

UDFSC NEWSLETTER

Summer 2007



◆ Online Registration for 2008 Qualifying Season Now Open

(7/27/07) - Online registration for the singles, pairs and ice dancing 2008 qualifying season is now open at www.usfsaonline.org. Online registration is mandatory for entry into the 2008 competitive season. All U.S. Figure Skating required forms, including the Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS), the medical registry form and the media form, must be completed online. These forms must be completed by all competitors wishing to compete at a regional/sectional/U.S. championship during the 2008 season.

Skaters can access and update their PPCS and medical registry forms on a Please update these forms regularly with any changes. The PPCS can be updated up to one week prior to the start of your scheduled competition. The medical form will be kept confidential, with medical representatives assigned by U.S. Figure Skating the only ones given access.

The U.S. Figure Skating media form is a separate form and can be accessed as well at www.usfsaonline.org. Like the aforementioned forms, all skaters must complete the media form online.

◆ Russia gets the nod for the 2014 Winter Olympics

The International Olympic Committee has elected **Sochi** as the host city of the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in 2014. □

Quote to Note

“Always try to maintain complete tolerance and always make an effort to give people more than they expect.”

Scott Hamilton

UDFSC REPORT

On June 2, 2007, UDFSC proudly hosted the International Dance Test Judges School for 47 test judges from around the nation and Canada who were seeking to obtain their appointment to judge international dance tests. The school was led by Jenny Mast, world dance judge and UDFSC club member. The participants learned the finer points of judging the international dances while watching demonstrations by some of UDFSC's very own skaters and coaches.

At the end of the day, the participants applied their knowledge to a certification exam. All participants stated that they had a wonderful experience and felt that UDFSC has great training facilities for its skaters. Many thanks go out to those who helped make the day successful: UDFSC board members, the demonstrating skaters, ARA employees, and the arena employees who went the extra mile to ensure everything went smoothly.

PARTY PREPARATIONS START NOW!

Next years awards party will be sometime next spring. It will be held on a Friday night and will be semi-formal. It will include dinner, awards, games, giveaways and dancing. It is extremely important that people RSVP! We would hate to cancel the party two years in a row!!!

There will be a small fee for members and another fee for non-members. UDFSC will also be doing a few fundraisers to raise money for next year's event. It will be unlike anything we have done! Anyone who would like to help with the party (before or during), please contact Christie Moxley at moxley_udfsc@hotmail.com

Please check the next newsletter and other UDFSC emails for more details.

UDFSC hopes to make the next event one to remember!! We hope to see you there. Thank you!

Synchronized Team Skating

For more information regarding synchronized skating, see www.teamdelawaresynchro.org

The University of Delaware Collegiate Synchronized Skating Team is also available to full time college students at U of D. For more information about our recruitment weekend in November or any other program inquiries, please e-mail megano@udel.edu or skatingmickey@verizon.net.

Club Ice

Join us on Sundays in the Rust Ice Arena for a dance-preferred session from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. and a freestyle-preferred session from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. □ Members: \$12/session or 10-session card for \$110 □ Non-members: \$13/session or a 10-session card for \$120 □ If you would like to volunteer to be a backup monitor for Club Ice (and earn free ice privileges for you or a family member), please e-mail the club at udfsc@udel.edu or call (302) 831-4686.

Membership

If your US mail or e-mail addresses change, please notify the UDFSC as soon as possible. This will ensure important documents as well as the newsletter; get to you in a timely manner. Also, remember to use the UDFSC web site whenever possible. Our site has links to the University of Delaware Ice Skating Training Center as well as the e-mail addresses of board members who can answer your specific questions.

Our mailing address is:
UDFSC
Fred Rust Arena
S. College Ave
Newark, DE 19716

It is important to use the entire address when corresponding with us.

The Pond

Club Ice is available at The Pond on Monday evenings from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.
Members: \$10.

Upcoming Test Sessions

The following test sessions are scheduled. If you plan to test, be sure to get your application in by the deadlines listed below, as these sessions are likely to fill quickly. Applications and fees must be in the lockbox by 5:00 p.m. on the application due dates below.

Be aware that the policy for submitting applications for US Figure Skating testing has been revised.

- ◆ Applications may not be submitted contingent on a testing time. When you submit an application you must be prepared to skate at any time during the day of the session. You are more than welcome to make a request about testing time, but be aware that it is not guaranteed.
- ◆ Applications submitted without payment will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- ◆ Late applications will not be accepted. No exceptions.
- ◆ Once you submit an application, there will be no refunds.
- ◆ In cases of serious sickness or injury, the test will be forwarded to the next test session.

