

The Sun Valley Figure Skating Club Newsletter

February 2010

Upcoming Events & Calendar Notes

- **Feb. 12, 2010: Entry deadline** for Missoula FSC Glacier Challenge (see below).
- Feb. 12 – 28, 2010: [Olympic Winter Games](#), Vancouver, Canada.
- Feb. 20, 2010: Sun Valley Winter Games.
- Feb. 21, 2010: USFS Test Session (deadline for test app. is Jan. 12th).
- **March 8, 2010: Entry deadline for McCall Skate by the Lake Competition & Test session.**
- March 10, 2010: Jackson Hole Test session.
- March 11 – 14, 2010: Jackson Hole Invitational competition.
- March 19 – 20, 2010: Missoula FSC test session and Glacier Challenge.
- April 16-18, 2010: McCall Skate by the Lake test & competition.
- April 17, 2010: Spring Show (Tentative).
- June 19 & 20, 2010: Boise Ice Classic and test.
- July 22 – 25, 2010: SV Summer Championships.

Winter Games & Test Session Sat. Feb 20th & 21st

Urgent Note Regarding Test Schedule!

There will be a revised Sunday Test Schedule posted on Monday, Feb. 15th. The hour of hockey mid-day on Sunday has been canceled and therefore, we will regroup the test times. If you are testing, please check the bulletin board at the rink and/or the website (see below) after Monday!

Schedules

The Sun Valley Winter Games competition is next Saturday, February 20th with the test session being held on Sunday, February 21st. Schedules for both events are available on the Sun Valley FSC Website (<http://www.sunvalleyfsc.com/tests.html> and <http://www.sunvalleyfsc.com/competitions.html>). Competition groupings, the schedule of events and practice ice times have also been posted on both the club bulletin board. Please check the board frequently as all schedules are subject to change!

Winter Games Newspaper Photo

The club's Winter Games newspaper photo will be taken Saturday at 12:20 p.m. (during the lunch break) outside the indoor rink doors nearest the hockey ticket windows. If you are competing soon after the break, make sure you are dressed, skates on, and ready to go before the photo so you won't be late for your event. If the competition runs late, we will

take the photo immediately after the last SVFSC skater in the group that precedes the lunch break leaves the ice. Please wear skating clothes for the photo.

Volunteers

SVFSC parents have been assigned jobs for the Winter Games so please take a look at your assignments and send a confirmation to Karen Hold (karenhold@cox.net). A copy of the volunteer spreadsheet is attached the newsletter email.

This competition is so successful because of your volunteer help to staff the event and feed our judges and officials. All of our judges and officials volunteer their time for this event too, so we can be proud of the great collaboration among our small skating community.

Competition and Test Guidelines

For those of you with skaters who are new to competition, here are some competition guidelines to keep in mind:

Competition Tips

- The newsletter looks great. If possible, could you please add a note that the Winter Games groupings, and the schedule of events and practice ice times have been posted on both the club bulletin board and on the website.
- During practice remember everyone wants to practice their program with music so give everyone a turn & don't monopolize the player.
- The skater whose music is playing ALWAYS has the right of way! This is very important when it comes to avoiding collisions. This is the rule at all other rinks also. When new music comes on, find out who is skating to it and be sure to get out of their way...this goes for all coaches and skaters!
- Arrive at least one hour prior to your warm-up and immediately check in with ice monitor to see if the competition is running early, late or on-time.
- Make sure nothing from your costume or hair will fall onto the ice. This is dangerous and can result in deductions.
- Tie your skates neatly and tuck the ends of your laces in so they do not flop. Skates should be polished with clean, white laces.
- Don't forget to pick up your music afterwards.
- Cheer on fellow Sun Valley figure skating members (and be courteous to other club members who have traveled here to participate!)
- Thank the judges; they are volunteers!
- Have fun and learn as much as you can from each competition.

The Sunday test session is quite large (61 tests!) and therefore, it is important that skaters follow the guidelines below:

Test Session Guidelines

- Arrive at least one hour prior to your warm-up time.
- Be quiet in the arena so as not to distract the skaters who are testing.
- Be dressed neatly and simply; your skates and laces need to be clean and white!
- Check in with test chairperson and see if the tests are running early, late or on-time.
- Put your skates on at least 20 minutes prior to your warm-up.
- After your test, skate to the door but do not leave the ice until the judges say "thank you" (in case you need to re-skate).

- If there is something on your test papers that you don't understand, talk with your coach first and they can talk with the judges as needed.
- Always thank the judges; they are volunteering their time to help you improve your skating!
- Always save your test papers so that you have proof of the tests you have passed.

