

INK FROM THE RINK

DECEMBER 2006

CONGRATULATIONS!

USFS Tests Passed December 8th

Pre-Preliminary Free Skate:

- Taylor Kennedy

Juvenile Moves in the Field:

- Katie Howard
- Aislyn DiRisio

Franklin Blades 16th Annual ISI Competition Dec. 2 & 3

Kacie Weatherhead:

- Solo Compulsories 3: 1st Place
- Freestyle 3: 1st Place
- Artistic 3: 1st Place

The Snowflake Open December 9th, North Adams, MA

Isabelle Lombardi:

- Pre-Preliminary Freestyle: 2nd Place

Stephanie Lombardi:

- Preliminary Freestyle: 2nd Place

Christina Lombardi:

- Open Juvenile Freestyle: 2nd Place

Emma Kimble:

- Basic 6 Compulsory Moves: 1st Place
- Basic 6 Program: 1st Place

Meagan Clawar:

- Basic 7 Compulsory Moves: 5th Place
- Basic 7 Program: 2nd Place

Christina Martinelli:

- Freeskate 1 Compulsory Moves: 5th Place
- Freeskate 1 Program: 1st Place

Jessica Marinstein:

- Freeskate 2 Compulsory Moves: 2nd Place
- Freeskate 2 Program: 4th Place

Samantha Carach:

- Freeskate 3 Compulsory Moves: 2nd Place
- Freeskate 3 Program: 1st Place

Victoria Carach:

- Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 1st Place
- Pre-Preliminary Freestyle: 1st Place

Aislyn DiRisio:

- Pre-Preliminary Freestyle: 1st Place

Alyssa Hopsicker:

- Pre-Preliminary Freestyle: 3rd Place
- Pre-Preliminary Interpretive: 4th Place

Amanda Gemmiti:

- Preliminary Freestyle: 3rd Place



ALBANY FSC IN TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY!



On December 3, 2006, eighteen members of the Albany Figure Skating Club skated at the Empire State Plaza in Albany for the Annual Tree Lighting Celebration. Members who skated were:

- Helen Serafini
- Olivia Serafini
- Victoria Carach
- Samantha Carach
- Trish Roohan
- Desiree Larrivee
- Shea Coleman Foley
- Jessica Marinstein
- Gianna Foley
- Morgan Gillies
- Danielle Sgroi
- Laura Cox
- Lauren Mahoney
- Micaela Jones
- Adi White
- Rachel Bluth
- Amanda Gemmiti
- Gina DiNapoli

The girls all did a great job!

Thank you Kristen Blondin-Piccirillo for offering to get the skaters on & off the ice.
Thank you Debbie Sgroi for coordinating this event!



3RD ANNUAL WINTER ICE SHOW DECEMBER 9

We saw a lot of great skating in our 3rd annual Winter Ice Show. Skaters who participated included:

- Danielle Morgan
- Grace DiRisio
- Rachel Gray
- Haley Shelton
- Jessica Marinstein
- Trisha Roohan
- Soojee Eckardt-Riberg
- Desiree Larrivee
- Izabella Martin
- Micaela Jones
- Schuyler Alexander
- Alexandra Richer
- Gianna Foley
- Rachel Bluth
- Shelby Lynn Fichter
- Sammy Zayas
- Emma Kimble
- Christina Martinelli
- Chelsea Rowlands
- Shea Coleman Foley
- Danielle Sgroi
- Aislyn DiRisio
- Alyssa Hopsicker
- Madeline Olberg
- Morgan Gillies
- Karissa Shelton
- Kayla Thomas
- Katie Howard
- Judy Min
- Taylor Kennedy
- Hannah Conroy
- Isabelle Lombardi
- Laura Cox
- Carley McLean
- Stephanie Hay
- Lukas Sotola
- Ellory Smith
- Rachel Staudt

- Emily Mueller
- Adi White
- Gina DiNapoli
- Stephanie Lombardi
- Lindsey DeBerry
- Amanda Gemmiti
- Emma Briceland
- Christina Lombardi
- Quinn Desiderio

The Beginner & Open Juvenile Synchro Teams each debuted their programs also. The CSI Skaters (Christina, Stephanie & Isabelle!) skated a program choreographed by our own Christina Lombardi! EVERYONE DID A GREAT JOB!

If you look at the list of names carefully you will see that we had 7 new skaters this year! Welcome and we hope to see you all back for next years show!

The show wouldn't have been as much of a success without our volunteers (as usual!): Tedi Coleman Foley, Mary Gillies, Debbie Sgroi, Dorah Bluth, Jim Hopsicker, Elaine Briceland & Andrea Worthington. Thank you also to everyone who donated items for the basket raffle!

And last but not least let's not forget to thank Tom Lombardi & Pat Clancey who organized the whole event!



BASIC SKILLS CORNER!

Believe it or not our first Basic Skills Session is complete! Overall I would say it was a GREAT success!

During the last class beginner skaters watched individual programs done by advanced skaters & our BS volunteers: Hannah Conroy, Ellory Smith, Kayla Thomas, Quinn Desiderio, Shelby Fichter, Emily Mueller, Lukas Sotola, Bridget Francis & Sarah Rubin.

Immediately following each BS skater demonstrated their skills to their families &

friends. After their regular group lessons each skater was presented with a certificate and official USFS badge for their level passed:

Snowplow Sam Badge 1:

- Katherine Hartman
- Clifford Hartman
- Emma Whalen
- Andrew Nakushian
- Alison Hayes
- Saurabh Kumar
- Isha Kumar
- Eliza Whalen
- Kenny Eggleston
- Henry Thomas
- Hannah Ragule
- Nathaniel Bancroft
- Katie Kelty
- Bethany Vierschilling
- Kira Nakushian
- Joanna VanRoyen
- Daniel Warnick
- Christopher Gallagher
- Isabelle Cox

Basic Skills Badge 1:

- Elizabeth Kalin
- Zoe DiStefano
- Helene DiStefano
- Odmaa Bayaraa
- Sagar Kumar
- Max Thomas
- Breanna Vierschilling
- Sophie Boldiston
- Katerina Swartz
- Victoria MacIntosh
- Alexandra Sidofi
- Camille Reppert
- Kacie Oliver
- Olivia Green
- Julianne DiBari
- Tattiahna Welch
- Haemin Hwang
- Alexandra Sidoti
- Julie Czerwinski

Basic Skills Badge 3:

- Grace Hickman
- Zoe Haggard
- Hope Hickman
- Shelby Fichter

Basic Skills Badge 4:

- Haewon Hwang
- Haejin Hwang

- Rachele Kalin

Basic Skills Badge 8:

- Bridget Francis
- Kayla Thomas

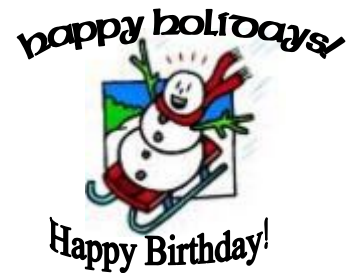
Adut 1:

- Shalini Kumar
- William Thomas
- Juliana Coates
- Barbara O'Donnell
- Chris Boldiston
- Kathy Clawar

USFS Freestyle 1:

- Emily Mueller
- Ellory Smith

CONGRATULATIONS! All your hard work paid off! We hope to see you all again on January 21st – same time, same place!



Albany Figure Skating Club Members!

- Rachel Bluth: December 29
- Laura Cox: December 13
- Lindsey DeBerry: December 20
- Aislyn DiRisio: December 18
- Soojee Eckardt-Riberg: December 27
- Rachael Gray: December 5
- Stephanie Hay: December 9
- Isabelle Lombardi: December 14
- Christina Martinelli: December 3
- Judy Min: December 18
- Sarah Rubin: December 16
- Olivia Serafini: December 20
- Karissa Shelton: December 11
- Ellory Smith: December 6
- Rachel Staudt: December 8
- Marc Tracey: December 23

CONDOLENCES

To the Laurie & her family. Our hearts go out to you in your time of loss.



ACHILLES EDGE NEWS!

The Open Juvenile team will compete in its first competition next weekend in Lake Placid. GOOD LUCK!

Questions? Please contact Dawn Hopsicker, Team Manager @ jhopsick@nycap.rr.com.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. **April 9-13, 2007:** Spring Clinic Week @ YMCA.
2. **April 15, 2007 5:30-7:30:** Spring Exhibition @ YMCA. Thank you Dorothy Roohan & Becky Gray for agreeing to co-coordinate!
3. **April 27, 2007:** AFSC Annual Awards Banquet @ the Albany Country Club.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. **Skaters Market Place:** Karla Schallehn has started a new business selling new & used figure skating items such as used skates & dresses, soakers & guards. Some of you recently saw her at the Basic Skills Show. Karla's business email is skatersmarketplace@yahoo.com.
2. **"Artistry in Motion Performance School for Figure Skaters"** offered by Paula Wagener Wednesday, February 21 & 22, 7:45 AM to 4:00 PM at Union College, Schenectady, NY. Register online @ www.paulawagener.com after January 20, 2007. The all day sessions will include on-ice instruction, off-ice instruction, freestyle session, lunch in cafeteria and a small token for each skater as well as an AIM Workbook. Contact Paula Wagener @ 928-6320 for more information.
3. www.IceNetwork.com: Supported by USFS by subscription only. Allows unlimited access to USFS qualifying events all for a season subscription fee of \$29.95.



SKATING ON TV:

- **January 1 4:30-6:30 on ESPN:** 2006 Cup of China (rebroadcast)
- **January 1 6:30-8:00 on ESPN:** 2006 Trophée Eric Bompard
- **January 1 10:00-12:00 AM on ESPN:** 2006 Cup of Russia (rebroadcast)
- **January 6 6:00-7:00 on ESPN 2:** 2006 Skate America (Ladies short rebroadcast)
- **January 6 7:00-8:00 on ESPN 2:** 2006 Skate America (Ladies free rebroadcast)
- **January 6 8:00-10:00 on ESPN 2:** 2006 Cup of China (rebroadcast)
- **January 8 8:00-11:00 on ESPN 2:** 2006-2007 ISU Grand Prix Final (rebroadcast)
- **January 21 6:00-7:00 on ESPN 2:** 2006 Skate America (Ladies free rebroadcast)
- **January 21 7:00-10:00 on ESPN:** 2006 Cup of Russia (rebroadcast)
- **January 25 9:00-12:00 AM on ESPN 2:** 2007 State Farm US Championships (Men's/Ladies Short)
- **January 26 11:30 PM-2:00 AM on ESPN 2:** 2007 US State Farm US Championships (Pairs Free/Free Dance)
- **January 27 4:00-6:00 on ABC:** 2007 State Farm US Championships (Ladies Free live)
- **January 27 11:00 PM - 1:00 AM on ESPN 2:** 2007 State Farm US Championships (Men's Free live)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Upcoming Events Needing Volunteers:

1. **AFSC Competition Chair Needed!** Planned for fall 2007 or early winter 2008. Contact Laurie Lombardi @ bricelal@acp.edu ASAP. Contact Laurie Lombardi @ bricelal@acp.edu ASAP.

UPCOMING USFS TESTS:

See our website: www.albanyfsc.org for more information and links to websites.

1. **Sunday February 4, 2007** @ YMCA in Delmar, NY given by Albany FSC.
2. **Saturday March 31, 2007** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR THE 2005-2006 SEASON:

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USFS COMPETITIONS:

1. **January 27, 2007:** 25th Annual Garren Invitational, Troy, NY. <http://news.hmfsc.org/?cat=2>.
2. **February 3 & 4, 2007:** Chautauqua Winter Games, Jamestown, NY. Applications available www.chautauquaice.com.

ISI COMPETITIONS:

1. **January 11-14, 2007:** 2007 Lake Placid ISI Competition, Lake Placid, NY. A preliminary schedule was emailed out Dec. 30. You can view your skater from home on your computer – check the Riverdale ice website: <http://members.tripod.com/riverdaleice/id55.htm> or go to: <http://www.livebroadcast.tv/isi.htm>.
2. **March 24-25, 2007:** Saratoga Springs Invitational, Saratoga Springs, NY. Applications now available on their website: www.saratogaspringsfsc.org

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP TO ALBANY FIGURE SKATING CLUB?

Membership as of December 31:

- 79 Young Skaters
 - 7 Adult Skaters
 - 6 Coaches
 - 11 Board Members
- Welcome renewed Member!
- Jessica Bloustein

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

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Thursday January 25, 2007 6:30-8:30 @ Bethlehem YMCA.

