



Clinton Figure Skating Club October 2007 Newsletter

It seems as if we just started the skating season, yet planning for our 2008 "Fantasy On Ice" production has been ongoing for some time. Planning for our annual Ice Show begins almost immediately following the end of the last show. Committees have been formed, with various members responsible for coordinating the many aspects of production. The Ice Show Committee thanks all skaters and parents who provided feedback about our last show and proposed ideas for future shows. We will continue to strive to produce the best possible show featuring our talented skaters.

This year our Ice Show will be enhanced by our new, state-of-the-art sound system! We are also looking at ways to improve the lighting techniques.

ICE SHOW THEME

This year the theme for our Ice Show is "COLOR OUR WORLD" and "A NIGHT AT THE GOLDEN BLADES". These themes do not involve a hard or specific story line for this year's production. This will allow for a wide range of diversity in music selection, genre, and costuming. Look for our special logo to alert you to future Ice Show news. Everyone in our skating membership has their own very good ideas about what the next Ice Show should be like; suggestions from the membership collected at last year's Skating Banquet are reviewed for themes, positive feedback, and negative feedback. Once a theme is determined, Ice Show committee members meet regularly to develop a story line, sequence the acts, illustrate the theme with music selections, choose the groups and feature/solo skaters who can best represent that role, and start to lay down initial plans for costumes, lighting, props, etc. The professional coaching staff is consulted, and asked to submit their ideas for props, as well as cut the music that will be used to fit into the time frames given them. Our script writer brings the Ice Show Committee's ideas to life on paper, and works with the Committee to make whatever changes are needed as they "grow" a show.

COMMITTEES

We are excited about this year's production. As always, volunteers from our membership are so very necessary and valued; a production involving the sizeable number of skaters we have cannot be accomplished without parents' help.

CREATIVE COMMITTEE will require people willing to help in the following areas:

COSTUMES--cutting out patterns and pieces, sewing, assembling.

BACKSTAGE—supervising dressing rooms, lining up groups to go on ice, tracking costume parts in between shows, assisting with getting costumed.

GROUP CHAIRPERSONS—helping fit costumes, keeping costumes and parts/accessories together and organized.

PRODUCTION COMMITTEE

This is our support committee that makes sure everything runs smoothly. PARKING—directing cars into our lot and exchanging money.

BACKSTAGE—setting up and tearing down props.

MUSIC—providing our sound track.

COMMUNICATIONS—providing the backstage and lighting communication used by the production staff during the shows.

LIGHTING—setting up and operating the lighting used during the show.

PROPS--Assembling, painting, building props that help set the scene for each act.

SUPPORT COMMITTEES:

No ice show can be produced without these valued volunteer positions. The Support Committee is looking for assistance with:

TICKETS--Getting tickets printed, ready in time for advance ticket sales for the show. TICKET SALES ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO OUR "BOTTOM LINE". Ice costs will continue to increase yearly. Our membership fees do not cover our ice time costs. Our Ice Show needs to be well attended to help offset our expenses.

AD SALES---Our Ad Sales are so important; we need to maintain what we have had in the past as well as get new sponsors.

PROGRAM BOOK—Showcases our skaters, coaches, sponsors, volunteers. The programs serve as a personal memento of the skater's participation in the Ice Show throughout their skating experience. The Historical Committee has framed and displayed the program covers to date in the rink; you can clearly see how the program itself has improved over the years just by checking out the early displays compared to more recent issues.

PICTURES—Help coordinate pictures of skaters for our program book as well as for publication in our more than 17 local newspapers and Ice Show announcements.

USHERS—Help keep our show safe and enjoyable for spectators.

50/50—Help us raise money to keep our Ice Show the best in the area.

GROUP SALES----soliciting groups of people that would be interested in attending our show.

Publicity----media contacts, newspaper submissions, television coverage, newsletter writing, scheduling interviews, guest star contacts and write-ups, photo submissions, feature skater and coach bio's.

This is YOUR club....we would love to see YOU get involved! We loved seeing new faces, new talent, and fresh enthusiasm on last year's committees. Please come back again this year! New to the club? Don't hesitate to get involved; there's plenty of skating-parent support to go around.....YOU are important to this show, and to this club!

The Ice Show Committee will keep all members posted on progress and volunteering needs as the season gets started and the planning continues. PLEASE read your monthly newsletter for all the details!!!!

