



News From The Edge

Newsletter of Skating Club of North Carolina

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From the Prez . . .

Springtime is in full swing as our SCNC Club Members have been busy competing and preparing for the upcoming test session. We have many congratulations to extend to all our skaters who competed at the Central Carolina Skating Classic and the 19th Annual Florida Open. Both of these competitions were part of the Future Champions Series, and our SCNC skaters did an outstanding job! WAY TO GO EVERYONE! In addition, 2 of our adult skaters represented the Club at Adult Nationals in Lake Placid, NY. **Lori Drum** and **David Tsai** had fantastic performances at Adult Nationals, and we're very proud of their accomplishments! As I type this, several of our Club Members are competing at Cherry Blossom, and we wish them GOOD LUCK!

United States Figure Skating Governing Council will be held the first weekend in May in San Diego, California. Cathye Banner, Marjorie Merod, and I will be representing The Skating Club of North Carolina. Governing Council is held once a year, and is a time when all the member clubs of US Figure Skating come together to discuss and vote on issues related to figure skating. During the four day Council there are open forums, seminars, and committee meetings that we will be attending. Examples of some of the forum topics that we plan on attending are: Competitions, Club Finances, Coaching Relations, Parents Education, Basic Skills, Adult Skating, and the Eastern Sectional Meeting. The programs run from 8am to 10pm, so I'm sure we'll be busy gathering information. If anyone would like further information on the topics that we will actually be voting on, please visit the USFS Website at www.usfsa.org and click on "**All the News About 2004 Governing Council.**"

There are only about 5 weeks remaining until the 2004 Dogwood Open! The Competition Committee has been extremely busy preparing, organizing, and setting the wheels in motion for Dogwood. The local organizing committee (LOC) recently sent out a Club email seeking volunteers for our various subcommittees to help make the competition a success. If you would like to volunteer your time and talent, there are still many areas that could use your help. If you'd like to sign up to help in any capacity, please contact BETH VICK at dogwoodopen@bellsouth.net or MARGIE MEROD at dogwoodopen@nc.rr.com. Don't forget to visit our Dogwood Open website for current updates and information. The site is www.dogwoodopen.com, or you can link to it from the Skating Club website www.skatingclubnc.com

Before we know it, our Spring Membership Meeting will be upon us. Not only is this an enjoyable social time for our Club members to get together, it's also the time of year that we vote on our open Board of Directors positions. The Nominating Committee (Mike Merod- Chairman, Jenny Komes, and Mary Wehbie) are busy preparing the ballots and will have them mailed out in early June to all SCNC **voting** members. Please make sure that you take the time to vote! Every vote counts and is your opportunity to let your voice be heard.

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OFFICERS

President: Rob Navarro
Vice-President: Phyllis O'Hara
Secretary: Mandy Stuart
Treasurer: Meg Deal

DIRECTORS

Michele Alias
Cathye Banner
Judy Tseng
Meg Deal
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Margie Merod
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Phyllis O'Hara
Mary Wehbie

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Test: Judy Tseng
Membership: Margie Merod / Jenny Komes
Fundraising: Cathye Banner
Hospitality: Sue Gilmore
Social: Laura Navarro
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Test Dates

May 1, 2004 – Raleigh IcePlex
June 26, 2004 – Garner Ice House
August 14, 2004 – Raleigh IcePlex

Test applications will be available on the SCNC website.

Tentative Schedule of Events

May 14-16, 2004 May Day Open
Competition, Laurel, MD

June 4-6, 2004 Dogwood Open, Raleigh,
NC

June 17-20, 2004 Atlanta Open, Atlanta, GA

June 24-27, 2004 Chesapeake Open,
Baltimore, MD

July 8-11, 2004 Charleston Open,
Charleston, SC

July 13-17, 2004 Liberty Summer
Competition, Newark, DE

July 29-Aug. 1, 2004 Skate Wilmington,
Wilmington, DE

October 5-9, 2004 South Atlantic
Qualifying Regional Championships,
Charleston, SC

From the Prez (cont.)

Finally, I would like to extend a very sincere THANK YOU to Pier Komes for maintaining our Club Website these past couple years. Pier has done a lot to update and upgrade the website. After countless hours of volunteer time dedicated to the website, Pier is now turning over this responsibility to Mike Merod. We welcome Mike aboard as our new Club Webmaster.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the rinks!

