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APRIL 2008

CONGRATULATIONS!

11th Annual Saratoga Springs FSC ISI Competition, April 5 & 6:



AFSC Team Trophy Winners!

Kylar Coleman Foley:

- Pre Alpha Program: 1st Place
- Pre-Alpha Interpretive: 2nd Place

Rachel Roberts:

- Pre Alpha Program: 2nd Place
- Pre Alpha Compulsories: 2nd Place
- Pre Alpha Stroking: 1st Place
- Pre Alpha Spotlight: 1st Place
- Pre-Alpha Interpretive: 1st Place

Caroline Amodeo:

- Pre Alpha Program: 5th Place

Elizabeth Kalin:

- Alpha Program: 5th Place

Shelby Fichter:

- Beta Program: 4th Place
- Beta Compulsories: 3rd Place
- Beta Stroking: 5th Place
- Beta/Gamma Spotlight: 3rd Place

Sabrina Zayas:

- Delta Program: 3rd Place

Catherine Roberts:

- Delta Program: 1st Place
- Delta Compulsories: 1st Place
- Delta Stroking: 3rd Place
- Delta Spotlight: 1st Place
- Delta Interpretive: 3rd Place

Bryce DiRisio:

- Beta Program: 1st Place
- Beta Compulsories: 1st Place

Alexis Mouzakes:

- Delta Program: 2nd Place
- Delta Compulsories: 3rd Place
- Delta Stroking: 4th Place

Demi Flack:

- Delta Program: 4th Place
- Delta Spotlight: 2nd Place

Morgan Gillies:

- Artistic Freestyle 5: 5th Place

Amy Barba:

- Delta Program: 1st Place
- Delta Compulsories: 1st Place
- Delta Stroking: 1st Place
- Delta Spotlight: 1st Place
- Delta Interpretive: 1st Place

Catherine Amodeo:

- Delta Program: 3rd Place
- Delta Compulsories: 3rd Place
- Delta Stroking: 1st Place
- Delta Spotlight: 2nd Place
- Delta Interpretive: 2nd Place

Grace DiRisio:

- Freestyle 1 Program: 2nd Place
- Freestyle 1 Compulsories: 2nd Place

Alexandra Richer:

- Freestyle 1 Program: 4th Place
- Freestyle 1-2 Interpretive: 2nd Place
- Freestyle 1 Compulsories: 5th Place

Emma Kimble:

- Freestyle 1 Program: 5th Place
- Freestyle 1-2 Interpretive: 1st Place

Leah Triller:

- Freestyle 1 Program: 1st Place
- Freestyle 1 Compulsories: 4th Place
- Freestyle 1 Stroking: 3rd Place

Alexandra Tedeschi:

- Freestyle 2 Program: 2nd Place

Izabella Martin:

- Freestyle 2 Program: Also Skated
- Freestyle 1-2 Interpretive: 3rd Place

Claire Triller:

- Freestyle 2 Program: 1st Place
- Freestyle 2 Compulsories: 1st Place
- Freestyle 2 Interpretive: 1st Place

Sarah Booker:

- Freestyle 2 Program: 2nd Place

Gianna Foley:

- Freestyle 2 Program: 4th Place
- Artistic Freestyle 2: 1st Place

Shea Coleman Foley:

- Artistic Freestyle 3: 1st Place
- Freestyle 3 Program: 2nd Place
- Freestyle 3 Compulsories: 2nd Place
- Freestyle 3 Footwork: 1st Place

Trisha Roohan:

- Artistic Freestyle 3: 1st Place
- Freestyle 3-4 Interpretive: 1st Place

Samantha Zayas:

- Freestyle 4 Program: 3rd Place
- Artistic Freestyle 4: 4th Place
- Freestyle 3-4 Interpretive: 4th Place

Soojee Eckardt-Rigberg:

- Freestyle 4 Program: 1st place
- Artistic Freestyle 4: 2nd Place
- Freestyle 3-4 Interpretive: 5th Place

Rachel Staudt:

- Freestyle 4 Program: 1st Place
- Freestyle 4 Footwork: 2nd Place
- Solo Dance 3: 1st Place
- Freestyle 3-4 Interpretive: 3rd Place
- Artistic FS 4: 5th Place

Rachel Bluth:

