



INK FROM THE RINK

JULY/AUGUST 2006

Congratulations!

JULY 2006: 11TH ANNUAL
CHARTER OAK OPEN,

Helen Serafini:

- 4th Place: Pre-Juvenile Freeskate

Olivia Serafini:

- 1st Place Pre-Juvenile Freeskate

Stephanie Lombardi:

- 1st Place: Silver Solo Dance
- 4th Place: Preliminary B Freeskate

Christina Lombardi:

- 2nd Place: Silver Solo Dance
- 4th Place: Pre-Juvenile Freeskate

Isabelle Lombardi:

- 3rd Place: Pre-Preliminary Freeskate

JULY 24-30 ISI WORLDS,
MARLBOROUGH, MA

Albany FSC place 25th out of 121 teams!
GR8 SK8ING!



Meeting Famous Skater: Emily Hughes!

Achilles Edge:

- 2nd Place: Synchro Sr. Youth

Shea Foley:

- 1st Place Delta
- 1st Place Delta Spotlight

Hannah Keehan:

- 2nd Place Freestyle 5
- 2nd Place Artistic 5

Kacie Weatherhead:

- 2nd Place Freestyle 3
- 3rd Place Artistic 3

Maddy Olberg:

- 1st Place Artistic 4
- 3rd Place Solo Compulsories 4
- 3rd Place Freestyle 4
- 3rd Place Interpretative 4

Rachel Staudt:

- 1st Place Interpretive 3
- 4th Place Freestyle 3

- 4th Place Artistic 3

Danielle Sgroi:

- 3rd Place Delta

Carley McLean:

- 1st Place Freestyle 4

Shelby Fichter:

- 5th Place Alpha

Micaela Jones:

- 2nd Place Freestyle 4

Rachel Bluth:

- 1st Place Artistic 3
- 2nd Place Interpretive 3

Micaela Jones:

- 2nd Place: Freestyle 4

Taylor Kennedy:

- 3rd Place: Artistic 4
- 1st Place: Freestyle 4
- 2nd Place: Interpretive 4
- 1st Place: Footwork 4
- Also skated Solo Compulsory 4

Quinn Desiderio:

- 5th Place: Solo Compulsory 5

Isabelle Lombardi:

- 3rd Place: Freestyle 4

Katie Howard:

- 5th Place: Freestyle 4
- 3rd Place: Interpretive 4
- 1st Place: Artistic 4

Alyssa Hopsicker:

- 3rd Place: Interpretive 4
- 5th Place: Freestyle 4

Laura Cox:

- 4th Place: Solo Compulsory 4
- 2nd Place: Footwork 4

Aislyn DiRisio:

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

Alexandra Richer:

- Also Skated Delta

Gina DiNapoli:

- 2nd Place: Artistic 6
- 2nd Place: Interpretive 6

Stephanie Lombardi:

- Also Skated: Artistic 6
- 5th Place: Freestyle 6

Christina Lombardi:

- 2nd Place: Freestyle 6
- 1st Place: Artistic 6

AUGUST 4-6 CHAMPLAIN
VALLEY OPEN,
BURLINGTON, VT

Adi White:

- 4th Place: Pre-Preliminary Freeskate



CONGRATULATIONS!
SILVER MEDAL @ WORLDS!



Hangin' out with a synchro team from Dublin, CA

Synchro Open House a real success! 28 skaters participated and 34 skaters were interested in our synchronized skating teams.

Final teams are being formed. This year for the first time we will have 2 teams!

