



BLADELINES

The Newsletter of the Birmingham Figure Skating Club

President's Notes – Ice Etiquette

—Kim Hardwick

Well, it's summertime and the living is supposed to be easy – not so if you are having to share the ice with little skaters, big skaters, pair skaters, ice dancers, hockey players and public skaters (or 'moving pylons' as my husband so compassionately calls them). How do you manage to share the ice and still get what you need out of your lesson or practice? Ice Etiquette, that's how! Common courtesy as well as some common sense should make this a bearable season.

- A skater (or pair of skaters) skating their program to music should be given priority. Try to be aware of these skaters' patterns and stay out of their paths.
- Skaters working with a coach in a lesson should be given priority as well; try not to interrupt their lessons.
- The more experienced skaters sometimes bear the burden of not squishing the less experienced skaters. However, the less experienced skaters need to learn that skaters are at times vulnerable when setting up a jump or lift. Skaters need to recognize this and move out of their path or to the boards. (Parents, you can help here by consulting your skating professional to assist your skater in knowing when to move!)
- Be patient with one another and respect each other's rights to the ice. After all, you all have the same goal of skating to your fullest potential!

And finally, let's respect our facility, the PCC. Remember to sign in for each and every freestyle session and pick up after yourselves. Skating is a privilege, not a right!

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Membership Renewal Reminder

If you haven't renewed your BFSC membership for the 2009-2010 year, it's not too late! Membership applications are available at www.bhamfsc.com. Submit your application and payment to Dawn DeCarlo, Membership Chair.

Banquet Filled With Fun and Recognition

The annual BFSC Banquet was held June 5 at The Harbert Center.

The annual BFSC Banquet is a time for club members to come together and celebrate the club's achievements while recognizing skater accomplishments throughout the year. The banquet for the 2008-2009 club year was held June 5 at The Harbert Center. It was a jam packed evening filled with fun, food and fellowship.

The night began with a scavenger hunt and the chance to enter raffle drawings for a variety of terrific prizes. After dinner, the program kicked off with a video by Saxena Productions that featured highlights from competitions, practices and other events through the years. The annual award recipients were announced and all skaters in attendance were recognized for their years of skating dedication. Skaters also received the "fun awards" provided by the coaches. In addition, the 2009-2010 BFSC Board officers and members were announced.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients and new Board of Directors. We look forward to another great year of skating!

2008-2009 Award Recipients

Skater of the Year – Carolyn Diehl

Adult Skater of the Year – Elisa Rush

Peer Choice – Peyton DeMotte

Standard of Excellence (Qualifying) – Heather Hardman

Standard of Excellence (Non-Qualifying) – Leslie Burnett

Most Improved (Qualifying) – Carolyn Diehl

Most Improved (Non-Qualifying) – Paige Livengood

Sportsmanship – Allison Hanby

Coach's Award – Leslie Burnett

Mentor's Award – Eric Mumper

President's Award – Jennifer Kenski

Dedication to Skating- Kim Hardwick



All skaters in attendance were recognized for their dedication to skating.

2009-2010 Board of Directors

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BFSC to Host Magic City Classic

It has been a few years since the BFSC hosted a non-basic skills competition, but we're doing it this September! The first annual Magic City Classic is scheduled for September 11 – 13. We look forward to sharing our wonderful facility and city with skaters from other areas.

Don't miss the opportunity to participate, either by skating or volunteering (or both!), in the first ever Magic City Classic. Visit www.bhamfsc.com for the announcement and entry forms. We are also providing online registration for this event through Entryeeze. The registration deadline is August 1. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Tracy Spradling at sprad5@bellsouth.net.



Skater Incentive Program

If you haven't already begun gathering your documentation for the 2008-2009 Skater Incentive Program, it's time to get busy. The deadline to submit your forms and documentation is July 31. Forms are available in the Pelham Civic Complex Skate School office or on the BFSC web site, www.bhamfsc.com.

To be eligible for the Skater Incentive Program, you must have attended half of 2008-2009 club year functions, such as Club Nights, Banquet, etc., and submit competition result sheets (for competitions between July 1, 2008, and June 30, 2009) and documentation of five club volunteer hours. Please submit your forms and documentation to Beth Noble by July 31. To submit forms, put them in an envelope under Beth's name in the purple folder by the end of the day July 31, or mail them to: Beth Noble, 1858 Chandcroft Drive; Pelham, Alabama, 35124. Mailed submissions must be postmarked by July 31.

