

05/15/03 Troy Skating Club-The Blade Newsletter

Member News-

We want to welcome our new members of the Troy Skating Club and the new Basic Skills Members who joined in March!! We now have over 300 in the Basic Skills!!! There are currently 58 TSC members.

For those of you who are new, the Basic Skill Membership is an introductory membership into the USFSA. **Basic Skills members' note:** You are not automatically a TSC Club member. To become a member of the Troy Skating Club you must join separately.

The benefits of being a club Member include: Membership to the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA), Skating Magazine, TSC Membership, one vote at Annual Meeting, can hold office, can be appointed to a Standing Committee, enjoy a sense of community, make new friends, ability to participate in Club and USFSA events, competitions, tests, and programs, opportunities to

BASIC SKILLS June 9-August 7 Classes are 8 weeks and are one day a week. Class times and days are listed on the Registration Forms. **Reminder-** Tot classes are for children 6 and under. New children over 6 should be in Basic 1 or Hockey 1. Skaters who have passed Snow Plow Sam 3 should sign up for Basic 1 or Hockey 1 regardless of their age. Those skaters who have passed Hockey 2 will sign up for Hockey 3. Basic 6 and up skaters may enroll in the Junior Club for the summer. Synchro and Dance will not be held again until fall. Private Ice Dance lessons will be available! **Reminder-**For those of you who already have the sign-up form, please fill them out and send them in, classes will fill up fast. If classes are full you will be notified and we will make every attempt to fit each skater in or run another class. **Pre-Registration will be held:** 4:00-6:00pm Tue. 5/27 & Tue. 6/3, 5:30-7:30 Wed. 5/28 & Thur. 6/5 and 10:00-12:00 Sat. 6/7. We encourage anyone who will have a discount, or has a new skater to come to the Pre-Registration. **Discounts will be given as follows:** 1st class full price and 10% off any class after that. This applies to one skater signing up for

help support the programs and skaters. **Our new members** bring with them energy, spirit, new ideas, strengthen our club, keep us active in the USFSA and give TSC a voice at USFSA Governing Council. We are always accepting new members!

We will be mailing applications for 2003 to those of you who have indicated on your sign up sheets that you would like info on joining the TSC.

There are some exciting things happening this month! Kathy Slack, President attended Governing Council. This is an annual meeting of the USFSA. Clubs send representatives to debate and vote on new rules and plans for the coming year. I'm sure Kathy will have a lot to report! Also, the TSC Board voted to purchase new software for Competition Registration and Administration. This software will make the Competition Chairpersons job MUCH easier. We can hardly wait for it to arrive, since the Summer Competition is right around the corner!

Reminder-Membership renewals will be out soon!!! July 1st starts the new membership year!

more than one class and multi-skater families! Discounts do not apply to the \$5.00 Basic Skills Membership or the Competition & Hockey Packages. If you need forms or have questions call: Ann Wright at 339-6858.

Just a note to last semester skaters: We apologize for any inconvenience the spring class schedule changes caused. It is important to understand that last minute ice schedule changes can occur. We do our best to inform you of changes and ask your indulgence. We have no control over the arena event scheduling. To our SPS skaters we regret the loss off Miss Jeanie this spring. We have scheduled special ice just for all tot classes in summer!!! Our good news Miss Jeanie will be back with us in fall!!! **HOCKEY!!!** We are very excited about the Summer. The Hockey tots will skate the special tot classes on Mondays. The Hockey 1 and up will skate Thursday. We are offering a special package of skills and power at a great price for Level 3 and up! **We will run special ice for 11 & up and hockey teams if needed!!** This is a great way to train and sharpen skills for fall! Tell everyone you know!!

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REMINDER-Club Rosters and Calendars are available in the office. The calendar is on line at www.troyskatingclub.org and posted on the bulletin board by the office!! Be sure to check it!

Help Things Run Smoothly!

Register for classes prior to the deadline. (Last semester we had over 13 skaters who registered the first day of class.) There will not be enough coaches and assistants for the classes if you wait. Be aware small classes will be combined. This is better than canceling class for those levels! Rest assured the skaters will learn what they need to know and perhaps more.

READ your calendars!! See note at top of page!

Be on time to class. Once class starts the coaches cannot leave class to bring skaters across the ice.

Don't forget helmets! We do not have extras!!

