheck (NSFSC)

#### Pre/Juvenile Free Skate

Madison George  
Claire Husaynu  
Melissa Yax (Dearborn)

#### Pre/Bronze Dances

Chloe Roslin  
Megan Song

#### Juvenile Moves in the Field

Jacquelyn Green  
Emily Hong  
Abigail McKenzie (Ice House SA)  
Clark Meek

#### Juvenile Free Skate

Anastacia Torossian (Lakeland)

#### Juvenile Pair

Brian Johnson  
Peyton Lee

#### Bronze Dances

Mara Gueli  
Cyara Hotopp

#### Intermediate Moves in the Field

Ashley Kersten  
Melissa Yax (Westland)

#### Intermediate Free Skate

Meghan Koehler

#### Pre/Silver Dances

Allison Boike  
Erin Graub  
Emily Hong  
Madeline Weiner

#### Novice Moves in the Field

Erin Graub (Fraser)  
Claire Kilbride  
Brittany Lee (Ice House SA)  
Madeleine Rutledge (Charter Oak FSC)  
Spencer Thomas (Dearborn)

#### Novice Free Skate

Jamey Little

#### Silver Dances

David Gaultier (Adult)  
Alexandra Riccobono

#### Junior Free Skate

Lesley Jacobowitz (Ice House SA)  
Alice Lee

#### Junior Pair Test

Ameena Sheikh  
Aaron Van Cleave

#### Pre-Gold Dances

Joshua Leggett

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.

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.

Thank you all for making sure that you turn in complete forms including US Figure Skating numbers!! The office is on summer hours and application deadlines are firm so be sure to turn forms in on time!

Keep the rest of the summer dates in mind:

**Test date**     **FRIDAY, July 11, 2008 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm**  
**Deadline 5:00 PM**   **Monday June 30, 2008 No exceptions**

**Test date**     **FRIDAY, August 8, 2008 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm**  
**Deadline 5:00 PM**   **Monday July 28, 2008 No exceptions**

We will hold an accommodation test session for TEAMS ONLY in late August (if needed). All other moves, dance and freestyle tests must be taken at the DSC scheduled tests or out of club. Please plan accordingly!!!! You may check other clubs for test schedules at [WWW.SK8STUFF.COM](http://WWW.SK8STUFF.COM) If you are testing out of club, you will need to have the test form signed by the office for permission.

As always, we want to thank the wonderful people that volunteer at our test sessions. These volunteers make everything run smoothly!! When you see Nancy Vektor, Amy Sheikh, Jan Kalil, Barb Martin, and Cheryl Leggett be sure to thank them.

Dawn Anderson and Andy Glassberg

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER !**