



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

September 2011



Page Lipe, Karen Olson and Michael Luedtke accept the ISI World's 4th Place trophy earned by SQSA Parade this summer (Additional photo on page 3)

FALL ICE BREAKER KICKS OFF A NEW SEASON

On September 10th we hosted our annual Ice Breaker and season kick-off party. We had a great turnout for open skating, camaraderie (parents and skaters), refreshments and treats. The Skate School held registrations for classes for many of our future members.

Teresa Kleinshmidt coordinated another highly successful Dress Sale where we sold over \$1000 worth of used skating items on behalf of members. The club earned over \$200 of commission on the sales.

Prior to the party we held an Annual Meeting of the club members. "Welcome Packets" were handed out to attendees and then members reviewed our strong financial situation, adopted revised by-laws and elected new board members (see story on Page 2).

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We welcome 14 new members to the club this year: Eve Clarkson, Carmen & Kathryn Ercolani, Sarah Marie Green, Breckon Hill, Kate Hockin, Stella Jass, Lyra Koutlas, Vivien Pihlstrom, Mia Romsaas, Alessandra Scarpa, Tori Shrake and Alana & Jillian Christie who return to our club as past members. We're glad you're with us.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 16-18: Maplewood Fall Classic ISI Competition in Vadnais Heights
- Sept 17 (11:00 am): Registration forms due for Woodbury ISI Competition (to Raleigh).
- Sept 24: ISI Test Session at Parade (time TBD)
- Oct 4: Learn-to-Skate Tots-Delta and Pixies classes begin
- Oct 8: Skate School Freestyle 1-5 classes begin
- Oct 14-18: Upper Great Lakes USFS Regional Competition
- Oct 17: Registration due for White Bear Lake ISI Competition (coaches will need them earlier)
- Oct 22: ISI Test Session at Parade (time TBD)
- Oct 28-29: Woodbury ISI Competition
- Oct 30: Club Halloween Party at Breck Arena in Golden Valley, 3:00-4:30
- Oct 31 – No contract ice
- Nov 19: ISI Test Session at Parade (time TBD)
- Dec 2-4: White Bear Lake ISI Competition
- December Holiday Party TBD. Details soon.
- Jan TBD: Plymouth Blizzard Blast ISI Competition
- Jan 21: ISI Test Session at Parade (time TBD)
- Feb 10-12: Frosty Blades Competition in Blaine
- Mar 3-4: 29th Annual Blades of March hosted by SQSA Parade
- Apr 26: Spring Ice Show Dress Rehearsal
- Apr 27-28: Spring Ice Show



NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Fifteen families were represented at the Annual Meeting of the Parade Figure Skating Club (our non-profit arm) held on September 10 at Parade Ice Garden. Members were given "Welcome Packets" with information on the club and the coming year.

Membership passed a resolution adopting new, simplified by-laws for the club and elected five new Directors to the Board. Joining the Board, effective immediately are: Kim Bercaw, Elizabeth McClurg, Dori Petersen, Terry Richardson and Sunny Sun. Congratulations!

President Nicole Sela presented the Financial Report and stated that the financial position of the club is excellent after a very successful *Blades of March* competition and fundraiser. She also gave a recap on accomplishments last year and a peak ahead at the plan for activity this coming year.

Rita Goodman gave an update on communications, team skating and new Spring Banquet awards.

DEBUT OF WELCOME PACKETS

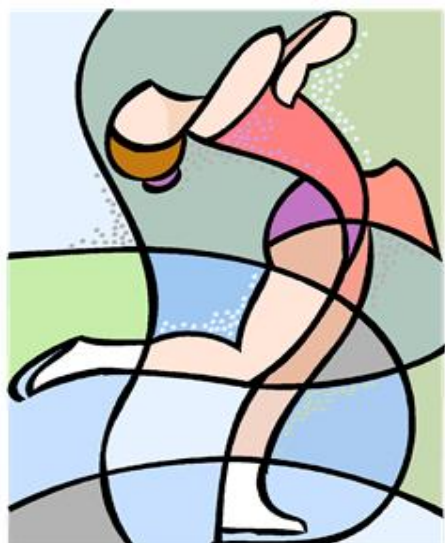
New this year, are "Welcome Packets" that were handed out at the Annual Meeting. They include several important club reference materials and our new club window cling. New members also received a club pin. Members who were not at the Annual Meeting will be given their Welcome Packet this week at the rink or they will be mailed.

