



# INSIDE EDGE

SQSA PARADE FIGURE SKATING CLUB, PARADE ICE GARDEN, 600 KENWOOD PKWY, MPLS, MN 55403

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLADES OF MARCH COMPETITION!

Thank you to the many volunteers who contributed to make this event a success! And, thank you to the 71 SQSA Parade skaters who all skated their hearts out to earn enough points overall to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team Trophy! Turn to page 3 for photos from the competition, and also see Amy's letter in Executive Updates for some extra special words about Blades of March.



**SQSA Wins 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Overall Club Team Trophy!**



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

- Apr 8: Spring Ice Show - Digital Ice Practices Begin!
- Apr 9: Spring Ice Show - Digital Ice Picture Night
- Apr 24: Spring Ice Show - Digital Ice Dress Rehearsal
- Apr 25-26: Spring Ice Show - Digital Ice Performances
- May 4: Stars on Ice, Club Event 4:00pm
- May 15-18: Roseville Open USFS Competition
- June 8: SQSA Parade Club Banquet at Interlachen Country Club
- June 9: SummerQuest Begins
- June 20-21: Braemar USFS Competition
- July 14-18: SQSA Summer Skate Camp at Breck
- July 18-20: Skate St. Paul USFS Competition
- August 1-3: Robin Lee USFS Competition
- August 22-24: Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships (USFS)
- October 5-8: Upper Great Lakes Regionals (USFS)

SQSA PARADE PRESENTS:

# DIGITAL ICE

39<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Ice Show

PARADE ICE GARDEN  
600 KENWOOD PKWY  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

FRIDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> AT  
2:30 PM AND 7:30 PM

## NEXT UP .... THE SQSA PARADE SPRING ICE SHOW!!

# Congratulations

## Test Results



Odeya Atar – FS3  
 Katie Kurzejeski - Open Gold  
 Sasha London – Beta & Gamma  
 Anya London – FS3  
 Charlotte Meeks – FS1  
 Jane Olney – FS3  
 Greta Paschke – FS8  
 Leah Smith – FS5  
 Amelia Selstad – FS2



Kyle Berglund – Pre-Juvenile Free Skate  
 Shannon Cross - Pre-Preliminary Moves & Free Skate  
 Maddy Debele – Preliminary Free Skate  
 Grace Goers – Preliminary Moves & Free Skate  
 Mimi Longe – Pre-Preliminary Moves & Free Skate  
 Maddy Moree – Intermediate Free Skate  
 Abby Richardson - Novice Free Skate  
 Leah Smith – Pre-Preliminary Moves & Free Skate  
 Grace Stoelzing – Preliminary Free Skate

## GRETA PASCHKE

### PASSES HIGH-LEVEL FS8 TEST

Greta tested ISI Freestyle 8 at Blades of March and passed to earn the high-level test designation.

#### Congratulations Greta!

Tests for ISI FS8 & FS9 cannot be done at regular test sessions. Applicants must send a video of completed elements to District 10 officials. Upon approval, skaters are invited to test at an ISI competition.

The same procedure is in effect for the ISI FS10 test; however, that test must be taken at a *national* ISI competition. The ISI FS10 test is considered by most to be the hardest test of all USFS and ISI figure skating tests!



A job well done! Kudos to all 71 skaters who represented SQSA Parade at:  
**Blades of March!!**

Congrats to Lucy Mayer on her performance at the Sunflower Classic USFS Competition in Minnetonka!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Welcome New Members:

Ellery Clark  
 Amelia Frailey  
 Tara Haas  
 Mackenzie Kirksey

GOOD LUCK TO ALL  
 SKATERS PARTICIPATING  
 IN THE  
**ROSEVILLE OPEN**  
 USFS COMPETITION ON  
 MAY 15-18!

### LOOKING FOR YOUR TALENT!

Consider helping out with the following PFSC volunteer opportunities:

- Assist Amy Pihlstrom and Missy Goers with organizing concessions for DIGITAL ICE
- Assist Amy Pihlstrom plan the Skating Banquet at Interlachen Country Club

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amy Pihlstrom at [amyrivpie@hotmail.com](mailto:amyrivpie@hotmail.com) or [612-554-6475](tel:612-554-6475)

### Annual Meeting Change

Please mark your calendar for the PFSC Annual Meeting on June 5, 2014!

We are moving the meeting from the fall to the spring (hopefully before most of us are on our summer vacations). This will allow for more coordinated planning over the summer for the fall kick-off activities.

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held on **June 5, 2014**. The place and time are being finalized and will be communicated well in advance.

If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Amy Pihlstrom at [amyrivpie@hotmail.com](mailto:amyrivpie@hotmail.com) [612-554-6475](tel:612-554-6475)

# BLADES OF MARCH PHOTO BOOTH



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## Gearing up for Showtime !!

