



THE INSIDE EDGE



February 2012

ENSEMBLE TEAMS KICK-OFF COMPETITIVE SEASON

SQSA Parade Ensemble Teams got a chance to debut their programs at the Snow Daze Winter Exhibition in January. The five teams have been practicing since September and competed at Frosty Blades in Blaine this past weekend. They will also compete at Blades of March and perform in the Spring Ice Show. Additional team photos on page two.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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

- Feb 19: Club Skate at Depot Rink, 5:00-8:00
- Feb 20: NO CONTRACT ICE SESSIONS
Spring Ice Contract due at 4 pm
- Feb 21: Spring Ice Contract begins
- Feb 25: Test Session, 12:00-1:00
- March 3: NO CONTRACT ICE SESSIONS OR SKATE SCHOOL
- Mar 3-4: 29th Annual Blades of March competition hosted by SQSA Parade
- March 5: NO CONTRACT ICE SESSIONS
- April (throughout month): Spring Ice Show group number rehearsals
- April 6: NO CONTRACT ICE SESSIONS
- April 11: Spring Ice Show Picture Night
- April 23: NO STARS CLASS
- Apr 26: Spring Ice Show Dress Rehearsal
- Apr 27-28: Spring Ice Show, Friday 7:30 and Saturday, 2:30 & 7:30
- June TBD: Spring Banquet

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SQSA Parade welcomes new members Odeya Atar and Abigail Moredock. We're glad to have you with us!



Girl Nation

High test number. (clockwise) Emily McGlynn, Julia Hussian, Kyle Berlund, Kate Hockin, Izzi Gorowsky, Kirby Goodman. The team is coached by Melissa Kaiser.

More Ensemble Teams



Spanish Nights

(L-R) Sophie Sela, Mara Petersen, Laura Lehman, Isabel Garcia, Sophie Weber. Michael Luedtke coaches them.



Hard Knox

(L-R) Isabel Bercaw, Allison Pasdo, Caroline Bercaw, Greta Paschke. They are coached by Melissa Kaiser.



Old Blue Eyes is Back

(Clockwise) Olivia Litecky, Lucy Mayer, Grace Stoelzing, Casey Scharzkopf, Bella Litecky, Isabel Constable, Grace Byers. They are coached by Michael Luedtke.



Diamonds

(L-R) Sophia Heegaard, Gabby Sullivan, Sarah Marie Green, Phoebe Sullivan, Mimi Long. They are coached by Natalie Weber.



ISI & USFS TESTS PASSED

Phoebe Sanders – FS3
Grace Stoelzing – FS4

Caroline Bercaw – FS6
Greta Parchke – FS 6

Izabel Gorowsky - Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field
Kelly Jiang – Novice Moves in the Field
Sophie Sela – Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field



CLUB SKATE AT DEPOT RINK

SQSA Parade is hosting a club skate at the Depot Ice Rink this Sunday February 19th from 5:00 – 8:00 for members and families.

Although we will not have exclusive use of the facility, we will have an area for our club and plenty of time for skating and camaraderie.

The Depot Rink was named one of the top 10 places to ice skate in America by *USA Today* and *MSNBC*.

Admission to the rink for skaters and families is provided by your club fundraising efforts.

NOTES AND REMINDERS

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, team practices, contract ice, etc. Clicking on the “Calendar” button brings up the club Google calendar that lists the club schedule of events.

COMPETITION RESULTS

HIAWATHALAND (ROCHESTER) - USFS

Julia Hussian	Intermediate	Freestyle	3rd
Julia Hussian	Intermediate	Jumps	1st
Julia Hussian	Intermed/Novice	Spins	6th
Julia Hussian	Intermediate	Artistic Drama	1st
Maria Kalina	Senior	Jumps	4th
Maria Kalina	Senior	Short Program	3rd
Allison Pasdo	Pre-Preliminary	Freestyle	1st
Allison Pasdo	Pre-Preliminary	Spins	6th
Allison Pasdo	Pre-Preliminary	Jumps	4th
Allison Pasdo	Pre-Preliminary	Compulsory	2nd
Abby Richardson	Juvenile	Freestyle	5th
Abby Richardson	Juvenile	Compulsory	3rd
Abby Richardson	Juvenile	Artistic Light	1st
Sophie Rothenberger	Intermed/Novice	Spins	3rd
Sophie Rothenberger	Intermediate	Freestyle	9th
Sophie Rothenberger	Intermediate	Jumps	5th

