



Albany  
Figure Skating Club

# INK FROM THE RINK

MAY 2007

## CONGRATULATIONS!

### USFS Test Session May 6<sup>th</sup>:

#### Shea Foley:

- Preliminary MIF

#### Erin O'Sullivan:

- Preliminary MIF

#### Amy Schimmel:

- Preliminary MIF

#### Hannah Keehan:

- Intermediate MIF

#### Taylor Kennedy:

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

#### Danielle Sgroi:

- Pre-Preliminary MIF

#### Polina Zheglova:

- Adult Pre-Bronze MIF

#### Morgan Gillies:

- Pre-Juvenile MIF

#### Adi White:

- Intermediate MIF

### ISI Test Passed:

#### Christina Lombardi:

- ISI Dance 8 (American, Paso, Quickstep)

### 2007 Spring Fling Amherst, MA

#### June 9-10:

#### Hannah Conroy:

- Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 4<sup>th</sup> Place
- No Test Freestyle: 7<sup>th</sup> Place

#### Katie Howard:

- Preliminary Compulsory Moves: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Pre-Preliminary Freestyle: 5<sup>th</sup> Place

#### Olivia Serafini:

- Juvenile Compulsory Moves: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- Pre-Juvenile Freestyle: 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

#### Helen Serafini:

- Juvenile Compulsory Moves: 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Pre-Juvenile Freestyle: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

#### Gina DiNapoli:

- Preliminary B Freestyle: 1<sup>st</sup> Place

### GREAT ESCAPE OUTING!

The Albany Figure Skating Club had their first group trip to the Great Escape Indoor Water Park on Sunday, May 20, 2007. Twenty one skaters and their families enjoyed breakfast and a day of fun at the water park. Many enjoyed learning to surf, the slides and the lazy river. A good time was had by all!



2007 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE!

A contingent of skaters and parents from the Albany FSC participated in the Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28, 2007. Marching behind the Albany FSC banner were Shea and Kylar Coleman Foley and their parents, Tedi and Jim; Aislyn Di Risio; Soojee Eckardt-Rigberg; Katie Howard and her mom, Paulette; Christina, Stephanie, and Isabelle Lombardi and their parents, Laurie and Tom; and Trisha Roohan with her dad, Ray, and her friend Gabby Whelan. Our skaters tossed candy to the crowd lining the streets of Delmar and had a good time representing our club to the community.



### SYNCHRONIZED NEWS!

There are openings in the Beginner and Open Juvenile Synchronized Skating teams! Come and join us for our open houses and tryouts!

1. Tuesday July 17 4:30-5:30
  2. Wednesday July 23 4:30-5:30
- Skater must be able to perform:
    - Cross-overs
    - Eges
    - 3 turns
    - Mohawks
    - Lunges
    - Spirals
    - Bnny hops

RSVP by July 10<sup>th</sup>: Dawn Hopsicker @ 357-0934 or [jhopsick@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jhopsick@nycap.rr.com).



Happy Birthday!

- Jenna Foote: May 29
- Micaela Jones: May 13
- Jessica Marinstein: May 10
- Isabella Martin: May 6
- Judy Schoonover: May 21
- Sarah Yang: May 16
- Samantha Zayas: May 24

### SUMMER REGISTRATION FORMS DUE SOON!

All registration forms are now available on our website: [www.albanyfsc.org](http://www.albanyfsc.org).

#### 1. Basic Skills & "Advant-Edge"

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to unforeseen events there has been a time change – the Basic Skills & Advant-Edge classes offered this summer will not be offered from 4:30-5:30 but will be offered instead at:

**3:30 to 4:30**

Please use the same registration forms.

Questions? Contact:

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

#### 2. Beginner Group Dance Lessons

**PLEASE NOTE:** In considering how best to offer our skaters a chance to try ice dance we will be offering:

**BUY-ON Classes @ \$15.00 each**

Please let Stacie or Janet know ahead of time what class/classes you plan on attending if possible.

Questions? Contact:

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

3. Summer Freestyle:

Questions? Contact:

- Tedi Foley @ [jimtedi@aim.com](mailto:jimtedi@aim.com)

4. Summer Freestyle Clinics:

Questions? Contact:

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

1. **Freestyle clinics:** Multiple volunteers needed for supervising and bringing bottled water for the skaters.
2. **Freestyle Ice:** Multiple volunteers needed to sign skaters in and play music.
3. **Someone handy with building to make podium for our first USFS Competition!**  
Contact Laurie Lombardi  
[bricelal@acp.edu](mailto:bricelal@acp.edu).