- 1) Beginner Synchronized Team
- 2) Open Juvenile Synchronized Team

Announcing coaches for 2006-2007 season:

- Liz Spiller
- Rocky Irish

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

AUGUST 23-26: 26TH
ANNUAL CRANBERRY
OPEN, SOUTH DENNIS, MA

Olivia Serafini:

- 1st Place: Pre-Juvenile Freeskate

Helen Serafini:

- 6th Place: Pre-Juvenile Freeskate

STARS, STRIPES & SKATES

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- o Olivia Serafini
- o Helen Serafini
- o Christina Lombardi

On August 13 in Lake Placid many young New York skaters participated in a future talent search for "Stars, Stripes & Skates." Olivia, Helen & Christina were chosen out of hundreds of young skaters to participate in the Stars, Stripes & Skates IceTravaganza along with Olympic & World Champions! All proceeds benefit the 9/11 Families Give Back Fund. The show will take place on October 22 at the Nassau Coliseum at 3:00 PM.

USFS TESTS PASSED:

July 28 @ Saratoga Springs, NY

Lukas Sotola:

- Pre-Preliminary FS
- Canasta Tango

August 25 @ Saratoga Springs NY

Samantha Carach:

- Pre-Preliminary MIF

Victoria Carach:

- Preliminary MIF

Aislyn DiRisio:

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

Katie Howard:

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

Gina DiNapoli:

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

Lukas Sotola:

- Rhythm Blues
- Preliminary Dance

Quinn Desiderio:

- Juvenile MIF

Morgan Gillies:

- Preliminary MIF

Christina Lombardi:

- Pre-Juvenile FS

SUMMER CLINIC WEEKS

Week #1: 26 Skaters!

Week #2: 33 Skaters!

Skaters worked hard doing off-ice and on-ice classes and drills. On Friday each skater participated in group-choreographed programs, which showed off many of the skills they worked on during the week. Certificates and gift certificates for Stewart's ice cream cones were presented to the skaters and the day was concluded with a Pizza Party for family & friends! Thanks Nikki, Liz, Karla, Shealee & Rocky for doing such a great job coaching! And thanks to all the behind-the-scenes volunteers!

Next year look for Summer Clinics:

- July 9-13, 2007
- July 30-August 3, 2007
- Exploring a third week of clinic.

SUMMER ADVANT-EDGE

Our beginner freestyle classes were very successful this summer with more than 20 skaters participating. Nikki, Karla & Rocky did a great job! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped.

Similar classes will be offered this fall and winter as a part of our Basic Skills Program!



BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM!

Session 1: October 1 to December 17, 2006.
Sunday's 2:00-3:30 at the Albany Academy.

Skating Director: Donna Wojtowicz

Coaches:

- Nikki Schallehn
- Karla Schallehn
- Liz Spiller
- Rocky Irish

Classes Offered:

Tot Classes or "Snowplow Sam"

- For children ages 3-5 who are new to skating.
- Designed to help develop preliminary coordination and the strength necessary to maneuver on the ice.

Beginner School Aged Skaters: Basic 1-4.

- For children ages 5-18 who are new to skating or have had minimal skating experience.

Advanced School Aged Skaters: Basic 4 or 5 to Freeskate levels.

- For skaters with some experience including previous group freestyle or private lessons.

Adult Classes: Adult 1-4 and beginner freestyle.

- For beginner to more advanced adult skaters.

For registration forms go to AFSC website: www.albanyfsc.org or contact Janet Sotola @ jsotola@nycap.rr.com or call 861-6705.

For more information on USFS Basic Skills visit the USFS website: www.usfigureskating.org/Programs

summer Vacation!



Happy Birthday!

- Amanda Gemmiti: July 25
- Morgan Gillies: July 16
- Katie Howard: August 15
- Virginia Mahoney: August 22
- Emily Mueller: July 22
- Danielle Sgroi: August 20
- Nikki Schallehn: August 19
- Jessica Bloustein: July 26
- Helen Serafini: August 30

FALL 2006 FREESTYLE ICE:

Sunday Package:

- Albany County Hockey Facility:
 - o 9/10 5:45-6:45
 - o 9/17 4:00-5:00
- Bethlehem YMCA:
 - o 9/24 - 12/17 @ 6:30-7:30

Monday Package:

- Albany Academy:
 - o 9/25 - 12/18 @ 6:15-7:45 (on 10/9 time change 4:00-5:30)