Got Forms?

If you have competition or test forms that need a club officer's signature, these are the people to contact for the upcoming year:

Kim Hardwick	krhardwick@charterinternet.com
Tracy Spradling	sprad5@bellsouth.net
Robin Lorenz	rlorenz@uab.edu
Judee Evans	scottjudee@bellsouth.net
Beth Noble	bnoble@bcbsal.org

Contact a club officer to sign competition and test forms.

Summer Pool Social

Take time to beat the heat with your fellow club members! The Summer Pool Social will be held Friday, August 7 from 8 - 10 p.m. at the Chandalar neighborhood pool. (This is the same place the summer social was held last year.) There will be a lifeguard on duty. Only BFSC club members can attend this fun event so renew your membership now -- you don't want to miss the fun!

USFS Makes Rule Changes

United States Figure Skating (USFS) hosts Governing Council meetings each year where decisions are made regarding the regulation and direction of skating in the United States. The 2009 meetings were held May 1-2 in Buffalo, New York.

Governing Council is held each year to discuss figure skating in the United States and vote upon and implement necessary changes.

Rule changes were enacted at this year's Governing Council. Following are changes that may be helpful for you to know. If you would like to know more about USFS rules and regulations, order the USFS Rulebook and Directory available at www.usfigureskating.org.

Testing:

- 1) Vocal music with lyrics is now permitted for all free skate and pairs tests.
- 2) New rules have gone into effect for Senior and Junior Pairs Tests, and Junior Free Skate Test. Please see your coach or the USFS web site for the new requirements.
- 3) All Moves in the Field (MIF) testing requirements will be changed on September 2, 2010. The BFSC coaches are aware of these new testing requirements and will begin teaching the new additions to the MIF test requirements as this deadline approaches. The new USFS Rulebook contains details about these changes.

Competition: New rules have immediately gone into effect defining the allowed or required elements for:

- 1) Pairs: There have been changes put into immediate effect for Solo Spins, Death Spiral, and Lifts for Novice, Intermediate, and Juvenile Pairs. Please see the Combined Report of Action on the USFS web site for details (p. 14-17).
- 2) Preliminary Free Skate (only two different double jumps may be attempted and the only double jumps that can be performed are the double Salchow, double toe loop, and double loop)
- 3) Pre-Juvenile Free Skate (the maximum number of jumping elements has been reduced from six to five)
- 4) Open Juvenile Synchronized Free Skate (there are now six required elements, including one movement in isolation)
- 5) All short and free skate programs up to and including the intermediate level and for all events using the 6.0 judging system, vocal music with lyrics is now permitted
- 6) Established a new developmental program for a National Solo Dance Competition. This year a pilot National Solo Dance Championship will be held September 26-27, 2009, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Please see your coach if you are interested in participating in this new event.

Rules and regulations of United States Figure Skating (USFS) can be found in the USFS Rulebook and Directory.

