



Sun Valley Figure Skating Club

Summer 2011 offered exciting clinics, ice shows, awards, competition and testing, plus a fantastic fundraiser! Read on for current information, new programs, and impressive results.

Annual SVFSC Meeting

The annual SVFSC meeting will be held on November 15, 2011 in the Sun Valley Inn lobby at 5:30 p.m.

Don't forget to take advantage of the fantastic new classes currently offered by Sun Valley Company in partnership with SVFSC. High level coaching in fun group settings. Classes for all levels and ages through Pre Juvenile.

Read more below!

Awards Ceremony

In July, all SVFSC members received a formal certificate honoring their personal skating achievements for the year. In addition, each skater who volunteered time received a special pin.* 2010-2011 awards reflect achievements and volunteer hours logged *before* July 17th

Congratulations to our winners!

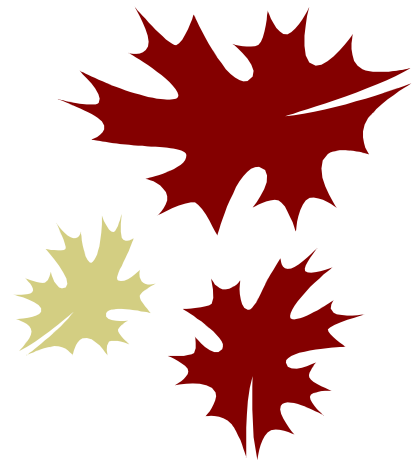
Shayna Moellenberg: Herman Maricich Achievement Award

Alex Harten: Judy Fuller Sportsmanship Award

Chloe Lewis: Lolly Jensen Junior Achievement Award

Tara Ware: Daisy Langley Sportsmanship Award

*Those not able to attend the ceremony may pick up awards/pins at the Club office.



Notice of Upcoming Test Session

The Boise FSC will hold a test session on **Sunday Nov. 6, 2011**

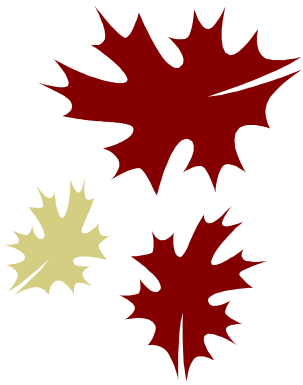
Locate your test application at

www.boisefsc.com

**Due before
October 25th**

Volunteers

Turn in all volunteer hours to the club office as you earn them!



SVFSC
Summer Championships
&
US National Collegiate Championships

2011 SVFSC Club Competition Group



Left to right, Front Row: Jacqueline Cronin, Jessica Blackburn, Aurora Wilkinson, Saba Grossman, Noelle LaFleur, Murphy Kendall; Isabella Cronin, Grace Hoffman, Gracie Cleveland, Aurora Wilkinson, Katie Peters, Christina Dufur, Sage Curtis, Noelle Weaver, Alex Stuessi, Isabella Bourret; Samantha Li, Cherry Lee, Eunice Wong, Sheldon Gentling, Kenny Pratt, Karsyn Gerringa, Emma Dorinson, Emma Stuessi, Antonia Avery, Blake Leetourneau, Louvinia Wong, Sylvia Cohen, Gracie Eagan, Shayna Moellenberg, Tiffany Lau, Nicole Pratt, Caitlin Sholtis, Alex Harten, Joyce Chan, Lane Letourneau, and Julianna Lamb.

The **44th Annual Sun Valley Summer Figure Skating Championships** drew around 185 competitive skaters to town July 21-24. With 52 skaters also here for the U.S. National Collegiate Championships, the local athlete presence-- not to mention the glam factor-- increased significantly.

Hosted annually by the **Sun Valley Figure Skating Club**, the Summer Championships has become one of the most popular and well attended non qualifying competitions in the Northwest Pacific region. This year, the competition attracted 41 skating clubs from across the USA and from Hong Kong. 73 coaches, 21 US Figure Skating officials and around 50 volunteers from inside and outside the skating community added to the energy at Sun Valley's rinks. "Showcase Sunday" drew a crowd of locals and visitors to witness the competition's popular tradition of following three days of serious free skate and artistic events with a grand finale of entertaining, theatre-on-ice style events.

