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Champions!

Imagica knocks out the competition in Chicago



Theater on Ice National and International Champions 2009
Imagica

Boston TOI teams excel at National, International events

By Jim Mc Manus

The Skating Club of Boston's Theater on Ice teams were well represented at this year's National Theater on Ice and International Theater on Ice competitions held in late June just outside Chicago, Illinois. Before the beginning of the competition the Theater on Ice National Committee announced that the top 3 placements in the Novice, Junior, Senior and Adult divisions at the National competition would

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President's Letter

I hope everyone is having a relaxing summer and enjoying your time off from the daily responsibilities.

We have had a busy summer at the club taking care of the needs of the summer program, MetroWest and preparing for the very fast approaching winter session.

In recognition of his long service to The Skating Club of Boston, the Board has elected Benjamin Wright, Chairman of the Board as permitted by Article V, par 1. Ben has served the club well for many years and continues to fully participate in Board Meetings and as an advisor on many events that provide history and substance relating to the tradition of The Skating Club of Boston. Congratulations, Ben.

Since Jim McManus has been elected Vice President, there was a need to fill his position on the Board for the remainder of his term. Paul Crugnola had served his six years and was not eligible to succeed himself on the Board, however the By-Laws require only that you do not succeed yourself Article V Par. 2. Since Paul is an integral part of our Program Development and Basic Skills Committees, we have elected Paul to complete Jim's term.

The Boston Open had a slight reduction in the number of skaters participating, but much of that can be contributed to the change in date. Comments from skaters

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President's Letter

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and coaches who participated in the event were very positive, and many skaters benefited from the critiques that were conducted after each of the IJS events. Thank you to Chair Paul Crugnola and his Committee for placing the skater first and running a smooth operation.

Marlborough ice is showing great progress, we continue to monitor the usage and develop programs for the sessions we have at this facility.

The Board has decided not to bid for 2012 US Figure Skating Championship. The decision was made after a number of issues that required more information from US Figure Skating on some of the requirements which we would have been responsible for where not clarified. We have plenty on our plate and also felt that we should concentrate on the Club's 100th Anniversary.

There are many items and events that are in the process of being addressed as outlined in my May letter and I will not repeat them.

We continue to pursue a site for a new facility but have nothing additional to report at this time except that a constant effort is underway.

We have had guest skaters at the club

most of the summer and I would ask that they be treated as we treat all our guests; get to know them and involve them as best you can. Come join the Exhibition scheduled for August 14, 2009

We have received a Bid Package for the 2011 National and World Theater on Ice Competition and are in the process of reviewing placing a bid for the event. Both Imagica and Act 1 have qualified for the 1010 World Theater on Ice Competition to be held in France, July 2010. Congratulations to skaters, coaches and parents of both teams for a job well done.

This is a repeated request but we feel it's important to complete our data base of information on club members so we can better communicate with everyone. To that end, if you have not provided an email address, please do and if you do not have an email address let us know what the best way is to communicate with you. Thank you for your assistance in completing the information necessary for us to provide information without consuming paper, ink and money on postage.

Joe

Have Something to Say?

CHIPS loves feedback and articles from our readers. Items of interest (including your photographs or illustrations, preferably in digital format) and assorted notes may be delivered to The Skating Club of Boston's main office or sent directly to the editor via:

- Email: editor@chipsboston.com or;
- Fax: 617 . 782 . 7846 (Attn: **CHIPS**)

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Boston TOI teams excel in Chicago

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qualify for the first ever World Theater on Ice Competition to be held in April of 2010 in Toulouse, France. So, with the excitement of the announcement in the air all of our teams hit the ice and put on fantastic performances.

Our newest team, Encore of Boston competed at the Junior level and they competed both their Choreographic Exercise (short program) and their Freeskate (Long) program. The Choreographic program had the team dressed in black costumes, and they skated a program geared towards the "conflict resolution" topic assigned by USFS for all choreographic exercises. The program was a story about figure skaters who at first skated alone in their sport before they realized that it was more fun to skate with others. The free skate program proved to be a favorite with the audience, and was entitled "What's Opera Doc?" The story was based on the Looney Tunes story, with hunters tracking the "wascally" rabbit, appearances by "Britney Spears", Sylvester, Tweety Bird, and Daffy Duck. You will be happy to know that the rabbit survived, and the audience reacted with raucous applause. The Encore team was a crowd favorite! The team placed 5th overall in all events and they had a great time supporting the other SCOB teams, Imagica and Act 1 of Boston.

