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The Newsletter of the Birmingham Figure Skating Club

First Magic City Ice Classic a Success

The first annual Magic City Ice Classic was held September 11-12. With 87 competitors representing five clubs and multiple rinks, it was a good beginning for this inaugural competition.

The competition kicked off Friday afternoon. By the time the last skater stepped on the ice Saturday afternoon, 50 events had commenced with levels ranging from Snowplow Sam to Novice. These events were scored by a total of 15 judges who came to Pelham, Alabama from as far away as California.

According to BFSC President, Kim Hardwick, the volunteers are what made the Magic City Classic a success. "An event of this magnitude is not possible without an army of volunteers from the host club. There were so many members lending their time, talent, etc. The BFSC Junior Board also got into the act and gave one of the locker rooms a 'girlie' touch — the pink fuzzy chairs were a favorite of the skaters. Abby Michl was a one-woman fundraiser for the club by offering her make-up application services. We are so lucky to have so many talented and willing volunteers," says Kim. Additionally Kim adds, "From the positive comments I heard, everyone enjoyed the facility and the new food service vendor. And from the number of blue tongues I saw, the Bottle Pop candy was a bit hit!"

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BFSC competitors show off the hardware they earned at the Magic City Ice Classic. Pictured (l-r) 1st row: Lexie Walton, Emily Hardwick, Carolyn Diehl, Payton DeMotte, Audrey Harper. 2nd row: Margaret McCollum, Abbie Smith, Emily Spradling, Ashley Beamon, Ava Michl, Paige Livengood, Marilyn Evans, Kim Harris

Magic City Ice Classic continued...

Special appreciation goes to competition chair, Allen Spradling, and the organizing committee members listed below. It takes months and months of work to organize an event like this, and these volunteers did a fantastic job.

Angie Batchelor	Kris Hipolito	Elisa Rush
Linda Beamon	Karen Litwiniec	Susan Smith
Dawn DeCarlo	Robin Lorenz	Tracy Spradling
Shari Hanby	Heather Mumper	Megan Wyatt
Kim Hardwick	Joy Prewitt	

Additionally, thanks to Angie Batchelor and Technology America for donating the laser printer that was used throughout the competition. This was a tremendous cost savings and greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the skaters who participated in this year's Magic City Ice Classic. Plans are already underway for the 2010 Magic City Ice Classic. If you have feedback from this year's event and suggestions on how to make this event better, please contact Kim Hardwick at krhardwick@charterinternet.com.

Skater Incentive Program Results and Criteria

The BFSC would like to congratulate all the skaters who represented our club in competitions during the 2008-2009 year and participated in the BFSC Skater Incentive Program. Nine skaters received monies from the program, with incentive checks ranging from \$94.49 to \$362.20.

We encourage all skaters to participate in this program during the 2009-2010 skating year. Full instructions are available on the BFSC web site or in the PCC skate school office. Questions can be directed to Robin Lorenz, who is serving as chair of the skater incentive committee for 2009-2010. You can contact her at rlorenz@uab.edu.

Volunteer hours, participation in club events, and results sheets are required for the Skater Incentive Program.

Key points to remember are:

1. Skaters must be members of the Birmingham Figure Skating Club as of August 7, 2009, to be eligible for the Skater Incentive Program.
 2. Results sheets must be included with the skater incentive application form.
 3. A minimum of five volunteer hours with the BFSC by the skater and/or the skater's family members is required to receive these funds. Volunteer time sheets must be turned in with the Incentive Program Form, but should be filled out and signed at the time the volunteer activity is completed.
 4. Skaters must attend at least 50% of BFSC functions (i.e. Club nights, the Annual Awards Banquet, and the Annual General Membership Meeting). Skaters (or their families) are responsible for obtaining attendance confirmation at each event. These attendance sheets must be turned in with the Incentive Program Form.
 5. Skaters that are participating members of the Junior Board of the BFSC will receive one additional point.
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Southern Magic Demonstrates Unison and Fun on Ice

When it comes to teamwork, some BFSC skaters are showing they've got the right moves. These skaters are part of the local synchronized skating teams, known as Southern Magic, which are coached by Michelle Badgley, Kris Hipolito and Donna Bailey.

