

08/25/03 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 June!! We now have over 350 in the Basic Skills!!! There are currently 62 TSC members.

For those of you who are new, the Basic Skills 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. **Call Marti Cain, Membership Chair 339-1312 for details!**

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 help support the programs and skaters. **Our new members** bring with them energy, spirit, new ideas,

BASIC SKILLS Sept. 22-Nov. 1 Classes are 6 weeks and are one day a week. Class times and days are listed on the Registration Forms.

Reminder-New children 3-6 do the Snow Plow Sam class. New children over 6 should join Basic 1.

Skaters passing Snow Plow Sam 3 may sign up for Basic 1 or Hockey 1 regardless of their age. **It is strongly advised** that skaters who pass Hockey SPS 3 do the Basic 1 & 2 classes before doing Hockey 1. Basic 6 & up skaters may enroll in the Junior Club. Synchro & Dance will be held again. Private lessons are available! **Forms will be available** on the web and in the Hobart Arena Lobby. If classes are full you will be notified. We will make every attempt to fit each skater in or run another class. **Pre-Registration will be held: 6:00-8:00pm Tue. 9/2 & Thur. 9/4, Mon. 9/8 & Wed. 9/10. Deadline Sept. 12th.** 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 more than one class and multi-

strengthen our club, keep us active in the USFSA and give TSC a voice at USFSA Governing Council.

There are some exciting things happening this year! The Board has been very busy planning the classes, club ice packages, and events. We have been awarded the **2004 Collegiate National Figure Skating Championships** here in Troy next August! We also hope that our July competition will be designated a Future Champions Series event! We should know in Fall about this. Both events are prestigious. The club should be very proud to be considered for such events. Our goal is to hold at least two competitions per year in the future. If you enjoy our programs and want to support the club the best way is to become a member. We thank our dedicated members without whom none of this is possible. Our goal this year is to grow to 100 members! Please join and be a part of the exciting world of skating!

Skaters should join as the first member for \$30.00 and parents can join as Subsequent Members for just \$8.00.

skater families! Discounts do not apply to the \$5.00 Basic Skills Membership or Competition & Hockey Packages. **Just a note:** It is important to understand that last minute ice schedule changes can occur. We do our best to inform you of changes and provide make-up times. We ask your indulgence on this. We have no control over the arena event scheduling.

Saturday Basic Skills classes will not be held SECOND semester Nov. 3-Dec. 13 this year due to arena event scheduling.

Adult skate class will be held with Basic Skills classes during the week on Thursdays! We hope this is better for you! Let us know!

SPS skater's We have special ice just for Snow Plow Sam- Mon. AM, Thurs. PM.! Sat AM SPS will also be offered. Hockey SPS skate at these times.

Hockey skater's The Skills & Power Package for Level 3 & up is such a hit we will continue this package for fall! **We will run special ice for hockey teams if needed!!** This is a great way to train and stay sharp! If you need forms or have questions call: Ann Wright at 339-6858.

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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. 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! 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.

Ice Dancing & Synchro will be held in fall!

These classes are available to Basic 5 and up skaters! Private Ice Dance lessons are available. Contact Jo Erdman at 667-8123 leave a message and she will get in contact with you.

JUNIOR CLUB-News & What It Is About

Congratulations to those of you who skated at the Queen City competition! Good luck to those of you participating at Carmel, IN.! Also congrats to Sarah Milota for passing her Pre-Preliminary Moves Test at the August Test Session! Bravo!

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 26 weeks starting in fall each year. The summer program runs 9 weeks and is less structured. **Any skater passing Basic 5 may enter the program.** Package fees are pro-rated for those joining after Sept. deadline. Summer fees are pay as you skate. **Skaters may join anytime.** (Basic 6 and up skaters may still choose to stay in the Basic Skills thru Basic 8 if they wish.)

**Classes for SWU begin Sept 22nd!
Sept. 15th sign-up deadline! Tell all
your friends to come Skate With Us!**

SUMMER COMPETITION BIG SUCCESS- THANKS TO ALL!

There were many compliments and lots of happy skaters at our annual July competition! 307 to be exact! (13 Troy Skating Club Basic Skills skaters participated.) Our skaters were awesome and we are proud! We were very pleased with the new computer program specifically for competitions we purchased. It worked great! It will save us hours in the future! We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the great number of you who gave your time and talents over that weekend. We hope you all will help again next summer. We had a great group! Competitions are big fundraisers and help pay for our ice! The figures are not in yet, but it appears we made a good profit from this event! Bravo!! Also, a big thank- you to our Sponsors! Please patronize these establishments and let them know we are glad they care! (A list is available on the Club Bulletin Board.) Plan to help next summer for both the Annual Competition and Collegiate Nationals!

