



THE INSIDE EDGE



March 2012



SPRING ICE SHOW – ICONIC ICE

SQSA Parade's 37th Annual Spring Ice Show is just around the corner, and it is already shaping up to be a great show. Over 80 skaters are participating – a record in recent years. Skate school, freestyle and team ensemble groups, duets, trios and solos- it will be a great time for our skaters and a great show for families, friends and of course, our adoring public.

This year's theme is **ICONIC ICE** – and all of the numbers in the show will somehow relate to a famous icon. Shirley Temple, Michael Jackson, American Bandstand, Paris – these are just a few of the icons already on the bill for Iconic Ice! **Show times are Friday, April 27th at 7:30pm, and Saturday, April 28th at 2:30 and 7:30 pm. We will have tickets at the Parade office very soon, so start inviting your friends and family!** Tickets are \$7.00 per person, \$5.00 for those under 18 or over 65.

We've emailed group assignments and practice dates to ice show participants. If you haven't received information via email, or if you have any questions, please contact Beth Newkirk at springiceshow@gmail.com. You can also access group assignments and practice dates on our website, www.sqsaparade.com, under the heading "Spring Ice Show". If for any reason your skater is unable to attend one of her ice show rehearsals, please email Beth Newkirk at springiceshow@gmail.com so the coach is notified (before practice) of the absence. That said, it is important that your skater be at all rehearsals. We will continue to update the website with new information as we progress toward the show dates. Please check the website regularly.

Two "Important Dates" (outside of practices and the show itself) that all participating skaters should get on their calendars right away are:

April 11 - Picture Day (more information to follow)

April 26 - Dress Rehearsal (more information to follow)

There will be information regarding costume fittings (a chance for your skater to come to the rink and try on her costume) sent out as soon as we start receiving costumes from the seamstress. There will also be opportunities to help publicize the show, to congratulate your skater or coach in this year's program, and of course – to volunteer!

The Annual Ice Show is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to celebrate the accomplishments and artistry of our growing group of skaters. Thanks for being part of it. We look forward to working with you, and let's have a great show.

Your ICONIC ICE show committee,

Michael Luedtke
Melissa Kaiser

Raleigh Weld
Beth Newkirk

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Summary of major events. See website **CALENDAR** for complete club schedule

April (throughout month): Spring Ice Show group number rehearsals. See website under "Spring Ice Show" tab for rehearsal schedule.

April 6: **NO CONTRACT ICE SESSIONS.** Call rink for Pro's Ice availability

April 11, 4:30-8:30: Spring Ice Show Picture Night in Parade Main Lobby

April 23: **NO STARS CLASS**

Apr 26, 5:00 pm Spring Ice Show Dress Rehearsal (mandatory)

Apr 27-28: Spring Ice Show, Friday 7:30 and Saturday, 2:30 & 7:30

June TBD: Spring Banquet

PIXIES WIN TWO FIRST PLACE MEDALS

The SQSA Skate School Pixies will be competition regulars by the time most of them are regular club members. This year's Pixie team has two 1st place wins at Frosty Blades at the National Sports Center in Blaine and at Parade's Blades of March.

Coached by Raleigh Weld and Gailene Norwood and skating to music of Dr. Suess and "The Cat in the Hat", the Pixie number has been a crowd pleaser. They will also be performing at the Iconic Ice Spring Ice Show.



The Pixie's Production Team

FRONT (L to R): Jane Higgins, Ellie Weinstein, Dana Smith, Zarah O'Brien, Caroline Pollack BACK ROW (L to R): Avery Lash, Eve Clarkson, Tori Shrake, Grace Vaala, Linnea Schott, Leah Smith, Shannon Cross, Ella Brauer NOT PICTURED: Adele Varley

COACH *SPOTLIGHT* –

DEBBIE EINZIG

Debbie Einzig's coaching tenure at Parade has stretched twenty plus years. She began coaching after graduating from the University of Minnesota and makes it her full-time profession, coaching at Parade and the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis.