Keep on skating,

Rob Navarro, SCNC President

DOGWOOD OPEN

Dogwood Open is fast approaching. Please support your club by entering the competition and volunteering. Don't forget to put an ad in the program to wish your favorite skaters good luck. Please contact Marjorie Merod (dogwoodopen@nc.rr.com) or Beth Vick (dogwoodopen@bellsouth.net) and visit our competition web site (www.dogwoodopen.com).

The following people are asking for volunteers for their committees:

Lori Drum – Judges food	Margie Merod – Accounting room and accounting volunteers
Judy Tseng – Judges transportation	Mark Vick – Vendors
Polly Addison – Registration	Louann Lenz – Ice monitors
Lori Schefke – Practice ice	Music – Marty Jackson
Chrissie Jackson – Coaches hospitality	Announcing – Rob Navarro
Ron Seitz – Advertising	

Birthdays!!!

May

Cori Lopazanski 5/2
Susan Gilmore 5/5
Scott Cudmore 5/6
David Lenz 5/7
McKenzie Lang 5/8
Kassi Wehbie 5/9
Brittney Gilmore 5/10
Gail Rowland 5/14
Courtney Matthews 5/16
Pier Komes 5/18
Judy Shih 5/19
Elizabeth Vick 5/20
Ryan Tice 5/23
Abby Jenkins 5/25
Sydney Borden 5/26
Christine Jackson 5/26
Nancy Constable 5/27
Jessica Brustofski 5/30
Colleen Owens 5/30

June

Rebecca Brodney 6/4
Allison Hnatt 6/4
Kay Bergdolt 6/5
Sarah Farlow 6/5
Jill Forster 6/6
Kristi Dowling 6/7
Polly Addison 6/9
Brianna Lawton 6/9
Ashley Henson 6/10
Maryanne Elefante 6/12
Lisa Zheng 6/12
Jennifer Lockwood 6/14
Ksenia Roze 6/14
Michele Grow 6/18
Amanda Stuart 6/18
Mary Wehbie 6/18
Matthew Irish 6/21
Laura Navarro 6/23
Stephanie Davage 6/25
Michelle Fernandez 6/26
Aurora Brick 6/28

2004 Florida Open

April 2-4, 2004

Orlando, FL

Shar-Narne Flowers
Pre-pre Girls FS Grp. D – 7th
Preliminary Spins – 7th

Joseph Navarro
Novice Men's FS – 2nd

Erin Schefke
Inter. Ladies FS Grp. B – 10th
Inter. Ladies Short Grp. C – 10th

Kara Vick
Juvenile Girls FS Grp. B – 3rd
Juvenile Girls FS Final – 12th

Kara Vick & Joseph Navarro
Intermediate Pairs FS – 2nd



2004 U.S. Adult Figure Skating

Championships

April 14-17, 2004

Lori Drum
Silver Ladies Class II Grp. C – 8th
Interpretive Ladies Class II Grp. B – 4th

David Tsai
Silver Men II – 3rd



2004 Central Carolina Skating

Classic

April 1-4, 2004

Hillsborough, NC

Miles Addison
Pre-Juvenile Boys FS – 1st
Pre-Juvenile Jumps – 2nd

Michele Alias
Adult Bronze Ladies FS – 2nd
Adult Interpretive A – 2nd
Adult Bronze Jumps – 2nd

Stefani Barham
Showcase B Grp. A – 2nd
Pre-Preliminary B Girls FS Grp. B – 1st
Pre-Pre. Girls Comp. Moves Grp. C – 3rd
Pre-Preliminary Jumps – 2nd

Kay Bergdolt
Pre-Preliminary Spins Grp. A – 3rd
Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS Grp. A – 6th
Pre-Pre. Girls Comp. Moves Grp. A – 4th

Maeve Bowers
Basic C FS Grp. A – 1st

Bailey Braden
Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS Grp. B – 3rd
Artistic B – 8th

Aurora Brick
Adult Silver Jumps – 3rd

Rebecca Brodney
Interpretive B – 4th
Pre-Juvenile Girls FS – 10th

Kelton Brown
Adult Silver Comp. Moves – 1st
Adult Silver Jumps – 1st

Jessica Brustofski
High FS Grp. A – 1st

Central Carolina Class cont.