- Freestyle 4 Program: 2nd Place
- Artistic Freestyle 4: 1st Place
- Freestyle 3-4 Interpretive: 1st Place

Hannah Conroy:

- Freestyle 5 Program: 4th Place

Isabelle Lombardi:

- Freestyle 5 Program: 5th Place

Rachael Gray:

- Freestyle 3 Program: 1st Place

Emily Mueller:

- Freestyle 3 Program: 4th Place
- Freestyle 3 Compulsories: 1st Place
- Freestyle 3-4 Interpretive: 4th Place
- Artistic Freestyle 3: 2nd Place

Rachele Kalin:

- Freestyle 1 Program: 3rd Place

Desiree Larrivee:

- Artistic Freestyle 4: 2nd Place
- Freestyle 4 Footwork: 1st Place
- Freestyle 3-4 Interpretive: 3rd Place

Ellory Smith:

- Artistic Freestyle 4: 1st Place
- Freestyle 3-4 Interpretive: Also Skated

Danielle Sgroi:

- Artistic Freestyle 4: 3rd Place

Kacie Weatherhead:

- Artistic Freestyle 4: 3rd Place

Aislyn DiRisio:

- Artistic Freestyle 6: 1st Place
- Freestyle 5-6 Interpretive: 4th Place

Taylor Kennedy:

- Artistic Freestyle 6: 4th Place
- Freestyle 5-6 Interpretive: 1st Place

AFSC Members who skated for other clubs @ SSFSC Competition:

Bailey Hogan: Over the Edge

- Delta Program: 2nd Place
- Delta Compulsories: 5th Place
- Delta Stroking: 3rd Place

Karissa Shelton: Clifton Park Arena

- Freestyle 5 Program: 2nd Place
- Artistic FS 5: 2nd Place

Megan Geurds: Over the Edge

- Artistic FS 5: 5th Place

Elizabeth Lee: Over the Edge

- Delta Program: 4th Place

Hannah Keehan: Over the Edge

- Freestyle 6 Program: 1st Place
- Artistic FS 6: 1st Place

Emma Briceland: Saratoga Springs FSC

- Freestyle 6: 2nd Place
- Artistic FS 6: 3rd Place
- Freestyle 6 Compulsories: 1st Place
- Solo Dance 7: 1st Place
- Freestyle 5-6 Interpretive: 3rd Place

Katelyn McGlaulin: Saratoga Springs FSC

- Artistic FS 4: 5th Place

2008 Adult Nationals April 9 @

Lake Placid, NY:

Lou Tomaino:

- Adult Men - Artistic/Dramatic - Class V -
Interpretive Free Skate: 3rd Place

2008 Morris Open April 11 @

Morris, NJ:

Helen Serafini:

- Juvenile Ladies Free skate: 5th Place

Olivia Serafini:

- Juvenile Ladies Free skate: 1st Place

Congratulations Olivia!

Olivia was awarded the Nancy Stainton Memorial Award. She was presented with a trophy which will have her name engraved on it. The trophy will remain at the rink in Morris but Olivia was given a keeper plate.



USFS Test Session April 27:

The USFS test session at the Albany County Hockey Facility was a big success. There were 45 skaters from 7 different clubs who took 64 tests. AFSC thanks all the volunteers who helped with the test session and all the skaters who participated. We couldn't have done it without you!

The following AFSC skaters passed tests at the session:

Pre-Preliminary MIF:

- Abigail Smentkowski
- Izabella Martin
- Allie Pigliavento
- Allie Tedeschi
- Rachel Galloway
- Sarah Booker
- Claire Triller

Pre-Preliminary Free Skate:

- Abigail Smentkowski
- Allie Pigliavento

Preliminary MIF:

- Samantha Zayas
- Ellory Smith
- Trisha Roohan
- Danielle Sgroi
- Desiree Larrivee
- Rachel Bluth

Preliminary Free Skate:

- Taylor Kennedy

Pre-Juvenile MIF:

- Shea Coleman Foley

Pre-Juvenile Free Skate:

- Gina DiNapoli

Juvenile MIF:

- Lukas Sotola

Juvenile Free Skate:

- Stephanie Lombardi

Novice MIF:

- Hannah Keehan
- Amanda Gemmili

Adult Pre-Bronze MIF:

- Patricia Yannerilla

Dutch Waltz:

- Katie Howard

Rhythm Blues:

- Rachel Staudt
- Rachel Galloway
- Katie Howard

Canasta Tango:

- Katie Howard

Preliminary Dance Test:

- Katie Howard
- Rachel Staudt

Cha Cha:

- Rachel Staudt

Swing Dance:

- Rachel Staudt

Fiesta Tango:

- Rachel Staudt

Pre-Bronze Dance Test:

- Rachel Staudt

Hickory Hoedown:

- Alyssa Hopsicker

Fourteen Step:

- Adrienne White

APRIL FREESTYLE CLINIC

Our April Clinic was yet another successful week. Karla Schallehn, Liz Spiller, Donna Wojtowicz and Nikki Coleman were our coaches. The following skaters participated:

- Rachel Bluth
- Sarah Booker
- Hannah Conroy
- Demi Flack
- Shea Coleman Foley
- Ellen Harris
- Haewon Hwang
- Katie Howard
- Anne Kennedy
- Taylor Kennedy
- Christina Lombardi
- Isabelle Lombardi
- Stephanie Lombardi
- Jessica Marinstein
- Izabella Martin
- Judy Min
- Alexandra Richer
- Catherine Roberts
- Lukas Sotola
- Claire Triller
- Leah Triller
- Samantha Zayas

Our "Broadway on Ice" Show opened with 'Fame' & included "guest appearances" from Donna, Karla and Nikki. 'It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got that Swing' was performed by Stephanie, Sammy, Judy, Jessica, Isabelle, Hannah, Claire, Taylor & Katie. Lukas, Christina, Rachel, Anne, Sarah, Leah & Catherine choreographed their number to 'One Short Day in the Emerald City.' Izabella, Haewon, Alexandra, Demi, Ellen & Shea skated to 'Welcome to the 60's.' Karla choreographed our finale 'There's No Business like Show Business.'

Skaters learned, practiced & perfected various jumps, spins, spirals, footwork, moves in the field & more during the week. They also enjoyed doing interpretive & learning about school figures. We are looking forward to our clinics over the summer; hope to see you there!



SYNCHRO NEWS

The Achilles Edge synchro teams held team tryouts at the Albany County Hockey Facility on Sunday, April 27th. There was a big response to the tryouts – most of the current synchro skaters returned, and there were a number of new skaters as well.

Albany FSC is again hoping to field three synchro teams for the 2008-09 season:

- Pre-Juvenile Team (for skaters under 12 years old, must have passed Pre-Preliminary MIF by 1/1/09);
• Open Juvenile Team (for skaters 12 years old and older; must have passed Preliminary MIF by 1/1/09)
• Intermediate Team (must have passed Juvenile MIF by 12/1/08; Preliminary Dance preferred)

Choreography practices will take place in August, and regular Friday and Sunday synchro practice will begin in September. The teams will each have new music, programs and dresses for the new season, and will compete in at least three synchro competitions apiece. The Intermediate team will also compete in Synchro Eastern Sectionals and the Empire State Games.

Join the fun – skate synchro! If you are interested in joining our successful synchro program, please contact Dawn Hopsicker at jhopsick@nycap.rr.com.

Adult skaters who are interested in forming an adult synchro team should contact Laurie Lombardi at bricelal@acp.edu.

The synchro teams congratulate coach Rocky Irish on his promotion at the NYS Department of Health. Unfortunately, his new job will mean that he will no longer be able to be with the teams as a full-time coach, although he has agreed to fill in when needed. Instead, Achilles Edge welcomes coach Karla Schallehn to the program. Karla has extensive synchro and ice show skating experience, and we look forward to having her as a coach. The synchro teams also welcome Tara DiRisio as an assistant synchro team manager this year.

Finally, the synchro teams congratulate coach Liz Spiller on her impending

motherhood. She will have no shortage of willing babysitters for her new baby!!



BASIC SKILLS/LEARN TO SKATE 2008-2009

Look back in August for more information.

Questions? Contact Janet Sotola jsotola@nycap.rr.com or 861-6705.