Wanted: Gently Used Skating Attire

Parents/Skaters: CFSC Synchro is sponsoring a fund-raising "Skatewear Sale" at the Clinton Arena October 22-23-24, and 26. This is a great opportunity to recycle those out-grown skating dresses and skating attire into cash, and add or acquire new apparel for the upcoming season-all while supporting our fabulous Synchro teams!!!

CFSC Synchro will retain 20% if the selling price of an item, with the remaining 80% back to the seller.

All skating apparel brought to the arena for this sale should be washed, clearly priced, and securely labeled with the seller's name. Clothing racks for your hanging items and a table for folded items will be available for display. Please provide your own hangers. Clothing can be dropped off and your cards filled out on days/times listed at the rink. Please check out our signs over the next week.

Any one wishing to sell items in this dress sale will be required to fill out an index card with your name, address, phone #. Leave your labeled and priced items with the dress sale co-ordinator. If your item is sold, your card will be marked with a brief description of the item (ie. "pink halogram dress") and the price. You may pick up any unsold items at any time during the sale; just let the co-ordinator know. CFSC is NOT responsible

for missing or damaged items.

All unsold items will be stored in the club room for pick-up.

Any items not reclaimed by October 26th will be stored in costume room and become property of CFSC. All proceeds from any sale after that deadline will go to the club.

This sale is being run by volunteers. Please be patient with reimbursement.

So, clean out those skating closets, and check us out!

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING NEWS

Welcome to all new and returning members of the Silver Stars Team!

Team Members: Alesha Jannone, Madeline Krasniak, Jocelyn Schneider, Blythe Owens, Sydney Madden, Julia Orlando, Meghan Holcomb, Molly Roberts and Brooke Adler

INTRODUCING: Coach Julia Roach, CFSC's Newest Skating Professional

Clinton Figure Skating Club is proud to have contracted with Julia Roach as she joins our highly qualified staff for the 2007-2008 season. Julia visited CFSC over the past year, and got to know our area and program around Ice Show time. CFSC is delighted to acquire her talent and training as we continue to develop our Skating Club to be the best place in the surrounding area to train and showcase aspiring figure skaters. Julia has provided us with her background and philosophy, featured here in this newsletter:

"I was born and raised in Switzerland, but I am a U.S. citizen. I started figure-skating at the age of nine years old, and I proceeded as an amateur to the age of eighteen (1980-1989). I held several Swiss National titles. Such as Swiss Junior Regional Champion, Central Swiss Champion and Junior Champion. These were the titles which brought me to a national and international level. I attended Junior Worlds, Europeans, Skate Canada, and International events & competitions.

Throughout these years I had 3 different coaches, which you might have heard about, or their strongest skaters, Denise Biellman, Katerina Witt, and Manuela Tschupp. All of them were at International levels and compete in major events such as the World Championships, and, the highest honor, the Olympics. I guess you can say all of them got to that level through their strong will to work hard and the hard dedication of the coaches, Jack and Alice Rhyner, Jack Gerschwiller, and Nelly Strassli. Those were the same coaches I trained with and learned from. I will also say they are the backbone of my teaching and coaching ability for kids and adults.

I belonged to the Adleboden Skating Club, Engelberg Skating Club and EVZ Skating Club (all in Switzerland). For two summers I also skated in San Diego at Sport Chalet Arena & Lake Placid, where I skated with Brian Boytano and Scott Hamilton.

During the time of my Amateur Skating years I had mastered all jumps from singles to double, and all my triples, except the triple Axel. Salchows and flips were my favorite jumps. Also, my last level of test achieved was the gold test (Swiss standard) both in Free-Style, Figures, & Pairs. I believe to USFS standard that was the 7th or 8th test of achievement. I also mastered most all basic spins, and all jump in spins such as Flying camel, Flying sit, etc. As a skater I loved to compete and do shows. Ice Skating was and is a big part of my life. I love being a coach to all levels.

With a strong Amateur back ground, I believe it makes a big difference when it comes down to teaching and coaching. I have taught all kinds of skaters, from beginners to advanced Single, Pairs, and some Dance skaters. My strong points are techniques, jumps, spins, steps, strength, fitness, and choreography.

I have taught in Switzerland, Puerto Rico, and now in the States. I have taken my students to many different events such as Regionals, Sectionals & Nationals. I enjoy taking Skaters to events and see them compete and have fun. When I see them smile I know I am doing my job right. And that means everything to me.