Nicole Brustofski

Pre-Preliminary B Girls FS Grp. A – 3rd
Preliminary Comp. Moves Grp. A – 7th

Meighan Carpenter

Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies FS 1st
Adult Pre-Bronze Comp. Moves – 1st

Sarah Collins

Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS Grp. A – 8th
Pre-Pre. Girls Comp. Moves Grp. B – 4th

Laura Dowling

Pre-Pre. Girls Comp. Moves Grp. B – 2nd

Ana Paulina Draovitch

Low FS Grp. A – 1st

Daria Alexandra Draovitch

Basic D FS Grp. A – 1st

Lori Drum

Adult Silver Ladies FS – 3rd
Adult Showcase – 3rd
Adult Silver Jumps – 5th

Cheyenne Dumas

High FS Grp. B – 5th
Interpretive G – 4th
Showcase G – 1st

Haley Dunne

Intermediate Ladies Short Grp. B – 1st
Intermediate Ladies Short Final – 3rd
Juvenile Girls FS – 1st

Joanne Feldman

Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies FS – 3rd
Adult Pre-Bronze Comp. Moves – 2nd

Michelle Fernandez

High FS Grp. B – 1st
Compulsory FS 4 Grp. B – 5th

Deborah Field

Pre-Juvenile Spins – 1st
Preliminary Girls FS Grp. A – 2nd
Pre-Juvenile Comp. Moves – 2nd

Jordan Forster

No Test Girls FS Grp. B – 3rd
No Test Comp. Grp. B – 2nd

Brittney Gilmore

Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS Grp. B – 1st

Emily Gleason

Showcase B Grp. B – 5th
Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS Grp. B – 7th

Angela Hanson

Low FS Grp. E – 2nd

Allison Hnatt

Interpretive G – 3rd
No Test Girls FS Grp. C – 1st
Pre-Preliminary Jumps – 6th

Ellen Huggins

Preliminary Girls FS Grp. A – 3rd
Preliminary Comp. Moves Grp. A – 4th

Evelyn Hylton

Basic D FS Grp. E – 2nd

Amelia Irish

Juvenile Jumps – 2nd
Juvenile Girls FS – 11th

McKenzie Jackson

Intermediate Ladies Short Grp. A – 1st
Intermediate Ladies Short Final – 2nd
Intermediate Ladies FS – 1st

Dana Kalnins

Preliminary Spins – 5th
Preliminary Girls FS Grp. B – 3rd

Kathrine Khvostova

Preliminary Spins – 3rd

Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS Grp. B – 4th

Central Carolina Classic cont.

Erynn Komes

Intermediate Ladies Short Grp. B – 5th

Intermediate Ladies Short Final – 9th

Juvenile Girls FS – 5th

McKenzie Lang

No Test Girls FS Grp. A – 3rd

Pre-Pre. Girls Comp. Moves Grp. A – 1st

David Lenz

Pre-Preliminary Boys A FS – 1st

Pre-Preliminary Boys Comp. Moves – 1st

Pre-Preliminary Jumps – 9th

Preliminary Solo Dance – 4th

Rebecca Lautier

Interpretive A Grp. B – 1st

Pre-Bronze Solo Dance 1 – 1st

Pre-Bronze Solo Dance 2 – 1st

Preliminary Girls FS Grp. B – 6th

Artistic B – 5th

Christina MacDonald

Preliminary Girls FS Grp. B – 5th

Preliminary Jumps – 2nd

Margie Merod

Pre-Gold Solo Dance 1 – 2nd

Pre-Gold Solo Dance 2 – 2nd

Mariam Nagy

Basic D FS Grp. C – 2nd

Christy Newport

Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies FS – 5th

Adult Pre-Bronze Comp. Moves – 4th

Meghan Owens

Preliminary Girls FS Grp. A – 5th

Preliminary Comp. Moves Grp. A – 3rd

Candace Pyun

Novice Ladies Short – 5th

Novice Ladies FS – 5th

Shelby Richards

Low FS Grp. F – 1st

No Test Comp. Grp. B – 3rd

Annalie Ricketts

Low FS Grp. D – 1st

Gail Rowland

Adult Bronze Ladies FS – 4th

Josette Seitz

Intermediate Ladies Short Grp. A – 4th

Intermediate Ladies Short Final – 12th

Juvenile Girls FS – 3rd

Leah Shell

Showcase B Grp. B – 1st

Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS Grp. B – 8th

Hannah Smith

Basic D FS Grp. C – 1st

Laci Stapp

Juvenile Compulsory Moves – 3rd

Juvenile Jumps – 1st

Juvenile Girls FS – 4th

Caroline Stephenson

Preliminary Girls FS Grp. A – 4th

Preliminary Comp. Moves Grp. B – 1st

Jennifer Stuart

Preliminary Girls FS Grp. A – 1st

Judy Tseng

Adult Silver Ladies FS – 1st

Victoria Tsyhykalo

Pre-Juvenile Spins – 4th

Preliminary Girls FS Grp. B – 1st

Pre-Juvenile Jumps – 1st

Shayda Wilson

Pre-Preliminary B Girls FS Grp. B – 8th

Lisa Zheng

Skater Spotlight

“A Tale of Two Sisters”