This year Sun Valley skaters captured three of four Outstanding Program trophies as well as 19 gold medals, 13 silver, and 7 bronze, and 4 fourth place medals. Reserving Saturday for the Collegiate competition resulted in long days and larger-than-usual competitive groups, increasing the challenge for all skaters this

year. 14 year old **Alexandra Harten**, a Community School freshman, won the **Most Outstanding Showcase Trophy** at the Juvenile -Senior level. Harten was ranked first of eleven Novice/Junior Ladies in her Showcase event. Chosen from a field of 21 Juvenile - Senior level showcase programs, her program tied three-time Outstanding Showcase trophy winner Charlie Schneider of the Denver FSC. Schneider won the Intermediate Mens Showcase event. Wood River Middle Schooler Kenny Pratt won the **Most Outstanding Showcase Trophy** at the Basic Skills –Pre-Juvenile levels. Pratt’s program was chosen from a field of 46 Basic Skills-Nontest skaters. 14 year old **Joyce Chan**, a Community School freshman, won the trophy for the **Most Outstanding Artistic Program** at the Nontest-Intermediate levels. Chan finished second in an Intermediate Ladies Artistic competitive group of 5 skaters, and her program was selected from a field of 45 skaters. Chan also won the Intermediate Ladies Second Place Combined Free Skate Award, finishing second in her Free Skate and third in her Short programs. Junior NWP Regional Champion **Shayna Moellenburg** competed at the Senior Ladies Level, winning both her Free Skate and Short program and capturing the Senior Ladies Champion Combined Free Skate Award.

All of this year’s special award-winning programs were choreographed by internationally renowned choreographer and coach, **Gia Guddat**, whose recent professional work includes choreographing this year’s 75th anniversary Sun Valley Ice Show, Scott Hamilton’s televised Thanksgiving special, and an exhibition show tour choreographed for the US Olympic Gymnastics team. Moellenburg’s primary coach is U. S. Figure Skating Technical Specialist and former Olympian **Lisa-Marie Allen**; Harten’s is 30 year veteran skating coach and SVFSC’s Collegiates Competition Chair **Holly Wheeler**, and Chan’s is Figure Skating Hall of Famer **Sonya Dunfield**. Pratt is coached by both **Guddat** and **Darlin Baker**. Baker has been a Sun Valley Ice Show soloist for more than 15 years.

Group Showcase (In conjunction with the Sun Valley Summer Skating School)

Sunday afternoon closed the competition with Sun Valley’s rapidly-becoming-famous group showcase showdown. Three different local productions, as well as teams from Denver, Park City and Salt Lake, pulled out all the stops with over-the-top choreography, costumes, and professional quality music, entertaining a crowd of spectators at Sun Valley’s beautiful outdoor rink. The **Sun Valley Skate School’s “Pirates of Redfish Lake”** production swept for first place in the Large Group Showcase Event, featuring a huge cast of 29 skaters, ages 7 to 18 from the Sun Valley FSC, Hong Kong SU, and Desert Ice of Arizona. Choreographed and produced by Sun Valley FSC coaches **Gia Guddat** and **Craig Heath**, the humorous variation on “Pirates of the Caribbean” featured excellent skating and impressive costumes and props, many of which were made, enhanced or conceptualized by the skaters themselves. Heath, a coach and Sun Valley Ice Show soloist known as the “Spin Doctor,” coaches in Hong Kong during the school year and in Sun Valley in the summer. Capturing second place in the Large Group event, the **Sun Valley Starz** team treated the crowd to a fast paced, colorful and captivating rendition of the hit musical, **“Chicago.”** Taking third in the Small Group event, five adorable young **“Sun Valley Lion Cubz”** charmed the socks off the audience by prowling the ice in shiny golden lion costumes. The Starz and Cubz numbers were produced and choreographed by veteran Sun Valley Ice Show soloist and local coach Darlin Baker.

