



Albany
Figure Skating Club

INK FROM THE RINK

APRIL 2007

2007 SPRING SKATING EXHIBITION

The skaters put out a fantastic show this year. But first, skaters and spectators alike, were awed by **Adi White's** voice as she sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

First & last to skate were our Synchronized Skating Teams:

- Achilles Edge Beginner Synchronized Skating Team
- Achilles Edge Open Juvenile Synchronized Skating Team

Then we all had a special treat watching Devon Manz & Sheila Tandon do a beautiful dance program. After that the skaters did their programs. In skating order:

- Kylar Coleman Foley
- Sabrina Zayas
- Alexis Mouzakes
- Alexandra Richer
- Emma Kimble
- Shelby Lynn Fichter
- Lindsey DeBerry
- Elizabeth Simmerman
- Amanda Gemmiti
- Emily Mueller
- Adi White
- Rachel Staudt
- Gina DiNapoli
- Rachel Bluth
- Samantha Carach
- Hannah Conroy
- Christina Lombardi
- Stephanie Lombardi
- Morgan Gillies
- Gianna Foley
- Anne Kennedy
- Rachael Grey
- Samantha Zayas
- Shea Coleman Foley
- Soojee Eckardt-Riberg
- Trisha Roohan
- Samara Finkle
- Izabella Martin
- Danielle Sgroi
- Lukas Sotola
- Desiree Larrivee
- Isabelle Lombardi
- Jessica Marinstein
- Taylor Kennedy
- Micaela Jones
- Katie Howard
- Alyssa Hopsicker
- Olivia Serafini

- Victoria Carach
- Helen Serafini
- Carley McLean

EVERYONE DID A GREAT JOB!

Thank you to the coaches: Maria Dollard, Liz Spiller, Karla Schallehn, Nikki Coleman, Rocky Irish, Kristen Weyl, Marianne Haggerty, Jody TenEyck, Shealee Whitney, Caley Vangelis, Missy Williams, Wayne Hussy, Kristen Blondin and Pam Tallent.

Huge thanks to Dorothy Roohan and Becky Gray for organizing and running this years spring ice show. We all appreciate the hard work you did! Thanks also to all those parents who volunteered their time before, during and after the show to help make it a success.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Green Mountain Open, Burlington VT,

March 9-11:

Morgan Gillies:

- First Place!

2007 US Adult National Championships

April 11-13, Chicago, IL:

Marc Tracey:

- Bronze Men V: 8th Place

Lou Tomaino:

- Bronze Men V: 10th Place
- Men V Interpretive: 4th Place

Nashoba Valley Olympia ISI Competition

April 21st & 22nd:

Elory Smith:

- Freestyle 2: 3rd Place
- Artistic 2: 1st Place
- Interpretive 2: 1st Place

Alexis Mouzakes:

- Alpha Stroking: 1st Place
- Alpha: 2nd Place

The Darien Open USFS Competition

April 20-22, 2007:

Olivia Serafini:

- Pre-Juvenile Free Skate: 5th Place
- Juvenile Spin Challenge: 2nd Place
- Juvenile Jump Challenge: 3rd Place

Helen Serafini:

- Pre-Juvenile Free Skate: 5th Place
- Juvenile Spin Challenge: 1st Place
- Juvenile Jump Challenge: 5th Place



SYNCHRONIZED NEWS!

The Achilles Edge Synchronized Skating teams made the news! April 5 the Times Union ran a story about their success at the Cicero and Genesee competitions in March. If you would like to see the article for yourself check this site: <http://blogs.timesunion.com/youthsports/?p=40>

ANNOUNCING 2 SYNCHRO OPEN HOUSES THIS SUMMER @ the ACHF:

1. Tuesday July 17 4:30-5:30
2. Wednesday July 23 4:30-5:30

Come to our FREE synchro open houses!

- Skater must be able to perform:
 - Cross-overs
 - Eges
 - 3 turns
 - Mohawks
 - Lunges
 - Spirals
 - Bnny hops

RSVP by July 10th: Dawn Hopsicker @ 357-0934 or hopsick@nycap.rr.com.



Happy Birthday!

Catherine Roberts: April 13
Samantha Carach April 26
Hannah Conroy: April 26
Mary Beth DiNeen: April 4
Chelsea Rowlands: April 18
Sonya Soanes: April 26
Maria Dollard: April 17

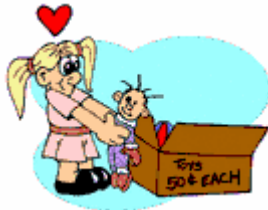


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YOU ☹️

GOOD LUCK!

SPRING SKATING CLINIC

Our spring clinic was a huge success! We had 29 skaters who worked very hard all week learning new elements, perfecting elements they had already learned, and having a lot of fun. There was great camaraderie and the week was topped off with a "Skating through the Decades" performance. Skaters performed small group numbers that they choreographed themselves to music from different decades as well as a full group opening and finale number.