Nicole and Jessica Brustofski represented the Skating Club of North Carolina at the Central Carolina Skating Classic. The competition was held April 1-4, 2004, in Hillsborough, North Carolina. Nicole is 10 years old and has been skating approximately three years. Her sister Jessica is 8 years old and has been skating about one year. Both girls are coached by Natalia and Oleg Efimova. They train four days a week.

Nicole skated in Pre-pre Group B Axel and placed 3rd! This was a remarkable accomplishment since right in the middle of her program her hair scrunchie fell out! Nicole didn't let this distraction rattle her, and she continued her program with a big smile! It only proved to Nicole that no matter what happens, it's important to keep going and try your best. In her first time to skate at the Preliminary Compulsory level, she placed 7th in her group. ☺

This was Jessica's very first “official” competition. She competed against 6 other competitors in the High Freestyle Free Skate and took 1st place! ☺ She was very proud to receive her medal. She had been working very hard to prepare her program for the competition. After landing her first axel on 12/17/03, Jessica has been motivated to continue learning new skating skills.

Both sisters support each other on the ice. They became interested in figure skating through their Aunt who lives in California. She is an avid skating fan. Nicole and Jessica have their rooms decorated with photos of their favorite skaters. They are looking forward to their next competition: The Dogwood Open, sponsored by SCNC. They are also excited about going to their first out of state competition, The Atlanta Open, in late June.

2004 Florida Open **By Erin Schefke**

A few weeks ago I competed in the Central Florida Open in Orlando. The rink was

one of the most impressive facilities I've ever seen. It had two ice rinks, an indoor pool, a work out room, basketball courts, racquetball courts, beach volleyball, a skate park, a café, a daycare and a museum. It would be a great place for families to go together and everyone would be entertained.

I had fun in Orlando between skating events. Joe and Kara competed also. I enjoyed watching them and cheering for them. We had fun at the hotel between events. The last day we were able to relax and go shopping together.

My overall skating experience in Florida was positive. However, practice sessions were crowded. During one of my practice sessions another skater ran into me and nicked my blade. A small piece of my blade was actually gone. My coach, Scott Cudmore, was able to stone the blade. I had to concentrate on not letting it affect my skating. I got a lot of reassurance from my coach. I was able to accomplish my personal goal at this competition, which is what matters the most. I am looking forward to my next Future Champion Series Competition.

Social Scene

SCNC SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2004

PLACE: THE OLDE RALEIGH POOL & CLUBHOUSE

TIME: 3:00PM-6:00PM

Food & drinks will be provided.
Everyone to bring a Snack OR Dessert to share!

The Olde Raleigh Pool features 2 swimming pools, one outdoor with lounge chairs and patio furniture & one indoor pool. The Clubhouse has a small kitchenette, tables, chairs and restroom facilities.

{More details to follow as the date gets near, but make your plans now to
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P.O. Box 41324
Raleigh, NC 27629

attend and have fun!}

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to:

*The Pair Team of **Kara Vick** and **Joseph Navarro** for their feature article and photo on the USFS website for the Jackson-Ultima Future Champion Series. ☺

***Jane Bugaeva** for being recognized for the 2004 Chevrolet/US Figure Skating Scholastic Honors Team. This award is available to US Figure Skating members of all disciplines who are juniors or seniors in an accredited high school. They must be a full-time student with a GPA of 3.4 or greater, and have competed on the novice, junior, or senior level within the past two years. ☺

Laura Navarro,
SCNC Social Committee Chairperson

Photo Opportunity!

Mark your calendars

May 13th 3-5 pm

May 22nd 9-11 am

The Sports Section, a local photography company will be at the Raleigh IcePlex during the above dates and times to take skating photos. They will use a white background, so skating costumes should show up well. The Sports Section offers photo novelty items such as key rings, luggage tags, posters, magazine covers, and woven blankets, as well as traditional photo packets. This company is well recommended

and is experienced in sports photos for teams throughout the Triangle. This will be a fundraiser for the Club. Check bulletin boards for more info!