



BLADELINES

Congrats to all skaters who recently passed USFS Tests!

- *Kali Deming: Pre-Juvenile MIF*
- *Lynsie Dyksterhouse: Pre-Juvenile MIF*
- *Tamara Kelly: Preliminary MIF*
- *Andrea Lin: Preliminary MIF*
- *Megan Jacobi: Preliminary MIF*
- *Rebecca Cosenza: Pre-Preliminary MIF*
- *James Jones: Pre-Preliminary MIF*
- *Olivia Plowman: Pre-Preliminary MIF*
- *Sydney Estill: Pre-Preliminary MIF and FS*

DATES OF INTEREST...

Skate School Christmas Ice Show
U.S. Nationals (Spokane, WA)
BFSC Test Session (PCC)

December 8 (7pm), 9 (1pm)
January 21-28, 2007
February 18, 2007 (9-5pm)



BFSC Annual Banquet

The annual BFSC Banquet was held on October 28 at the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Over 100 BFSC members and their families attended this special event. It was a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and recognition. The night kicked off with a scavenger hunt through the Hall of Fame. Afterwards, attendees gathered for a delicious meal, followed by the Awards Ceremony which included a highly entertaining video created by Anita Saxena. The rest of the evening was dedicated to recognizing this year's BFSC Award winners and participants. Each skater who attended was recognized for their dedication to skating and received a trophy. Nominations for this year's BFSC Awards were submitted by BFSC members prior to the banquet. The recipients of these awards were recognized at the banquet.

Tracee Moseley Most Improved Qualifying Skater – Marissa Spector
Dawn Balch Most Improved Non-Qualifying Skater - Annabella Wong
John Zimmerman IV Standard of Excellence Award - Alex Noble
Betty Bostwick Sportsmanship Award – Anita Saxena
Haskins Bowman Adult Skater of the Year – Jennifer Kenski
Bernice Huffman/Adele Fullerton Mentor's Award – Becca Guthrie
Coach's Award – Heather Hardman
Skater of the Year – Alex Darnell
Priscilla Fowler Peer Choice Award – Alex Darnell
President's Award – Scott Spector and Megan Wyatt

BFSC Hosts Midwestern Sectionals

Alabama is not normally thought of as a hotbed of figure skating, but it was the week of November 13 when nearly 150 top skaters representing 22 states converged at the Pelham Civic Complex to take their shot at qualifying for the U.S. Championships. BFSC received the bid to host this event a few years ago. After a lot of planning, hard work, and the dedication of numerous volunteers, this event went off without a hitch.

The Midwestern Sectional Championships is one of only three sectional competitions held each year in the United States. Skaters qualify to compete at the sectional competition by claiming one of the top four spots at the regional level. The top four skaters from each level and skating discipline (singles, pairs, and ice dancing) at the sectional level continue on to compete at the U.S. Championships, the national competition.

Three of BFSC's own skaters qualified to compete at this event. These skaters included Alex Darnell, Ashley Deavers, and Marissa Spector. Due to an injury, Alex and Marissa had to withdraw from Regionals which is the qualifier for Sectionals, however, they had already received a bye to Sectionals because there are so few pairs teams in the U.S. Ashley competed in the Junior Dance event with his partner, Amanda Loyd who also received a bye to Sectionals due to lack of ice dancing teams in the U.S. They finished in 3rd place which earned them the opportunity to compete at the U.S. National Championships to be held January 21-28 in Spokane, Washington.

The skaters, parents, coaches and officials who attended this event shared many positive comments about how helpful and friendly everyone was (good old Southern Hospitality!) and the fantastic facility. This should make us feel proud of our club, rink and area. Thanks to Scott Spector, Megan Wyatt and the many, many volunteers who made this event possible. Our apologies also go out to Maria Adcock and Danny Tate whose names were left out of the program for their various responsibilities throughout the event.

Congratulations to our skaters who represented us at Collegiate Nationals, Regionals and Sectionals!

Collegiate Nationals - Anaheim, California

Maria Adcock – Junior Ladies

Eastern Great Lakes Regionals – Ann Arbor, Michigan

*Alex Darnell – Novice Pairs

Heather Hardman – Pre-Juvenile Girls

Virgil Jones – Juvenile Dance

Loren Roth – Juvenile Dance

*Marissa Spector – Novice Pairs

Annabella Wong – Juvenile Girls

*Withdrew due to injury

Midwestern Sectionals – Pelham, Alabama

Ashley Deavers – Junior Dance

Junior Nationals – Cleveland, Ohio

Virgil Jones – Juvenile Dance

Loren Roth – Juvenile Dance

October Club Night a Spooktacular Time!

Start with over a hundred skaters and parents, add some costumes and throw in some pizza and you've got a recipe for fun! That was the case at the October Club Night on October 22 where skaters enjoyed skating, games, food and fun. Participants were encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume and join the party. Class skaters were invited to join the festivities as well and attendance was record breaking. It was a great time for members to get together and socialize, and get to know some of the class skaters and parents – future members of the BFSC. Thanks to Shari Hanby and Payge Chambliss for their work on organizing this event. Plans are in the works for the next Club Night. Keep an eye out for more information.

Loren Roth and Virgil Jones recently placed 13th out of 15 competitors in the initial round at Junior Nationals in Cleveland, Ohio. They are coached by Danny Tate!

Happy Birthday!!!

December

Shelia Lyle 12/2
Ivey Smith 12/6
Loren Roth 12/13
Catherine Clark 12/18
Aimee McDermott 12/27
Kris Hipolito 12/29
Abby Michl 12/30
Riordan Wyatt 12/30

January

Virgil Jones 1/4
Samantha Susock 1/5
Bevin Lyle 1/6
Betty Talley 1/6
Mei Wang 1/9
Carole Dyar 1/10
Jennifer Venable 1/12
Kathie Pepper 1/15
Michelle Jones 1/18
Anita Saxena 1/19
Donna Kentros 1/21
Varina R. Hart 1/22
Jessica Spence 1/23
Aref Eghbalian 1/26
Payton Demotte 1/27
Kali Deming 1/29
Megan Wyatt 1/30

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