

# INSIDE EDGE

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

**BRAVO TO SQSA PARADE**

**DIGITAL ICE**

**OUR 2013-14 ANNUAL  
SPRING SHOW WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!**

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

June 2: SummerQuest contracts due

June 5: SQSA Parade Annual Meeting

June 8: SQSA Parade Club Banquet at  
Interlachen Country Club

June 9: SummerQuest Begins

June 20-21: Braemar USFS Competition

June 24: Registration Deadline for Robin  
Lee Competition

July 5: Registration Deadline for  
Minnesota State Figure Skating  
Championships (USFS)

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)

Sept 27: SQSA Parade 2014-15 Season  
Kickoff Event & Used Dress Sale

Sept 19-21: Maplewood Fall Classic USFS  
Competition

October 5-8: Upper Great Lakes Regionals  
(USFS)

## SQSA Parade at STARS ON ICE



Wow, what an event! Club Members pose with Ashley Wagner during their 'Meet and Greet' at the Stars on Ice Show (top).

Local area skaters (including SQSA Parade Skaters Isa G, Coco K, Kirby G, Abby R and Maddy M) open the second half of the show to rave reviews (bottom)!

# Congratulations

## Test Results



No Tests

Odeya Atar – Pre-Preliminary Moves & Free Skate

Isabel Bercaw – Pre-Juvenile Moves  
Eve Clarkson – Pre-Preliminary Moves & Free Skate



Isabel Garcia – Intermediate Moves  
Sarah Marie Green – Preliminary Moves  
Sophia Heegaard – Preliminary Free Skate  
Katie Kurzejeski – Intermediate Moves & Preliminary Free Skate

Lucy Mayer – Intermediate Moves & Pre-Juvenile Free Skate

Allison Pasdo – Intermediate Moves  
Kate Rekas – Pre-Preliminary Moves & Free Skate

Leah Smith – Preliminary Moves

### A job well done!

Congratulations to our skaters who competed at the  
**ROSEVILLE**

USFS Competition on May 16-18!!  
Many of our skaters debuted new programs with fabulous performances so early in the USFS season!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL SKATERS PARTICIPATING IN THE  
**BRAEMAR**  
USFS COMPETITION ON  
JUNE 18-20!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ANNUAL MEETING

Your attendance is encouraged and valued at the Parade Figure Skating Club Annual Meeting!

**Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 6:00pm**  
**4901 Girard Ave S (Susie Byers' house)**

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

### SHINING STARS SPRING BANQUET

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30**  
**Interlachen Country Club**

Let's celebrate our skaters and all they've accomplished during 2013-14!

Please RSVP on EventBrite (link was emailed) by **May 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### Ice Network Discount!

The Ice Network 2014-15 season pass is on sale for \$24.99 for USFS members until 8/30.  
(Regular Price: \$49.99)

