



SKATING CLUB OF CNY NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Welcome to our second Skating Club of CNY newsletter! Through these newsletters, we want to keep you informed on club news, our members skating achievements and any other important club information. The biggest event for our club is our annual Skate Challenge Competition in March. This year the competition was moved to the weekend of March 13, 2009 which is a different weekend from previous years. The success of the competition will be due to the hard work of **all** of our members. We will need every member to volunteer some of their time for the competition to be a success. A successful competition will enable the club to weather the slow periods that occur throughout the year and the increase in day to day costs that the club is incurring. See the competition information below and we will be providing additional information as we get closer to March 13th. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.

Another important event to put on your calendars is the Annual Ice Show scheduled for May 9th. The planning for the Ice Show has begun and there will be more information in the coming weeks. The membership meeting scheduled for December 21st that was cancelled due to the weather will be rescheduled for sometime in February. We are working with the rink management to find a day and time when the large party room is available. When the date is finalized, an email will be sent to the entire membership with the date and time. As always, feel free to contact any board member at any time with your questions or concerns. For contact information, visit our Web site at www.sccny.org.

SKATE CHALLENGE 2009

The 7th Annual Skate Challenge will be held March 14 and 15, 2009. Skaters from all over Central New York and Canada will be coming to compete. The competition has events for freestyle, dance, compulsory skills, synchronized skating and basic skills. The competition announcements are available on the web site and copies are available at the desk for you to look at if needed. The Basic Skills announcement is separate from the Skate Challenge announcement and is also available on the club web site.



Registration for the Skate Challenge this year will only be available on-line. Registration for Basic Skills events will utilize paper registration. The link to the Skate Challenge on-line registration is on our club web site under the competition tab. We decided to change on-line registration companies this year due to the problems that occurred last year and the new company has guaranteed us that we will not have any problems with access to the registration site this year.

The competition will run from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday and from 8:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm on Sunday. Due to the long days, we will be asking that every member/parent complete their volunteer hours over these two days. If there are specific times or days when you will not be available, please contact Jen Ferguson at 315-254-1339 or at jferguson@cazenovia.edu to let her know so she can schedule you for the times you are available. In the coming weeks you will be seeing sign up sheets to donate items for the silent auction, the club bake sale, the volunteer and coaches hospitality room and for the judges room. There are so many jobs that need to be done during the competition we can't list them all here, but if you have a specific area of expertise that you think we could use you in, let us know.

ICE SCHEDULE CHANGES

We are happy to let you know that starting April 2, 2009, we will begin again having Thursday club ice from 4:00 – 7:15 pm and we will also start Friday club ice again on April 3, 2009 from 4:00 to 7:15 pm. The Ice

Package forms will be revised prior to the change to show the new ice hours and will be available on the web site and at the club desk at the rink.

Monday – 4:00 – 8:00 pm Thursday – 4:00 – 7:15 pm
Tuesday – 4:00 – 7:15 pm Friday – 4:00 – 7:15 pm
Wednesday – 4:00 – 6:15 pm

UPCOMING SC of CNY TEST SESSIONS

The next Skating Club of CNY test session is March 13, 2009. The deadline for Test Applications is February 23, 2009. Test applications are available on the club web site and at the club table at the rink.

Make sure outstanding balances are paid in full prior to test dates. Both Home Club and Non-Home Club members wishing to test in our test sessions must be in good standing with the Skating Club of CNY in order to test.

SYNCHRO NEWS

Our Club is very excited about the success our synchro teams are having. Both teams have been working hard since September with on-ice and off-ice practices to make sure that they are ready for the competition season. The Synchro teams were able to obtain some excellent coaching from Paula Wagner, national skating choreographer, when she came to Syracuse to work with them over the Christmas holidays. All this hard work has been paying off too! The teams competed at the Skaneateles Invitational where The Storm placed first and the Blizzard placed second. They also both competed the weekend of January 10th at the Colonial Classic in Lowell, Massachusetts. At this competition, The Storm placed seventh and The Blizzard placed tenth. If you see any of the girls, make sure you congratulate them on their success and hard work.



The Storm (Pre-Juvenile Level)

Martina Auer	Vanessa Kline
Kiley Burns	Nicole Hardman
Gabrielle DiPirro	Elissa Kempisty
Anna Doren	Natalie Mafrici
Heather Falise	Sarah Mandanas
Kayla Fasoldt	Nina Purkiss

The Blizzard (Intermediate Level)

Jennifer Ashley	Macy Madden
Andrea Auer	Sydney Madden
Briana Bajjaly	Gabriella May
Darien Brown	Abby Ohlmeyer
Kennedie Brown	Haliagh O'Sullivan
Samantha DiPirro	Christine Picciott
Erin Driscoll	Taylor Rescignano
Meghan Ferguson	Abigail Ritter
Maggie Haag	Kiersten Salanger
Alexis Kerr	Elizabeth Walsh

Upcoming competitions for the Synchro teams include the Eastern Regional Synchronized Skating Championships in Morristown, New Jersey for the Storm and the Blizzard at the end of January. The Storm, along with our two Beginner teams, The Chill and The Icicles, will be competing in Oswego at the Port City Invitational. The Blizzard will be competing in the Empire State Games in Lake Placid and all four teams will be competing in our Skate Challenge in March.