Please be aware of these changes, as this message serves as notice of the policy revisions. Some old applications may be around that have the old policies written on them.

You may use our [online test application](#) or pick up a paper test application at the Fred Rust Ice Arena. All deadlines below apply. The UDFSC reserves the right to change test or application due dates when necessary.

NEXT TEST SESSION

Friday Aug. 24, 2007 at UD

Applications due Fri., Aug. 10, 2007 by 5 p.m.

Applications must be on time. NO late applications will be accepted for any reason. Payment must accompany application or you will not be scheduled for your test.

It is important that your coach's name be listed on the application so that every effort can be made to have coaches free for each of their student's tests.

Please be at the rink one hour before the scheduled test time. There is always the possibility of a last minute scratch, and the session will not be postponed if you are

not there. You may risk forfeiting your test. We will not run the session more than one hour early.

If you wish to contact the test chairman, send e-mail to UDTestChair2@aol.com.

Judges' School

If you are interested in attending judges' school, the UDFSC may be able to offer some financial assistance. Write to us at ud-fsc@udel.edu or call (302) 831-4686. Information on judging is available at the USFSA web site at www.usfsa.org.

Club Telephone Service

Please note that volunteers man the UDFSC club telephone answering service. We will make every attempt to retrieve your telephone calls promptly and forward your questions to the appropriate board member or training center staff. Thank you for your patience in this matter. Please send e-mail to ud-fsc@udel.edu whenever possible.



On July 23, 2007 an awards ceremony was held in the VIP room at the Fred Rust Arena. The following awards were presented to club members.

Achievement Awards:

Non-Qualifying – Alexa Alpern

Adult – Kathy Stano

Regional – Emilyrose Young

Jr. National – Emmanuel Savory

National – Kyle Herring

Coach of the Year: Megan O'Donnell

Leadership Award:

Melissa Bulanhagui

Gerard Renaud Memorial Award:

Kyle Herring

Scholastic Honors Awards:

Grades 1-4 – Whitney Miller

Grades 5-8 – Cassandra Jeandell

Grades 9-12 – Jeremy Steeger

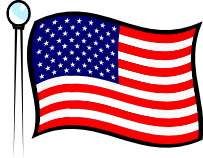


Back row L-R Kyle Herring, Kathy Stano, Megan O'Donnell
Front row L-R Alexa Alpern, Emmanuel Savory, Emilyrose Young



Melissa Bulanhagui

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- ★ On June 10, 2007 UDFSC board member Christie Moxley received the Edward G. Picken Pro-Am Dance Classic Coaches Award (Women). Christie has been a longtime dedicated participant, competitor, and helping hand for the event.
 - ★ The following UDFSC members now officially earned their international dance test judge's appointments: Alice Rakowski, Nancy Jehl, and Sandy Shacklady-White.



The following skaters have received International Competition Season Assignments. Please note that U.S. Team assignments are subject to change and as of this writing not all of the assignments were filled.

JGP United States Lake Placid, N.Y. AUG 30-SEP 2, 2007

Pairs: Meg Byrne & Nate Bartholomay

Dance: Sara Bailey & Kyle Herring

JGP Romania Miercurea Ciuc, Romania SEP 6-9, 2007

Ladies: Melissa Bulanhagui

Men: Adam Rippon

Dance: Ian Lorello & Isabella Cannuscio

JGP Estonia Talinn, Estonia SEP 20-23, 2007

Pairs: Kaela Pflumm & Christopher Pottenger

Nebelhorn Trophy Obertsdorf, Germany SEP 30-OCT 3, 2007

Men: Shaun Rogers

GP Skate America Reading, Pa. OCT 25-28, 2007

Dance: Kimberly Navarro & Brent Bommentre

Ladies: Kimmie Meissner

GP Trophee Eric Bompard Paris, France NOV 15-18, 2007

Ladies: Kimmie Meissner

GP NHK Trophy Sendai, Japan NOV 29-DEC 2, 2007

Dance: Kimberly Navarro & Brent Bommentre

You can check out a complete list of international assignments and envelope assignments at : <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Athletes.asp>