Our Senior team, Act 1 of Boston, gave strong performances, technically solid and artistically compelling. It was a difficult competition, but Act I of Boston returned from Chicago as the Silver Medalist team in both National and International competitions. The International competition also included four special awards for best scenery, best costume, best original story, and best retelling of a story. Act I of Boston won the Best Original Story for their passionate performance to Koyaanisqatsi, a true testament to the strength of the program's choreography and emotion portrayed by the skaters.

Imagica, The Skating Club of Boston's Theatre on Ice team (Adult Division), swept the 2009 National and International Theatre on Ice Competition. The team brought home gold medals in all events it skated, successfully defending its 2008 titles. This year's long program, which was also performed at Ice Chips, told an Old West story, featuring miners, cowboys, cowgirls, townsfolk, saloon girls, a gunfight, and even a tumble-weed. The short program used the setting of a gospel church service to illustrate one of this season's required themes, "Living Together." Congratulations to Imagica and its 29 adult skaters on their wildly successful season.

Overall, it was a fantastic showing for The Skating Club of Boston. Both Act 1 of Boston and Imagica qualified for the first World Theater on Ice competition next spring! I would like to also thank and congratulate our Theater on Ice coaches Tom Lescinski and Elin Schran for Act 1 of Boston, Tasney Mazarino for Imagica and Encore of Boston and Amy Vecchio for Imagica.

-Jim McManus



Imagica member Marc Gervais admires his team gold medal



Imagica members Jim McManus and Debbie Childs

Photos courtesy of Imagica member Lauren Westgate

Making Magic Happen

the man and woman behind the curtain of SCOB's Theater of Ice program

As skaters, we all know that a good competitive season isn't based purely on how well our individual jumps and spins are performed. We have our choreography and individual competitive performances to think about each time we present our skating to the judges.

For our three Theater On Ice (TOI) teams (Act 1, Imagica and Encore), the complexity of skating goes far beyond what an individual skater, pair or team deals with. By design, each team is composed of between 8 and 30 skaters, and of varying ability levels (on our Senior team, Act 1, skaters fall between pre-Preliminary and Senior!) While a program might 'feature' a few of those skaters, all must skate as part of the team's performance. Skaters' dramatic abilities are a strong part of the mix as well as their technical skills. The programs are judged by regular U.S. Figure Skating judges and are evaluated on technical merit and presentation with emphasis on originality, costuming, artistry and musicality.

Our teams are known as some of the best in the country – Jim McManus' article details the teams' results on page 1. What makes them so special? Having spoken to several of the admittedly biased Imagica skaters and other Club experts, **Chips** heard the same answer: Tasney Mazzarino and Tom Lescinski.

Directors and Coaches Tom Lescinski (Act 1) and Tasney Mazzarino (Imagica and Encore) are the creative forces behind their teams. Both are theater buffs, terrific skaters who share a love of performance, music and Broadway. **Chips** met with these two dynamic coaches to find out how they bring diverse skaters together to create their own brands of magic on the ice.

The Free Skate program, which is the TOI equivalent to the long program, begins with a concept and music. With programs ranging to over six minutes long, finding music is a challenge – and the music must also inspire costumes, sets, and the theme that will motivate the skaters and, hopefully, please audience and judges.

Tom admits to listening to music "well over a hundred times" when he is developing a new program, sketching ideas for costumes and sets, as well of thinking of choreography. The Act 1 2008-2009 program music to Philip Glass' Koyaanisqatsi had been playing in Tom's mind since he'd heard it in New York over 20 years ago, and imagined it being skated by an ensemble. The long "incubation" period paid off – at this year's national competition, Tom was recognized for the program with the award for 'Best Overall Original Theme and Storyline.'

Tasney, who began her TOI career as a skater in Imagica before the group moved to the Skating Club, spends much of her available time going to movies and shows, and is always thinking of what might translate well to the ice and her group of skaters. Her varied background, with 25 years of classical music training, includes time spent playing in pit orchestras for musicals. "Having had that view, of looking up at the stage, (from the orchestra pit) I'm always thinking of the big picture – what the program will look like in the stands," she says. It's working. Imagica received straight first-place ordinals in the International TOI competition in Bensenville. It must have looked good in the stands, certainly where the judges were sitting.