If your skater has special needs or health issues we should be aware of please let us know when you register so we may plan to accommodate them.

Be sure skaters know what level they skate and what area. Check the board by the ice each lesson.

Skaters must not assume they will always have same coach. Coaches may rotate in and out of classes.

NO SWU JULY 7-13th Competition Week!! IF you remember these things it will be a big help to us and summer will run more smoothly!!

JUNIOR CLUB

Congratulations to those of you who skated at the Cincinnati competition! Good luck to those of you participating in Indianapolis in June!

For our new Basic Skills members, **we offer this program to the Basic 6 and up skaters** as a bridge to the Senior Club, which is for the highest level of skaters at Troy Skating Club. The program runs 24 weeks starting in fall each year. The summer program runs 9 weeks has a more flexible schedule and is less structured. **Once a skater has passed Basic 5 they may enter the program at any time.** Package fees are pro-rated for the fall program. Summer fees are pay as you skate. Skaters may join anytime in the summer. (Basic 6 and up skaters may still choose to take the Basic Skills classes until Basic 8 if they wish.)

The curriculum includes classes for Ice Dancing,

**Classes for SWU begin June 9th!
June 7th is the deadline! Tell all your friends to come Skate With Us!**

Ice Dancing & Synchro to be held in fall!

Due to summer scheduling the Synchronized Team and Ice Dance classes will not be offered again until fall. Private Ice Dance lessons will be available. Contact Jo Erdman at 667-8123 leave a message and she will get in contact with you.

SEGL BIG SUCCESS-THANKS TO ALL!

There were many compliments and lots of happy skaters at SEGL in February! (26 Troy Skating Club Basic Skills skaters participated in SEGL.) Our skaters were presented the Reserve Southern Eastern Great Lakes Championship Trophy! Troy was second in team cumulative points as a club out of 28 clubs!

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the great number of you who gave of your time and talents over the SEGL weekend. We hope you all will help again this summer. We had a great group! Competitions are big fundraisers for the club and will help pay for our ice! SEGL brought in a whopping \$7,000 profit! An additional \$4100 went to SEGL Council! Bravo!!

Synchronized Team Skating, Moves In the Field/ Stroking/Footwork, and Artistry in Motion (Choreography). These classes are important in making well-rounded skaters and are taught as part of the fall program only.

Free Skating classes are not taught in summer or fall. Therefore, skaters who enter the program are encouraged to choose a coach to help them continue their Free Skate individually in Private Lesson. Skaters work toward learning their Pre-Preliminary Moves and Freestyle elements. Once they pass this USFSA test the skaters will graduate into the prestigious Senior Club! **See below for details about summer.**

Summer Registration forms and Coupon orders for Senior and Junior Club are available on-line or at Pre-Registration. Discounts on purchases of multiple coupon books are available!

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JUNIOR CLUB-SUMMER

Summer Schedule for the Junior Club will be the same as Senior Club. There are no classes offered during summer. The skaters purchase coupons for each session they will skate. Instruction will be available through scheduling private lessons.

Skaters who have passed Basic 5 may join the Junior Club during Summer. Sessions will run from 9:15am-12:15pm Monday thru Thursday. Off-Ice conditioning will be offered if enough skaters want to participate. There is a survey on the application.

During summer Sarah Brewer, Erin Wagner, Deb Miller, and Jo Erdman are all available for the private lessons. You must contact them for scheduling.

USFSA judges evaluate skaters to determine their progress. Testing is held as needed.

In fall we have packages for skaters that will fit most budgets, skating interests, and goals.

We sincerely hope all skaters Basic 6 and up take advantage of the Junior Club!!! If your skater is really loves the sport, this is the right program for them!! For more information call: Kathy Slack at 339-1994 or Jerrie Hartzell at 339-7074

SENIOR CLUB-WHAT IS IT?

When you hear us talk about our Senior Club there is a pride that creeps into our voices. These skaters have made a special commitment to continue on to the highest levels of skating. Senior Club skaters train 5 to 8 hours a week to achieve their goals. The Senior Club is the next step from Junior Club. The levels included are Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior. (The skaters you see on TV are Senior level.) Currently we have 5 skaters in Senior Club skating at Juvenile to Novice levels. This is where skaters really develop a style of their own. They test one level, move up and start all over.