TEST SESSION DATES SET

Test sessions have been set for September 24, October 22, November 19 and January 21. Exact times will be determined.

Coaches will have more specific information. Questions should be directed to your coach or Test Chair, Michael Luedtke.

To qualify as a featured skater in the Spring Ice Show, skaters will need to have passed the appropriate level by the January 21 test.



ENSEMBLE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

Last year, 26 skaters competed in Team Compulsory events for SQSA Parade, culminating in our performances at ISI World's in Blaine that helped us secure the 4th place finish.

This year, our program has grown to 28 skaters with five small Ensemble teams, which will combine into two large Production teams. They will compete at *Blades of March* and other competitions(s) and perform at Winter Exhibition and Spring Ice Show.

Ensemble and Production teams allow greater flexibility for number of skaters per team, moves, choreography and multiple skill levels. There are no restrictions on testing and no required moves. Numbers will focus on creative choreography and great skating, strengths of SQSA Parade skaters.

We are pleased to announce this year's teams:

Red Team - Coached by Amber Van Wyk:

Kyle Berglund
Kirby Goodman
Izzi Gorowski
Kate Hockin
Julia Hussian
Emily McGlynn
Abby Richardson

Blue Team - Coached by Michael Luedtke:

Grace Byers
Isabel Constable
Bella Litecky
Olivia Litecky
Lucy Mayer
Casey Schwarzkopf
Grace Stoelzing

Team Yellow - Coached by Michael Luedtke

Isa Kleinschmidt-Garcia
Laura Lehman
Mara Petersen
Sophie Sela
Sophie Weber

Team Orange - Coached By Amber Van Wyk:

Caroline Bercaw
Isabel Bercaw
Greta Paschke
Allison Pasdo

Team Green - Coached by Natalie Weber

Sarah Marie Green
Sophie Heegaard
Mimi Longe
Phoebe Saunders
Gabby Sullivan

SKATERS COMPETE AT NATIONAL SHOWCASE IN OHIO

Three club skaters, Alana Christie, Jillian Christie and Julia Hussian competed at the U.S. Figure Skating sponsored, National Showcase competition in Ohio this August. They qualified for the national event by placing in the top three in a regional event held in Rochester.

National Showcase fuses artistic creativity with figure skating. USFS bills it as “a competition in theatrical skating.”

Amber Van Wyk who choreographs many of the club group numbers and programs for some skaters coached the skaters. Amber is a former “Disney on Ice” skater and her creativity in choreography is well known.

The ladies were entered in several events and did very well. Julia earned a Pewter medal, Alana earned a Silver, Bronze and two Pewter medals and Jillian, two Golds, a Silver and two Pewters. Jillian was also honored by being invited to be a Parade of Champions performer.

SKATE SCHOOL STARTS OCT 4

Skate School classes begin October 4th for Learn-to-Skate Tots-Delta skaters and October 8th for Freestyle 1-5 skaters. Pixies team practices begin October 4th.

If you know of neighbors, friends or classmates who might be interested, please encourage them to check out our web site under “Learn to Skate.”

NOTES AND REMINDERS

Our **website** should be your first stop when you have questions. Use the tabs across the TOP of the home page. The website address is: www.sqsaparade.com.

Requirements for **Featured Skaters** in the Spring Ice Show have changed this year. See the handout in your welcome packet.

Volunteer Requirements have been formalized this year and were emailed earlier and included in Welcome Packet. They are also on the website under “Membership”, then Member Forms.

A “**Calendar**” function has been added along the top menu of the website. It will be updated as soon as events are finalized.

“NAME THE NEWSLETTER” CONTEST

Raise your skate blade if you think, “September Newsletter “is a pretty lame name for our newsletter. We do too, but we need help coming up with a clever, skating related name.

We’re looking for submissions of suggestions that are appropriate for both our parent and skater reading audience. Submit your entry to sqsaparade@gmail.com. by September 20.



CONGRATULATIONS

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SKATERS AND
COACHES FOR YOUR
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WORLD'S FINISH.

WE'RE ALL PROUD