

# Sun Valley Figure Skating Club



## December Board Meeting

At the upcoming SVFSC meeting, the new Board of Directors will appoint officers.

The meeting will be held at Joan's house on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 5:00p.m.

For more information, contact Holly at: [info@sunvalleyfsc.com](mailto:info@sunvalleyfsc.com)

## 2011 U.S. Collegiate Championships

The SVFSC has been provisionally selected to host the 2011 U.S. Collegiate Championships July 21-24, 2011. More details to follow from US Figure Skating!

## SVFSC Junior Skater's Holiday Party

**When:** Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Sun Valley Bowling Alley

Junior skaters, come celebrate the season with bowling and dinner this Friday night. Pizza, salad and dessert will be provided.

Bring a small gift (\$10 or under) for the Secret Santa gift exchange.



## SUN VALLEY WINTER GAMES

The Sun Valley Winter Games will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011.

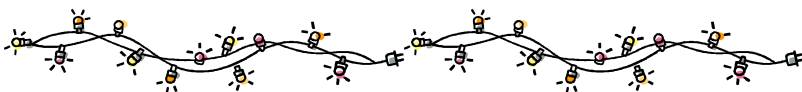
**Online entry only!**

(Available after December 10, 2010)

### Events

- Basic Skills to Senior
- Compulsory, Free Skate, Artistic, and Showcase

**Test Session: Sunday, February 13, 2011**



## Local Ice Dancers Qualify for Junior Nationals



Sun Valley ice dancers Chloe Lewis and her partner, Logan Bye of Colorado Springs, captured Gold at the Pacific Coast Sectional Figure Skating Championships November 9-13 in Culver City, California. Lewis, a ten-year-old Community School fifth grader, and her partner competed in a field of four dance teams by skating two compulsory dances and one free dance. Lewis and Bye placed first in all three dances, concluding the competition with a final score more than ten points higher than the second place dance team. The victory qualifies the pair for competition at the 2011 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City, Dec. 14 - 18, 2010. Lewis is coached locally by Judy Blumberg. The team also trains in Colorado with Bye's coach, Patti Gottwein.

In the United States, ice dancers begin qualifying competition at one of three Sectional Championships, whereas individual free skaters must first qualify for Sectionals by medalizing at one of nine Regional Championships. Sun Valley last sent an Intermediate level dance team to Junior Nationals in 2001. Abby Chase and Alex Sullivan competed at the Juvenile level last year.

**Good Luck Chloe and Logan!**

Sun Valley's Regional Junior Ladies Free Skate Champion, Shayna Moellenburg, also competed at the Section Championships in November. Competing in a challenging field of twelve other regional free skate medalists, Moellenburg placed ninth in her Short Program and eighth in her Free Skate, finishing eighth overall. Good job, Shayna!

## Test Results

In November, seven skaters passed USFS tests in Ogden, Utah.

Caitlin Sholtis passed her Intermediate Free Skate test and Isabella Bourret passed Preliminary Free Skate. Free Skate tests determine a skater's competitive free skate level.

Five skaters passed Moves in the Field tests. Sheldon Gentling and Tara Ware passed Pre-Juvenile Moves, Tatum Fuller passed Preliminary Moves, and Christine Dufur and Sage Curtis passed Pre-Preliminary Moves.

**Congratulations!**

## Sun Valley's Silver and Gold Ice Show

Sun Valley Company is celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this season! Several special events are planned to commemorate the opening of the resort's first winter season on December 21, 1936. A highlight for skaters is the "**Silver and Gold Ice Show**" on Tuesday, December 21st. This special show will feature Silver and Gold medalists Evan Lysacek, Sasha Cohen, Brian Boitano, Ryan Bradley and Nathan Chen. The performance at the outdoor ice rink starts at 6 pm. It will be followed by a Torchlight Parade on Dollar, fireworks, and a "Meet & Greet Party" in the Limelight Ballroom. Ice Show tickets are \$45 at [seats.sunvalley.com](http://seats.sunvalley.com) or the Sun Valley Recreation Center (208) 622-2135. Ice Show and Meet & Greet Party tickets are \$75. For more information on this and other Sun Valley Company Anniversary events, visit <http://www.sunvalley.com/75th-winter-season>.



## Sun Valley's Beloved Annual Nutcracker On Ice

Don't forget to remind your friends and family to come enjoy Sun Valley Company's Annual Christmas Eve Nutcracker On Ice. This sparkling extravaganza has become a family Christmas Eve tradition. Free to the public, the event is Sun Valley Company's Christmas gift to our community. Festivities begin at 5 pm with free hot chocolate and cookies served on the Lodge Terrace. Fireworks, the Dollar Mountain Torchlight Parade, and free ice skating will follow the show. Dress warmly and arrive early for a seat and good parking. For everyone's safety, please observe posted parking rules and restrictions.