Summary of Medalists

Listed in order of highest to lowest competitive free skate level, the following skaters won **gold** in individual or pairs events: In Senior Ladies, Shayna Moellenberg (2); in Novice Ladies, Alex Harten (2) and Nicole Pratt; in Intermediate Ladies, Joyce Chan (2); in Pre-Juvenile, Isabella Bourret and Travis Flynt; in Pre Preliminary; Alex Stuessi (2), Katie Peters and Blake Letourneau; in Nontest, Kenny Pratt and Noelle Weaver; in Basic Skills Free Skate 4, Christine Dufur and Karsyn Gerringa; and in Basic Skills Basic 6, Saba Grossman. The following skaters won **silver** in individual or pairs events: Alex Harten, Joyce Chan, Travis Flynt, Emma Stuessi (2), Lane Letourneau (3), Sheldon Gentling, Tatum Fuller, Antonia Avery, Jessica Blackburn, and Jacqueline Cronin. The following skaters won **bronze** in individual or pairs events: Joyce Chan (2), Isabella Bourret, Emma Stuessi, Katie Peters, Isabella Cronin, and Murphy Kendall, and the following skaters won **fourth** place medals: Caitlin Sholtis, Tara Ware and Sage Curtis.

Large Group Showcase gold medalists were Sun Valley Skate School’s Daniel Leeds, Shayna Moellenberg, and Alex Harten (lead pirate love triangle), Julianna Lamb, Tiffany Lau, Joyce Chan, Rachael Trail, Louvinia Wong, Eunice Wong, Esa Lau (mermaids), Christine Forni, Sarah Swinford, Jenny Marziano, Delany Rah, Megan Desev, Lane Letourneau (older pirates), Scarlet Economou, Shea Mayfield, Carolyn Brooker, Blake Letourneau, Emma Stuessi, Alex Stuessi, Antonia Avery, Isabella Bourret, Noelle Weaver, Emma Dorinson, Ramona Chin, Cherry Lee and Samantha Li (younger pirates). **Large Group Showcase Silver Medalists**

were Sun Valley Starz' Nicole Pratt, Caitlin Sholtis and Kenny Pratt (featured leads), Katie Peters, Tara Ware, Claire Stickney, Sheldon Gentling, Aurora Wilkinson, Tatum Fuller, Sage Curtis, Sylvia Cogen, Karsyn Gerringa, Grace Cleveland, and Christine Dufur (chorus line). Taking **Bronze in Small Group Showcase** the Sun Valley Lion Cubz featured Murphy Kendall, Jacqueline Cronin, Jessica Blackburn, Saba Grossman and Noelle LaFleur.



Joyce Chan



Kenny Pratt



Alex Harten

FYI
Mt. Express photographer David Seelig's photos that ran in the sports section on July 27 and July 29, and in the Local Life subscribers section on August 3, can be purchased at the Mt. Express office.

July and August USFS Test Results
 Congratulations Testers!



Free Skate: **Nicole Pratt** - Junior Free Skate, **Joyce Chan** - Intermediate Free Skate, **Isabella Bourett** - Juvenile Free Skate and **Grace Cleveland** - Pre-Preliminary Free Skate

Free Dance: **Grace Hoffman** - Juvenile Free Dance & Intermediate Free Dance

Pairs: **Abby Chase** - Juvenile Pair

Moves in the Field: **Natalie Kapp** - Junior Moves, **Caitlin Sholtis & Abby Chase** - Novice Moves, **Joyce Chan & Isabella Bourett** - Intermediate Moves, **Katie Peters** - Juvenile Moves, **Karsyn Gerringa & Emma Stuessi** - Pre-Juvenile Moves, **Christine DuFur & Alex Stuessi** - Preliminary Moves, **Emma Dorinson** - Preliminary Moves, and **Grace Cleveland, Antonia Avery & Rod Harten** - Pre-Preliminary Moves.

Solo Dance:

Fanny Horn: Blues, Paso Doble, Adult Starlight Waltz

Ashley Clark: American Waltz, Tango, Rocker Foxtrot to complete Silver Dance Level; Kilian and Blues

Abby Chase: Tango, Rocker Foxtrot to complete the Silver Dance Level; Kilian and Blues

Grace Hoffman: American Waltz to complete Silver Dance Level; Kilian and Paso Doble

Lisa Marie Allen: American Waltz; Kilian and Blues, completing pre-Gold level; Starlight Waltz

Natalia Irvine: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues, Swing Dance, Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Willow Waltz, Hickory Hoedown, Ten Fox to complete Preliminary, Pre-Bronze and Bronze Dances as well as European Waltz, Foxtrot and Fourteenstep, completing the Pre-Silver Dance level; also, American Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot and Tango, completing the Silver Dance level.

Alexandra Harten - Rocker Foxtrot

Shayna Moellenberg: Ten Fox and Fourteen Step to complete Bronze Dance Level; European Waltz and Foxtrot, completing the Pre-Silver Dances

Grace Cleveland: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues to complete Preliminary Dance Level.