AFSC GARAGE SALE: FUNDRAISER EVENT

THANK YOU to Jeanie DiNapoli who was generous enough to have the garage sale at her house, as well as organize and coordinate it! Thanks also to all those who donated their time and energy on the day of the sale. And thanks for all who donated their used items! You all contributed to raising \$500.00 for our club!

AFSC ANNUAL BANQUET

About 50 skaters attended our third annual AFSC banquet and all had a great time. This year we honored 3 club members who are graduating High School: Emily Edmunds, Kate Rowlands & Amy Schimmel. Not only was the food enjoyed but also many people enjoyed the music & dancing. The DJ did a great job as usual! We also had our biggest fundraiser, the silent auction, children's raffles and this year we added a lottery ticket

basket raffle. The Kimble Family was the lucky winner! Hopefully they'll win millions and share with us!

Much hard work goes into organizing an event like this. We would like to thank all of those who were involved in organizing everything as well as everyone who contributed to the auction and raffles and even those who bid! Through your combined efforts we raised over \$1,700.00! These funds will go a long way towards providing year round programs for the skaters.

SUMMER REGISTRATION FORMS DUE SOON!

All registration forms with the exception of the summer clinic registrations are now available on our website: www.albanyfsc.org.

1. Basic Skills & "Advant-Edge"

Questions? Contact:

- Janet Sotola @ 861-6705 or jsotola@nycap.rr.com
- Donna Wojtowicz Skating Director @ 383-0601

2. Beginner Group Dance Lessons

Questions? Contact:

- Janet Sotola @ 861-6705 or jsotola@nycap.rr.com
- Stacie Kuglin Ice Dance Director @ 383-3114

3. Summer Freestyle:

Questions? Contact:

- Tedi Foley @ jimntedi@aim.com

4. Summer Freestyle Clinics:

Registration forms and further details will be available soon.

Questions? Contact:

- Pat Clancey, Clinic Chair @ doonbeg@midtel.net
- Nikki Schallehn, Skating Director @ NikusPikus@aol.com



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. **May 20, 2007:** Lake George Water Park Trip. Contact Debbi Sgroi with questions dntsgroi@aol.com.
2. **May 28, 2007:** March with AFSC in the Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade! Contact Debbi Sgroi with questions dntsgroi@aol.com.
3. **June 30, 2007:** All current USFS memberships expire! Please mail your new membership forms in promptly. Questions contact Janet Sotola jsotola@nycap.rr.com.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. "Deuce: Performance Camp and Show for Charity" offered by Paula Wagener Saturday, June 2. For further information contact Paula Wagener @ 928-6320.
2. Off-Ice Dance & Performance Classes by Paula Wagener. Wednesday's 2:30-3:15 starting July 18 in the Albany County Hockey Facility lobby. \$12.00 per class or \$50.00 for all 5 sessions. For registration forms contact Paula @ 928-6320.

UPCOMING USFS TESTS:

1. **Sunday, May 6:** @ the Knickerbacker Arena given by Uncle Sam FSC. Registration forms are available on their website. Deadline May 1st. <http://www.unclesamskatingclub.com>
2. **Friday July 27:** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.
3. **Friday August 24:** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR THE SEASON:

USFS COMPETITIONS:

1. **Enfield Twin Rinks "Basics and Beyond" Classic May 19:** Enfield, CT. For information contact Peggy Grundstron (413) 566-3276.
2. **2007 Spring Fling June 9-10:** Amherst, MA. www.scamherst.org

3. **Summer Figure Skating Championships**
July 5-7: Lake Placid, NY.
scjp@skatingcluboflakeplacid.org
4. **Champlain Valley Open July 27-29:**
Burlington, VT. All entries must be postmarked by June 24. For more information contact Gina Krol @ cvochair@champlainvalleyskatingclub.org.
5. **Skate Chautauqua August 16-18:**
Jamestown, NY
www.chautauquaice.com

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:
PLEASE JOIN US

Annual Board Meeting Monday May 21, 2007 @ 6:30 in the YMCA MP room: Every board meeting is open to all club members; we always welcome you and your input. But once each year we have at a meeting when we encourage all club members to attend. At this meeting we discuss our annual progress, present our financial report, we approve our policies & by-laws and discuss plans for the coming year. We offer an open forum for all members to discuss any issues or ideas they have concerning all aspects of our skate club. This is the time to come and ask questions or voice previously unheard opinions or give us ideas for ways to improve the Albany FSC.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership as of April 30:

- AFSC Membership 98!
- Basic Skills Membership 109!

INTERESTED IN
MEMBERSHIP TO ALBANY
FIGURE SKATING CLUB?

Contact Membership Chair Janet Sotola @ jsotola@nycap.rr.com for information & registration form or go to our website: www.albanyfsc.org.

