



Dear SCNC Member,

It is time for SCNC/USFSA membership renewals..... The membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th. Skaters must be "current" club/USFSA members in order to test and compete in USFSA sanctioned competitions. The SCNC Membership Form for the 2009-2010 year is attached, as well as the Volunteer Interest Form. If you have any questions about SCNC Membership or volunteer opportunities, please contact Jenny Komes at jkomes@mindspring.com.

Did you know that

- The Skating Club of North Carolina is the "oldest" skating club in the Triangle area, and has been in existence for 23 years.
- SCNC offers Club Ice free style sessions for SCNC members on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the "traditional" school year. The Club purchases this ice time from the Raleigh IcePlex at a cost of approximately \$20,000 per year. The Club subsidizes these sessions in an effort to continually offer free style sessions to its members. In an effort to increase participation on Club Ice sessions, coaches have not been charged the "typical" commission fee to teach lessons on Club Ice sessions for the past few years.
- SCNC offers 4 to 6 Test Sessions each year. In order to provide skaters with the best conditions to test, SCNC purchases ice specifically for test sessions – we do not hold test sessions on free style sessions or public sessions. The cost of purchasing this ice ranges from \$7,000 to \$9,000 annually. In addition to these costs, the Club pays for all travel expenses (airfare, hotel, meals, mileage) incurred by the judges officiating at the test sessions. This can often be as high as \$1,200 per session. The Club also pays a USFSA registration fee for every test taken on a SCNC test session throughout the year. It is the goal of SCNC to "break even" on test sessions. Sometimes we make money and sometimes we lose money, it all depends on the number of skaters testing, the levels testing, the amount of ice we have to buy, and how many out of town judges we have to bring in. We make every effort secure local judges first. We typically come close to break even at the end of each year.
- SCNC regularly evaluates membership fees and test fees with other well established clubs in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and parts of Virginia. Our fees are in line with other clubs in these areas. Please keep in mind that SCNC membership fees are eligible for a credit of up to \$50 dollars. Members earn a \$5 credit for every 2 hours of volunteer time, with a max of \$50 depending on your membership category. Please take advantage of these credits, as they are easy to earn!!
- SCNC pays a \$45 USFSA registration fee for each of its members, and an additional \$15 for each subsequent family member. SCNC also provides/purchases USFSA Rulebooks on CD for its members. The cost of this is approximately \$10 per CD.
- SCNC formed the Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) this past year. The JLC sold ads for last year's Dogwood Open program, organized the US IceWear tights fundraiser, and have come up with some great ideas for next year. One of these is to start a "skater buddy" program where younger and lower level skaters are assigned a "skate buddy" that they can go to when they have questions about the fascinating world of figure skating – from what to wear, testing, competitions, etc.
- SCNC holds socials throughout the year. The Club budgets and spends about \$1,000 for these each year. We just had the membership pool party/awards banquet and we held "send-off" parties for Regionals/Sectionals/Nationals at both the IcePlex and Garner rinks. Last October the awards banquet was held at Capri's.
- SCNC annually provides some funding to its skaters that qualify for Jr. Nationals, Sectionals and Nationals to help offset some of the traveling costs and to provide skates with some spending money to purchase a memento from the event.
- This year we are hoping to offer seminars if there is enough interest. In the past we have offered Grassroots to Champions seminars with Audrey Weisiger and have also offered Kathy Casey and Janet Champion seminars.
- SCNC has tentatively secured weekend ice to offer program exhibitions prior to Regionals in conjunction with the annual "send off" party for Regionals.
- SCNC has tentatively secured ice for a Holiday Exhibition and Skate with Santa in December.
- We are hoping to put some collages together to post at the rinks. So, if you would like to be a part of this, **please include a photo of you skating or with fellow SCNC members.**
- Each year, SCNC hosts the Dogwood Open competition. This is a huge undertaking. Planning, organizing, and activities usually start 6 months prior to the actual event. This year will mark the 17th anniversary of this event. Total expenses to put on this event are generally around \$20,000 each year. Our goal/hope is that this event will generate additional funding for the Club, however we have come close to "break even" the past few years. We hope that you will consider volunteering some of your time for this event, as it can not successfully occur without it! We also hope we will have the pleasure of seeing our skaters perform!

So, when renewing, PLEASE keep in mind that membership fees are currently the main source of funding for the Club. This funding is used to pay the USFSA registration fee for each member, purchase ice for test sessions, pay for judges' travel expenses, pay the registration fee for each test taken throughout the year, pay for Club Ice, fund the annual spring membership meeting and other social events, and also provides the up front funding for the Dogwood Open competition.

In addition to completing the Membership Form, PLEASE also complete and return the attached Volunteer Interest Form. The Skating Club of North Carolina continues to grow each year and relies SOLELY on volunteers for its successful operation.

There are many opportunities for you to get involved with SCNC, and the Volunteer Interest Form provides you with the opportunity to identify the areas you would be most interested in helping with. Review the categories listed and then check ALL areas that you might be interested in. There is also a place on the form for you to provide your feedback on any ideas or suggestions you have that you think would benefit SCNC. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED TO VOLUNTEER!

Some very important Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs needed are: Test Chair, Social Committee Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, and Fundraiser Chair.

The Club is what YOU make it! With your help, we look forward to a successful new year. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

SCNC Board of Directors