FROSTY BLADES (NSC BLAINE) – ISI

Grace Byers	FS4	Freestyle	3rd
Grace Byers	FS4	Jump & Spin	2nd
Isabel Constable	FS4	Freestyle	5th
Isabel Constable	FS4	Jump & Spin	2nd
Kirby Goodman	FS7	Freestyle	1st
Kirby Goodman	FS7	Footwork	1st
Izzi Gorowsky	FS Gold	Interpretive	1st
Izzi Gorowsky	FS Gold	Lt. Ent Spotlight	1st
Sophia Rudeen Heegaard	FS 2	Freestyle	2nd
Breckie Hill	FS2	Solo Compulsory	1st
Breckie Hill	FS2	Freestyle	1st
Stella Jass	FS1	Freestyle	1st
Kelly Jiang	FS8	Freestyle	2nd
Kelly Jiang	FS8	Solo Compulsory	1st
Kelly Jiang	FS8	Jump & Spin	1st
Kelly Jiang	FS8	Interpretive	3rd
Isabel Kleinschmidt-Garcia	FS5	Freestyle	3rd
Isabel Kleinschmidt-Garcia	FS5	Solo Compulsory	3rd
Isabel Kleinschmidt-Garcia	FS Silver	Interpretive	2nd
Lauren Mac Lean	FS Gold	Interpretive	5th
Lauren Mac Lean	FS Gold	Footwork	1st
Lucy Mayer	FS4	Freestyle	2nd
Emily McGlynn	FS Gold	Footwork	1st
Emily McGlynn	FS Gold	Dramatic	1st
Emily McGlynn	FS Gold	Solo Compulsory	1st
Mara Petersen	FS5	Freestyle	4th
Mara Petersen	FS5	Jump & Spin	1st
Sophie Sela	FS5	Freestyle Silver	3rd
Sophie Sela	FS5	Jump & Spin	1st
Sophie Sela	FS5	Dramatic	5th
Sophie Sela	FS5	Solo Compulsory	5th
Grace Stoelzing	FS3	Solo Compulsory	2nd
Grace Stoelzing	FS3	Freestyle	1st
Gabby Sullivan	FS2	Freestyle	3rd
Hard Knox		Ensemble Team	1st
Girl Nation		Ensemble Team	3rd
Diamonds		Ensemble Team	4th
Old Blue Eyes is Back		Ensemble Team	5th
Spanish Nights		Ensemble Team	6th
Pixies (Skate School)		Production Team	1st

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT - -

MARIA KALINA

Our final Senior Spotlight of the year shines on Maria Kalina. Maria is used to the spotlight. She has been a top state and national level competitor for years.

This year she qualified for USFS Sectionals in Colorado. Her resume also includes two Minnesota State Championships and the Pewter medal at US Junior Nationals.

Maria began skating in Arizona when she was four. Her family moved to Minnesota when she was nine and she began skating at Parade with Page Lipe. Long time members may remember her first Spring Ice Show, *Colors of Ice*, in 2006 where she skated to "Orange Colored Sky".

Maria has stayed motivated by having competitions to challenge her and having great friends at Parade.

Her advice to younger skaters is to have fun and understand that improvement comes from patience and hard work. "It is so important to be efficient on the ice and to be patient. . . it will take time to perfect something" . . . and "it's okay to fall".

She credits her parents for the incredible role they have played in supporting her skating.

Maria is planning to continue competitive skating while attending college at Harvard University.



Nine year old Maria performing the Mary Poppins classic, "Chim Chim Cher-ee"

BLADES OF MARCH UPDATE



**March 3rd & 4th
Parade Ice Garden**

Planning is morphing into execution for Blades of March. The schedule and groupings are set, trophies and medals are ordered, vendors are lined up, the program is in process and our competitors from the Sioux Falls and Blue Mound clubs have made their travel plans.

The biggest challenge this year is a problem most clubs and competitions would love to have. Our registrations are up 10%. Competition Director Raleigh Weld has done an amazing job recruiting clubs, coaches and skaters. Of course, all her recruiting efforts have given her the added challenge of scheduling our two rinks for nearly 50 hours of ice time.

You will notice a few changes this year to accommodate the growth. The registration area will move to the vestibule in the entry, in front of the trophy case, to allow for the ease of traffic flow through the lobby and from rink to rink. We'll be reconfiguring the lobby and North Rink vendor areas to allow us to contract additional vendors. Families have told us one of their favorite things about BOM is the vendor and shopping experience.

We have several new vendors, including *Life Definition*, with unique, handmade, one of a kind purses, wallets and accessories, many with a skating theme. *KKay Designs* will offer jewelry including hand stamped, personalized "Dog Tags". Other new vendors are *Northwoods Blankets*, *Step N Stretch* and *Dialyn Designs*. Returning, and always popular vendors are, *Amerigo & Amerigo* for jewelry and accessories, *Northwest Designs* for BOM logowear, *Punkee Love Headbands* and *Depth of Field Photo* for still photography.

We are working out details and have nearly finalized an agreement to offer videography of *freestyle* skating events. Many competitions no longer offer video services due to the high costs of videoing. The last time BOM offered it was in 2008.

MinneapolisDV, who has been the videographer of our Spring Ice Show several times, will be filming Freestyle events. If you've never purchased a professional DVD of your skater, consider it at BOM. A portion of the proceeds goes to the club. The DVD will have opening shots of Minneapolis and Parade Ice Garden. It will be a keepsake.

Please support our vendors who have paid a fee to the club to exhibit.

No update on Blades of March would be complete without a volunteer plea. Sign ups are in process. So far about half the shifts have been filled. Our success will be our biggest challenge so *please* take as many shifts as you are able.

We're looking forward to a great event. Good luck skaters!