



BLADELINES

Dear Members of BFSC,
 We have not had a newsletter in a while. We are trying to start one up again. If there is any news that you would like to add, then please contact: Dodi Jacobi and I will try to put it in the next newsletter.

DATES OF INTEREST...

BFSC Board Meeting – Sunday, August 3, 2008 at 4:00PM, PCC
Pool Party - Saturday, July 12 @ 8:00pm; Chandalar Pool.
PCC Temporary Rink Closure - Expected to be around July 28, check at PCC for further updates
Peach Open: application deadline July 14, competition August 29/30, 2008
Rocket City: application deadline July 25, test session, August 22, competition August 23, 2008
Eastern Great Lakes Regional Competition: October 10-14, 2008
Midland Midwestern Sectionals: November 11-15, 2008
PCC Holiday Show: December 5/6, 2008 (registration forms due August 30, 2008)
U.S. Junior Championships: December 8-13, 2008
U.S. Championships: January 18-25, 2009, Cleveland, OH
SEGL Competition (in Huntsville) - Feb. 20-22, 2009

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Skating News

Atlanta Open 2008 Results

Juvenile Girls - Group A, **Sarah Elizabeth Hyde (13th)**

Intermediate Men (SP), **Preston Culpepper (2nd)**

Intermediate Ladies (SP), **Annabella Wong (9th)**, **Heather Hardman (15th)**

Juvenile Pairs, **Carolyn Diehl & Preston Culpepper (2nd)**

Junior Men (FS), **Eric Brandley (4th)**

Intermediate Men (FS), **Preston Culpepper (1st)**

Intermediate Ladies (FS) - Group B, **Annabella Wong (9th)**, **Shelia O'Connor (12th)**, **Heather Hardman (16th)**

Adult Ladies Silver Freeskating, **Margaret McCollum (2nd)**

Intermediate Jumps, **Shelia O'Connor (3rd)**

Juvenile Compulsory Moves - Group B, **Sarah Elizabeth Hyde (3rd)**

No Test A Girls Freeskating - Group B, **Emily Hardwick (3rd)**, **Audrey Harper (4th)**

No Test A Girls Freeskating - Group D, **Mary Ashford Hyde (4th)**

No Test B Girls Freeskating - Group A, **Lauren Nicholas (6th)**

No Test B Girls Freeskating - Group C, **Cary Krumdieck (5th)**

No-Test Compulsory Moves - Group C, **Lauren Nicholas (5th)**

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group C, **Emily Sanders, (7th)**

Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group D, **Elizabeth O'Connor (6th)**

Preliminary Girls Freeskating - Group A, **Payton DeMotte (4th)**

Preliminary Girls Freeskating - Group B, **Carolyn Diehl (2nd)**, **Ava Michl, (7th)**

Preliminary Girls Freeskating - Group D, **Sydney Estill (8th)**

Preliminary Girls Freeskating - Group E, **Leslie Burnett (4th)**, **Elizabeth O'Connor (7th)**

Pre-Preliminary A Girls Freeskating - Group B, **Paige Livengood (6th)**

Pre-Preliminary A Girls Freeskating - Group F, **Melinda Mahan (3rd)**, **Rachel Smith (5th)**

Pre-Preliminary B Girls Freeskating - Group A, **Emily Sanders, (4th)**, **Grace Ji (6th)**

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves - Group A, **Rachel Smith (7th)**

Tests Passed at Point Mallard FSC (April 12, 2008)

FS-Pre-Preliminary, **Paige Livengood**
MIF-Pre-Preliminary, **Paige Livengood**
MIF-Pre-Juvenile, **Carolyn Diehl**
FS-Pre-Juvenile, **Jessica Spence**
MIF-Juvenile, **Leslie Burnett**
FS-Pre-Preliminary, **Grace Ji**

Test Session Results At PCC June 22, 2008!

Dance Bronze-Ten Fox, **Jennifer Kenski**
Dance Pre-Bronze-Cha Cha, **Jessica Spence**
Dance Pre-Bronze-Fiesta Tango, **Avery Henson, Leslie Burnett, Jessica Spence**
Dance Pre-Bronze-Swing Dance, **Avery Henson, Leslie Burnett**
Dance Pre-Gold-Blues, **Anita Saxena**
Dance Pre-Silver-European Waltz, **Loren Roth, Virgil Jones**
FS-Intermediate, **Heather Hardman**
FS-Juvenile, **Sarah Elizabeth Hyde**
FS-Pre-Juvenile, **Carolyn Diehl, Payton Demotte**
FS-Preliminary, **Emily Sanders, James Jones**
FS-Pre-Preliminary, **Abbie Smith**
MIF-Intermediate, **Melissa Dillon**
MIF-Juvenile, **Carolyn Diehl, Payton Demotte**
MIF-Novice, **Annabella Wong**
MIF-Preliminary, **Bonnie DeCarlo, Catherine Martin, Emily Spradling, Sarah Spradling**
MIF-Pre-Preliminary, **Abbie Smith, Alyssa Sarrano, Audry Harper, Briganna Abernathy, Cary Krumdieck, Emily Hardwick, Morgan Banks**
Pairs-Junior, **Alex Noble, Elise Noble**

Our Annual Banquet this year on May 17, 2008 was a huge success. We whole heartedly thank **Anna Wong** and all of you who contributed your time and efforts to make this event such a great night for our skaters. Part of the banquet was the awards ceremony and these dedicated skaters received the following awards that night.