See [icenetwork.com](http://icenetwork.com) for more information

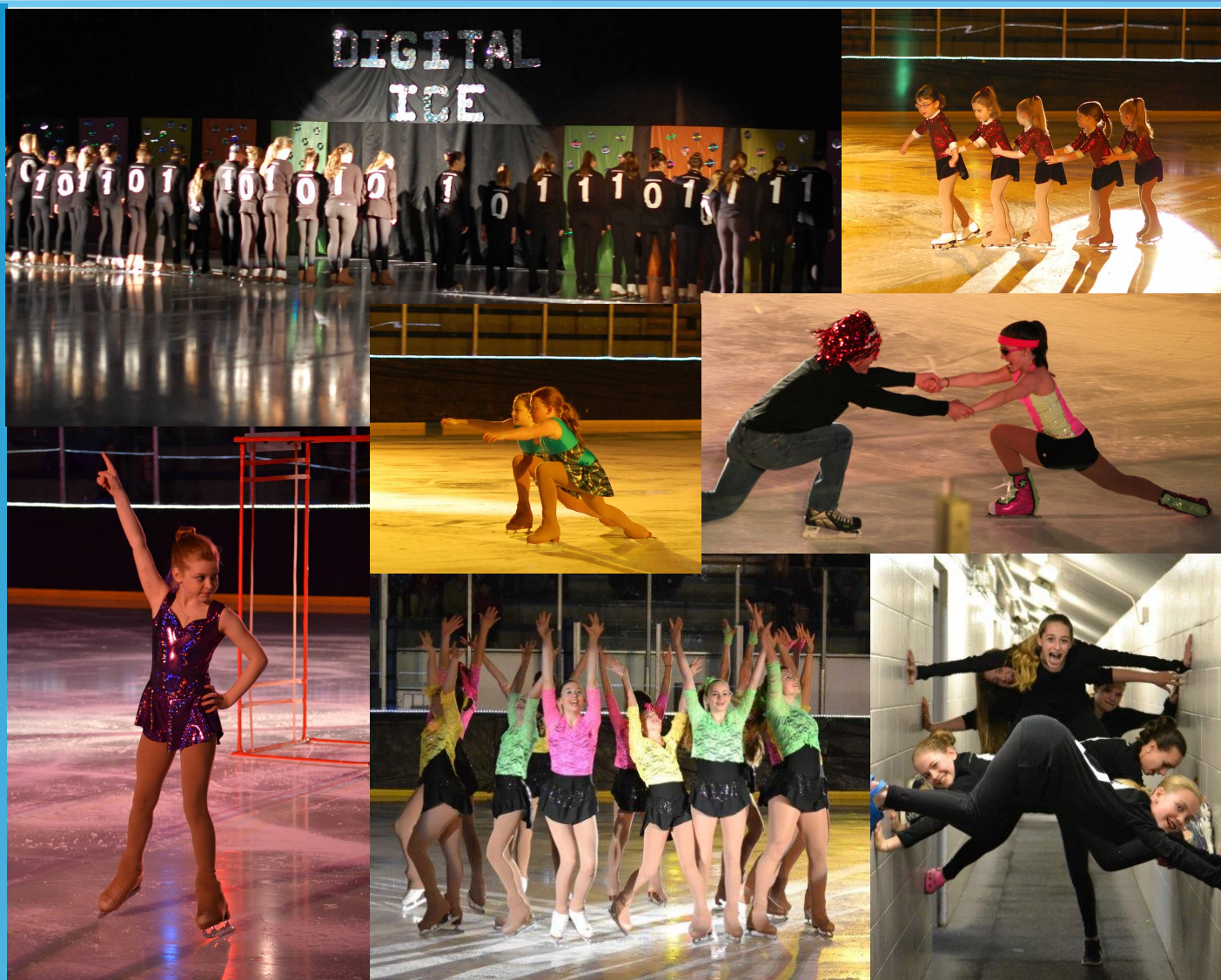
Thinking Ahead...

### SQSA Parade Used Dress Sale

Our annual Used Dress Sale will be held on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Ice Breaker Kick-off Event.

Keep this in mind over the summer and gather up your gently used dresses! Our sale is a great time to buy dresses at reasonable prices!





**Digital Ice** returned to the North rink at Parade Ice Garden in 2014 for three shows, Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Can you believe it was the 39<sup>th</sup> annual spring ice show?!

The show's theme "Digital Ice" highlighted the differences between the pre-technology years and today's technology age. A difference that even our oldest skaters—in their teenage years—can hardly understand, as each of them have grown up never knowing paper maps, mail as our only form of long-distance communication, and corded phones!

The show featured both new and experienced SQSA club skaters, as well as our younger skate school students. Ages and levels represented included tots /pre-alpha up to the highest level skaters in Freestyle(FS) Platinum, FS7 and FS8. The audience enjoyed all variations of performances...solos, step-outs, trios, the annual family number and even this year's large team production number.

This year's ice show, no different than previous years, is a labor of love from the significant volunteer hours from skaters and their families and dedication of our club coaches. Just some examples of the behind-the-scenes work that happens for months ahead include: theme discussions, costume measurement, design and sewing, show program development, food purchases for concessions, and volunteer organization.

In the end, this wonderful experience for our skaters is brought to you by the hundreds of PARENTS driving their skaters to and from Parade Ice Garden—day in and day out—in good weather and bad for on-ice time, group practices, and coaching. Memories have been made by all.

See you next year skaters and families...for our BIG 40<sup>th</sup> year!  
(More photos on Pages 4 & 5, and thousands of photos on Shutterfly!)