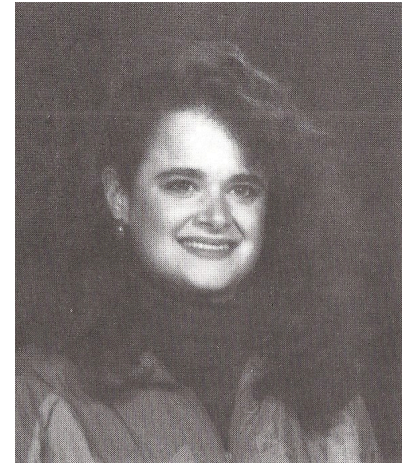
Debbie began skating when she was five years old with the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis as an individual and precision (synchro) skater. She can still recall winning first place in her first skating competition. That experience must have hooked her as she skated until college. She also recalls that she loved skating in the annual ice shows and going to out-of-town competitions. She passed the USFS Junior level and 7th figure tests before retiring as a competitive skater.

Debbie has coached students from beginning levels through USFS Senior

Freestyle and Moves and ISI Freestyle 9.

She feels very lucky to be working at a job she loves.

In her free time she enjoys traveling.



1994 Parade Coach, Debbie Einzig

SUMMERQUEST SUMMER PROGRAM & CAMP

The annual, highly popular SummerQuest Summer figure skating training program will be held at Parade Ice Garden again this year. SummerQuest is run by Page Lipe, owner of SportQuest Skating Academy and will run from June 11 - August 15, 2012. The program is open to SQSA Parade members, SQSA Skate School participants and to skaters from throughout the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. It is highly respected and has been the summer training home to several regional competitors over the past several years.

Daily training sessions, on ice and off ice classes, as well as leveled freestyle sessions will be offered. Contracts will be on the website www.sqsaparade.com soon. For questions, please contact Page Lipe at plipe@sqsaparade.com.

The 4th annual SQSA Summer Skate Camp will be held July 16 - 20, 2012, at the Breck Anderson Ice Arena. It is offered to skaters from age 4 - 18, of any level. Forms will be posted and emailed out soon! For questions, please contact Raleigh Weld at rweld@sqsaparade.com.

COMPETITION RESULTS

BLADES OF MARCH - ISI

Girl Nation	Team Ensemble	1st
Hard Knox	Team Ensemble	1st
Old Blue Eyes is Back	Team Ensemble	2nd
Diamonds	Team Ensemble	3rd
Spanish Nights	Team Ensemble	3rd
Parade Pixies	Production Team	1st
Grace Byers	FS 4 Interpretive	3rd
Grace Byers	FS 4 Jump & Spin	5th
Grace Goers	FS 1 Compulsory	4th
Grace Goers	FS 1 Interpretive	3rd
Grace Goers	FS 1 Lt. Ent Spotlight	1st
Grace Goers	FS 1 Freestyle	1st
Grace Goers	FS 1 Stroking	1st
Kirby Goodman	FS 7 Freestyle	1st
Kirby Goodman	FS 7 Freestyle Platinum	3rd
Kirby Goodman	FS 7 Footwork	1st
Kirby Goodman	FS 7 Compulsory	4th
Kirby Goodman	FS 7 Jump & Spin High	3rd
Izzi Gorowsky	FS 6 Interpretive	1st
Izzi Gorowsky	FS 6 Lt. Ent Spotlight	2nd
Izzi Gorowsky	FS 6 Compulsory	5th
Sarah Marie Green	FS 3 Freestyle	4th
Sarah Marie Green	FS 3 Interpretive	6th
Breckie Hill	FS 2 Freestyle	2nd
Breckie Hill	FS 2 Compulsory	2nd
Julia Hussian	FS 8 Compulsory	3rd
Julia Hussian	FS 8 Freestyle Platinum	1st
Julia Hussian	FS 8 Dramatic Spotlight	1st
Stella Jass	FS 1 Freestyle	5th
Stella Jass	FS 1 Compulsory	1st
Lehman Laura	FS 5 Freestyle	3rd
Lehman Laura	FS 5 Light Ent. Spotlight	3rd
Lehman Laura	FS 5 Interpretive	3rd
Lehman Laura	FS 5 Couples Spotlight	2nd
Lehman Laura	FS 5 Jump & Spin	6th
Lucy Mayer	FS 4 Freestyle	1st
Lucy Mayer	FS 4 Artistic	4th
Allison Pasdo	FS 5 Freestyle	1st
Allison Pasdo	FS 5 Footwork	1st
Allison Pasdo	FS 5 Compulsory	4th
Allison Pasdo	FS 5 Interpretive	4th
Mara Petersen	FS 5 Freestyle 5	6th
Mara Petersen	FS 5 Freestyle Silver	3rd
Mara Petersen	FS 5 Jump & Spin	6th
Vivien Pihlstrom	Pre-Alp Freestyle	1st
Ava Pihlstrom	FS 1 Freestyle	1st
Ava Pihlstrom	FS 1 Compulsory	2nd
Ava Pihlstrom	FS 1 Stroking	2nd
Abby Richardson	FS 6 Freestyle Gold	1st
Abby Richardson	FS 6 Light Ent Spotlight	1st
Abby Richardson	FS 6 Character Spotlight	1st
Abby Richardson	FS 6 Jump & Spin High	5th
Phoebe Sanders	FS 3 Freestyle	2nd
Phoebe Sanders	FS 3 Stroking	3rd
Sophie Sela	FS 5 Freestyle Silver	1st
Sophie Sela	FS 5 Dramatic Spotlight	1st
Sophie Sela	FS 5 Jump & Spin	2nd
Sophie Sela	FS 5 Couples Spotlight	2nd
Sophie Sela	FS 5 Footwork	4th
Grace Stoelzing	FS 4 Freestyle	4th
Grace Stoelzing	FS 4 Freestyle Silver	5th
Sophie Weber	FS 5 Freestyle	1st
Sophie Weber	FS 5 Freestyle Gold	3rd
Sophie Weber	FS 5 Compulsory	1st



