



Albany  
Figure Skating Club

# INK FROM THE RINK

NOVEMBER 2006

## CONGRATULATIONS!

USFS Tests Passed November 19

Pre-Preliminary MIF:

- Katelyn Masullo

Preliminary Free Skate:

- Madeline Olberg

Pre-Juvenile MIF:

- Isabelle Lombardi

Juvenile MIF:

- Madeline Olberg

- Sarah Rubin

Junior MIF:

- Christina Lombardi

- Stephanie Lombardi

Cha Cha:

- Lukas Sotola

- Isabelle Lombardi

Rocker Foxtrot:

- Stephanie Lombardi

Blues:

- Christina Lombardi

Pioneer Valley Penguin

Invitational Nov. 18

Meagan Clawar:

- Basic 7 Compulsory Moves: 1st

- Basic Skills Program: 3rd

Desiree Larrivee:

- Freeski 1 Compulsory Moves: 2nd

- Freeski 1 Program: 1st

Samantha Carach:

- Freeski 3 Compulsory Moves: 2nd

- Freeski 3 Program: 1st

Aislyn DiRisio:

- Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 5th

- Pre-Preliminary Interpretive: 2nd

- Pre-Preliminary A Freestyle: 2nd

Isabelle Lombardi:

- Beginner Girls Freestyle: 5th

Victoria Carach:

- Pre-Preliminary Interpretive: 5th

- Pre-Preliminary A Freestyle: 6th

Adrienne White:

- Pre-Preliminary A Freestyle: 5th

- Pre-Preliminary Interpretive: 3rd

Christina Lombardi:

- Pre-Juvenile Freestyle: 3rd

Stephanie Lombardi:

- Preliminary B Freestyle: 6th



### HELEN & OLIVIA SERAFINI SKATE IN STARS, STRIPES & SKATE ICETRAVAGANZA!

On October 22, 2006, Helen & Olivia Serafini skated in the 5th annual commemorative event, Stars Stripes & Skates, benefiting the Heritage Foundation of 9/11. Helen & Olivia auditioned for this show last August in Lake Placid NY. Of the hundreds of children who auditioned around the region, Helen & Olivia were two of the roughly 100 skaters selected to perform in the show. Christina Lombardi had also been chosen to skate but was unable to. The show was held at the Nassau Coliseum where nearly a full arena watched a very exciting show. Nancy Kerrigan hosted the show which featured Olympic Champions Oksana Baiul, Rudy Galindo, US National Jr. Champions Meryl Davis & Charlie White, World Jr. Champions Tessa Virtue & Scott Moir. Special Guests included Pop Icon Jordan Knight, and American Idol Stars Kimberly Locke and Kevin Covias. The young skaters were also brought on a very special tour of Ground Zero where they saw an emotional slide show, toured the prototype for the new site and met with rescue heroes.

happy thanksgiving!



Happy Birthday!

Albany Figure Skating Club Members!

Judy Bovitz: November 12

Quinn Desiderio: November 11

Emily Edmunds: November 22

Christina Lombardi: November 30

Kate Rowlands: November 22

Louis Tomaino: November 19

Caley Vangelis: November 3



### ACHILLES EDGE NEWS!

The Mondor tights sale was a huge success. The team made \$600.00 in profit. Thanks to Jeanie DiNapoli for organizing it.

November 19 both the beginner team & the open juvenile teams were fitted in blue velour practice dresses and had their team picture taken!

The Open Juvenile team's program is complete, and the Beginner team's program is close to finishing up. Both teams are looking forward to their first performance in the December 9th Ice Show. Don't miss it!

The Synchro holiday party will be on December 22! Enjoy yourselves!

2 Skaters are out due to injuries – wishing you speedy recoveries Katie & Anne!

Questions? Please contact Dawn Hopsicker, Team Manager @ [jhopsick@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jhopsick@nycap.rr.com).



### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WINTER ICE SHOW DECEMBER 9

1. Don't forget to order your flowers for your skaters. Deadline is December 3rd:
  - Single long-stemmed rose: \$5.00
  - Mixed bouquet: \$10.00
 Contact Paulette Morgan @ [pmorgan3@nycap.rr.com](mailto:pmorgan3@nycap.rr.com) if you have any questions.
2. Don't forget that forms for Baskets for raffle are due December 1st.

Contact Pat Clancy @ [doonbeg@midtel.net](mailto:doonbeg@midtel.net) if you have any questions.



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ALBANY FSC IN TREE  
LIGHTING CEREMONY!

