



# INK FROM THE RINK

MARCH 2007

## CONGRATULATIONS!



**Skate Challenge of Central NY in Cicero,  
March 2007:**

### **FIRST PLACE TROPHY WINNERS!**

#### **Achilles Open Juvenile Synchro Team:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Achilles Beginner Synchro Team:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Samantha Zayas:**

- Badge Compulsory Moves: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Badge Compulsory Spins: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Badge Jump Event: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Beginner Freeskate: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Desiree Larrivee:**

- BS Freeskate 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Jessica Marinstein:**

- BS Freeskate 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Olivia Serafini:**

- Juvenile Compulsory Jumps: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Juvenile Compulsory Moves: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Pre-Juvenile B Freeskate: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Pre-Juvenile Compulsory Spins: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Helen Serafini:**

- Juvenile Compulsory Moves: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Juvenile Compulsory Spins: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Pre-Juvenile B Freeskate: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Pre-Juvenile Jumps: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Christina Lombardi:**

- Juvenile Girls Freeskate: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Isabelle Lombardi:**

- Pre-Bronze Solo Dance: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 5<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Gina DiNapoli:**

- Pre-Juvenile Compulsory Moves: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Pre-Juvenile Compulsory Spins: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Preliminary B Freeskate: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Pre-Juvenile Jump Event: 4<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Carley McLean:**

- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Stephanie Lombardi:**

- Preliminary B Freeskate: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Silver Solo Dance: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Taylor Kennedy:**

- Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- Preliminary Compulsory Spins: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary Freeskate A: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary Jump Event: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Katie Howard**

- Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Preliminary Compulsory Spins: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary Jump Event: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Quinn Desiderio:**

- Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Preliminary Compulsory Spins: 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- Preliminary Jump Event: 4<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Alyssa Hopsicker:**

- Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Shea Coleman Foley:**

- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 7<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Katelyn Masullo:**

- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Micaela Jones:**

- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Hannah Conroy:**

- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Spins: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary Jump Event: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Aislyn DiRisio:**

- Pre-Preliminary A Freeskate: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### **Genesee Invitational Competition in Rochester, NY March 18:**

#### **Achilles Open Juvenile Synchro Team:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Achilles Beginner Synchro Team:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Stephanie Lombardi:**

- Preliminary Freeskate: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Silver Solo Dance: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Isabelle Lombardi:**

- Preliminary Showcase: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Christina Lombardi:**

- Juvenile Freeskate: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Juvenile Footwork: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Intermediate Showcase: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place



**10 Annual Saratoga Springs Invitational!  
March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **FIRST PLACE TROPHY WINNERS!**

#### **Taylor Kennedy:**

- Freestyle 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 5: 5<sup>th</sup> Place

#### **Lindsey Deberry:**

- Freestyle 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Solo Compulsory FS 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Lukas Sotola:**

- Freestyle 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Rachel Staudt:**

- Freestyle 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Interpretive 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Kacie Weatherhead:**

- Freestyle 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Solo Compulsory FS 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Samantha Zayas:**

- Freestyle 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 1-2: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Desiree Larrivee:**

- Freestyle 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 1-2: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### **Ellory Smith:**

- Freestyle 2: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 1-2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Danielle Sgroi:**

- Freestyle 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Emily Mueller:**

- Freestyle 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Solo Compulsory 2: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 1-2: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Soojee Eckardt-Riberg:**

- Freestyle 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 1-2: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Elizabeth Simmerman:**

- Freestyle 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

#### **Gianna Foley:**

- Freestyle 1: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Schuyler Alexander:**

- Delta: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### **Rachael Gray:**

- Delta: 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**Emma Kimble:**

- Delta: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Alexandra Richer:**

- Delta: 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**Trisha Roohan:**

- Delta: 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- Stroking Delta: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Shelby Fichter:**

- Solo Compulsory Beta: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Stroking Beta: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Grace DiRisio:**

- Alpha: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Stroking Alpha: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Alexis Mouzakes:**

- Pre-Alpha: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Stroking Pre-Alpha: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Sabrina Zayas:**

- Pre-Alpha: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Shea Foley:**

- Footwork 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 1-2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Solo Compulsory FS 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Spotlight FS 1-3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 1-2: 5<sup>th</sup> Place