The curriculum includes classes for Ice Dancing, 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 will 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 these USFSA tests the skaters will graduate into the prestigious Senior Club!

Fall Registration forms for Senior and Junior Club will be available on-line or at Pre-Registration. If you are Basic 6 and up you are eligible to join Junior Club! Call Kathy 339-1994 or Jerrie 339-7074 for details!

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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.) 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 Tuesday - Thursday 3:00pm -5:30pm & Sat. mornings. 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!! Currently we have 5 skaters in Senior Club skating at Juvenile to Junior levels. This is where skaters really develop a style of their own. They all will be training hard to achieve their goals. We wish Erika Luth and Leah Hartzell good luck as they compete at Skate Cleveland and Regionals in September and October!!

RESOURCE LIST!

Get skates, outfits, and get skates sharpened.

Figure Skates, Skating Apparel & Hockey Equip:
Sports Plus the Pro Shop - 513-769-SAVE (Cinci)
Kettering Rec. Center the Pro Shop- 937-294-2966

Figure Skating Apparel, Accessories & Skates only:
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- (apparel) www.DELARBOUR.COM

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)

JUNIOR CLUB-FALL

Fall Schedule for the Junior Club will be the same as Senior Club. Instruction will be available through scheduling private lessons. Off-Ice conditioning will be offered if enough skaters want to participate. Sarah Brewer, Deb Miller, and Jo Erdman are available for the private lessons. You must contact them for scheduling. **USFSA judges** evaluate skaters to determine their progress. **Test Sessions** will be held in November, April, July, August this year so work hard! **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 really loves the sport, this is the right program to be in!! We have also included in the newsletter a list of competitions that your skater may be interested in participating in. If you are interested in competing you need to contact your coach to see which competitions throughout the year are appropriate for your skater to attend and fit into the coaches schedule. For more information call: Kathy Slack at 339-1994 or Jerrie Hartzell at 339-7074.

BOARD NOTES

Our Board has been very busy and is currently working on some very exciting things for the future. We will be pursuing the 501(c) 3 non-profit status the club needs. We also are hoping to plan at least two competitions per year as fundraisers. We have USFSA Test Sessions planned for November, April, July, and August to allow our Jr/Sr Club skaters more opportunity to move up in levels through out the year. The dates of the test sessions will be announced and put on the club calendar. The fall-spring ice schedule and classes were discussed and there were some changes necessary due to arena scheduling. Jr. and Sr. Club Packages will be developed as well as Basic Skills Forms and be posted on the web and put in the Lobby of Hobart Arena. Registration dates and times were set. For the first time in many years the club has ended the year with all costs covered! This is wonderful and we hope this continues! Thanks to all the Coaches, Board Members, Parents, especially those who volunteered throughout the year for the hard work to make last year successful!

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BECOME A MEMBER AND GET ACTIVE!

One of the most important issues we face as a club is getting new members. The other is getting the members to be active! Please help us to keep our club strong. Many of you have asked to help, but to do that we need you to join the club. Volunteers are always needed for fundraisers and you do not have to be a member to do concessions or work at competitions. However, our goal is this year is to fill the empty Chairperson seats for the Standing Committees. These committees are very important and distribute the workload. The positions are for one year. For most committees no experience is necessary. We can show you the ropes! If these committees could be filled with active members the Board would have more time and energy to develop programs and events. If you think you would be interested in being a Member and/or a Committee Chair please indicate this on your skater's registration form, and we will contact you!

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The following is a listing of upcoming competitions. If you are interested in participating in any of these you need to talk with your coach.

Nov. - Louisville FSC Louisville, KY Basic Skills
Dec. 6-7 - Columbus Holiday-Columbus, OH
Jan. - Euclid, OH
Feb. 9 - Chitauqua, NY Basic Skills-Intermediate
Feb. - SEGL Basic Skills and up
March - Kent FSC Kent, OH
April - Spring Fling-Indianapolis, IN. BS & Up
June - Ann Arbor, MI
July - Troy Summer Competiton Troy, OH

ATTENTION: Jr/Sr CLUB & SWU starts Sept. 22nd! We hope your summer has been fun and safe! We look forward to seeing you all in September! Remember, IT'S GREAT TO SKATE!!!

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