



Sun Valley Figure Skating Club

Reminder!

Spring Show Sign-up

The Spring Show sign-up deadline is this **Friday, February 18th**. Make sure you get your forms in to the office no later than 5pm.

If you misplaced your information and/or sign-up sheets, everything is available on the club website under 'Spring Show.'

It's Not Too Late!

The Jackson Hole FSC is accepting late competition applications for the Jackson Hole Invitational, March 10-13, 2011.

For more information, visit www.jhfsc.org



Club Jackets

The Sun Valley FSC is getting ready to order new club jackets and we would like your input!

The current, black, Mondor jackets are available. They wear well, wash wonderfully and come in children and adult sizes. If you have any other ideas, or would like to see our skaters with a new look, please email your comments to the club at info@sunvalleyfsc.com. The jackets are currently priced at \$60, but will more than likely go up in price as it has been 2 years since we last ordered. The club pays for the added logo and name at approximately \$25/jacket.

As a reminder, it is club policy to wear club jackets at all competitions and testing sessions.

Big Thanks!!

To our Winter Games volunteers! Especially the Junior Board and skaters that helped at the Snack Bar - You did a great job!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Winter Games Figure Skating Competition Results

By Andrea Nelson, Publicity Chair

The Sun Valley Figure Skating Club hosted its annual Winter Games competition on Saturday, February 12. Attracting local competitors and visitors from Boise, McCall and Jackson Hole, Winter Games offered

competition in an informal, friendly atmosphere. For Sun Valley skaters, it was a good practice run for the four day-long Sun Valley Summer Championships, which has become the largest Club competition in the Northwest Pacific region. Fourteen local skaters won gold, including Joyce Chan, a member of the Hong Kong Skaters Union. Joyce competes with the International Skaters Union, a friendly federation that permits skaters to participate in non-qualifying U.S. competitions like Winter Games. The Sun Valley Figure Skating Club welcomes Joyce, a Community School Eighth Grader, as a full time resident Associate Member.

Winning gold in contested events were Tara Ware, Arizona Semones, Isabella Bourret, Emma Stuessi, Lane Letourneau, Alexandra Stuessi, Blake Letourneau, Sage Curtis, Adam Kind, Jaqueline Cronin, and Chan in her free skate event. Gold medals were also awarded to skaters who competed alone in their events, including Tatum Fuller, Grace Eagan, Grace Cleveland, and Chan in her Artistic and Showcase events. Silver medal winners included Isabella Bourret, Blake Letourneau, Lane Letourneau, Antonia Avery (2x), and Jessica Blackburn. Bronze went to Caitlin Sholtis (2x), Alexandra Stuessi, Katie Peters, Claire Stickney, Isabella Cronin and Murphy Kendall. Emma Stuessi, Blake Letourneau, Sheldon Gentling, Christine DuFur and Saba Grossman received fourth place medals.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Intermediate Ladies</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Joyce Chan-1, Caitlin Sholtis-3 Short Program: Caitlin Sholtis-3 Artistic: Joyce Chan-1 Showcase: Joyce Chan-1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>No Test Girls</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Claire Stickney-3; Sheldon Gentling-4</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Open Juvenile Ladies</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Gracie Eagan-1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Basic Skills, Free Skate 5</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Tatum Fuller-1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pre-Juvenile Girls</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Tara Ware-1 Artistic: Arizona Semones-1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Basic Skills, Free Skate 4</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Antonia Avery-2; Isabella Cronin-3; Christine Dufur-4; Karsyn Gerringa-5</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Preliminary Girls</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Isabella Bourret-2; Emma Stuessi-4 Artistic: Isabella Bourret-1 Showcase: Emma Stuessi-1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Basic Skills, Free Skate 1</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Sage Curtis-1</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pre-Preliminary Girls</u></p> <p>Free Skate, Group A: Blake Letourneau-2; Alexandra Stuessi-3 Free Skate, Group B: Lane Letourenau-2; Katie Peters-3 Showcase: Lane Letourenau-1; Blake Letourneau-4; Alexandra Stuessi-5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Basic Skills, Basic 5</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Grace Cleveland-1</p>