You may have seen them helping in the Basic Skills classes. The Senior Club skaters help as a way to gain coaching experience and to give back volunteer time to the club and sport they love. Watch them skate Monday - Thursday 9:00am -Noon this summer. They are presently training hard for Indianapolis & Troy in June and July.

It is exciting to watch them perfect their programs. We are ever so proud of these skaters;

Ask them if all the hard work is worth it and you will get a resounding yes! After watching them skate you will understand why and as you watch keep this in mind. They all started as Basic Skills skaters!!

RESOURCE LIST!

Get skates, outfits, and get skates sharpened.

Figure Skates, Skating Apparel & Hockey Equip:

Sports Plus the Pro Shop - 513-769-SAVE (Cinci)

Play It Again Sports- 937-236-9969 (Hockey only)

Lettering Rec. Center the Pro Shop- 937-294-2966

Figure Skating Apparel, Accessories & Skates only:

Expressions Dancewear - 937-335-5131 (apparel)

Rainbo Sports Shop- 800-752-8370 or

www.RainboSportsShop.com

GK Elite Sportswear- 1-800-345-4087 or

www.gk-elitesportswear.com (apparel)

Jerry's - 1-800-263-2496 or

www.jerryskate.com

Del Arbour-www.DELARBOUR.COM (apparel)

Custom Outfits and Fabrics:

Carol's Fabric Shop- 1-888-966-6680

Sew 4 U- Janette Greer-Hoylman- 937-332-9360

Skate Sharpening:

Hobart Arena- (general sharpening Hockey)

The Winning Edge- Ron Sewell- 1-513-887-0828

(Custom Sharpening Figure and Hockey)

BOARD MEMBERS & ANNUAL MEETING

The Club has recently elected new Board Members!

The Board Members are Jane Luth, Jerrie Hartzell, Mark Earhart, Marti Cain, Ann Wright, Jim Miller, Beth Lucas, Carol Milota, Robin Wagner, Brian Bohse, Kim Heim. We welcome the new Board and wish them much success.

Thank you to our outgoing Board Members Joy Moore and Mark Runkle for years of service to the club. Your contributions have been important and much appreciated.

The Annual Meeting of Troy Skating Club will be May 21st 7:00pm at Hayner Center. Persons wishing to join the club are welcome. Membership forms will be available. Refreshments will be served. come see for yourselves. Take time to meet them. They are extraordinary young people!

The agenda: The Annual Meeting covers the state of the club, proposed changes to the Bi-Laws, future plans, upcoming special events, year-end awards and scholarships for 2003. Support your club by attendina this very important meetina! Current

members help shape the future of the club your

votes and views are needed!

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TROY SUMMER COMPETITION

The Troy Summer Competition attracts over 300 skaters each year. **This year the dates are July 10-13.** There will be events for all levels Tot thru Senior level. Events will include freestyle, compulsory, spins, dance, and pairs. There will be a Team Trophy awarded at the conclusion of the competition. We also award the Ellen Jenkins Memorial Trophy to the Ladies skater Intermediate level or up who wins both the Long Program (Freestyle) and Short Program in her level.

There will be a new event SURVIVOR!

Skaters will compete to see who can spin the longest, hold a Spiral the longest and jump the furthest! It will be fun to enter and fun to watch!! Special video equipment is used for measuring this event as well as stopwatches. This event replaces the Showcase events.

Last year over 22 of our Basic Skills skaters took part as well as our Jr. and Sr. Club skaters. This year we hope that number grows. From Tot to Sr. Club we encourage every skater to be a part of the Troy Skating Club Team this summer!

We all had a great time last year! Plan to get involved skate, volunteer, or just come watch as Troy plays host to visiting clubs from all over the region! This is a huge fundraiser for the club and an exciting event to be involved with. **We will need many volunteers. So, mark your calendars!!**

Competition Packages Offered

Package info for Troy Summer Competition is available on-line, at the meeting, or during pre-registration. It includes 5 private lessons and ice, music and choreography for one event, entry fee for one event and one practice ice prior to the event. The package is \$65.00. For more info call Jerrie 339-7074 or Kathy Slack 339-1994. **PACKAGE MEETING MAY 22, 7pm at Rink!**

Congratulations to Coach Kelley Church and her family on the birth of their new baby!!!

Congratulations Savannah Chaney- Sr. Club skater graduating this month from Troy High!

BEST WISHES TO YOU BOTH!!

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