



Albany
Figure Skating Club

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AUGUST 2007

CONGRATULATIONS!

USFS Test Session August 24:



CONGRATULATIONS Stephanie Lombardi!

- Senior Moves in the Field!

Isabelle Lombardi:

- Pre-Preliminary Freestyle

Emma Briceland:

- Intermediate MIF

Lukas Sotola:

- Fiesta Tango
- Pre-Bronze Dance Test
- Pre-Juvenile MIF

Carley McLean:

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

Rachel Bluth:

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

Megan Murphy:

- Pre-Preliminary MIF
- Pre-Preliminary Freestyle

Ellory Smith:

- Pre-Preliminary MIF

Alyssa Hopsicker:

- Juvenile MIF

Trisha Roohan:

- Pre-Preliminary MIF

Champlain Valley Open

July 28 & 29:

Three new members of the Albany Figure Skating Club, Lily Digman, Abigail Smentkowski and Emily Digman competed in the 2007 Champlain Valley Open, held at Burlington Vt. Their results can be seen below. Stacie Kuglin, of Clifton Park NY, is the coach of these girls.

Lily Digman:

- Badge A1 Freeskatte: 2nd Place
- Badge Compulsory MIF: 6th Place

Abigail Smentkowski

- Badge A1 Freeskatte: 3rd Place
- Badge Showcase: 2nd Place

Emily Digman:

- Badge B Freeskatte: 2nd Place
- Pre-Preliminary Compulsory MIF: 6th Place

Ice Divas – Lily Digman, Emily Digman & Abigail Smentkowski:

- Pre-Pre/Pre Team Compulsory MIF: 3rd Place

Hershey Open August 9th:

Katie Howard:

- Pre-Preliminary A FreeSkate: 5th Place
- Preliminary Compulsory: 6th Place
- Preliminary Spins: 2nd Place

2007 Cranberry Open August 22-25:

Helen Serafini:

- Pre-Juvenile Freeskatte: 1st Place

Olivia Serafini:

- Pre-Juvenile Freeskatte: 3rd Place



The Summer Open Houses were both a success with 20 or more skaters attending each! For the 2007-2008 season we have enough skaters to field 3 teams!

- Open Juvenile Team
- Pre-Juvenile Team
- Beginner Team

Good Luck to all 3 teams!

Questions about our synchronized skating teams? Contact Dawn Hopsicker @ 357-0934 or jhopsick@nycap.rr.com.



BASIC SKILLS FALL/WINTER 2007-2008

Our Basic Skills program will be organized a little differently this year. This year the program will run for 20 weeks, starting September 30 and ending March 16.

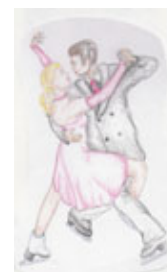
Because we know that our club members enjoy performing in front of a crowd so much we have reorganized so we can give that opportunity to our Basic Skills skaters. They will get extra group instruction to prepare them for participation in our Spring Ice Show!

Donna Wojtowicz will continue as Ice Skating Director. Our coaches this year will be Nikki Schallehn Coleman, Karla Schallehn, Liz Spiller and Kristen Weyl.

We need volunteers once again including:

- Skater volunteers to assist coaches
- Adult skater to help skaters on-ice while they practice
- Parent(s) to help each session run smoothly off-ice

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



ICE DANCE PROGRAM CONTINUES AT AA

We will have a new ice dance coach this fall. We are sorry to see Stacie go! However, we would like to welcome Kristen Weyl who comes to us very well qualified. Kristen skated competitively at the senior level at Empire State games, North Atlantic Regionals & Eastern Sectional Championships! She has also completed her gold dance test!

If you have any questions about the benefits of learning ice dance just ask our members who have or are taking it. If you are unsure you want to devote the time to learn another aspect of skating at least come and watch what skaters learn in class this fall.

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Please take another look at the list below to see who to contact to volunteer for the competition. Some contact people have changed:

1. Ice Monitors: 2-hour shifts. Contact Tara DiRisio @ tdirisio@verizon.net
2. Registration Table: Contact Mary Gillies 478-9925 or ampmgillies@aol.com
3. Assembling registration goody bags (to be done ahead of time). Contact Mary Gillies @ ampmgillies@aol.com.
4. Next-to-New Sale: Contact Jeanie DiNapoli 439-0280 or chocoffee58@yahoo.com.
5. Announcing & Playing Music: Contact Marc Tracey marcnny@aol.com or 479-4070
6. Food donations for coaches: Contact Stacie Kuglin 383-3114 or staclin@aol.com.
7. Awards Ceremonies: Contact Pat Clancy @ doonbeg@midtel.net.

ISI & OTHER BEGINNER SKATERS WELCOME TO COMPETE!

Last night the board approved a method in which ISI skaters and other beginner skaters who are not currently USFS members could easily & economically skate in our competition. What AFSC is willing to do is offer an Albany FSC Basic Skills membership to any ISI or other beginner skaters for the nominal fee of \$10.00. You would skate for Albany FSC. All you need to do is send the registration fee with your competition registration form and you will be electronically registered with USFS. Your registration will be effective until August 31, 2008 so you would be able to compete in other USFS Basic Skills competitions! Along with your membership you will also receive:

- Official U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills membership card
- A brightly colored record book with stickers to track progress through the lessons
- A membership year patch

- Sport accident insurance (this is why USFS and our competition requires the membership)
- General information about ice skating

Questions about the Open Competition? Contact Laurie Lombardi @ bricelal@acp.edu.

Questions about the Basic Skills Competition? Contact Janet Sotola @ jsotola@nycap.rr.com.



Happy Birthday!

Katie Howard: August 15
Virginia Mahoney: August 22
Danielle Sgroi: August 20
Nikki Schallehn: August 19
Helen Serafini: August 30
Lily Digman: August 7
Emily Digman: August 18

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. **Radio City Christmas Spectacular:** November 10, 2007 in New York City! Price for bus & ticket \$82.00 per person. For details contact Debbie Sgroi @ dntsgroi@aol.com.
2. **icenetwork.com:** For viewing Figure Skating online! Gives you exclusive access to watch premier events for \$29.95/year. Events available for viewing include:
 - Junior Grand Prix 2007
 - Skate America 2007
 - US Junior Championships 2007
 - US Championships 2008
 - US Synchronized Skating Championships 2008
 - Eastern, Western & Pacific Coast Regionals & Sectionals 2007
 - US Adult Championships 2008A full schedule of available events is listed on their website. Most of it is not broadcasted on TV.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday September 25th 6:30-8:30 @ the Delmar YMCA. All are welcome to attend.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. **Tuesday September 18:** Final date to register for Albany FSC Open & Basic Skills Competition.
2. **Friday October 12:** Deadline for mailing Skate-O-Grams to cheer your skater on!
3. **Saturday & Sunday October 27-28:** Albany FSC 1st Annual Open & Basic Skills Competition at the Clifton Park Arena.
4. **Sunday October 28:** USFS test session at the Clifton Park Arena.
5. **Saturday November 3:** Applebee's Synchro Fundraiser Breakfast

PLEASE HELP!

1. **Fall/Winter 2007-2008 Basic Skills:** Seeking adult skater who would be willing to help out on the ice. Duties would be monitoring skaters' behavior for safety reasons, assisting in the event of an accident, helping younger skaters practice. Contact Janet Sotola @ 861-6705 or jsotola@nycap.rr.com if interested.
2. **Fall/Winter 2007-2008 Basic Skills:** Seeking young skater volunteers to help coaches on the ice with their skaters. Contact Janet Sotola @ 861-6705 or jsotola@nycap.rr.com if interested.
3. **AFSC's 1st Open & Basic Skills Competition:** Many volunteers are needed for various jobs. See section about competition for further information.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR THE SEASON:

USFS COMPETITIONS:

1. **September 13-16 2007 Boston Open:** Boston, NY www.scboston.org
2. **October 27 & 28 AFSC's 1st Annual Open & Basic Skills Competition:** Clifton Park Arena, Clifton Park, NY www.albanyfsc.org
3. **Saturday November 17:** Penguin Invitational, Springfield, MA

4. Saturday December 8: Christmasbrook Competition, North Adams, MA

ISI COMPETITIONS:

1. **January 17-20, 2008:** Lake Placid ISI Competition, Lake Placid, NY
2. **April 5 & 6, 2008:** Saratoga Springs Invitational, Saratoga, NY

UPCOMING USFS TEST SESSIONS:

1. **Sunday October 28:** @ Clifton Park Arena, Clifton Park, NY given by AFSC.
2. **Sunday November 18:** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.
3. **Sunday January 13, 2008** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.
4. **Sunday March 30, 2008** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- ❖ Meghan Murphy
- ❖ Rachel Galloway
- ❖ Emma Briceland
- ❖ Rachele Kalin
- ❖ Elizabeth Kalin
- ❖ Alexis Watson
- ❖ Rachel Watson

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Membership as of August 29, 2007: 108!

**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.