<p align="center"><u>Basic Skills, Basic 4</u></p> <p>Free Skate TIE: Adam Kind-1; Jacqueline Cronin-1</p>
<p align="center"><u>Basic Skills, Basic 3</u></p> <p>Free Skate: Jessica Blackburn-2; Murphy Kendall-3; Saba Grossman-4</p>
<p align="center"><u>Basic Skills Free Skate 1-4</u></p> <p>Showcase: Antonia Avery-2</p>
<p align="center"><u>Pairs Showcase</u></p> <p>Blake Letourneau and Alexandra Stuessi-1</p>

Photo ID: Front Row: Sage Curtis, Isabella Cronin, Murphy Kendall, Jacqueline Cronin, Sheldon Gentling, Antonia Avery, Alexandra Stuessi, Blake Letourneau, Emma Stuessi, Isabella Bourret, Katie Peters, Tara Ware and Grace Cleveland. Back Row: Arizona Semones, Joyce Chan, Lane Letourneau, Grace Eagan, Caitlin Sholtis, and Claire Stickney.



Test Results



SVFSC is proud to announce that fourteen skaters passed USFS tests last Sunday at the Winter Games test session, and we have a brand new USFS Gold Medalist in Free Skate... Congratulations, Shayna Moellenberg!!! The Club submits a feature article to the newspapers for every skater who completes all of the tests in a class to achieve USFS Gold Medal status. Watch for Shayna's article in the Mountain Express, hopefully next week. Other USFS tests passed will also be printed in that article. Congratulations to all of our skaters who passed tests, and extra congrats to those who advanced their competitive levels and who passed multiple tests this time around. Great job everyone!

Free Skate Tests Passed *

Shayna Moellenberg, Senior Free Skating Test *USFS Gold Medalist*****

- Gracie Eagan, Juvenile Free Skating
- Tara Ware, Pre Juvenile Free Skating
- Emma Stuessi, Preliminary Free Skating
- Mary Claire Fisher, Pre Preliminary Free Skating
- Sheldon Gentling, Pre Preliminary Free Skating
- Blake Letourneau, Pre Preliminary Free Skating
- Lane Letourneau, Pre Preliminary Free Skating
- Claire Stickney, Pre Preliminary Free Skating
- Alexandra Stuessi, Pre Preliminary Free Skating

**A free skater's competitive "level" is his or her highest Free Skate test passed*

Test Results Continued

Compulsory Ice Dancing Tests Passed *

Grace Hoffman: Tango and Rocker Foxtrot

Chloe Rose-Lewis: American Waltz, Tango, Rocker Foxtrot, and Kilian
Silver Dance Level Complete!

**An ice dancer's competitive level is his or her Free Dance level, except in Solo Dance competitions where an ice dancer competes at his or her Compulsory Dance test level*

Moves in the Field Tests Passed *

Gracie Eagan, Juvenile Moves in the Field

Grace Hoffman, Pre Juvenile Moves in the Field

Sage Curtis, Preliminary Moves in the Field

** Moves in the Field tests do not determine a skaters' competitive level, they are prerequisite tests for free skaters and ice dancers. They are required before a free skater or ice dancer may take certain Free Skate or Free Dance tests*

Q: I took a skate test at the rink last weekend. What happens next and how is that recorded?

A: Barbara Richardson, SVFSC Test Chairperson, begins the process by first inputting skaters and judges information into the US Figure Skating online site, which generates the test papers. After the skater has taken the test, Barbara goes back online and enters the judge's scores for each skater. The system is designed to catch any incorrect entries as far as making sure the marks agree with a passing or retry score. It also guarantees that the judges for the test were entered. You, as a skater/parent, may then go online and check that your test has been recorded at www.usfigureskating. Click on the 'Members Only' tab to log on and view your information. The results are usually available 1 to 2 weeks after testing.

Reminder to Parents/Skaters: Once you begin the USFS testing structure, it is a wise to keep a file that includes records of tests taken (passed or retry), should there ever be a question. Also, if you are retrying a test, it's good to go back and review the judges' comments. Use the information to help you improve for the next time.