I attended Lynchburg College on an academic, horseback Riding and Tennis Scholarship. I have also taken some courses in Sports Psychology, training techniques, and sports communication skills. I take these classes for the love of skating and to be a great coach.

It is my honor to be part of the Clinton Figure Skating Club for the 2007-2008 season, and I am hoping to be part of it for many years to come. Please come see me at the Clinton Rink, or you can contact me through the Club CFSC P.O. Box 322."Julia Roach

Julia Roach is available for private lessons, and is currently accepting students. Interested skaters/parents should contact her to set up lessons or arrange for a meeting. Julia is available at the rink throughout the week, or can be reached by phone at 802-299-8492 (cell)

COMPETITION RESULTS

Rochester Fall Skate in Webster, NY

Sydney Madden - Pre-Preliminary Freestyle- 1st, Pre-Preliminary Jumps- 3rd

Amanda Tucciarone(representing New Hartford)- Intermediate Freestyle-Short-3rd, Intermediate Freestyle Long-1st

Skate Wilmington, Wilmington, DE

Christina Sarandrea - Juvenile Freestyle- 12th, Juvenile Dramatic Showcase- 1st,

Juvenile Music Interpretation- 3rd, Juvenile Light Entertainment- 4th

US Figure Skating National Showcase, Fort Collins, CO

Christina Sarandrea- Juvenile Dramatic Spotlight- 3rd, JuvenileMusicInterpretation4th,

Juvenile Light Spotlight- 10th

ARENA NEWS

The CFSC approved the replacement of the speakers in the spring with hopes of having everything done by the time we hit the ice in the fall.

After a summer of work installing the new speakers and sound equipment we are up and running.

Any member wanting to learn how to play music in the booth, please look for the sign up sheet that will be posted in late October.

TESTS PASSED

Madeline Krasniak - Preliminary Moves in the Field

Blythe Owens - Preliminary Moves in the Field

Sydney Madden - Juvenile Moves in the Field

Danielle Nichol - Preliminary Free Skate

Heather Panzica - Juvenile Free Skate

Hannah McHarris - Preliminary Free Skate

Kelsey Hamacher - Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

Macy Madden - Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

Kelsey Roberts - Juvenile Free Skate

Molly Roberts - Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field and Preliminary Free Skate

Meghan Vail - Juvenile Moves in the Field and Pre-Juvenile Free Skate

Francesca Servadio - Junior Moves in the Field

Basic Skills

Welcome to all our new skaters, as well as our returning skaters. Thank you for choosing the CFSC Basic Skills program to teach your children how to skate! Below is some information about our club and program that you will find helpful in the months to come.

Two words that can be used to describe our BASIC SKILLS program are FUN and SAFETY. The purpose of our basic skills program is to:

- Provide an enjoyable and safe skating experience
- Teach correct techniques of basic elements
- Promote health and physical fitness
- Develop social relationships through group instruction
- Encourage skating as a lifelong sport

Our program is structured according to the USFS standards of:

Snowplow Sam 1, 2, 3
Basic 1-8
Freeskate 1 and 2

We have made some improvements to our Intern Program. As of last year any basic skills skaters may have private lessons with one of our interns without having a pro. This year, the interns are required to meet with Theresa Chesebro-Basic Skills Chairperson, the group coach and parents to be assured that the skater is working on the proper skills.

We are excited to have a new skating professional working with us. Julia Roach comes to us from Vermont. She is qualified to teach all levels of basic skills up thru high freestyle. Please welcome her.

Please, please, please look at our display case when you are at the rink. It is the best place to look for information and updates during the season. This year you will find a calendar, contact information for the interns, logo wear information, our newsletter, schedule changes, our brochure, and much more! Check it out!!

****There will be no basic skills on Halloween!!****

Logo wear - Our logo wear sale has begun. From October 9th thru October 30th you will be able to order CFSC logo wear. There will no extensions to the deadline. The order forms are in the clubroom. New this year is a fleece headband with our club's logo on the front.

Reminder to all parents and guardians: You are not allowed to drop your child off at the rink for lessons or freeskate and then leave. If there is an emergency-and while we are fortunate not have had many-it does and has happen. A responsible adult must be at the arena if your child is skating.

Comments

Do you have some news for the next newsletter, or a feature that you would like to see? Send all comments, news, and information to RDRBorek@aol.com