



News From The Edge

Newsletter of Skating Club of North Carolina
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From the Prez . . .

Dear SCNC Family,

The winter training schedule reminds us that nothing lies dormant for long. Our skaters are busy preparing themselves for the upcoming season of testing, competitions, and exhibitions. The rinks are all filled with activity and I was glad I got the opportunity to come out and watch the test session at the IcePlex this past weekend. It reminded me of the wonderful talent that we possess in our club.

I want to take a moment to extend a hearty '**congratulations**' to **Jane Bugaeva** on her **12th place** finish at the US Figure Skating Championships. It was exciting to see Jane on the television and to realize the level of competition she faced – Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen, and Jenny Kirk, to name a few. Jane did a great job under pressure and we are VERY proud of her accomplishments!

Your SCNC Board of Directors and the Dogwood Open Committee have been busy preparing some exciting changes to the Dogwood Open Competition. Even though Dogwood is still months away, the planning stages have been ongoing since our last Dogwood in June 2004. Our focus has been on how we can continue to improve Dogwood to make it an even bigger success. Listening to our parents' and competitors' feedback and concerns, we found that many club members felt financially torn between the number of competitions that seem to come 'back to back' around the April – June timeframe. The springtime months are filled with competitions like Central Carolina, May Day, Atlantic Open, Cherry Blossom and State Games, to name a few. So many competitions placed in such close proximity definitely affect the number of applicants a club can anticipate. As a club, we want to see Dogwood continue to grow and flourish. Therefore, the Board of Directors voted to change the date of the Dogwood Open 2005 to August 19th – 21st to make it the 'premier' competition before South Atlantic Regionals. The Board based the dates according to the Wake County tentative school schedule, as well as looking at the other competitions being offered in August. So, mark your calendars now for August 19th – 21st for the 2005 Dogwood Open! We still need volunteers to help out with all aspects of the competition. Contact Beth Vick at Beth_Vick@bellsouth.net for opportunities to help with Dogwood.

Keep on Skating!

Rob Navarro – President, Skating Club of North Carolina, Inc.

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Test Dates

Apr.23, 2005 - Raleigh IcePlex (low test session)

June 11, 2005 – TBA

August 6, 2005 - TBA

Test applications will be available on the SCNC website.

Tentative Schedule of Events

February 19-20, 2005 2005 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships, New York, NY

February 19, 2005 US Figure Skating Basic Skills Competition, Hillsborough, NC

February 28-March 6, 2005 2005 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

March 14-20, 2005 2005 World Figure Skating Championships, Moscow, Russia

March 18-20, 2005 2005 Magnolia Open, Alpharetta, GA

April 6-10, 2005 Central Carolina Skating Classic, Hillsborough, NC

April 13-17, 2005 2005 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, Overland Park, KS

April 15-17, 2005 20th Annual Florida Open, Maitland, FL

June 4-5, 2005 State Games of North Carolina

July 12-16, 2005 Liberty Summer Competition, Newark, DE

August 19-21, 2005 2005 Dogwood Open, Raleigh, NC

August 23-27, 2005 2005 Cranberry Open, South Dennis, MA

September 15-18, 2005 2005 Middle Atlantic Championships, New York, NY

October 26-30, 2005 2006 South Atlantic Regional Championships, Tampa Bay, FL

Competition Results

**2005 Eastern Sectional
Championships**
Nov. 18-20, 2004
Boxborough, MA

Jane Bugaeva
Senior Ladies SP – 2nd
Senior Ladies FS – 1st
Senior Ladies Final Placement – 1st

Steven Elefante
Junior Men's SP – 6th
Junior Men's FS – 6th
Junior Men's Final Placement – 6th

BOFROST CUP on ICE 2004
November 26 - November 28, 2004
Gelsenkirchen, Germany

Jane Bugaeva
Ladies Elements and Jump Competition – 2nd
Ladies Freeskate – 1st
Ladies Final Placement – 1st

**2005 U.S. Junior Figure Skating
Championships**
December 1 - December 4, 2004
Jamestown, NY

Miles Addison
Juvenile Boys 1A (QR) – 7th
Juvenile Boys Final – 13th

Haley Dunne
Juvenile Girls 1B (QR) – 13th

Kara Vick
Joe Navarro
Intermediate Pairs 1A (QR) – 4th
Intermediate Pairs Final – 8th

**2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating
Championships**
January 9 - January 16, 2005
Portland, OR

Jane Bugaeva
Senior Ladies SP – 11th
Senior Ladies FS – 12th
Senior Ladies Final Placement – 12th

Birthdays!!!

January

Jane Draovitch 1/1
Judy Tseng 1/1
Marjorie Merod 1/4
Tara Mann 1/6
Elena Betchke 1/7
Miriam Clarke 1/15
Ron Seitz 1/15
Randi Munns 1/17
Meg Deal 1/20
Stefani Barham 1/21
McKenzie Jackson 1/22
William Pecic 1/24
Brenda Lewis-Flowers 1/25
Mary Barham 1/29

February

Rob Navarro 2/4
Karen MacDonald 2/6
Angela Hanson 2/9
Barry Munns 2/12
Courtney Cutting 2/13
Jennifer Stuart 2/14
Kathie Kader 2/15
Valerie Knopp 2/17
Ayse Gurel 2/19
Natalia Efimova 2/23
Ashleigh Hurd 2/23
Daria Draovitch 2/27

Stars On Ice

Tickets available now

Show: April 1st

Contact: LuAnn Lenz 781-3854
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News From Our Board

TEST CHAIR

Our Test Chair is stepping down and we are looking for people interested in participating in the Test session organization process. We will be looking for a new test chair. This is a very time consuming, but rewarding, task as it is a very important part of the club's functions. It includes choosing and inviting judges of appropriate levels for the tests offered, welcoming them, collecting applications and fees from the skaters, preparing a schedule and hosting the session.

If you are interested please contact Michele Alias at malias@nc.rr.com or any board member. We need to start working on our summer test session. It is a great opportunity to see if you think you would like to be further involved with the testing process.

PUBLICITY

The board is looking for someone to work on the publicity committee to market SCNC, and solicit ads from businesses, etc. to be placed in the newsletter and Dogwood program to make money for our club.

If you are interested please contact Michele Alias at malias@nc.rr.com or any board member.

FUNDRAISING

The Club has an immediate need for a co-chairman for a critical committee. Because the NHL season was cancelled, we've lost our primary source of income from the beer cart at the RBC Center! Without some replacement income, our ability to offer the same level of club ice, newsletters, test sessions, etc. is in jeopardy.

Our current Fundraising chair will continue to work with the RBC Center to schedule non-hockey events and serve as liaison for next year's hockey games (hopefully we'll have some!). But we're looking for someone willing to organize **other types of fundraising activities**, such as skate swap/consignment sales, holiday exhibitions, plant sales, product sales, or whatever else you think is a good money maker for the club. It's very important that we generate some income for the club. Please consider serving in this position. If you're interested, contact any Board member. The new co-chair will need helpers, too, so let us know if you'd be interested in working on any one particular fundraising project.