What's it like to manage all of the different levels of skaters, and handle rehearsals, which are little over an hour each week? Tasney often groups her skaters by ability level, so that choreography may be taught to one group while another is refining another portion of the program. Tom has a student leader who can act as a captain, helping to teach choreography. The skaters say having different ability levels doesn't create stress among the skaters. Eric Rioux, who skates with Imagica, says that all skaters are equally important, and then chronicles several on his fingers: one who's a great dramatic performer, one who is a talented seamstress and makes most of the team's costumes, and another who builds their sets.

Tom points out that skating on a TOI team only adds to a competitive skater's repertoire. It teaches presentation and dramatic skills, and generally takes only an hour and a half per week. The practice time, on Sunday evenings, doesn't interfere with private lesson time. More importantly, the focus is on the group, and not the individual. Tasney adds that if skaters have stopped competing on the standard track, TOI gives them goals to work toward in their skating.

Both Tasney and Tom are involved in US Figure Skating's National Committee for TOI, helping to build this exciting new area of our sport. Tasney serves as Adult Chair, and Tom is the discipline's International Liaison for Free Skate. We're lucky to have both of them, and their considerable talent!

New Members

Family Memberships

**Mr. and Mrs. Lin Hymel (Anka)
(Hanna)**
Norton, Massachusetts
Minaev / Lin

**Ms Jia Huang
(Christine Wang)**
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts
Naphtal / Lin

**Ms Anne Swinton
(Matthew)**
Northborough, Massachusetts
Naphtal / Lescinski

**Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tabor
(Nathalie)
(Adrien, Elisabeth, Philip)**
Brookline, Massachusetts
Ludtke / Blount-Medico

**Ms Stephanie Kenney
(Breanne, Kayla)**
Medway, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

**Mr. and Mrs. Jack Xu (Helen)
(Victoria)**
Northboro, Massachusetts
Naphtal / Lin

**Mr. and Mrs. John Kubik (Anne)
(Alanna, Brendan)**
Pembroke, Massachusetts
Pastore / Mitchell

**Mr. and Mrs. William LaFlash
(Dominique)**
Worcester, Massachusetts
Naphtal / L. Blount

Ms Krista Benson
Brighton, Massachusetts
Choate / Naphtal

**Ms Barbara Jelleme
(Scarlett, Sinclair)**
Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts
D'Angelo / Riley

**Ms Robin Lee
(Nicole)**
Quincy, Massachusetts
Naphtal / L. Blount

**Ms Linda Clancy
(Amanda, Danielle
(Gendron))**
Hopkinton, Massachusetts
Choate / Naphtal

**Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rosen
(Tricia)
(Katie)**
Andover, Massachusetts
Pastore / Zeppi

**Mr. Donald Masley and Mrs. Carol
Shaw
(JoAnna (Masley))**
Webster, Massachusetts
Naphtal / Lin

**Ms Carol Bilazarian-Cotter
(Heather (Cotter))**
West Boylston, Massachusetts
Choate / Naphtal

**Ms Sien Wie
(Emily, Jennifer (Heng))**
Swampscott, Massachusetts
McManus / Farkas

Mr. Drew Meekins
Wellesley, Massachusetts
Naphtal / L. Blount

**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Manning
(Kathleen)
(Kaitlin)**
Marlborough, Massachusetts
Choate / Naphtal

Single Memberships

Mrs. Jennifer Rand
Boston, Massachusetts
Kurkjian-Jones / Schran

**Mrs. Debra Murtaugh
(Kendyl)**
Holliston, Massachusetts
Munger / Magill

**Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell
(Christine)
(Jen, Kate)**
Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Junior Memberships

Mr. Mark Jahnke
Seattle, Washington
Carey / B. Brown

**Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Phillips
(Diane)
(Courtney)**
Randolph, Massachusetts
Naphtal / Lescinski

**Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Rotella
(Michelle)
(Tori)**
Providence, Rhode Island
Miner / Minaev

Metro West Memberships

**Ms Elaine Edwards
(Lindsey Scally)**
Avon, Massachusetts
Naphtal / L. Blount

**Ms Ellen Rota
(Katelyn)**
Holbrook, Massachusetts
Naphtal / L. Blount

**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schaefer
(Kimberly)
(Lily)**
Southborough, Massachusetts
Choate / Naphtal