Skaters, when you test at out-of-town test sessions, most hosting clubs require either a formal letter of Permission to Test from your home club, or a signature from a club officer or test chair on the test application.

For Your Information

When submitting forms, biographies, skater profiles and other descriptive materials, please remember that a competitive free skater's official competitive 'Level' is defined by the highest Free Skate test passed at the time of submission, not the test they are working on or are expected to pass in the near future. If you are confused about your skater's "level," please ask your coach or the SVFSC Test Chair, Barbara Richardson.

Questions are always welcome and appreciated.

Ask Scott!



Q: Are discounts for ice time available?

A: We offer punch cards and the Elite and Unlimited Packages that provide a significant discount on ice time. Depending on how much you skate, we certainly have an option that would work for you. For example, a 24-punch freestyle card gives you roughly 20% off a regularly priced admission. This is an especially great deal if you buy punch cards before peak season (June 1st – August 31st) as all our prices go up on June 1st. Parents, stock up now!!

General session prices as of June 1st will be \$11.00 for adults and \$9.00 for kids. This pricing will stay in effect throughout the year.

The current freestyle price is \$9.00 + tax. That will increase to \$13.00 + tax in the summer.

- **12 punch card *including tax*:**

Winter: \$111.18 or \$9.27/session **Summer:** \$148.24 or \$12.35/session

- **24 punch card *including tax*:**

Winter: \$191.84 or \$8.00/session **Summer:** \$256.15 or \$10.67/session

- **Monthly passes (Elite and Unlimited):** Are only good from the 1st to the end of the month and aren't pro-rated.

Unlimited Indoor and Outdoor (Only available September – May) \$252.88...if you skated 2 sessions per day 5 days per week \$6.32 per session

Elite/Indoor (Only available September – May) \$213.64...if you skated 2 sessions per day 5 days per week \$5.34 per session

Is that a heck of a deal or what? I would encourage parents and skaters to pick up as many punch cards as they would like prior to June 1st. Punch cards do not guarantee you a spot on summer camp sessions, but you do receive a discount on those sessions if you sign up before June 1st.

Please submit "Ask Scott" questions to Karen Hoffman at roadschoolers@gmail.com

Don't Miss This One Night Live Event!

RISE

Showing in Hailey, Thursday, February 17th at 6:00p.m. Tickets are \$15

SVFSC Junior Board

Update by Shayna Moellenberg, President

We had a great meeting with many new ideas. Our first assignment was the snack bar for Winter Games.

We also discussed many ways to reach out to the community and educate the public on figure skating. We are in the process of making a video of the Junior Board to show at our schools and any other events that may come about.

Another key discussion point was to try and make the club more of a family, where the younger members can reach out to us (older kids) and trust us. We talked about possibly having a "Junior Member Party", so they can get to know us a bit more.

Junior Board Officers

President- Shayna Moellenberg

Vice President- Meredith Pintler

Co-Vice President- Caitlin Sholtis

Secretary- Gracie Eagan

Co-Secretary- Telar McClure

Treasurer- Nicole Pratt

Co-Treasurer- Alex Harten

SVFSC Offers Community Service Opportunities for You and Your School

By Alexandra Harten

All Blaine County Middle and Upper schools encourage kids to perform community service throughout the year. Students help non-profit organizations with various tasks by volunteering. Students who log extraordinary amounts of community service can win various types of achievement awards and even scholarships, so long as they record their hours by filling out and turning in the forms their school provides.

Volunteering for the Sun Valley Figure Skating Club is an awesome way to get lots of hours while helping the sport you love. Whether volunteering at the winter or summer competitions, helping with ice shows, or just lending a hand in the club office, SVFSC offers many community service opportunities that both your school and the Club recognize and appreciate. *But don't forget... Neither SVFSC nor your school will know about your contributions unless you remember to log your hours on the proper forms and turn them in.*

For SVFSC service credit, skaters must fill out a community service slip (located in the Club Office) for each act of service performed. Complete the slips, as directed, then have the adult supervisor who authorized your work sign the form. Drop it in the blue box located in the Club Office.