**Laura Cox:**

- Footwork 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 3-4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Hannah Conroy:**

- Footwork 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 3-4: 5<sup>th</sup> Place

**Christina Lombardi:**

- Footwork 7: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 7-8: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Solo Dance 8: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Morgan Gillies:**

- Artistic FS 3-4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Katelyn Masullo:**

- Artistic FS 3-4: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Isabelle Lombardi:**

- Artistic FS 3-4: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Solo Dance 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Aislyn DiRisio:**

- Solo Compulsory FS 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Micaela Jones:**

- Solo Compulsory FS 5: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 5: 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**Alyssa Hopsicker:**

- Solo Compulsory FS 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 5: Also Skated

**Bryce DiRisio:**

- Stroking Beta: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Stephanie Lombardi:**

- Solo Dance 7: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Katie Howard:**

- Interpretive FS 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

- Artistic FS 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Laura Cox:**

- Artistic FS 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Footwork 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Samantha Carach:**

- Freestyle 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Victoria Carach:**

- Artistic FS 3-4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

**Karissa Shelton:**

- Freestyle 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Artistic 4: 4<sup>th</sup> Place

**Sonya Soanes:** Sonya did 2 exhibition skates in preparation for Adult Nationals in Chicago, which will compete in next month. GOOD LUCK TO SONYA!

- Freestyle 5 Exhibition
- Interpretive FS 5 Exhibition

**Albany FSC Members who skated at Saratoga for other local ISI Clubs:**

**Hannah Keehan:** Over the Edge

- Freestyle 6: 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Artistic FS 6: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Rachel Bluth:** Over the Edge

- Freestyle 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Interpretive FS 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

- Artistic FS 4: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Judy Min:** Over the Edge

- Freestyle 2: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- Solo Compulsory FS 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Kylar Foley:** Independent Member

- Tot 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Saratoga FSC USFS Test Session March 30 – Tests Passed!**

**Victoria Carach**

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

**Samantha Carach**

- Preliminary MIF

**Olivia Serafini**

- Intermediate MIF

**Helen Serafini**

- Intermediate MIF

**Quinn Desiderio**

- Intermediate MIF

**Aislyn DiRisio**

- Intermediate MIF

**Adrienne White**

- Preliminary Freestyle

**Christina Lombardi**

- Paso Doble

**Stephanie Lombardi**

- American Waltz

**Isabelle Lombardi**

- Swing Dance

**Lukas Sotola**

- Swing Dance

**Polina Zheglava**

- Adult Pre-Bronze Freestyle

**Sarah Yang**

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

**Amanda Gemmiti**

- Amanda Gemmiti



ACHILLES EDGE NEWS!

Congratulations to both of our synchronized skating teams who finished the season with a BANG!



The Open Juvenile team skated exceptionally well at the Skate Challenge of Central NY in Cicero and earned a GOLD MEDAL, coming in first out of 8 teams! At the Genesee Invitational Competition in Rochester they came in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place!



The Beginner team skated very well at the Skate Challenge of Central NY in Cicero and came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place! They did even better and earned a GOLD MEDAL at the Genesee Invitational Competition on March 18<sup>th</sup>!

In July there will be 2 Open Houses for those interested in skating on our Synchronized Skating Teams!

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



BASIC SKILLS CORNER!

Our second session was very successful with skaters again moving consistently up in levels. Thank you to all our parent volunteers: Renee Fichter & Margaret Smith. Our volunteer skaters: Sarah Rubin, Sonya Soanes, Quinn Desiderio, Jessica Marinstein, Kate Quiantance & Lindsey DeBerry also did a FABULOUS job!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

**Snowplow Sam I:**

- Bailey Hildebrandt

- Ashley Murtagh
- Leah Tubbs
- Stephen Fajen
- Bridget Connolly
- Mia Tessitone
- Michael Murtagh
- Maggie Wennberg
- Ryan Tubbs
- Rohit Yavagal
- Rosie Connolly

**Snowplow Sam 2:**

- Joanna VanRoyen
- Alison Hayes
- Kira Nikushian
- Isha Kumar
- Isabelle Cox
- Gabriel Silverstein
- Caitlyn Garrigan

**Basic Skills I:**

- Andrew Nakushian
- William Fichter
- Michael Connolly
- Daniel Lacey
- Priyanka Kumar
- Bethany Vierschilling
- Daniel Connell
- Veronica Ward