The Braid Lady: Discount if Book in Advance

Jen, the braid lady will be available for hairstyling during the Winter Games. She is offering a 10% discount to all SVFSC members who book their appointment by Monday, Feb. 15th. She also has a coupon available below if you'd like to book her for other parties or special occasions!



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Upcoming competitions: McCall Skate by the Lake

McCall's Skate by the Lake Competition: April 16 – 18th

The annual McCall Skate by the Lake competition will be held April 16 – 18th. The entry deadline for postmarked applications is March 8th. The application can be found on the [McCall Figure Skating Club website](#). There will also be a test session that weekend.

Condolences to the Peterson Family



The Sun Valley Figure Skating Club would like to offer our sincerest condolences to coach Dawn Peterson whose father, Dave Peterson, recently passed away.

David H. Peterson was born May 28th, 1930 in Minneapolis, MN. He was a devoted husband, father and devout Christian. An inventor and contractor, David loved farming, gardening, antique tractors and sharing his love of music with friends and strangers. The twinkle in his eyes and his laughter were a wonderful part of his loving

spirit.

Dawn took the time to share with us a little about her father: “My Dad passed away on January 13th, 2010. Dad gave my four brothers and I so many opportunities and life experiences. But most of all, I appreciate the fact that he gave up some of the things he wanted.... and even, perhaps, some of the things he wanted to be, to be my Dad.”

Congratulations!

Grace Hoffman Passes Four Tests in Boise

Congratulations to Grace Hoffman who passed her three Preliminary dances as well as her Preliminary Moves in the Field test in Boise on February 7th!

Grace is ten years old and a 4th grader at Bellevue Elementary. She started skating in the Learn to Skate program 3 years ago, and has been skating with Elena Dostatni for 2 years now. In addition to skating, she plays the piano, is a Girl Scout, and enjoys skiing (alpine and nordic), swimming, sledding, and baking.

Judy Blumberg Works with Olympic Pairs Teams

Sun Valley has new ties to the upcoming 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The newly crowned U.S. Figure Skating pairs champions and Olympic team members, gold medalists



Caydee Denny and Jeremy Barrett (shown at left) and silver medalists Amanda Evora and Mark Ladwig, have been working with Ketchum resident and Sun Valley Figure Skating coach, Judy Blumberg.

Judy, a two-time Olympian in ice dance with partner Michael Seibert, recently returned from Ellenton, Florida where she worked with both Denny-Barrett and Evora-Ladwig, as well as the talented junior pairs

team of Tracey Tanivitch and her partner Michael Choi at the request of their head coaches Jim Peterson, Lyndon Johnston and Alison Smith.

Beginning last summer, she was brought in to fine tune and embellish the teams’
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competitive programs. Specifically, she worked with Denney and Barrett on their "Sheherazade" long program and her influence showed. At Nationals, they had fine edge quality and their connection with each other could be seen way up in the rafters.

Reached while en route to the national championships in Spokane where she served as the Technical Specialist for the Junior and Senior ice dance events, Judy commented, "I'm so proud of both teams. That's what strong training does and it's been so nice to work in collaboration with these talented and hardworking coaches and skaters."

Thank you!

A big note of appreciation goes out to Barbara Richardson for doing an exceptional job as the SVFSC Test Chairperson. Barbara spends hours organizing and running the test sessions and then recording and tracking everyone's progress!

Another note of thanks to Holly Wheeler for her endless hours spent organizing the Winter Games competition!



Christmas Show Photos!

For those of you who missed this article in the January newsletter, here is a repeat of how to get photos from the Christmas show.

The SVFSC is lucky to have two professional action photographers as skater-dads! A huge thank you goes to Jamie Bourret (Isabella's dad) and Steve Gentling (Sheldon's dad) for donating more than 200 photos taken during Sun Valley Company's 2009 Christmas Eve

Ice Show. Andrea Nelson also took and donated several fun posed group and candid backstage shots. Some of the photos are posted on the SVFSC bulletin board at the rink, but there are many more in Steve and Jamie's collections. The photos have been stored on websites that permit downloading without charge. To access them, click on the following links:

- Jamie Bourret's Show Photos:
<http://www.gallery.me.com/jamesbourret/100361>
- Steve Gentling's and Andrea Nelson's Show Photos:
<http://www.famousspuds.smugmug.com/SVFSC-Photos/Ice-Shows>

More Information

- More information can be found on the [Sun Valley Figure Skating website](#).
- Questions about the club can be emailed to: info@sunvalleyfsc.com.
- Newsletter submissions are due on the last day of the month to be included in the next month's edition. Suggestions are greatly appreciated! Please send comments and submissions to: coleenc@hotmail.com.