2011 U.S. National Collegiate Figure Skating Championships

The Sun Valley Figure Skating Club hosted the **2011 U.S. National Collegiate Figure Skating Championships** July 21-24. Fifty two figure skaters competed for titles in senior ladies, senior men's, junior ladies and junior men's events. Cash scholarships were awarded to the first through third place winners in the Senior Ladies and to the first place winner of the Senior Men's event. Julianna Lamb, who will be attending Georgetown University this fall, represented the Sun Valley Figure Skating Club.

The Senior Men's Champion, not pictured, is Grant Hochstein of Wayne State University. Hochstein defended his 2010 title and won a \$5,000 scholarship.

Official results

Senior Ladies

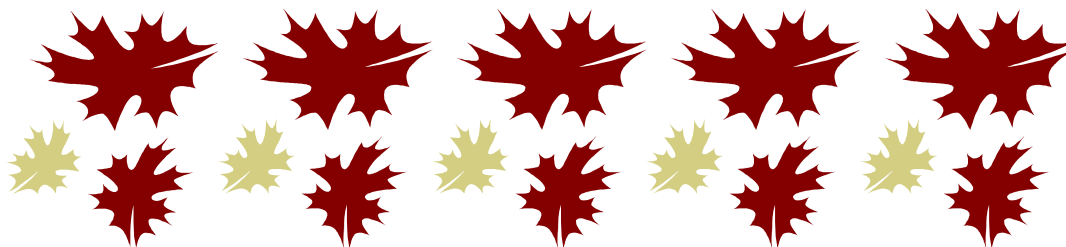
1. Alicia Hsu, Belmont University (\$5,000 scholarship awarded)
2. Roxanna Schmidt, Miami University of Ohio (\$2,500 Scholarship awarded)
3. Karen Zhou, University of California at Irvine (\$1,000 Scholarship awarded)
4. Kristina Struthwolf, University of Utah

Junior Men

1. Austin Stephen, Miami University of Ohio
2. Adam Civello, Scottsdale Community College
3. Jason Pacini, Arizona State University

Junior Ladies

1. Kirsten Seagers, Dartmouth College
2. Caroline Knoop, Dartmouth College
3. Katie Soraghan, Robert Morris University
4. Connie Przeslawski, Pennsylvania State University



Cottonwood Heights Oktoberfest

Sun Valley Figure Skating Club Competes in Salt Lake



Six skaters represented the Sun Valley Figure Skating Club at the Cottonwood Heights Oktoberfest competition in Salt Lake City, September 22-24. Competing at levels ranging from Basic Skills to Novice Ladies, the team captured twenty first through fourth place medals. For the second time in three years, **Alex Stuessi**, an 11 year old Hemingway Elementary School fifth grader, won the 2011 Oktoberfest Most Outstanding Showcase Trophy. Stuessi also won the prestigious award at Oktoberfest in 2009. Stuessi's primary coach is Holly Wheeler. Gia Guddat choreographed her award-winning program. Wheeler and Guddat accompanied the skaters to the competition.

Competing in Novice Ladies, **Alexandra Harten** was the club's highest level competitor for this competition. Harten won her Individual Showcase event with the program that earned her the "Most Outstanding Showcase" trophy at the 2011 Sun Valley Summer Championships. She took fourth in Free Skate Short Program and won Bronze with her pairs partner **Joyce Chan** in Pairs Showcase. Competing in Intermediate Ladies, Chan also won Silver in Artistic, fourth in Individual Showcase, and placed 7th overall in Free Skate. Chan's challenging competitive group was the largest of the competition. **Emma Stuessi** and **Lane Letourneau** competed at the Preliminary level. Emma won Silver in both Artistic and Free Skate, placing sixth in Individual Showcase and fourth in Pairs Showcase with her pairs partner Lane Letourneau. Lane won Silver medals in both Individual Showcase and in Preliminary Test Track Free Skate, and she placed sixth in Artistic. **Alex Stuessi** and **Blake Letourneau** competed at the Pre-Preliminary level. In addition to winning her Individual Showcase event and the Most Outstanding Showcase trophy, Alex Stuessi won bronze in Artistic, fifth in Free Skate, and gold in Pairs Showcase with her pairs partner Blake Letourneau. Blake took Silver in Individual Showcase, fourth in Free Skate, and fifth in Artistic. **Antonia Avery**, the youngest skater competing for Sun Valley FSC at Oktoberfest, medaled in all of her events. She took Silver in Individual Showcase, Bronze in Artistic, and fourth in Free Skate.