**Basic Skills 2:**

- Helene Distefano
- Julie Czerwinski
- Erin Newell
- Breanna Vierschilling
- Wade Lacey
- Gwen Brown
- Julia Newkirk
- Julia Henderson
- Hannah Ragule

**Basic Skills 3:**

- Elena Smalline
- Lauren Henderson
- Haemin Hwang
- Kacie Oliver
- Odmaa Bayaraa
- Elizabeth Kalin
- Tatianna Welsh
- Olivia Green

**Basic 6:**

- Haejin Hwang
- Haewon Hwang
- Rachele Kalin
- Shannon Windle
- Shelby Fichter

**Hockey I:**

- Max Thomas
- Daniel Connolly

- Sagar Kumar
- Joseph Connolly
- Patrick Lacey
- Jimmy Connolly
- Henry Thomas
- Kenny Eggleston
- Christopher Gallagher
- Saurabh Kumar
- Nathaniel Bancroft

**Hockey 2:**

- Jamie Reppert

**Adult 1:**

- Monica Ward
- Marci Beadle
- Emilie Snyder
- Siphia Hsieh
- Shalini Kumar
- Sanjaya Kumar
- Alice Green
- Dileep Yavagal
- Milli Puente

**Adult 2:**

- Juliana Coates
- Barbara O'Donnell
- William Thomas
- Amy Schallop
- Karla Henderson
- Lynn Bancroft
- Claudia Mancenido

**Freestyle 1:**

- Maggie Rose Smith
- Ellory Smith



Albany Figure Skating Club Members!

Gianna Foley: March 18  
Carley McLean: March 22  
Alexandra Richer: March 12  
Elizabeth Simmerman: March 31  
Adrienne White: March 4  
Ellen Yang: March 8  
Patricia Yannerilla: March 5  
Liz Spiller: March 11

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 6:30-8:30 pm  
Bethlehem YMCA MP room.

**SPRING SPECTACULAR ICE SHOW APRIL 15**

**Highlights:**

- Featuring an ice dance exhibition skate by Devon Manz & Sheila Tandon!
- Concession stand selling pizza, water & gourmet skating cookies from Queen of Tarts!
- Flowers can be ordered from Paulette Morgan (475-9410) – deadline for ordering April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- AFSC Logo mugs for sale with FREE coffee!
- Mark Anderson Photography will be present.

**ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET & SILENT AUCTION**

Once again the Annual Spring Banquet will be held at the Albany Country Club on April 27 6:30-10:00. Activities will include buffet dinner, Achilles Edge awards, AFSC recognition awards, silent auction, and of course, there will be a DJ & dancing!

RSVP by April 13 with payment. Questions? Contact Tara DiRisio 439-2240.

**WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THIS SUMMER?**

**SUMMER ICE IS @ THE ALBANY COUNTY HOCKEY FACILITY**

**Basic Skills & "Advant-Edge" Group Skate Lessons**

Monday's July 9 – August 27 4:30-5:30  
8 week session:

- Basic Skills: \$100.00 for first family member, \$90.00 for subsequent family member
- Advant-Edge: \$125.00

Questions? Contact :

- Janet Sotola Program Chair @ 861-6705 or [jsotola@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jsotola@nycap.rr.com)
- Donna Wojtowicz Skating Director @ 383-0601

**Group Dance Lessons:**

Thursday's July 12- August 30 5:00-5:30  
8 week session: \$100.00

Please welcome Stacie Kuglin, our Ice Dance Director. Stacie has passed her Gold Figures,

Gold Dances & Junior Freestyle. She has been coaching figure skating for 26 ½ years and has had students who have passed their senior freestyle, senior MIF, pre-gold dances, and 7<sup>th</sup> figure test. Students of hers have competed & medaled at US Regionals, Sectionals & Nationals.

Questions? Contact :

- Janet Sotola Program Chair @ 861-6705 or [jsotola@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jsotola@nycap.rr.com)
- Stacie Kuglin Ice Dance Director @ 383-3114

#### Summer Freestyle:

Registration packages will be out soon!

