



February 16, 2011

Hello SQSA Parade families,

This issue contains important Blades of March information.

Blades of March is two weeks away. Raleigh Weld has done an amazing job handling the registration process and coordinating with the participating coaches and rinks. The great news is we will be hosting nearly 400 skaters from 19 clubs. That is an increase from our very successful 2010 BOM. We have secured several vendors with unique skating related merchandise; will be offering concessions with meals and snacks and holding a club dress sale. The challenging news is that we will need hundreds of volunteer hours to make this competition run smoothly.

The **volunteer schedule** will be emailed this weekend. We encourage you to make this a family affair, with moms, dads and siblings volunteering. Your family may need to take several shifts to fill your family commitment of 12 volunteer hours. Raleigh and the Co-Chairs have already put in hundreds of planning and preparation hours. Club members are expected to step up and fill the volunteer positions.

Please keep in mind: If you sign up for a shift, please be there and be on time (or a few minutes early if you will need training). We do not have extra volunteers who can step in. If you cannot make it for any reason, please find a replacement.

Hospitality Donations: An email went out earlier with a request for food and drink donations. Please reply with your donation of one or more items. The list is also attached to this email.

Program Advertising: Personal ads for skaters, coaches and parents can be placed in the BOM program. Surprise your skater with a "Good Luck" ad. Business owners or managers can place corporate ads. All ad revenue goes to offset the escalating cost of our professionally printed program. Forms for personal ads and corporate ads are attached to this email. The firm ad deadline is Saturday February 19.

Dress Sale at Blades of March: Get your used dresses and any skating related items ready! Teresa Kleinschmidt is coordinating the sale at BOM. With 400 skating families attending, this is a great chance to re-coup some of your investment in skating. This will be a club-sponsored sale. The club will keep 20% of proceeds as a fund-raiser for coordination, display racks, promotion and staffing. Please note that it will be monitored, but the club cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Forms for selling items are attached to this newsletter email. You will need to use these required tags (securely pinned to each item) and fill out the "sellers sheet" listing all items either before or at dress check-in. PLEASE DO NOT JUST LEAVE YOUR ITEMS IN THE COACHES OFFICE OR BRING ITEMS DURING THE SALE. We have set up the following times for checking in your items:

Wednesday February 24 – South Rink 4:30 – 6:30

Friday February 26 – South Rink 4:30 – 6:30

Tuesday March 2 – North Rink 6:00 – 7:30

Spring Ice Show – Planning is underway for the Spring Ice Show. Co-Directors are Page Lipe and Amber Van Wyk. Practices will be during April. More details will be coming out after Blades of March. For info email pagelipe@aol.com

Club Communication – Please send updates if your email address changes or you want to add additional emails to our distribution. If you are a Facebook user, “like” the SQSA-Parade page for club postings and announcements, photos, etc.

RISE Event: We look forward to seeing the 40+ people who are attending Thursday night. Details went out in an earlier email.

Spring Ice Session begins next Monday, February 21. Forms are on the web site. Some sessions have sold out with buy-on skaters. To ensure you have a spot, contract for the sessions you will skate. For the safety of skaters on the ice, we cannot “over-sell” sessions. Contracts are due February 18. Note that the times move up one-half hour on each session.

ISI Worlds: A shout out to any SQSA Parade members who play hockey or with hockey player siblings. Hockey players can compete at ISI Worlds!! There are a few hockey events so you can earn points for our team with your hockey skills!

Host families: If there are any families interested in hosting skaters this summer, contact Page at pagelipe@aol.com. You would be able to charge room and board.

Blaine Frosty Blades ISI Competition Results:

Grace Byers	2nd	Freestyle FS3
	5th	Interpretive
Liz Burke	1st	Dramatic Spotlight
Abby Richardson	2nd	Freestyle Gold
	3rd	Jump & Spin Int.
	3rd	Couples Spotlight Int.
	3rd	Compulsory FS5.
	4th	Light Ent Spotlight Silver
Makenna Leik	3rd	Freestyle 7
	2nd	Platinum Free
	3rd	Compulsory FS7
	1st	Footwork FS7
Casey Schwarzkopf	3rd	Stroking FS3
	1st	Freestyle FS3
Isabel Kleinschmidt-Garcia	2nd	Freestyle 4
	3rd	Footwork

Izzi Gorowsky	1st	Compulsory FS5
	1st	Dramatic Spotlight 5
	1st	Jump & Spin Int.
	2nd	Interpretive Silver
Emily McGlynn	1st	Open Gold Dramatic
	1st	Open Gold Freestyle

Test Results:

Sophie Rothenberger passed ISI FS7 in November and USFS Juvenile Moves in the Field in December.

Abby Richardson passed USFS Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field and Freestyle in February.

Congratulations to all of our skaters on great competition and testing results!

Competition/Test Results: We post competition results in the newsletter and on the website at www.sqsaparade.com. If you want results posted, please email them to sqsaparade@gmail.com. We don't have a club member who can dedicate the time to be at each competition to compile results and there may be circumstances where someone would not want results posted. We will only post results sent by each family for their child.

Upcoming and "Save the Date" Events:

RISE Movie Event - February 17

Spring Ice contract due February 18.

Spring Ice contract starts February 21. (Note the session time changes)

Blades of March - March 5 - 6

Roseville USFS Competition on-line entry due - April 8

Spring Ice Show Picture Day - April 13, 4:30 - 8:30

Spring Ice Show - Dress rehearsal Thursday, April 28th at 5:00 with performances Friday, April 29 at 7:30 and Saturday April 30th at 2:30 and 7:30.

Skating Banquet - TBD, usually mid to late May. (Volunteer needed to help coordinate)

Roseville USFS competition - May 20 - 21

Braemar (Edina) McCandless USFS Competition - June 24 - 25 (entry date TBD)

ISI World Championships - National Sports Center in Blaine - July 24 - 30, 2011

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