★ Tests Passed April 6, 2007 ★

Pre Preliminary Moves

Karoline Vetland
Madeleine Sneider
Anna Nastasee
Marie Lupien
Christina Webster

Pre Preliminary Free

Victoria Vanmeter

Preliminary Moves

Katelynn Wertsch
Whitney Miller

Novice Moves

KaraLee Jones

Junior Free

Paige Lawver

Alicia Earley

Adult Pre Bronze Moves

Lisa Thomasen

Adult Pre Bronze Free

Lisa Thomasen

Preliminary Dance

Cynthia Morgan

European Waltz

Rose Dolan

Preliminary Free

Michaela Lloyd
Alexandria Lloyd
Whitney Miller

Pre Juvenile Moves

Zainab Shah

Pre Juvenile Free

Monica Hanson
Brendan Bartron

Senior Moves

Paige Lawver

Senior Free

Alicia Earley
Hilary Ho

American Waltz

Jody Russon

Dutch Waltz

Cynthia Morgan
Brittany Webb

Foxtrot

Rose Dolan
James Dolan

Fourteenstep

James Dolan

Canasta Tango

Cynthia Morgan
Brittany Webb
Rhythm Blues
Cynthia Morgan
Brittany Webb

Swing Dance

Emily Boas

Argentine Tango

Claire Schretlen

Fiesta Tango

Rachel Pennington
Paso Doble

Adult Cha Cha

Jera Stone
Petch Ashida

Adult Fiesta Tango

Jera Stone
Petch Ashida

Paso Doble

Zoe Read

Killian

Zoe Read

Adult Pre Bronze Dance

Jera Stone
Petch Ashida

Adult Swing Dance

Jera Stone
Robert Dean
Petch Ashida

★ Tests Passed June 22, 2007 ★

Pre Preliminary Moves

Jessica Sharrow
Shoshanna Lustig
Stephanie Dudek
Mara Finestrauss
Scott Braithwaite
Jera Stone

Pre Preliminary Free

David Lage
Melissa Mizell

Preliminary Moves

Alexandra Thomasen
Rachel Cox
Alexis Withers

Pre Juvenile Moves

Emily Young
Melissa Mizell

Juvenile Free

Melissa Quinn

Intermediate Moves

Danielle Fanelle

Intermediate Free

Alexa Alpern
Danielle Fanelle

Junior Moves

Ian Lorello

Adult Pre Bronze Moves

Helen Young

Starlight Waltz

Zoe Read

Ravensburger Waltz

Marissa Marschall

European Waltz

James Dolan

Dutch Waltz

Megan Pennington

Adult Hickory Hoedown

Jera Stone

Adult Bronze Free

Marie Nonnenmacher

Senior Free Dance

Charles Fishpaw

Hickory Hoedown

Rachel Pennington

The Flip Side . . . a slightly twizzled view of figure skating from a long time skating dad. The first figure skating competition I attended was a long, long time ago. However, there were five important lessons I learned that weekend that will remain with me as if they were chiseled into my brain by a toepick.

1. After your child skates, do not rush too soon to the wall where the results are posted. It can be a humbling experience to be dancing around celebrating your child's second place finish until someone kindly tells you that you are looking at the starting order, not the results.
2. For the first couple of competitions in a skater's career, chances are their parents know their program better than they do.
3. If you value your life do not ever touch a skater's hair after it has been crystallized, synchronized, crimped, crunched, scrunched, locked down, secured, and determined to be officially armed to skate.
4. If hockey is played at the rink where the competition is located, the male locker room will smell bad. Real bad.

5. Soccer moms have nothing on skater moms. Soccer moms don't have to worry about training EVERY DAY, getting costumes made, on ice training, off ice training, and the list goes on. No offense but if a soccer mom and a skater mom were to switch places for a week (reality show anyone?) the poor soccer mom would look like she had been run over by a Zamboni by the second day. And I don't think that slicing oranges for halftime is very good training for stoning a costume.

Bonus Lesson There is no sport in the world where the athletes train harder and are more dedicated than in figure skating. Somehow I just knew that I would see a lot of those kids competing years down the road, you could just see it in their eyes. And over a decade later after that first weekend competition I do see their names and sometimes their faces popping up in the skating world. Still skating, still dedicated.

Historically Speaking . . .

The first international competition skated on indoor artificial ice took place at the 1902 World Championship held at the National Skating Palace in London. Ironically, that same year the European Championships scheduled in Amsterdam was canceled for lack of ice.

The newsletter will be listing competition results from club members competing in qualifying competitions, national competitions, international competitions, and occasionally other competitions when warranted. Club members placing in the top six will be listed for qualifying competitions and top ten for national and international events.

**If you have questions concerning the newsletter please email
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HAPPY SKATING!