Synchronized skating is a discipline that consists of eight or more skaters skating in unison while creating formations such as lines, circles and pinwheels. These skaters must be able to perform footwork and other skating moves at high speeds while staying in unison with their fellow teammates.

This year, Southern Magic has four teams consisting of a total of 45 skaters and four levels: Open Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2. The teams are grateful to have two new sponsors, Orthodontics South and Marathon Electrical; and two new friends of synchronized skating, A. Allen Murdoch and Mr. and Mrs. Mort Scott.

The Open Juvenile and Pre-Juvenile teams (listed below) are currently preparing for their first competition, the Dr. Porter Synchronized Classic, to be held December 5-6 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Part of the teams' preparation includes raising funds to defray the cost of the trip. The teams are selling balsam Christmas wreaths and evergreen garland through November 1.

Good luck to all the Southern Magic teams on their skating efforts for the upcoming season!

Southern Magic Synchronized Skating teams consist of four levels: Open Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2.

Southern Magic Open Juvenile

Ashley Beamon	Megan Jacobi
Leslie Burnett	Paige Livengood
Bonnie DeCarlo	Emily Spradling
Julia DeCarlo	Sara Spradling
Jossie Gregg	Abbie Smith

Southern Magic Pre-Juvenile

Madison Blaszcynski	Alyssa McDougal
Bailey Boohaker	Anna Kate Myers
Ann Charles	Meme Myers
Marilyn Evans	Emmie Prewitt
Emily Hardwick	Emily Taylor
Emma Grace Lemoureaux	

*The Bridge Program
begins Monday,
October 5.*

Bridge Program is Back!

Improve your power, endurance, flexibility, artistry and more with the Bridge Program! Open to skaters Basic 6 and higher, the first Bridge Program class is Monday, October 5 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Classes are free for BFSC members with a FreeStyle segment (remember to sign in). Junior members may participate for \$35. For questions, call the Skate School Office at 205-621-2639.

BFSC Club Night: It's a Halloween Party!

If you haven't figured out what you're going to be for Halloween yet, you'd better get started! The Pelham Civic Complex will be filled with ghosts, goblins, witches and an assortment of other characters at the BFSC Halloween Party on Sunday, October 25 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Get ready for a frighteningly good time!



Mark Your Calendars for Blades in Bama

Blades in Bama, BFSC's annual Basic Skills Competition, is scheduled for March 6, 2010. This competition includes levels ranging from Snowplow Sam to Preliminary. It's a great opportunity for beginners AND more seasoned skaters to compete.

The 2009 Blades in Bama competition was a big hit. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss next year's event. Look for more information to come in future newsletters and on the BFSC web site, www.bhamfsc.com.

*Blades in Bama will be
held March 6, 2010.*

Get Informed, Stay Involved!

Did you know you don't have to serve on the BFSC Board to attend Board meetings? Meetings are held each month and are open to all members. Plus, minutes are posted online at www.bhamfsc.com. Stay informed about the workings of your skating club. Stay informed, get involved!

Competition and Test Results

Congratulations to the following skaters for their competitive and testing achievements!