*Article and photo submissions by Anniq London*



## ... DIGITAL ICE continued



## SQSA PARADE – Executive Updates

## Letter from Club President:

Dear Skaters and families,

It has been a fantastic skating season, hasn't it?! We are so looking forward to celebrating together at our club banquet on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Equally important is our SQSA Parade Figure Skating Club Annual meeting on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend this meeting and take an active part in making our skating program successful.

The Annual meeting will recap 2013-14 and kick-start our planning for the 2014-15 season. This is your opportunity to be informed about the club's financial and programming activities, ask questions, share feedback, and take part in electing or becoming part of the Parade Figure Skating Club leadership team.

A Notice of Annual meeting and the agenda were previously emailed to all club members. I've included time & location here for your convenience.

**Date: Thursday, June 5, 2014**

**Time: 6 p.m**

**Location: 4901 Girard Ave S (Susie Byers' house)**

If you have any questions, please contact me!

Best,  
Amy

## Letter from SQSA Director:

Welcome to Spring, finally!

Now that we've wrapped up the show and are approaching the end of our May 'mini contract', skaters can enjoy their well-deserved 'mini break' as the school year comes to an end! Please enjoy your Memorial Day weekends and the short break in contract ice before SummerQuest starts on June 9<sup>th</sup>! It's a great time to refresh and recharge!

Keep your fitness level up by staying active and getting outdoors in the sunshine whenever possible. Work with your coaches to determine the amount of ice time and lessons appropriate for you during this period, and remember to double check the pro's ice schedule with the Parade rink staff as it sometimes changes at the last minute.

We are looking forward to seeing you all this summer! The SummerQuest program is our comprehensive on and off-ice training program, and we are very excited to offer several new classes this year taught by a variety of highly qualified instructors. **SummerQuest contracts are due on Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

SQSA Summer Camp is held the week of July 14-18. Both on and off ice training will be offered, as well as daily freestyle sessions. Registration may be cut off, due to high enrollment. If you are interested in attending camp, please enroll ASAP!

Best Regards, Page





...and more DIGITAL ICE images



**Message from Editor:**

The newsletter is created from information that is submitted to the Board of Directors or directly to the editor. During the summer, skaters are involved in a variety of different skating activities that we won't be aware of unless we are informed. So please submit information you want published. All summer skating related topics are welcome: highlights and photos from summer competitions/clinics/seminars, achievements and any other club related activities!

We are also looking for a volunteer to write an article recapping SQSA Summer Camp. Please let Amy or Terry know if you are interested.

Here are a few clarifications about the newsletter publication. We do not receive information from coaches regarding who skates in USFS competitions, so I cannot list skaters' names. Instead a 'congrats to all' is *generally* published throughout the school year for all competitions we are aware that SQSA Parade/Starlight skaters are participating in. I *usually* receive a list of skaters competing in ISI competitions, so I am able to list skaters' names.

We do not publish results of competitions in the newsletter, except in rare circumstances, for a variety of reasons. One primary reason is that there is no central repository for our skaters' activities, and competition results must be self-reported. This makes the process of collecting, managing and formatting skaters' results a cumbersome and time-consuming task. We are, however, very proud and excited about our skaters' accomplishments and are delighted to read about their achievements on SQSA Parade skating families' personal facebook pages!

Test results are published because ISI and USFS Test Chairs report all test results. Please be aware that there may be a lag between testing and publishing. Special mentions will be given to skaters passing ISI High Tests (FS8, FS9 & FS10) and USFS skaters passing any Senior level test.

If some faces appear more often than others in the newsletters, it is unintentional. Published photos are selected from what is submitted and impacted by clarity, size and orientation of the photo. Photos with groups of skaters are generally included most often.

The next newsletter will be published in August after the USFS Minnesota State Competition to recap our skaters' summer activities and kick-off our 2014-15 season. Please forward news to [terryrichardson@gmail.com](mailto:terryrichardson@gmail.com).

**Newsletter Raffle Update**

Winners of the MAR/APR Raffle are

**Name: Leah Smith**

**Name: Isabella Litecky**

Your prizes will be available at the Banquet!

**Skaters**, this is your **final** opportunity to be eligible for the InsideEdge Grand Prize Raffle at the Spring Banquet!! All you have to do for May is print this sheet with your name on it.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**....but remember that there is no contract ice next week, so you may want to get your entry in this week! Put in folder by lockers labeled 'Newsletter Raffle'

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