**Ms Melinda Smolenski
(Jamie, Stephanie)**
Cranston, Rhode Island
Naphtal / Johansson

New Members

Synchro Memberships

Miss Anna Berman

Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Elizabeth Julie Riley

Tewksbury, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Michelle Lemoine

Amherst, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Caraline Canning

Georgetown, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Emily Ryder

Holbrook, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Maisie Meade

Wellesley, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Catherine Couch

Rochester, New Hampshire
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Hannah Simmons

North Attleboro, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Caitlin O'Neill

Wrentham, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Niki Cozzolino

Mendon, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Jennifer Skerker

Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Amber Pardes

Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Nikki Ferraro

Framingham, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Rachel Sokolov

Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Caitlyn Parker

South Berwick, Maine
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Stephanie Filardo

East Greenwich, Rhode Island
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Isabelle Towle

Wellesley, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Elise Requadt

Sudbury, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Ana Gadoury

Blackstone, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Giselle Castro

Acton, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Jaclyn Robidoux

Sudbury, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Elizabeth Green

Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Meaghan Corcoran

Concord, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Elana Selitsky

Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Jilly Hughes

Brookline, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Lee Ann Filosa

Medfield, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Rachel Tortora

Pepperell, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Julie King

Dedham, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Tracey D. Ford

Carlisle, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Rebecca Vangness

Stow, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Anastasia Pastuszak

Acton, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Stacey Gouker

Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Shauna Wassmus

Westwood, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Nicole Prescott

Westfield, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Elizabeth Guarino

Lincoln, Rhode Island
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Megan Wessenberg

Medway, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Kathleen Rice

Sudbury, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

Miss Abigail Knecht

Lexington, Massachusetts
Fuller / Naphtal

New Members

Membership Category Changes

Theatre on Ice to Family
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Burley
 (Barbara)

Ms Deanna Young

Family to Metro West Family
Mr. Terence Oi and Ms Patricia
Meehan

Ms Kathleen Enright

Family to Synchro
Miss Courtney Richuits

Single to Non-Resident Single
Ms Aletta Schaap

Junior to Non-Resident Single
Ms Lindsey Smith

Returning Family

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Volpicelli
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Goldstein
 (Leonora)

Watch CHIPS for information on new member orientation sessions, and if you see someone you think may be a new member, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the Club!

Tests Passed

Sybrinna M. Allen - Juvenile Moves

Katarina Bartel - Juvenile Moves

Alessandra Bianchi - Preliminary Moves, Preliminary Free

Marissa M Castelli - Junior Free

Emily J Catanzaro - Junior Moves, Junior Free

Claire Chan - Juvenile Free

David Conley – Novice Moves, Novice Free

Lauren H Cumming - Novice Moves

Paige D'Angelo - Preliminary Free

Gretchen V Donlan - Pre-Juvenile Pair, Juvenile Pair, Intermediate Pair

Isabelle S Dost - Intermediate Moves

Amanda E. Egan - Junior Free

Domenica M. Fuller - Pre-Silver Dance

Stephanie Gervais - Pre-Bronze Dance

Elisa Glauber - Preliminary Free

Olivia Gibbons – Senior Free

Talia I Greene - Juvenile Free

Madeline A Gupta - Pre-Preliminary Moves

Tyler Harris – Senior Free

Natalie E Henderson - Preliminary Free, Intermediate Moves

Tasha E Jones - Pre-Preliminary Moves, Pre-Preliminary Free

Alyssa Karbel - Preliminary Moves

Sebastian Kim - Intermediate Free

Anna Y. Klug - Juvenile Moves

Rachel Langer – Senior Moves

Maya Xia Ludtke - Juvenile Moves

Janelle E. Maddaleni - Junior Moves

Carly B Milden - Juvenile Pair

Ross Miner – Senior Moves, Senior Free

Bryna H.M. Oi – Senior Free

Courtney O'Regan - Intermediate Free

Olivia Pastore - Novice Moves

Jennifer Rosenthal - Pre-Juvenile Moves, Preliminary Free

Eric Rioux - Preliminary Dance

Keilani-Lyn Rene Rudderham - Junior Free

Lindsey T Scally - Preliminary Moves

Jessica Sims - Pre-Juvenile Free

Yasmin Siraj - Junior Free

Nora Smith - Novice Free, Junior Moves

Emily G. Stevenson - Novice Free

Sarah Swalboski - Pre-Juvenile Free

Rebecca Wales - Novice Moves

Amanda Wang - Preliminary Moves

Editor's Note: these Test Results are taken from the US Figure Skating website as of July 30. Subsequent Test Results will be announced in our next issue. If we missed your result, please let us know!