Indy Challenge: July 31 – August 2

Intermediate Pairs Free Skate
Carolyn Diehl & Preston Culpepper – 6th

Novice Pairs Short Program
Marissa Spector* & Chris Nolan* – 4th

Novice Pairs Long Program
Marissa Spector* & Chris Nolan* – 10th

*Trains at the Pelham Civic Complex

Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships: August 5-8

Junior Free Dance Group A
Ashley Deavers & Brittany Marshall – 11th

Junior Compulsory Dance
Ashley Deavers & Brittany Marshall – 11th

Intermediate Free Dance
Haley Leonard & Jordan Gober – 13th

Intermediate Compulsory Dance
Haley Leonard & Jordan Gober – 11th

Rocket City Classic: August 21-22

Beginner 1
Briley Gills – 5th

Pre-Preliminary
Alyssa McDougal – 4th

Preliminary Solo Dance
Ashley Beamon – 1st

Preliminary B
Bonnie DeCarlo – 2nd
Meghan Jacobi – 3rd

Beginner 2
Ashley Beamon – 6th

Pre-Preliminary B
Julia DeCarlo – 3rd

Preliminary A
Riordan Wyatt – 3rd

Peach Classic: August 28-30

Bronze Solo Dance
Becca Guthrie – 1st

Ladies Interpretive
Becca Guthrie – 5th

Pairs Interpretive
Jennifer Kenski – 4th
Becca Guthrie – 6th

Pre-Silver Dance
Jennifer Kenski & Bob Massey – 1st

Gold Team Manuevers
Becca Guthrie – 3rd
Jennifer Kenski – 3rd

Bronze Free Skate
Kim Harris – 1st

Bronze Team Manuevers
Kim Harris – 1st

Bronze Jumps
Kim Harris – 1st

National Solo Dance Championships (Colorado Springs, Colorado) September 26-27

Silver Dance
Loren Roth - 2nd

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Magic City Ice Classic: September 11-12**Beginner Girls A Free Skate**

Sarah Bamford – 1st
 Jillian Daugherty – 2nd
 Victoria Hogg – 3rd

Beginner Girls B Free Skate

Briley Gills – 1st
 Breanna de la Rosa – 2nd
 Megan Mahan – 3rd
 Ashley Musachia – 4th
 Marilyn Evans – 5th

Beginner 1 Compulsory

Sarah Bamford – 1st
 Jillian Daugherty – 2nd
 Victoria Hogg – 3rd
 Lora Bishop – 4th
 Briley Gills – 5th
 Marilyn Evans – 6th

Beginner Spins

Victoria Hogg – 1st
 Sarah Bamford – 2nd
 Breanna de la Rosa – 3rd

Bronze Adult Solo Dance

Jennifer Kenski – 1st

Limited Beginner Compulsory

Breanna de la Rosa – 1st
 Emmie Prewitt – 2nd
 Lexi Walton – 3rd
 Reynolds Lane Schifano – 4th

Limited Beginner Free Skate

Emmie Prewitt – 3rd
 Lexi Walton – 4th
 Reynolds Lane Schifano – 6th

No Test Compulsory

Brenna Washburn – 1st
 Emily Hardwick – 2nd

No Test Free Skate

Mary Ashford Hyde – 1st
 Emily Hardwick – 2nd
 Ashley Beamon – 4th

Open Juvenile Girls Free Skate

Allison Hanby – 1st
 Hayley Nunnally – 2nd

Open Juvenile Spins

Allison Hanby – 1st

Pre-Juvenile Compulsory

Payton DeMotte – 1st

Carolyn Diehl – 2nd
 Emily Sanders – 3rd

Pre-Juvenile Girls Free Skate

Carolyn Diehl – 1st
 Leslie Burnett – 2nd

Pre-Juvenile Spins

Carolyn Diehl – 1st

Preliminary Compulsory A

Grace Ji – 1st
 Paige Livengood – 2nd
 Ava Michl – 3rd
 Audrey Harper – 4th
 Abbie Smith – 5th

Preliminary Compulsory B

Megan Jacobi – 1st
 Bonnie DeCarlo – 2nd
 Libby Chambliss – 3rd
 Riordan Wyatt – 4th

Preliminary Girls A Free Skate

Grace Ji – 2nd
 Ava Michl – 3rd
 Riordan Wyatt – 4th
 Bonnie DeCarlo – 5th
 Emily Sanders – 6th
 Megan Jacobi – 7th

Preliminary Solo Dance

Olivia Plowman – 1st
 Ashley Beamon – 2nd

Preliminary Spins

Megan Jacobi – 1st
 Riordan Wyatt – 2nd
 Abbie Smith – 3rd
 Bonnie DeCarlo – 4th
 Paige Livengood – 5th

Preliminary Test Track Free Skate

Libby Chambliss – 1st
 Abbie Smith – 2nd
 Brenna Washburn – 3rd
 Lora Bishop – 4th

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory

Cary Elizabeth Krumdieck – 1st
 Julia DeCarlo – 3rd
 Holley Moates – 4th
 Rachel Dantzler – 5th
 Alyssa Serrano – 6th

Pre-Preliminary Girls A Free Skate

Audrey Harper – 1st

Paige Livengood – 2nd
 Cary Elizabeth Krumdieck – 3rd
 Julia DeCarlo – 5th
 Sara Spradling – 6th