Wednesday Package:

- Bethlehem YMCA:
 - o 9/27 - 12/27 @ 4:50-5:50

Friday Early Session Package:

- Albany County Hockey Facility:
 - o 9/15 & 9/22 @ 4:00-5:00
- Bethlehem YMCA:
 - o 9/29 - 12/29 @ 4:00-5:00

Friday Late Session Package:

- Albany County Hockey Facility:
 - o 9/15 & 9/22 5:00-6:00
- Bethlehem YMCA:
 - o 9/29 - 12/29 @ 5:00-6:00

*Packages are now available! Registration DEADLINE September 1st!

"RINK" ICE VS "CLUB" ICE

"Rink" ice:

- Offered by an ice rink, not a skating club.
- Ice owned by rink owner.
- Freestyle ice is generally offered when and if no one else has purchased the ice.
- Any money they make is more than they would make on empty ice – they cannot lose money.
- Therefore, freestyle sessions can be offered at much less cost to the skater.

"Club" Ice:

- Club ice is purchased at an hourly rate by the figure skating club, plus there is typically an extra charge for an ice cut.
 - YMCA rink = \$180.00/hour + \$30.00 ice cut charge.
 - Albany Academy = \$165.00/hour + \$27.50 ice cut charge.
 - ACHF = \$165.00/hour, includes ice cut.
- To break even a figure skating club must charge its skaters a fee that is generally more than is charged for "rink" ice.

Albany FSC Club Ice: Calculating charges for our freestyle sessions is a complicated process.

- To estimate an affordable cost we count on 16-18 skaters per session purchasing our ice.
- Total ice cost is then divided by this number, which is then multiplied by the number of weeks in the session.

Ex: $180.00 + 30.00 = \$210.00$ divided by 16 = approximately 13.00 charge for a one hour session. The club will break even IF we have 16 skaters & charge them \$13.00/hour.

- We try to keep hourly costs to as close to \$10.00/hour as possible in an attempt to lower costs to our skaters.
- To offset these costs our buy-on rate is higher, at \$15.00/hour.

- We also use money raised through fundraisers to help decrease the cost to our skaters.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. **September 1st:** Deadline for early-bird Fall Freestyle Ice registration.
2. **Sunday October 1st 2:00-3:30:** Basic Skills Program begins at the Albany Academy, Albany, NY. Registration accepted at any time.
3. **October 3, 2006 6:30-8:30** AFSC Board Meeting @ Bethlehem Public Library.
4. **Monday October 9 8:00-12:00:** Albany FSC test session @ the YMCA in Delmar, NY
5. **Saturday December 9, 2006:** 6:30-9:00 Winter Ice Show @ Bethlehem YMCA.

ADULT SKATERS

If any adult skaters are interested in getting together for skating, ice dance, competition, synchro or socializing please contact Lou Tomaino @ ltomaino@ieee.org.

UPCOMING USFS TESTS:

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

1. **Monday October 9, 2006** @ YMCA in Delmar, NY given by Albany FSC.
2. **Sunday November 19, 2006** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.
3. **Sunday February 4, 2007** @ YMCA in Delmar, NY given by Albany FSC.
4. **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. **September 24-25, 2006** Rochester Skating School Fall Skate Competition, Rochester, NY.
For registration questions, please contact Sue Martin, Registrar at email: smartin7@rochester.rr.com.

ISI COMPETITIONS:

1. **October 28-29:** 20th Annual Winterland Halloween Classic, Rockland, 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.
3. **March 24-25, 2007:** Saratoga Springs Invitational, Saratoga Springs, NY.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP TO ALBANY FIGURE SKATING CLUB?

2006-2007 Membership Update:

- 52 Young Skaters – 49 renewals & 1 new member; Welcome!
 - Katelyn Masullo
 - Judy Min
 - Karen Muhl
- 5 Adult Skaters
- 4 Coaches
- 11 Board Members

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