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## SQSA PARADE – Executive Updates

### Letter from Club President:

Dear Skaters and families,

You made Blades of March 2014 a wonderful success! Skaters and parents alike represented our Club with enthusiasm and kindness. You all should be proud. Here is a poem we received from Jean Albrightson, Blades of March Chief Referee (former Parade skating coach and Skate School Director) that more eloquently expresses the sentiment:

*BOM 2014 is over and done;*

*'twas a successful week-end for most everyone.*

*Good preparation.....good help night and day,  
made for few issues - hip hip hooray!!*

*Despite a broken bone and urine on the ice,  
barf in the lobby.....all else was so nice.*

*Now that it's history, I deem the comp first-rate!*

*[Thanks skaters, parents and coaches...you made it  
great!!!]*

*-Jean Albrightson*

Again, thanks for a terrific Blades of March. I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming months.

Please note the many announcements in this newsletter regarding our upcoming show Digital Ice! In addition, there will be packaged flowers, candy bundles, and t-shirts available for purchase at the ice shows to congratulate your skater(s). It is a very exciting time of year!!

Happy Spring!  
Amy

### Letter from SQSA Director:

Hi to all SQSA Parade Families:

We are so proud of the amazing volunteer efforts at Blades of March as well as the high caliber performances of our many talented SQSA Parade skaters! Competition Director, Raleigh Weld, knocked it out of the park again this year with her leadership of BOM.... which, I have to say, is going to be a hard act to follow in my role as this year's Spring Ice Show Director!

We understand that the next several weeks will be hectic with school and show practices, but please also begin thinking about your summer skating plans if you haven't already! The registration materials are on the website for SQSA Parade Summer Camp. There is an 'early bird' discount if you register by May 1<sup>st</sup>!

Information is also on the website about SummerQuest. The schedule is a bit different from previous years due to the rink construction. A tentative schedule was posted a few weeks ago, and the final schedule will be posted to the website around April 7-8, along with the May Ice Contract. We have a great training program lined up this summer and we hope to see you all at the rink honing your on and off-ice skating skills!

We are now in the home stretch as the details of Digital Ice come together in the next several weeks! Please pay close attention to your email and all the information that has been posted to the website about picture night, practices, dress rehearsal, costumes, volunteer needs, and so forth! It is vital to stay informed and to be committed participants in our ice show, which is considered by many to be a culmination of our entire 2013-14 skating season!

Thank you to everyone! We are so looking forward to seeing all the group numbers and featured skater performances take shape over the next month! Remember to invite all your friends and families to come see you perform in our annual Spring Ice Show!

Best Regards, Page



# DIGITAL ICE – Picture Night

## Wednesday, April 9th

**Picture Order:** (ARRIVE 45-60 MINUTES Before your first picture!)

4:00-5:15pm Soloists; Duets and Trios, Coaches

5:15pm Pixies

5:30pm Tots/Pre-Alpha

5:45pm Alpha

6:00pm Beta

6:15pm Gamma Delta

6:30pm FS1

6:45pm FS2/3

7:00pm Family Number

Break

7:30pm High Test

7:45pm Production Number

8:00pm FS6

8:15pm FS4

8:30pm FS5

8:45pm Opening Number

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Please refer to the Digital Ice Picture Night Information sheet on the SQSA Parade Website. You can find it by selecting the Spring Ice Show menu item and then clicking on "Picture Night Info". This document lists all the details you need to know about Picture Night.

## Refreshments Available

**Digital Ice Picture Night & Dress Rehearsal Night**

There will be pizza and bottled water available for purchase on Picture Night (Weds., 4/9) and on Dress Rehearsal Night (Thurs., 4/24)

## CD's NEEDED

We need used CD's for Digital Ice Decorations.



Please drop off by April 12<sup>th</sup> in the box that is located in the Coaches' Office.

## SPRING ICE SHOW PROGRAM ADS!

Please consider sending your skater a special message or thanking your coaches by placing a personal ad in the Digital Ice Show program. The forms were emailed and are also available on the website. Deadline for ads is April 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact [terryrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:terryrichardson@gmail.com).

## Newsletter Raffle Update

Because this is such a busy time of year, this issue of the newsletter is a combined March/April edition. We are also extending the deadline for the February 'Search-a-word' raffle to 5/15. Please place your entries in the folder, which is located by the skater's lockers that were moved to the North Rink area. Fill out as much or as little of the activity as you wish. There will be 2 lucky winners (via random drawing) announced in May!

## Stay Informed:

**SQSA Parade Club emails:**

(Watch your inbox)

[sqsaparade@gmail.com](mailto:sqsaparade@gmail.com)

**SQSA Parade website:**

[www.sqsaparade.com](http://www.sqsaparade.com)



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**Message from Editor:** For next month's issue, we need **Digital Ice Show photos!** Performances, behind the scenes, volunteers, decorations – all photos are welcome!

The newsletter is published monthly, but publish dates vary depending upon test, competition and other major event dates. Please forward news to [terryrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:terryrichardson@gmail.com).

Also, please contact Terry if you spot any errors or omissions. Print deadline for May edition is 5/19/2014.