Pre-Preliminary Girls B Free Skate

Emily Spradling – 1st
 Melinda Mahan – 3rd
 Danyelle Jones – 5th
 Briganna Abernathy – 6th

Pre-Preliminary Spins

Audrey Harper – 1st
 Cary Elizabeth Krumdieck – 2nd
 Julia DeCarlo – 3rd
 Ashley Beamon – 5th
 Lora Bishop – 6th
 Alyssa Serrano – 7th

Pre-Preliminary Test Track A

Lizzy Martin – 2nd
 Julia Bray – 3rd

Pre-Preliminary Test Track B

Olivia Plowman – 1st
 Holley Moates – 2nd
 Rachel Dentzler – 3rd
 Alyssa Serrano – 4th

Adult Bronze Couples Dance

Jennifer Kenski & Bob Massey – 1st

Adult Bronze Ladies Free Skate

Kim Harris – 1st

Adult Gold Compulsory

Jennifer Kenski – 1st

Adult Gold Spins

Jennifer Kenski – 1st

Adult Silver Ladies Free Skate

Margaret McCollum – 1st

Juvenile Girls Free Skate

Payton DeMotte – 1st
 Melissa Dillon – 2nd

Intermediate Ladies Short Program

Heather Hardman – 4th
 Sheila O'Connor – 5th
 Sarah Elizabeth Hyde – 6th
 Allison Hanby – 7th

Intermediate Ladies Long Program

Heather Hardman – 2nd
 Shelia O'Connor – 5th
 Sarah Elizabeth Hyde – 6th

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www.bhamfsc.com

Recent Tests Passed

Pre-Preliminary MIF

Briley Gills
Emma Lamoureux
Megan Mahan
Holley Moates
Ashley Musachia

Preliminary MIF

Julia Bray
Alyssa McDougal
Kristina Van Horn
Brenna Washburn

Pre-Juvenile MIF

Paige Livengood
Emily Sanders

Novice MIF

Heather Hardman

Junior MIF

Natalie Smith

Pre-Preliminary FS

Julia Bray
Julia DeCarlo
Holley Moates

Preliminary FS

Bonnie DeCarlo
Megan Jacobi
Paige Livengood

Intermediate FS

Loren Roth

Adult Bronze FS

Kim Harris

Preliminary Dance

Canasta Tango

Audrey Harper
Olivia Plowman

Dutch Waltz

Audrey Harper
Heather Van Horn

Rhythm Blues

Audrey Harper
Olivia Plowman
Heather Van Horn

Bronze Dance – Hickory Hoedown

Leslie Burnett

Pre-Silver Dance – 14 Step

Jennifer Kenski

Silver Dance – American Waltz

Loren Roth

Intermediate Pairs

Preston Culpepper
Carolyn Diehl

Good Luck to Regional and Sectional Competitors!

The Eastern Great Lakes Regional Championships will be held October 16-20 in Carmel, Indiana. Heather Hardman and Preston Culpepper will compete at this event. Heather will compete at the Intermediate level and Preston will compete at the Novice level.

The Midwestern Sectional Championships will be held November 17-22 in Wichita, Kansas. This is the only qualifying event for pairs and ice dance. Pairs skaters Carolyn Diehl and Preston Culpepper will compete in Intermediate Pairs, and Alex Darnell and Maria Simoni will compete in Junior Pairs.

Good luck to these skaters!

Upcoming Events

- BFSC Halloween Party – October 25 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Pelham Civic Complex
- Gateway Invitational (St. Louis, MO) – November 14-15, 2009 (Entries due 10/15/09)
- Eastern Great Lakes Regional Championship – October 16-20, 2009 (Carmel, Indiana)
- Midwestern Sectional Championships – November 17-22 (Wichita, Kansas)
- Dr. Richard Porter Synchronized Classic (Ann Arbor, MI) – December 4-5, 2009
- Test Sessions: Atlanta FSC – November 6 (Deadline: 10/16/09); Georgia FSC – November 11, 2009 (Deadline: 10/24/09), December 5, 2009 (Deadline: 11/20/09)

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