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There will be 21 skaters doing their programs at the tree lighting ceremony in Albany on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-3:00. Enjoy the show (and don't get too cold)!

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

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NEXT-TO-NEW SALE A  
SUCCESS!

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17 families brought items to sell, and 58 items were sold! Colm Kennedy will reimburse skaters for items that sold. Thank you to the YMCA for hosting this!

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APPAREL SALE COMPLETE:

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Items, which were ordered, should be in by early December.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

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**What are ISI & USFS numbers/memberships?  
How do I get them?**

Ice Skating Institute Memberships can be purchased by the individual skater or some rinks will purchase ISI memberships for their skaters. If purchasing your membership individually you can go to their website: [www.skateisi.com](http://www.skateisi.com) and either join/renew online or download and print a form to mail in. A subscription costs \$13.00 and is valid for 1 year from the date of registration. Soon after registering you will receive your membership card with your membership number. You should keep this card in a safe place as there will be times you will need to know your membership number. Membership benefits include:

- Personalized membership card
- *Recreational Ice Skating* – quarterly magazine featuring recreational ice skaters, programs, events & tips
- Test registration & patches (this is usually handled by your coach or club)
- Opportunities to perform locally & nationally at ISI competitions – you will

need to know your ISI membership number in order to register for these competitions.

- Access to skating manuals
- Accident insurance

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United State's Figure Skating Memberships

can be purchased individually without club affiliation by registering on the USFS website: [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org). The cost for an individual membership is \$85.00. The membership is valid from July 1 of 1 year to June 30 of the next year and rates are not prorated.

USFS membership can also be purchased by joining a USFS club (such as Albany FSC). One of the differences between individual membership and club membership is that the club's Membership Chair registers you with USFS and the annual USFS fee is included in your annual membership dues. USFS membership remains valid from 7/1 of 1 year to 6/30 of the next year. You should expect to renew registration every June if you wish your USFS membership to remain current.

Soon after registering you will receive your membership card with your membership number. You should keep this card in a safe place as there will be times you will need to know your membership number. Membership benefits include:

- Individually numbered membership card
- Subscription to *Skating Magazine*
- Coverage under USFS sports accident insurance policy
- Representing your club at local, regional, sectional & national competitions – you will need to know your USFS membership number to register for competitions
- Test at USFS sponsored test sessions – you will need to know your USFS membership number to register for test sessions
- Individual members also receive:
  - USFS rulebook
  - USFS lapel pin (1<sup>st</sup> year only)

**As an Albany FSC member am I automatically a member of both ISI & USFS?**

NO. As an Albany FSC member you are automatically registered with USFS (as we are

a USFS club) but NOT ISI. Annual ISI membership must be maintained by the individual skater IF he/she wants to skate at ISI sanctioned events or competitions. As an Albany FSC member and with a current ISI membership you can compete at ISI or USFS competitions and list Albany FSC as your home club. However, if you are not an ISI member you will not be able to skate at ISI events. Not all USFS clubs will offer affiliation with ISI so should you at some point change home clubs you need to be aware of this if you wish to continue skating with ISI.



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BASIC SKILLS CORNER!

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On November 12 Basic Skills skaters were tested on the skating skills they have been working on since October 1<sup>st</sup>. Testing is a way of acknowledging your skater's accomplishments. Badges will be presented for levels passed.

*Come support our Basic Skills skaters!* They will be doing demonstrations of the skills they have learned during this session and receiving badges & certificates. Some of your AFSC teammates will also be skating their programs. December 17 1:00-3:30 @ the Albany Academy rink.

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IMPORTANT DATES TO  
REMEMBER:

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1. **Sunday December 3, 2006:** 2:00-3:00: Tree Lighting Ceremony @ the Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY.
2. **Saturday December 9, 2006:** 6:30-9:00 Winter Ice Show @ YMCA.
3. **Sunday December 17:** 1:00-3:30 Basic Skills Awards Ceremony & Skating Demonstration.
4. **April 9-13, 2007:** Spring Clinic Week @ YMCA.
5. **April 15, 2007 5:30-7:30:** Spring Exhibition @ YMCA. Thank you Dorothy Roohan & Becky Gray for agreeing to co-coordinate!
6. **April 27, 2007:** AFSC Annual Awards Banquet @ the Albany Country Club.