The Sun Valley Figure Skating Club thanks Sun Valley Company for inviting all club skaters to participate, regardless of age or skill level. The Nutcracker offers SVFSC skaters a rare opportunity to participate in a professionally cast and choreographed show. It is important for parents to understand that the Christmas Show is not a Sun Valley Figure Skating Club show, and SVFSC is not involved in casting decisions. This year before finalizing the cast list Sun Valley solicited input from a casting committee which included Director Gia Guddat, Darlin Baker, Daisy Langly, Holly Wheeler, Lana Breazeale, Show Director Scott Irvine, and Sun Valley management. As in all professional shows, featured roles are given to the best available performer who fits the role and costume. The Christmas Eve Show generally features adult professional skaters, higher level junior free skaters, and, sometimes, nationally competitive ice dancers or pairs skaters, in solo and duet roles.

Minor solos and step out roles, such as the Ballerina Doll(s), generally go to the highest level free skater(s) or ice dancers who physically fit the part and costume. Free skaters are ranked by their highest free skate test. When more than one skater competes at the same free skate level and fits the part, other accomplishments, such as competition at the Regional Championships or the Non Qualifying Competition at Regionals, special awards, history of rehearsal attendance, and demonstrated commitment to figure skating, are considered in casting. All casting decisions are made by the Sun Valley Company and its consultants.

Sun Valley's magical Christmas Eve Nutcracker On Ice is sure to become a treasured childhood memory for many local skaters. We are grateful to Sun Valley Company for this wonderful opportunity.

### **NBC to air special on Christmas Day**

#### **The Caesar's Tribute: A Salute to the Golden Age of American Skating**

Linda Fratianne will join many other skating greats (Brian Boitano, Richard Dwyer, Roalyn Sumners, Tai Babilonia, Jo Jo Starbuck, and more!) to help celebrate 60 plus years of skating in America. The show will be held at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, N.J. on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Kaleidoscope

### Gia Guddat Choreographs Scott Hamilton's Cancer Awareness Special



For the second year, local coach and internationally renowned choreographer Gia Guddat will choreograph the holiday TV skating special, *Kaleidoscope*, hosted by Olympic Gold Medalists and cancer survivors Scott Hamilton and Dorothy Hamill. The show, described as "A celebration of sport, song and survivorship," is the forth in a series of network programs that combine remarkable star studded entertainment with a powerful messaging about women and cancer.

Last year's show was taped in Washington, DC before an audience of ten thousand skating fans. It was the highest rated skating show of the season and FOX Network's highest rated post-NFL telecast in the last 5 years. It marked the return of skating legends Scott Hamilton and Dorothy Hamill, both cancer survivors. Hamilton and Hamill will return to host this year's show along with Johnny Weir, Sasha Cohen, Joannie Rochette, Paul Wylie, Kurt Browning, Kimmie Meissner, Rena Inoue and John Baldwin. Musical Guests include Gloria Gaynor, David Archuleta and David Koz. Gaynor will sing her classic, "I will survive," and many of the stars will tell stories of their own battles, lessons learned from survivorship, and the importance of attitude and persistence in their personal journeys.

Last year's shows, entitled *Frosted Pink*, and *Frosted Pink with a Twist*, return this season as *Kaleidoscope*. Guddat's show is being taped at the Alamo Dome in San Antonio, Texas on Dec 8th. **The show will air Dec 19th on FOX TV.** Guddat is honored to be invited back for the second season, "I'm very excited to be involved with productions that can be both entertaining and inspirational, as well as educational."

## Upcoming Events and Calendar Notes

- Grand Prix Final on NBC, 10a.m., Sunday, December 12, 2010
- 2011 U.S. Junior Championships, SLC, December 13-18, 2010
- Sun Valley celebrates their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a special Ice Show on December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Nutcracker on Ice Show, December 24, 2010 at 5:20p.m.
- Sun Valley Winter Games Competition February 12, 2011 - Test Session Sunday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup>
- **RISE** in theaters for *One Night Only!* Boise 21 plus IMAX, February 17, 2011
- Indoor Rink Closure: March 9-20, 2011 (due to a convention)
- Boise Figure Skating Club Test Session: Friday, June 17, 2011
- Boise Ice Classic, Saturday and Sunday, June 18-19, 2011
- 2011 U.S. Collegiate Championships
- Tentative dates for The 2011 Sun Valley Summer Championship: July 21-24<sup>th</sup>
- 2012 Northwest Championships will be held in Spokane, Washington September 30-October 5, 2011
- 2012 Pacific Coast Sectionals will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah November 15-19, 2011

### Club Member Information

Information and updates regarding competitions, tests, past newsletters, membership and more can be found on the SVFSC website at: <http://sunvalleyfsc.com>

- Questions about the club can be emailed to: [info@sunvalleyfsc.com](mailto:info@sunvalleyfsc.com).
- Newsletter submissions are due the last week of the month. Suggestions are greatly appreciated!
- Please send comments and submissions to Karen Hoffman at [roadschoolers@gmail.com](mailto:roadschoolers@gmail.com).



Happy  
Holidays!