Left to Right: Antonia Avery, Emma Stuessi, Joyce Chan, Alex Stuessi, Alexandra Harten, Lane Letourneau, and Blake Letourneau.

New classes are here and making skating more affordable!

The mission of the Basic Skills Program and other skating classes offered by the Sun Valley Skating Center in partnership with the SVFSC, is to provide goal-oriented programs that encourage ice skating at all levels and to enhance the quality of skating skills at these levels.

The objectives of the program are:

- “ To provide a fun and safe skating experience for the beginner as well as the more advanced skater.
- “ To teach correct technique of the simple basic elements.
- “ To promote health and physical fitness.
- “ To enable all participants to achieve the skills necessary to either skate for fun for the rest of their lives or to move competently into the U.S. Figure Skating advanced test and/or competitive structure.

Applications and online registration available at www.sunvalleyfsc.com

FANTASTIC FRIDAY'S LEARN TO SKATE

Friday 4:10-4:35pm all levels

\$150.00 per ten week session

This includes ice time on Friday, 25 minutes of class instruction, skate rental if needed, and one additional practice time per week!

ADVANCED BASIC SKILLS

\$150.00 per ten week session

Tuesday and Thursday 5-6pm

- Includes ice time on Tuesday and Thursday
- Circuit class format with two instructors for the hour
- Skate rental if needed

FREESTYLE CLASS

\$150.00 per ten week session

Monday and Wednesday 4-5pm

Includes ice time on Monday and Wednesday

Circuit class format with two instructors for the hour

DANCE/MOVES IN THE FIELD CLASS

\$75.00 per ten week session

Wednesday 5-6pm

Includes ice time on Wednesday

Circuit class format with two instructors for the hour

battle of the blades



To all, from Becca Hemingway:



Thank you to everyone who participated in ***Battle of the Blades: Ice ... It's Hard*** and made it a resounding success. In our inaugural event, we packed the stands, put on the show-of-a-lifetime, raised money and had a whole lot of fun! And this wouldn't have been possible without the support of many, many people.

Our junior Club skaters had the opportunity to skate under full show lighting in front of a full house of more than 2,000 people and their five minute number choreographed to Pirates of the Caribbean was pure magic. What a treat to watch these incredibly talented kids perform at such a high level under such electric conditions!

Our pros and our nine superstar contestants also brought down the house with their unbelievably entertaining performances. I urge anyone who missed the action to visit our website www.battleoftheblades.org to see pictures and videos of their original and innovative routines.

The achievements of our adult amateur skaters in such a short amount of time was nothing short of miraculous. And many of these individuals plan to continue skating because they were so inspired by their pros and their time spent at the rink. Thank you to the many dedicated individuals who facilitated our superstar's positive ***Battle of the Blade's*** experience.

Through everyone's extraordinary efforts on behalf of this event, the Club gained a lot of wonderful publicity, earned goodwill from the community and raised a fair amount of money. Kudos to all! We will use the funds raised from this night to make the sport of figure skating as accessible and affordable for all children in the Wood River Valley as possible.



Along those lines, please visit www.sunvalleyfsc.com, or call Holly at 622-8020, to learn more about our new, high-quality, affordable group programming. For a mere \$7.50 per one-hour class, including ice time, learn level-appropriate skating fundamentals from Sun Valley's talented figure skating professionals. Don't miss out on this remarkable opportunity!

And this cannot be overstated, **thank you** to all of our phenomenal volunteers! We couldn't have pulled off an event of this magnitude without your time, talent and prodigious efforts. **You** made ***Battle of the Blades: Ice ... It's Hard*** happen!

Upcoming Events and Calendar Notes

- Test Session hosted by Boise FSC, Sunday, November 6, 2011 (Applications due 10/25)
- Wasatch Freedom Classic, November 11 & 12 Register online at entry eeze.
- Annual SVFSC Meeting, November 15, 2011 in the Sun Valley Inn lobby at 5:30 p.m.
- 2012 Pacific Coast Sectionals in Salt Lake City, Utah November 15-19, 2011

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.

Club Member Information

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