Tuesday's July 10-August 28

- 3:30-4:30
- 4:30-5:30

Wednesday's July 11-August 29

- 3:30-4:30
- 4:30-5:30

Thursday's July 12-August 30

- 3:30-5:00

Questions? Contact Tedi Foley @

[jimntedi@aim.com](mailto:jimntedi@aim.com)

#### Summer Freestyle Clinics:

Registration forms and further details will be available soon.

1. July 9-13: \$250.00
2. July 30-August 3: \$250.00

Questions? Contact:

- Pat Clancey, Clinic Chair @ [doonbeg@midtel.net](mailto:doonbeg@midtel.net)
- Nikki Schallehn, Skating Director @ [NikusPikus@aol.com](mailto:NikusPikus@aol.com)



#### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. **April 9-13, 2007: Spring Figure Skating Clinic Week @ YMCA.**
2. **April 13, 2007:** Deadline for sending in RSVP & payment for AFSC Annual Banquet.
3. **April 15, 2007 5:30-7:30:** AFSC Spring Spectacular Ice Show @ YMCA.

4. **April 16, 2007:** Begin to drop off previously tagged items for AFSC Garage Sale to Jeanie DiNapoli's house: 57 Middlesex Dr., Slingerlands.
5. **April 21, 2007:** Albany FSC Garage Sale to benefit the club & help defer some ice cost losses. LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. Contact Jeanie DiNapoli 439-2080 if you can help.
6. **April 27, 2007:** AFSC Annual Awards Banquet @ the Albany Country Club.
7. **May 28, 2007:** March with AFSC in the Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade!

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. **"Deuce: Performance Camp and Show for Charity"** offered by Paula Wagener Saturday, June 2. For further information contact Paula Wagener @ 928-6320 or visit [www.paulawagener.com](http://www.paulawagener.com).
2. **Off-Ice Dance & Performance Classes** by Paula Wagener will be offered at the Albany County Hockey Facility. Details to be announced.



#### SKATING ON TV:

- **April 8 on ESPN 4:00-7:00:** 2007 European Rebroadcast
- **April 14 on ABC 4:00-6:00:** Marshalls International Figure Skating Showcase
- **April 22 on ESPN 2 12:00-2:00:** State Farm US Championships (Men's & Ladies' short)
- **April 22 2:00-4:00 on ESPN2:** State Farm US Championships (Ladies free)
- **April 28 on ESPN 2 6:00-7:00:** 2006 Skate America Rebroadcast

#### UPCOMING USFS TESTS:

1. **Wednesday, April 18:** @ Darien Ice Rink, Darien, CT.
2. **Sunday, May 6:** @ the Knickerbacker Arena given by Uncle Sam FSC. Registration forms are available on their website. Deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>. <http://www.unclesamskatingclub.com>
3. **Friday July 27:** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.

4. **Friday August 24:** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.

#### UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR THE 2005-2006 SEASON:

##### USFS COMPETITIONS:

1. **2007 Darien Open April 19-22:** A Future Champion Series, events for beginners through adults, Darien, CT. [www.skatecsc.com](http://www.skatecsc.com)
2. **2007 Colonial Open April 27-29:** West Acton, MA. [www.colonialfsc.com](http://www.colonialfsc.com)
3. **2007 Summer Challenge May 18-20:** Marlborough, MA.
4. **Enfield Twin Rinks "Basics and Beyond" Classic May 19:** Enfield, CT. For information contact Peggy Grundstron (413) 566-3276.
5. **2007 Spring Fling June 9-10:** Amherst, MA. [www.scamherst.org](http://www.scamherst.org)
6. **Summer Figure Skating Championships July 5-7:** Lake Placid, NY. [scfp@skatingcluboflakeplacid.org](mailto:scfp@skatingcluboflakeplacid.org)
7. **Champlain Valley Open July 27-29:** Burlington, VT. All entries must be postmarked by June 24. For more information contact Gina Krol @ [cvochair@champlainvalleyskatingclub.org](mailto:cvochair@champlainvalleyskatingclub.org).
8. **Skate Chautauqua August 16-18:** Jamestown, NY. [www.chautauquaice.com](http://www.chautauquaice.com)

#### INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP TO ALBANY FIGURE SKATING CLUB?

Membership as of March 31:

- **AFSC Membership 98!**  
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!  
Sabrina Zayas  
Catherine Roberts  
Alexis Mouzakes  
Schuyler Alexander
- **Basic Skills Membership 109!**

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).