FUNDRAISERS

Cicero Bottle and Can Return – ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED to donate their bottles and cans for the club. Just drop off your bottles and cans at **Cicero Bottle and Can Return** located at Lakeshore Heights Plaza, 6195 Route 31, Cicero and tell them that the bottles and cans are for the Skating Club of CNY. Their hours are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 6 pm, and Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser – The synchro teams are having a pancake breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's on **Sunday, 2/15/09**. The menu includes pancakes, bacon and beverages. It will be held at the

Applebee's on Rt. 31 in Clay from 8 am to 10 am. Tickets are available from any of our synchro skaters and also at the club desk during the club ice. The synchro skaters and parents will be working the fundraiser as greeters, pancake servers, beverage servers, kitchen helpers and clearing the tables.

Outback Fundraiser – There is also going to be a fundraiser at the Outback Steakhouse on Erie Boulevard in Dewitt on **Saturday, 3/7/09**, to benefit the club and the synchro teams. There will be two seating times, one at 11:30 am and one at 12:30 pm. The lunch/dinner will include salad, steak, chicken, potato, vegetable, rolls, dessert, coffee, tea and soda. There will also be a cash bar available. Tickets will be \$15 each and will be available at the club desk during club ice and from any of our synchro skaters. We will let you know when the tickets become available to purchase.

We need everyone's help to raise money for both the club and for our synchro teams. Help us get the word out about our fundraisers so we can keep your costs down.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SKATERS WHO PASSED TESTS IN NOVEMBER

Katrina Anderson – Juvenile Free Skate	Kayla Fasoldt – Pre-Preliminary Moves
Martina Auer – Fiesta Tango	Meghan Ferguson – Hickory Hoedown
Jeremy Balcom – Adult European Waltz	Brittany Grund – Pre- Juvenile Moves
Darien Brown – Willow Waltz	Nicole Hardman – Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango
Kennedie Brown – Intermediate Moves, Fourteen Step	Elissa Kempisty – Swing Dance
Kiley Burns – Pre-Preliminary Moves	Vanessa Kline – Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues
Amelia Coakley – European Waltz	Christine Picciott – Ten Fox
Olivia Coakely – Swing Dance, Fiesta Tango	Kiersten Salanger – Cha Cha, Rhythm Blues
Renee Lyman – Preliminary Moves	Gerin Gagliardi – Canadian Westminster Waltz
Haleigh O'Sullivan – Swing Dance, Fiesta Tango	
Nicole Krudys – Canadian Westminster Waltz and Quick Step	

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Improve your skating skills by competing, or watching an event! There are competitions for all levels of skating: basic skills, free skate, synchronized skating and adult only competitions. If you have any questions about your competition level or eligibility, please talk with your coach. We'll be updating this list regularly and it will also be posted on our Club's Web site soon.

- February 6 - 8, 2009, 12th Annual Port City Invitational, Oswego, NY. For more information, go to www.oswegofsc.org.
- March 13 - 15, 2009, Skating Club of Central New York Annual Competition, Cicero, NY. For more information, go to our club website.

More events and links to U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events can be found at www.usfigureskating.org. Deadlines for many of these events are coming up soon so check the host club's web site for information and forms.

BASIC SKILLS NEWS

Our third semester of the 2008-2009 Learn-to-Skate season began January 7, 2009. We currently have over 70 skaters participating in our Wednesday Learn-to-Skate classes from 6:15 - 7:15 pm. We also have 24 skaters participating in our beginner level Synchronized Skating program which offers both Beginner 2 level (The Icicles have 12 skaters) and Beginner 3 level (The Chill has 12 skaters). Saturday classes are offered from 10:30 - 11:30 am.

The fourth semester of Learn to Skate starts March 4, 2009 (Wednesday classes) and March 28, 2009 (Saturday classes). Please register early!

The Club has put together two brochures for Learn-to-Skate parents and skaters which provide information on the club and private lessons. We provided a Basic Skills Initiation Program brochure to the Learn to Skate students at the end of the second semester. Both the Basic Skills Initiation Program brochure and SC of CNY Informational package are available at the club desk during club ice and Learn to Skate classes as well as on the club web site. We are hoping that both brochures will help us increase our club membership and get more of the Learn-to-Skate skaters interested in competing and private lessons. If you think of something that is missing, let us know !!!

SC of CNY CLUB APPAREL

We now have fleece jackets that are available to order. The jackets are very warm and affordable at the same time. There is a ladies size full zip jacket that is slightly fitted, a men’s size full zip jacket and a men’s size 1/4 zip pullover fleece. Order forms can be found on the club web site. We are also having a sale on tights, leggings and dresses. There is a great selection of tights and stretch black skate leggings from Mondor.

Tights & leggings

Buy 2 pair - save 10%, buy 3 or more - save 20% on each.

Dresses

Clearance dresses are now 60% off the marked price!! The new stock of skate dresses, skirts and pants are 20% off.

There is too much to bring it down every day, so please feel free to ask one of the desk monitors and they will be happy to bring you up to the club room to check everything out !!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS

Kristen Glauser	12/5	Kiersten Salanger	1/15
Haleigh O’Sullivan	12/6	Anna Doren	1/23
Carise DiNicola	12/7	Catharine Ficarra	1/26
Brittany Stagnitta	12/27	Amelia Coakley	1/26
Gabrielle Obranovich	12/30	Aryana Nazem	1/27
Heather Falise	1/6	Leslie Barry-Dawson	2/11
Sian Boycheck	1/7	Taylor Rescignano	2/13
Madison Shapley	1/8	Jennifer Glorioso	2/20
Robert Boycheck	1/9	Elissa Kempisty	2/25
Bailey Groves	1/9	Jennifer Ferguson	2/27
Susan Schmelling	1/10	Katrina Anderson	2/28
Maria Vazquez	1/13		