Competition and Test Results

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

Skate Nashville: April 24-25

Adult Bronze Ladies FS

1 Kimberly Harris

Adult Silver Ladies FS

3 Margaret McCollum

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2 Lexi Walton

Beginner 1 FS Grp B

1 Alyssa McDougal
5 Ashley M. Musachia

Beginner 1 FS Grp C

4 Briley Gills

Beginner 1 FS Grp E

2 Sarah Bamford

Beginner 2 CM GRP A

3 Emily Hardwick

Beginner 2 CM GRP B

1 Alyssa McDougal

Beginner 2 FS GRP A

5 Julia Bray

Beginner 2 FS GRP B

4 Lauren Nicholas

Beginner 2 FS GRP C

3 Emily Hardwick

Beginner Jumps

2 Alyssa McDougal

Juv/Op Juv CS GRP B

4 Allison Hanby

Pre-Juvenile CM

2 Carolyn Diehl

Pre-Juvenile Girls FS

1 Carolyn Diehl
2 Payton DeMott

Preliminary CM

2 Grace Ji
8 Danyelle Jones

Pre-Prelim Girls A FS GRP B

5 Olivia Plowman
6 Rachel Dantzler
7 Lizzy Martin

Pre-Prelim Girls A FS GRP C

5 Audrey Harper

Pre-Prelim Girls B FS GRP A

1 Grace Ji

Pre-Prelim Girls B FS GRP B

2 Danyelle Jones
5 Avery Henson

Pre-Preliminary CM Grp A

2 Avery Henson

Pre-Preliminary CM Grp B

4 Rachel Dantzler

Pre-Preliminary CM GRP C

3 Audrey Harper

Intermediate Ladies Short Program IJS

1 Heather Hardman

Intermediate Ladies Long Program IJS

2 Heather Hardman

Atlanta Open – June 12-14

No Test Compulsory Moves Group C

3 Julia DeCarlo

No Test Compulsory Moves Group D

5 Alyssa McDougal

No Test Compulsory Moves Group E

4 Emily Hardwick

No Test Spins Group A

5 Alyssa McDougal

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group A

3 Bonnie DeCarlo
5 Megan Jacobi
6 Rachel Smith
7 Melinda Mahan

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group B

3 Cary Elizabeth Krumdieck

Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group D

4 Audrey Harper

Pre-Preliminary Spins Group A

3 Julia DeCarlo
4 Megan Jacob

Pre-Preliminary Jumps Group A

3 Bonnie DeCarlo
4 Megan Jacobi

Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group B

4 Paige Livengood

Preliminary Compulsory Moves Group C

4 Grace Ji

Pre-Juvenile Spins

5 Leslie Burnett

No Test A Girls Free Skate Group A

5 Megan Mahan

No Test B Girls Free Skate Group B

3 Alyssa McDougal

No Test B Girls Free Skate Group C

5 Emily Hardwick

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We're on the web!

Visit the BFSC web site:

www.bhamfsc.com

Atlanta Open Results continued...

Pre-Preliminary A Free Skate Group A

1 Emily Spradling
3 Melinda Mahan
6 Rachel Smith

Pre-Preliminary A Free Skate Group B

4 Sara Spradling
5 Julia DeCarlo

Pre-Preliminary A Free Skate Group C

4 Audrey Harper

Pre-Preliminary B Free Skate Group A

3 Megan Jacobi
6 Bonnie DeCarlo

Pre-Preliminary B Free Skate Group B

2 Paige Livengood
3 Avery Henson

Pre-Preliminary B Free Skate Group C

1 Grace Ji
6 Cary Elizabeth Krumdieck

Preliminary Girls Free Skate Group A

2 Emily Sanders
5 Leslie Burnett

Intermediate Ladies Short Program Group A

8 Shelia O'Connor
14 Sarah Elizabeth Hyde

Intermediate Ladies Free Skate Group B

5 Shelia O'Connor
10 Sarah Elizabeth Hyde

Junior Men Free Skate

1 Eric Brandley

Junior Couples Compulsory Dance

1 Ashley Deavers & Brittany Marshall

Adult Bronze Ladies Free Skate

3 Kimberly Harris

Adult Silver Ladies Free Skate

4 Margaret McCollum

Novice Pairs Short Program

1 Marissa Spector (associate member) & Christopher Nolan

Recent Tests Passed

Bonnie DeCarlo: Pre-Preliminary FS, Pre-Juvenile MIF

Jossie Gregg: Pre-Preliminary MIF

Maegan Gugliotta: Pre-Preliminary MIF

Victoria Hogg: Pre-Preliminary MIF

Sarah Elizabeth Hyde: Intermediate FS

Megan Jacobi: Pre-Preliminary FS, Pre-Juvenile MIF

Mary Elizabeth Lawhon: Pre-Preliminary MIF

Sheila O'Conner: Intermediate FS

Loren Roth: Senior MIF

Brenna Washburn: Pre-Preliminary MIF

Riordan Wyatt: Preliminary FS

Upcoming Events

- BFSC Summer Pool Social – August 7 from 8 - 10 p.m. at Chandalar neighborhood pool
- BFSC Board Meetings – August 9 at 4 p.m.; September 1 at 6 p.m. (At Pelham Civic Complex)
- Rocket City 2009 (Huntsville, AL) - August 21-22, 2009 (Entries due 7-23-09) - enter online at <http://schsv.clubspaces.com>
- Magic City Ice Classic 2009 (Birmingham, AL) – September 11-13, 2009 (Entries due 8-1-09) - enter online at <http://www.bhamfsc.com/>
- Nancy Archie-Meyer Memorial Open Figure Skating Competition (Ellenton, Florida) - September 18-20, 2009 (entries due 8-1-09) - www.swffsc.org
- Pikes Peak Classic for Pairs and Dance (CO) - September 25-27, 2009 (Entries due 8-24-09)
- National Solo Dance Competition (CO) - September 26-27, 2009 (Entries due 8-24-09)

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