SKATING ON TV:

- December 3 4:00-6:00 on ABC: 2006 Cup of Russia
- December 10 1:00-3:00 on ABC: 2006 Marshalls USFS Challenge
- December 10 4:00-7:00 on ESPN: 2006 NHK Trophy
- December 12 @ 1:30 on channel 66: Stars, Stripes & Skates
- December 16 @ 4:30 on channel 66: Stars, Stripes & Skates (rerun)
- December 16 4:00-6:00 on NBC: Michael Bolton Tribute on Ice
- December 17 4:00-6:00 on NBC: Kurt Browning's Gotta Skate
- December 23 4:00-6:00 on NBC: Country on Ice
- December 24 4:00-6:00 on NBC: Kristi Yamaguchi's Friends & Family
- December 24 4:00-7:00 on ESPN: ISU Grand Prix Final
- December 25 @ 1:30 on channel 66: Stars, Stripes & Skates (rerun)
- December 25 4:00-6:00 on NBC: Holiday Celebration on Ice
- December 27 @ 8:30 on channel 66: Stars, Stripes & Skates (rerun)
- December 29 @ 1:30 on channel 66: Stars, Stripes & Skates (rerun)

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. Albany FSC banner is now on display at the YMCA rink. Look for it under the clock on the right as you enter. Thank you Pete Gillies & Tedi Coleman for organizing!
2. Group rate tickets have been reserved for the Albany FSC for the *Smuckers Stars on Ice* show being held on Thursday March 8, 2007 @ 7PM at the Pepsie Arena. Contact Debbie Sgroi @ [dntsgroi@aol.com](mailto:dntsgroi@aol.com) by Friday February 16, 2007 if you are interested in attending the show. The seats are in sections 127 & 128, rows G-L. The cost for tickets is \$18.00.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Upcoming Events Needing Volunteers:

1. December 9: Winter Ice Show. Contact Tom Lombardi @ [tlombardi@stpetershealthcare.org](mailto:tlombardi@stpetershealthcare.org) or Pat Clancy @ [doonbeg@midtel.net](mailto:doonbeg@midtel.net).
2. AFSC Competition Chair Needed! Planned for fall 2007 or early winter 2008. Contact Laurie Lombardi @ [bricelal@acp.edu](mailto:bricelal@acp.edu) ASAP. Contact Laurie Lombardi @ [bricelal@acp.edu](mailto:bricelal@acp.edu) ASAP.

UPCOMING USFS TESTS:

See our website: [www.albanyfsc.org](http://www.albanyfsc.org) for more information and links to websites.

1. Friday, December 8, 2006 @ Adams MA, given by Christmas Brook FSC. Forms are available. Questions contact: [Cassny@aol.com](mailto:Cassny@aol.com).
2. Sunday February 4, 2007 @ YMCA in Delmar, NY given by Albany FSC.
3. Saturday March 31, 2007 @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR THE 2005-2006 SEASON:

See our website: [www.albanyfsc.org](http://www.albanyfsc.org) for more information and links to websites.

USFS COMPETITIONS:

1. December 1: 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational, Skaneateles, NY. [www.eteamz.com/skanfsc](http://www.eteamz.com/skanfsc).
2. December 9: Snowflake Open & Basic Skills Competition, North Adams, MA. Contact Laura Cece (413) 662-3038. **Registration deadline November 13, 2006.**
3. January 27, 2007: 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Garren Invitational, Troy, NY. <http://news.hmfsc.org/?cat=2>.

ISI COMPETITIONS:

1. December 2-3: Franklin Blades 16<sup>th</sup> Annual ISI Team Competition, Franklin, MA.
2. January 11-14, 2007: 2007 Lake Placid ISI Competition, Lake Placid, NY. Room block reserved @ Comfort Inn - \$130.00 per night, 2 night minimum stay. (518) 523-9555. Application now available @

<http://members.tripod.com/riverdaleice/id55.htm>.

3. March 24-25, 2007: Saratoga Springs Invitational, Saratoga Springs, NY. Applications now available on their website: [www.saratogaspringsfsc.org](http://www.saratogaspringsfsc.org)

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP TO ALBANY FIGURE SKATING CLUB?

Membership as of October 13:

- 69 Young Skaters
  - 7 Adult Skaters
  - 6 Coaches
  - 11 Board Members
- Welcome New Members!
- Katie Feudo (ISI)

Contact Membership Chair Janet Sotola @ [jsotola@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jsotola@nycap.rr.com) for information & registration form or go to our website: [www.albanyfsc.org](http://www.albanyfsc.org).

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday December 18, 2006 6:30-8:30 PM @ the Bethlehem Public Library.