**SAVE THE DATES!**  
FOR ALBANY FSC'S 1ST  
USFS COMPETITION  
FALL 2007

This fall the Albany FSC will be hosting our very first USFS basic skills and open figure skating competition. We have reserved ice at the Clifton Park Arena on October 27 & 28, 2007! At that time we will also be offering a test session.

We are planning to offer events for competitors of all levels and all ages from Basic Skills through Senior. Events which we plan to offer include compulsories, solo dance, jump events, spin events, showcase, and interpretive.

Questions? Contact Laurie Lombardi @ [bricelal@acp.edu](mailto:bricelal@acp.edu).



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

1. **June 9, 2007:** Summer Freestyle Clinic registrations due to avoid late fee.
2. **June 15, 2007:** Summer Freestyle Ice Packages must be postmarked by this date to receive "early bird" special.
3. **June 30, 2007:** All current USFS memberships expire! Please mail your new membership forms in promptly. Questions contact Janet Sotola [jsotola@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jsotola@nycap.rr.com).
4. **July 10, 2007:** RSVP deadline to attend synchro open house. For questions contact Dawn Hopsicker [jhopsick@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jhopsick@nycap.rr.com).

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.
2. Off-Ice Dance & Performance Classes by Paula Wagener. Wednesday's 2:30-3:15 starting July 18 in the Albany County Hockey Facility lobby. \$12.00 per class or \$50.00 for all 5 sessions. For registration forms contact Paula @ 928-6320.

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS FOR THE SEASON:

USFS COMPETITIONS:

1. **2007 Spring Fling June 9-10:** Amherst, MA. [www.scamherst.org](http://www.scamherst.org)
2. **Summer Figure Skating Championships July 5-7:** Lake Placid, NY. [scfp@skatingcluboflakeplacid.org](mailto:scfp@skatingcluboflakeplacid.org)
3. **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).
4. **Skate Chautauqua August 16-18:** Jamestown, NY [www.chautauquaice.com](http://www.chautauquaice.com)

UPCOMING USFS TESTS:

1. **Friday July 27:** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.
2. **Friday August 24:** @ Saratoga Springs, Weibel Rink given by SSFSC.

ALBANY FSC ANNUAL REPORT 2006-2007

2006-2007 Programs Offered:

1. Advant-Edge: Group beginner freestyle lessons
2. Freestyle Clinics: Summer 2006 & Spring 2007
3. Basic Skills Program: Fall 2006 & Winter 2007 sessions
4. Synchronized Skating Teams: Beginner & Open Juvenile teams
5. USFS Test Sessions: Fall 2006 & Winter 2006
6. Freestyle Ice: Summer, Fall & Winter freestyle ice offered at various local rinks.

2006-2007 Club Events:

1. Synchro Open House/Ice Cream Social
2. Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser Breakfast
3. Next-to-New Sale
4. Synchro Holiday Party
5. Winter Ice Show
6. WMHT Holiday Auction Donation
7. Participated in Empire State Ice Rink Tree Lighting Ceremony
8. Spring Exhibition
9. Synchro Create Noisemakers Party
10. Attended "Stars on Ice"
11. Garage Sale Fundraiser
12. Awards Banquet
13. Lake George Waterpark Outing
14. Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade

AFSC Services to Members:

1. Early Bird Membership rates on ice packages
2. Monthly e-newsletter
3. Hosted website: [www.albanyfsc.org](http://www.albanyfsc.org)
4. ISI & USFS Club Membership
5. USFS Membership
6. Club designated room blocks for major competitions
7. Annual Awards Banquet
8. Distribution of USFS & ISI test certificates/patches

9. Recognition of graduating seniors at Annual Banquet
10. Club Apparel
11. Club membership directory
12. Club membership card

**2006-2007 AFSC Accomplishments:**

1. Growth in membership from 85 members to 99
2. Doubled synchro program from 15 to 30 skaters and from 1 team to 2
3. Tripled freestyle clinics offered, from 1 to 3 weeks
4. AFSC Banner hung at YMCA rink
5. Created successful Basic Skills Program
6. WMHT Holiday Auction Donation for 1 free Basic Skills program

**What's in Store for Next Year?**

Continue our existing programs with the following additions:

1. Host USFS Competition
2. Expand Synchro teams to include a third team at the Pre-Juvenile level
3. Offer 2 Synchro Open Houses
4. Offer group Ice Dance Program
5. Prepare "Welcome New Member" Brochure

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

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Membership as of April 30:

Welcome new member:

- ❖ **Catherine Amodeo!**
- [AFSC Membership 98!](#)
- [Basic Skills Membership 109!](#)

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

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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).