Club News

Club Awards

On Friday, June 5, at the annual Awards night, our members were honored with the following awards and recognition:

The Weld Award (Most Outstanding Skater) - Ross Miner

Blanchard Award (Most Improved) - Marissa Castelli & Simon Shnapir

Robert L. Black Award (Best Student-Athlete) - Curran Oi

Mary Louise Wright Memorial Exhibition Award - Rochelle Dost, Stephen Carriere, Olivia Gibbons, Tyler Harris



Board Secretary Alisa Plazonja, honored coach Tom McGinnis, and former Board member Jane Piercy celebrate at Awards night

Outstanding Junior Member

Scholarship Award - Olivia Gibbons, Brittney Rizo

The Spirit of Tenley Albright Award - Michaellee Scarincio

The Spirit of Ice Chips Award - William Danner

President's Award - Karolyn Kurkjian-Jones

The Wright Award - Patricia Joyce Soanes

Club Service Award - Laura Dully

PSA Coaches' Hall of Fame - Tom McGinnis

Come join Team Excel in a 2-day Synchronized Skating Fun Camp! Saturday & Sunday, 8/22-23 at the SCOB facility.

Goals for the camp are to:

1. Provide a fun environment for Skills and Bridge skaters trying synchronized skating for the first time.

2. Provide a skills refresher for "Back to Synchro" developmental skaters - Skaters that have participated in synchronized skating before, but are at the Beginner, Preliminary or Open Juvenile levels

3. Demonstrate and Exhibit the coaching skills necessary for Directors and Coaches of Skills and Bridging programs to start their own Developmental Synchronized Skating Teams.

We are inviting skaters, coaches and directors from all around the region to come and participate. Registration begins at 8am. Camp will run from 9 am-3 pm. If you would like more information, contact the teams at

ExcelSynchro@gmail.com

From the USFS web site: "There are so many benefits to participating in a team sport, and synchronized skating is a great way for figure skaters to compete in a sport they love while enjoying all of the aspects of working with others in a team-oriented sport."



Cost for the two-day camp is \$140

Test Sessions Update

The Skating Club will no longer accept late Free Test (Free skating, MIF) Applications.

Free Test Applications must be received by the office with appropriate fees by the Sunday 2 weeks prior to the test session.

Summer Fun Exhibition Friday August 14

Join in the summer fun!
Come to skate!
Come to watch!
A hot new summer tradition
Sign up in the office

Exhibition is open to all skaters participating in our summer program
Cost is \$10; hors d'oeuvres will be served

"If you aspire to the highest place, it is no disgrace to stop at the second, or even the third place." (Cicero)

submitted by Cindy Jerrier

PSA Seminars

The Professional Skaters Association (PSA) will be holding two separate day-long seminars at the Club on September 12 and 13. Attended by coaches and skating choreographers, the seminars are part of the PSA's Nationwide Seminar Series and are designed to help skating professionals build their skills and learn new teaching new techniques in a combination of on-ice and classroom sessions. Ratings exams will also be held. For more information, please visit the PSA website, www.skatepsa.com

Club News

LTS on Sunday!

Our Learn To Skate (LTS) program is expanding! Beginning in September, we'll be adding Sunday classes to allow students to choose more sessions, including some classes we've never offered before.

Currently, we have successful programs on both Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons. The new Sunday program will offer all of the same Basic Skills classes students are accustomed to, as well as classes to introduce Dance, Pairs, Artistry in Motion (Theatre) and Synchro. US Figure Skating has badge programs for all of these disciplines, and we are very excited to be offering them for the first time at our club! The format will allow students to take two classes, if they wish; for example, a group Dance class and Synchro class, within the Sunday session.

These new classes will allow beginning skaters to get a closer look at more areas of our sport, and gave students the ability to take group lessons two or three times a week with us. This new session is perfect for both children and adults. It should be a great way to welcome new skaters, and we look forward to seeing the results!