UPCOMING USFS TEST SESSIONS:

- 1. Sunday, June 8: Sponsored by Uncle Sam FSC, held at Knickerbacker Arena, Troy, NY. More information will be available via email shortly.
2. Friday July 25: Sponsored by SSFSC in Saratoga Springs, NY. For information: www.saratogaspringsfsc.org.
3. Friday August 22: Sponsored by SSFSC in Saratoga Springs, NY



Happy Birthday!

- Samantha Carach: April 26
Hannah Conroy: April 26
Rachel Galloway: April 3
Jennifer Glenn: April 14
JoAnne Heimerdinger: April 6
Catherine Roberts: April 13
Chelsea Rowlands: April 18
Maria Susko-Dollard: April 17
Rachel Watson: April 24

SUMMER ICE & 2 CLINICS FOR SUMMER 2008

Summer Ice @ the Albany County Hockey Facility:

- Tuesdays 4:00-6:00
• Wednesdays 4:00-6:00
• Thursdays 4:00-6:00

Packages will be available on the website or check your email for updates.

Summer Clinics @ the Albany County Hockey Facility:

- 1. July 7-11, 2008 "Skating Around the World"
2. July 28-August 1, 2008 "Hollywood on Ice"

Skaters must be 8 years or older and at least Freestyle 1 level. Registration brochures are available from Pat Clancy @ doonbeg@midtel.net

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- 1. The Skate Exchange - If you have good used skates you would like to sell, please send your listing to Paulette Morgan at pmorgan3@nycap.rr.com. The May edition of The Skate Exchange will be coming out very soon.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1. May 26, 10:30 AM: Memorial Day Parade - The Albany Figure Skating Club will again be marching in the Town of Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade. The parade will form at 10:30 am on West Poplar Drive and Herber Avenue in Delmar, and step off at 11:00 am. This event is always a lot of fun for both marchers and spectators, and it gives the Club a chance to show its community spirit. Watch your e-mail for more details about joining us for the parade.
2. May 29, 6:30-8:30: AFSC Annual Board Meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
3. June 30, 2008: All current Albany FSC memberships expire. Registration forms for the 2008-2009 season will go out by email sometime towards the end of May or early June. Without current membership in a USFS club or private membership you are ineligible to test or compete in any USFS-sanctioned event. Also, skaters are required to be current USFS members to skate on AFSC freestyle ice.
4. July 7-August 28, 2008: Albany FSC Freestyle ice will be held at the Albany County Hockey Facility.
5. July 7-11, 2008: AFSC Summer Clinic Session 1 @ the Albany County Hockey Facility.

6. **July 28-August 1, 2008:** AFSC Summer Clinic Session 2 @ the Albany County Hockey Facility.
7. **Saturday October 25, 2008:** 2nd Annual Albany FSC Basic Skills & Open Competition.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR THE SEASON:

USFS COMPETITIONS:

1. **May 16-18, 2008:** New England Figure Skating Summer Challenge
2. **June 7 & 8, 2008:** Long Beach Island Basic Skills Competition sponsored by Long Beach Skating School.
3. **June 14, 2008:** Ice Time Skating Academy's Fourth Annual Basic Skills & Beyond Competition, Newburgh, NY. www.icetimesports.com/Basic%20Skills%20Competition%202008.pdf
Application deadline May 15.
4. **June 21, 2008:** Enfield Twin Rinks Annual "Basics & Beyond" Classic. Sponsored by Little Sun Valley Skating Club at Enfield, CT.
5. **June 26-28, 2008:** Lake Placid Summer Figure Skating Championships. For more information & applications: www.lakeplacidskating.com/newsite/competitions/free_skating/index.php
6. **July 25-27, 2008:** 2008 Champlain Valley Open held in Burlington, VT www.champlainvalleyskatingclub.org.
7. **August 20-23, 2008:** Cranberry Open, given by Yarmouth Ice Club, Kingston, MA. Check website for updated information: www.yarmouthiceclub.org

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday May 29th at YMCA 6:30-8:30 pm @ the Delmar YMCA. This is our Annual Meeting where the past year will be reviewed. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AFSC MEMBERSHIP: 123
BASIC SKILLS MEMBERSHIP: 60

IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

All memberships expire June 30, 2008. To keep your registration current you must renew in June. Look for 2008-2009 registration information in your email during the month of May.

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



2008 Morris Open:



SSFSC Competition:



2008 AFSC Banquet:





April Freestyle Clinic Show:

