



Albany
Figure Skating Club

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JANUARY 2008

CONGRATULATIONS!

"Snowflake Open" December 8

More News!

Amanda Gemitti:

- Pre-Juvenile FS: 1st Place
- Juvenile Solo Compulsories: 2nd Place
- Juvenile Interpretive: 2nd Place



Skating Competition January 5, 2008, Lowell, MA: Colonial Classic Synchronized

Achilles Edge Beginner Team:

- 3rd Place

Achilles Edge Pre-Juvenile Team:

- 4th Place

Achilles Edge Open Juvenile Team:

- 3rd Place

2nd Annual Brockton Blizzard ISI Competition January 5 & 6, Brockton MA:

Kacie Weatherhead:

- Artistic FS4: 1st Place

Mohawk Valley Classic January 12, New Hartford, NY:

Katelyn McGlauffin:

- Preliminary Compulsories: 3rd Place
- Pre-Preliminary A: 1st Place

Lukas Sotola:

- Pre-Preliminary A: Judge's critique

Katie Howard:

- Pre-Preliminary B: 3rd Place

Alyssa Hopsicker:

- Pre-Preliminary B: 6th Place

Taylor Kennedy:

- Pre-Preliminary B: 4th Place

Amanda Gemitti:

- Pre-Juvenile FS: 2nd Place
- Juvenile Solo Compulsory Spins: 1st Place
- Juvenile Compulsories: 1st Place



2008 Lake Placid ISI Championships January 17 – 20

Lake Placid, NY:

Rachel Bluth:

- Freestyle 4: 1st Place
- Artistic FS4: 1st Place
- Interpretive FS4: 1st Place

Anne Kennedy:

- Freestyle 1: 4th Place

Soojee Eckardt-Rigberg:

- Freestyle 4: 6th Place

Katelyn McGlauffin:

- Team Jump & Spin: 3rd Place
- Artistic FS4: 2nd Place

Ellory Smith:

- Interpretive FS3: 1st Place
- Artistic 3: 2nd Place
- Freestyle 3: 2nd Place

Danielle Sgroi:

- Freestyle 3: 2nd Place
- Solo Compulsory 3: 3rd Place
- Artistic 3: 3rd Place

Samara Finkle:

- Freestyle 1: 3rd Place
- Stroking FS1: 2nd Place

Shea Coleman Foley:

- Freestyle 3: 1st Place
- Artistic FS3: 1st Place
- Solo Compulsory FS3: 1st Place

Ice Divas (Emily & Lily Digman, Abigail

Smentkowski and Rachel Staudt):

- Jump & Spin Intermediate: 4th Place

Catherine Amodeo:

- Beta Program: 1st Place
- Beta Interpretive: 1st Place
- Beta Spotlight: 1st Place
- Beta Compulsories: 1st Place
- Beta Stroking: 4th Place

Abigail Smentkowski:

- Artistic FS3: 1st Place

Emily Digman:

- Artistic FS3: 2nd Place

Lily Digman:

- Artistic FS1-2: 2nd Place

Sabrina Zayas:

- Delta Program: 2nd Place

Samantha Zayas:

- Freestyle 4: 4th Place

Emma Briceland:

- Freestyle 6: 6th Place
- Artistic FS6: 4th Place

Caroline Amodeo:

- Pre-Alpha Program: 6th Place

USFS TESTS PASSED

January 13 @ Saratoga

Karla Schallehn:

- 14 Step

Judu Min:

- Pre-Preliminary MIF
- Pre-Preliminary FS

Aislyn DiRisio:

- Novice MIF
- Dutch Waltz
- Canasta Tango
- Rhythm Blues
- Preliminary Dance

Sarah Rubin:

- Intermediate MIF

Quinn Desiderio:

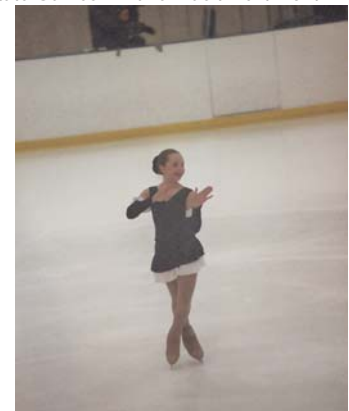
- Novice MIF

Lukas Sotola:

- Hickory Hoedown

Special Honor

Amanda Gemitti was invited to represent AFSC at the January 6, 2008 Hudson-Mohawk FSC's Winter Ice Show held at RPI's Houston Field House. She skated to a Frank Sinatra medley, an Intermediate program that she will be using at the Empire State Games in Lake Placid next month.





SYNCHRO NEWS

Congratulations to all AFSC Achilles Edge team members for their performances at the Colonial Classic Competition on January 5th. All three teams earned medals in their respective divisions in their first competition of the year! The competition was stiff, but our teams all showed their Albany FSC spirit and turned in medal-winning performances:

- Beginner Team: 3rd Place
- Pre-Juvenile Team: 4th Place
- Open Juvenile Team: 3rd Place

A large and noisy contingent of AFSC families and friends cheered on the skaters as they did their routines.

This major synchro competition attracted nearly 100 teams from all over the country, and took place in the impressive Tsongas Arena in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Special thanks to coaches Liz Spiller and Rocky Irish, and to the team manager Dawn Hopsicker and her parent helpers.

All three teams will compete again in the Connecticut Synchronized Skating Classic on February 10, 2008, and the Open Juvenile team will also compete in the Empire State Games on February 22-23, 2008.

Now is the time to start thinking about your summer synchro plans:

- USFS Synchronized Skating Training Festival June 27-29, 2008 at the University of Delaware campus. This is the first year the festival will be held on the east coast, and it will feature on-ice and off-ice instruction from some of the top synchro coaches in the country. Information and application forms are available on the USFS website: www.usfigurskating.org/Programs.asp?id=44.
- Hayden Synchronized Skating has scheduled its Summer Synchro Experience for July 27-31, 2008. More information will be available soon on their website: www.haydensynchroteams.com.
- The Miami University of Ohio will be holding an Elite Synchronized Skating Camp July 6-11, 2008 for High School age students who have passed their

Intermediate MIF. More information is available on their website: www.ice.muohio.edu/index.php?go_ca_mp.

- The Miami University 2008 Synchronized Skating Camp for all ages and abilities will be held from July 27-August 1, 2008. Sign up for their mailing list at: www.ice.muohio.edu/index.php?go_ca_mp.
- Lake Placid will also be offering two synchro skating camps this year, which will be held at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. More information is available at: www.lakeplacidskating.com/newsite/programs/synchrocamp.
 1. July 6-12, 2008: High Performance/Individualized Synchro Training Camp for skaters 11 and older who have passed their Novice MIF or have skated on a Junior level team.
 2. July 13-19, 2008: Synchronized Skating Camp for all levels.

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



BASIC SKILLS WINTER 2008

The winter session is off to a good start with many new skaters, most of whom will skate group numbers in our Spring Ice Show on March 29!

We have a new Basic Skills Committee this year that will work to further develop and strengthen the program. Our aim is to eventually become a real asset to the community well known in the Capital District area as the place to come learn to skate. The new committee chair is Janet Sotola (Chair), and committee members are Jayne Deane White, Marcia Allen, Marc Tracey and Kathy Clawar. Thank you all for volunteering! This program is vital to our club!

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

USFS BASIC SKILLS LEVELS

PASSED:

- Zoe DiStefano:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Kenny Eggston:
- Basic Skills Level 1
- Okmaa Bayaraa:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Abigail Bemis:
- Basic Skills Level 1
- Daniel Bemis:
- Basic Skills Level 1
- Zoe Haggard:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Carla Henderson:
- Adult Level 2
- Julia Henderson:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Lauren Henderson:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Julie Hewison:
- Basic Skills Level 1
- Hope Hickman:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Bailey Hildebrandt:
- Basic Skills Level 1
- Haemin Hwang:
- Basic Skills Level 5+
- Haewon Hwang:
- Basic Skills Level 6
 - Basic Skills Level 7
- Elizabeth Kalin:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Rachele Kalin:
- Basic Skills Level 7
- Priyanka Kumar:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Alex Oliver:
- SnowPlow Sam 1
- Jacob Oliver:
- SnowPlow Sam 1
- Hannah Ragule:
- Basic Skills Level 3
- Emilie Snyder:
- Adult Level 2
- Monica Ward:
- Adult Level 2
- Veronica Ward:
- Basic Skills Level 1
 - Basic Skills Level 2
- Tattianna Welsh:
- Basic Skills Level 3



Happy Birthday!

Catherine Amodeo: January 8
 Megan Guerd: January 11
 Elizabeth Kalin: January 6
 Desiree Larrivee: January 18
 Klarrisa Ricks: January 20

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. *Spring Ice Show Saturday March 29, 3:30-6:30.* Dorothy Roohan (droohan@nycap.rr.com) and Becky Gray (rfq04@health.state.ny.us) are again co-chairing the spring ice show committee. They will need many volunteers to make a successful show. Keep your eyes out for opportunities to help or contact Dorothy or Becky if you are interested.
2. Seeking 3 adult volunteers to serve on Test Committee. This is a (minimum) two-year commitment to serve the club by assisting the Test Chair (Paulette Morgan til 7/08; Diane Bloustein for '08). As a committee, duties include working w/ Board to set test dates; securing judges for test sessions; arranging judge's travel, hospitality (food, blankets, heaters) and gifts; arrange for skater hospitality (water); preparing test registration form, distributing and posting on website; collecting registration forms and setting test schedule; attending test sessions and lining up additional volunteers as needed to register skaters, play music, announce, and photocopy results; registering tests w/ USFS; distributing test certificates/patches at Annual banquet, etc. AFSC holds 2 sessions per year (Oct and April). This is a great opportunity for someone to serve the AFSC in planning and implementing important USFS test sessions. Please give this serious thought as we rely on volunteers to continue offering the excellent programs of the AFSC. Submit your name to Laurie Lombardi by March 1 please: bricelal@acp.edu.

THE SKATE EXCHANGE:

The Albany FSC is pleased to announce an exciting new service for its members; a skates-for-sale listing called "The Skate Exchange." The Skate Exchange is a listing of used skates for sale that will be emailed to AFSC members on a monthly basis. We

hope this will be helpful to our skaters, parents, and coaches who are looking for good used skates to buy, or who have used skates to sell.

If you would like to list your skates with The Skate Exchange, please email me the following information:

- Size (specify Girl's/Boy's or Women's/Men's sizes)
- Type of Boot
- Type of Blade
- Asking Price
- Contact Information (name and email and/or phone number)
- Any other relevant information

An example of a typical listing would be:

- Women's Size 5
- Reidell Silver Star Boots/Double Star Blades
- Excellent Condition
- Asking \$200
- Contact: [Name] at [e-mail address]

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Paulette Morgan, The Skate Exchange @ pmorgan3@nycap.rr.com.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. *Artistry in Motion Performance School* for Figure Skaters during February break. Contact Paula Wagener at 928-6320 for more information.
 - Tuesday February 19, 8:00-4:30 @ Knickerbacker Arena
 - Wednesday February 20, 8:00-4:30 @ Messa Rink Union College



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. **March 29, 3:30-7:30:** Spring Ice Show at the Bethlehem YMCA.
2. **March 30, 4:00:** Stars on Ice, group tickets will be sold. Check your email for further information.
3. **April 14-18:** Spring Clinic Week 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
4. **Friday April 25:** AFSC Annual Rewards Banquet

5. **July 7-11:** AFSC Summer Clinic Session 1 @ the Albany County Hockey Facility.
6. **July 28-August 1:** AFSC Summer Clinic Session 2 @ the Albany County Hockey Facility.
7. **Saturday October 25:** 2nd Annual Albany FSC Basic Skills & Open Competition



SKATING ON TV

- **February 1, 5-7 PM: Style:** Wynonna Tribute on Ice
- **February 3, 10 AM-12 PM: Style:** Progressive Fashion on Ice
- **February 2, 3:30-4:30 NBC:** 2008 Skating Spectacular
- **February 3, 4:30-7:30 ESPN:** 2008 European Championships
- **February 8, 5-7 PM Style:** Progressive Fashion on Ice
- **February 10 AM-12 PM, Style:** Musselman's Applesauce presents Sara Evans Country on Ice
- **February 15, 5-7 PM, Style:** Musselman's Applesauce presents Sara Evans Country on Ice
- **February 17, 10 AM-12 PM, Style:** Skating & Gymnastics Spectacular
- **February 17, 4-7 PM, ESPN:** 2008 Four Continents Championships
- **February 22, 5-7 PM, Style:** Skating & Gymnastics Spectacular

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR THE SEASON:

1. **Friday February 1 to Sunday February 3:** Bay State Games, Adams, MA given by Christmas Brook FSC.
2. **February 22-24:** Empire State Games @ Lake Placid NY. For information: www.empirestategames.org/winter/skates.htm.
3. **March 1-2:** 6th Annual Skate Challenge Cup, Cicero, NY. On-line registration available on www.sccny.org. **Deadline for registration is January 31.**
4. **March 7-9:** Green Mountain Open, South Burlington, VT. Applications

available on their website:

www.vermontskatingclub.org

Registration deadline is February 1.

5. **March 8-9:** 2008 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships in Wayne, NJ. Email Anne Marie Bellantuono @ jdealtiley1@aol.com. Deadline for registration is January 25.
6. **Saturday, March 29, 2008:** The Garren, given by Hudson Mohawk FSC, Troy, NY. More information will be available on their website www.hmfsc.org after January 1.
7. **June 26-28, 2008:** Lake Placid Summer Figure Skating Championships. For more information: www.lakeplacidskating.com/newsite/competitions/free_skating/index.php

ISI COMPETITIONS:

1. **April 5 & 6, 2008:** Saratoga Springs Invitational, Saratoga, NY. Registration forms are now available on their website: www.saratogaspringsfsc.org. Deadline for registration is March 1.

UPCOMING USFS TEST SESSIONS:

- **Sunday March 30:** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.
- **Sunday April 27:** @ Albany County Hockey Facility offered by Albany FSC. Applications and more information will be available in March.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

AFSC MEMBERSHIP: 121

BASIC SKILLS MEMBERSHIP: 55

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.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday February 25 6:30-8:30 @ the Delmar YMCA. All are welcome to attend.