ISI TESTS PASSED

Lyra Koutlas - FS 1
Abby Moredock - FS 1
Ilsa Olsen - FS 3

Isabel Bercaw - FS 6
Allison Pasdo - FS 6
Izzi Gorowsky - FS 7

NOTES AND REMINDERS

Volunteering: The Spring Ice Show is the last opportunity to fulfill hours. If your skater is a featured skater, one of the requirements is hour fulfillment or a plan to fulfill hours by the end of the Ice Show.

An added benefit is free admission to any ice show where you are volunteering for the entire show.

The Sign Up Genius for volunteer positions will be emailed in the next few weeks.

Dress Sale: If you have not picked up items from the BOM Dress Sale, please do so as soon as possible. Save unsold items and continue to collect items for our next sale during the Fall Ice Breaker in September.

Wednesday Ice Session: Looking for an ice session that is lightly attended where you can get some serious skating done? The Wednesday Session C is lightly attended and only \$15 for a buy on.

The club website, www.sqsaparade.com is updated regularly. Please check it for any questions on schedules, group practices, contract ice, etc.

Clicking on the "Calendar" button brings up the club Google calendar that lists the club schedule of events.
NOTE: It takes a few seconds to load.



Smiles were all around as this group of skaters were watching the Blades of March Interpretive events.

BLADES OF MARCH RECAP

The 29th annual Blades of March is in the books. It was a huge undertaking, but with the of great support of club membership, coaches, rink staff, judges and referees and of course the efforts of the skating competitors, it was a big success.

This was a club effort. Several families were on site for entire days of the event. Others filled in for illnesses or last minute conflicts or occasional shifts that were unfilled.

A special recognition goes out to committee heads and those who provided leadership in particular areas: Chi Meng Fong for Accounting/Score Tabulation, Dori Petersen for Accounting /Financial, Susie Byers for Registration, Elizabeth Gorowsky for Decorations and Venue Set up, Teresa Kleinschmidt for Dress Sale, Susie Byers and Dawn Martin for Ad Sales, Anne Hussian for Rink Monitoring and Michael Luedtke who was on-site nearly the entire two days and worked in several areas.

A very special recognition goes to Raleigh Weld, Competition Director and Jean Albrightson, Chief Referee. Their worked started several months ago and continues even now with post-event details.

As we recap this year, we're collecting feedback to continually improve the Blades of March experience for our customers, volunteers and the club and we've already started the planning process for next year.

Blades of March is the longest continuously running ISI competition in District 10 and 2013 will be our 30th year. We're planning to make this a special one and mark it with commemorative pins featuring the anniversary logo shown to the right.



**30th Anniversary Logo
1984 - 2013**