At the end of the skating year, every skater whose help is reflected by a slip in the blue box will be thanked, and the qualifying level skater and the non-qualifying level skater with the most hours may receive an official club sportsmanship award at the annual SVFSC Awards Ceremony.

The **Judy Fuller Sportsmanship Award** is awarded to a Juvenile –Senior Level skater who demonstrates a positive attitude towards the club and fellow skaters, and who devotes substantial volunteer time to club activities and events.

The **Daisy Langley Junior Sportsmanship Award** is awarded to a Nontest – Pre-Juvenile Level skater who demonstrates a positive attitude towards the club and fellow skaters, and devotes substantial volunteer time to club activities and events.

(Service Opportunities Continued)

When you perform service for SVFCS, you may also receive credit from your school, because you are volunteering for a non-profit sports club or event, so remember to fill out your school's form at the same time you complete SVFSC's form. Community School Middle and Upper Schools award annual bronze, silver, gold, platinum, and other distinguished special achievement awards, and Wood River has a similar system. Skaters who enjoy community service can even take it to the next level, like SVFSC skater Julianna Lamb. Julianna, a high school senior who is currently studying abroad, won the distinguished Congressional Gold Award last year. Earning an elite national award like Julianna's takes lots of time and effort, so is rare and highly revered on college applications. Community service is a wonderful way to get involved in your school, the club, and the community.

Editor's Note: Alex won the "Bob Doyle Community Service Award" last Spring for logging the most community service hours in the Community School Middle School. In addition, she and Julia Broderick tied to win the 2010 "Judy Fuller Sportsmanship Award." Julia and Alex each logged 59.5 hours of service to the club last year. **Great work, girls!**



BLADES ON BROADWAY

Local SVFSC professionals Darlin Baker, Anita Hartshorn and Frank Sweiding traveled to Klamath Falls, Oregon to perform with an array of world class skaters as well as up-and-coming stars. Tai Babilonia, five-time U.S. Champion and World Champion, was the featured guest announcer. Lisa Moore and Justin Gaumon, U.S. National Senior Pairs Competitors from Colorado, participated as did Keegan Messing, the 2009 U.S. Junior Men's Silver Medalist and current U.S. Men's competitor from Alaska, and Keli Zhou, a two time Pacific Northwest Regional senior ladies champion from Portland. They performed to a sold-out

crowd at the Bill Collier Ice Arena. Professional skater and choreographer, Stephanie Grosscup, directed and choreographed the show.

Anita Hartshorn and Frank Sweiding are World Professional Champions, US Open Champions and Legends Champions. They are currently performing in The "Wow" Show in Eilat, Israel, a theatre show with 28 Chinese acrobats.

Darlin Baker is a US Open Bronze Medalist, USFS Double Gold Medalist, USFS International Medalist in Dance and is a featured soloist in the Sun Valley Ice Shows.



Alberto Martinez, Darlin Baker, Stephanie Grosscup, Anita Hartshorn, & Frank Sweiding



Tai Babilonia & Frank Sweiding



Darlin Baker



Anita Hartshorn & Frank Sweiding



Volunteer!

Our club relies on volunteers to get things done! We are more than 1/2 way thru the skating year (July-June) so just a reminder, as a condition of membership, the club asks that parents volunteer a minimum of 10 hours and skaters over the age of 10, 4 hours each year.

Thank you!

Upcoming Events and Calendar Notes

- **RISE** in theaters for *One Night Only!* Hailey, February 17, 2011 at 6:00p.m.
- Spring Show sign-up forms due Friday, February 18th, before 5p.m.
- Indoor Rink Closure: March 9-20, 2011 (due to a convention)
- Jackson Hole Invitational & Test Session, March 10-13, 2011
- Boise Figure Skating Club Test Session: Sunday, March 27, 2011
- McCall Figure Skating Club Test Session, Friday April 15th
- McCall FSC's 'Skate by the Lake' Competition: Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17
- SVFSC's Spring Show: 'Dancing with our Stars.' Saturday, April 23rd.
- 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
- The 2011 Sun Valley Summer Championship: July 21-24th
- 2012 Northwest Championships, 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.
- 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.