Priscilla Fowler Peer Choice Award- **Heather Hardman**
Tracee Moseley Most Improved Qualifying Skater- **Annabella Wong**
Dawn Balch Most Improved Non-Qualifying Skater- **Carolyn Diehl**
John ZimmermanIV Standard of Excellence Award- **Annabella wong**
Herbert L. Hollowell Standard of Excellence Award- **Sarah Elizabeth Hyde**
Betty Bostwick Sportsmanship Award- **Riordan Wyatt**
Haskins Bowman Adult skater of teh Year- **Rebecca Guthrie**
Bernice Huffman/Adele Fullerton Mentor's Award- **Donna Bailey**
Marylin Warth Dedication to Skating Award- **Robin Lorenz**
Skater of the Year Award - **Preston Culpepper**
Coach's Award - **Shelia O'Connor**
President's Award- **Anna Wong**

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2008

MEMBERSHIP RATES WILL INCREASE!

Due to an increase in USFS membership rates, the Board of Directors of the Birmingham Figure Skating Club, Inc. ("BFSC") has voted to increase club membership dues. The increase will take effect **August 1, 2008**. All applications for membership received on or after August 1, 2008 will be subject to the rate increase. No exceptions.

BFSC MEMBERSHIP RATE INCREASE 2008

- Full Skating: was \$75 after 8/1 **\$85**
- Parent Member: was \$25 after 8/1 **\$30**
(Required if primary skater is under 18)
- Additional Family Skating Membership: was \$50 after 8/1 **\$60**
- Non-skater Membership: was \$35 after 8/1 **\$40**
- Judges/Officials/Professionals Membership: was \$35 after 8/1 **\$45**
- Associate Membership: was \$45 after 8/1 **\$50**
(If primary membership is with another club)
- Basic Skills Junior Membership **\$20 no change**

SKATER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Skaters who are interested in participating in the Skater Incentive Program for 2008-2007 must be members of BFSC **BEFORE** August 1, 2008 in order to participate. No exceptions will be allowed.

BFSC Welcomes New Coaches to the PSS

The BFSC would like to welcome Heather and Eric Mumper to our coaching staff. Heather was born in Ohio and has been there her whole life. Eric is the son of National Skating Judge Donald Mumper and he grew up in California. They have recently moved here from Ohio to join our team of coaches. As coaches, they are very specialized in different areas and believe in a team approach to teaching. Heather states that "Every person is gifted in teaching special areas and we need to be more team orientated for the benefit of the kids. We have a great staff here and if we work together, we can push these kids to work to their full potential and achieve their skating goals." They will also have some of their kids from Ohio coming to our school to visit so that Heather and Eric can continue to coach them. Some of their students may even move here to join our skate school. She also believes that we can make the BFSC a club that will be recognized so that people will not comment, "There's a skating rink in Birmingham?"

Heather first began skating at 7 years old when she went skating for the first time with the Girl Scouts. By the time the session ended, she was doing backwards crossovers and was hooked on skating. Eric began skating when he was 5 years old and was pair skating by the time he was 10. Heather has also danced for 23 years and this is where she obtained her love and skills as choreographer. Eric, on the other hand, is very technical and is skilled at teaching jumps, spins and lifts. They have been married 14 years and have 2 children. Taylor, their son, is 10 and enjoys hockey and tennis. Morgan, their daughter, is 7 and will be on the basic skills synchronized skating team and also plays tennis.

Heather finishes our interview by stating that "Everybody has just been wonderful to us and it is great to see the kids smiling faces at the door. Skating is our life. We even talk about skating at dinner! We are happy to be here to help improve this school in any way we can." They feel that the PSS has great potential. Here's to our new coaches that will be a wonderful addition to the PSS and BFSC! We hope they will continue to enjoy being here in Birmingham.

Their resume's are posted on the skate school window.

Club Sponsored Event

There will be a pool party on Saturday, July 12, 2008 from 8pm to 10pm. Grab your towel and wear your bathing suits and join us at Chandalar Pool in Pelham, about 1.5miles South of the skating rink on Highway 31. Please bring a 2-liter drink and a side dish/snack to share. This is for club members and family only. Membership renewal is mandatory prior to pool party.