Ross Miner selected for U.S. Junior Grand Prix event

Ross Miner is one of 18 US athletes selected to compete in September in the second event of the Junior Grand Prix of Figure Skating series, to be held in Lake Placid, New York, September 2-5, 2009. This will be Ross' first JGP event, and it follows his second-place finish at the Liberty Summer Competition in July in Aston, PA.

Join Encore Theatre on Ice of Boston

Encore is a Novice Theatre on Ice Team with competitive and recreational skaters from pre-preliminary moves and higher.

Encore is having 2 summer workshops on August 9th and 23rd at 7:50pm at The Skating Club of Boston so that skaters can learn more about the team.

The cost will be \$14.50 per workshop for all skaters participating.

Encore skates every Sunday afternoon during the school year from 6:40-7:55pm at The Skating Club of Boston.

Encore is accepting skaters of all ages and abilities for the upcoming fall season. Skating on the team is \$85/month.

Come see if ice theatre is for you!

For more information please send an email to Odette Morelli or Kara McWeeney at omorelli@goodwinprocter.com and ksm62@comcast.net

Scholastic Honors

Applications due to USFS

The U.S. Figure Skating Scholastic Honors Team is a program designed to recognize high school-age U.S. Figure Skating members who distinguish themselves both in figure skating and high school academics. In 2009, we were proud to see our skaters Rachael Naphtal and Curran Oi recognized as members of this outstanding team. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be an eligible skater and current member of U.S. Figure Skating.
- Be a full-time student entering the

junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2009.

- Applicant must be enrolled in a fully accredited secondary school, attend classes and carry the minimum number of credit hours necessary to be a full time student.

- Maintain at least a 3.4 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) or 93% (based on a 100% scale) during the last two years.

- Must have competed in a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition (Regionals, Sectionals and/or Nationals) at the novice, junior or senior level in singles, pairs, dance and/or synchro at least once during the past two years (2007-08 or 2008-09 skating season).

Applications are available online at www.usfigureskating.org, and must be submitted in hard copy, postmarked by September 18, 2009 to be considered.

USFS Team Envelope Assignments

Congratulations to our skaters named to U.S. Figure Skating's Team USA for the 2009-2010 Season:

Team B

Stephen Carriere
Ross Miner
Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapi

Team C

Molly Aaron and Daniyel Cohen
Olivia Gibbons and Tyler Harris

Reserve Team

Jessica Rose Paetsch and Drew Meekins
Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin McManus

Developmental Team

Yasmin Siraj
Una Donegan and Andrew Korda

Competition Results

North Shore Open *May 29-31, 2009*

Adult Bronze Free Skate Kristen Ervick – 6th

Adult Silver Free Skate Carolyn Evert – 1st

Juvenile Girls Olivia Pastore – 1st Julia Maria Rapela – 3rd Caitlyn Smith – 7th

Intermediate Ladies Short Program Alexia Rogers – 1st Brianna Coviello – 4th

Intermediate Ladies Free Skate Alexia Rogers – 3rd

Novice Men Short Program David Conley – 1st

Novice Men Free Skate David Conley – 1st

Junior Ladies Short Program Keilani-Lyn Rudderham – 1st Rochelle Dost – 5th Alexandria Shaughnessy – 6th

Theatre On Ice Results

Adult Choreographic Exercise Imagica TOI of Boston – 1st

Junior Choreographic Exercise Encore of Boston – 1st

Senior Choreographic Exercise Act 1 of Boston – 1st

Junior TOI Exhibition Encore of Boston – 1st

Adult TOI Imagica TOI of Boston – 1st

Senior TOI Act 1 of Boston – 1st

Colonial Open *June 18-21, 2009*

Adult Bronze Compulsory Spins Cynthia Jerrier – 1st Theresa Lee – 2nd

Adult Bronze Compulsory Moves Cynthia Jerrier – 3rd

Adult Bronze Free Skate Theresa Lee – 5th

Adult Silver Free Skate Carolyn Evert – 1st

Competitive Test Preliminary Girls Madison Hendrigan – 1st

Juvenile Girls – A (QR) Jessica Lin – 1st Isabelle Dost – 6th Gianna Beniers – 13th Olivia Pastore – 14th

Juvenile Girls – B (QR) Julia Marie Rapela – 1st Christine Magill – 4th Caitlyn Smith – 9th

Juvenile Girls Final Jessica Lin – 1st Isabelle Dost – 5th Julia Marie Rapela – 6th Christine Magill – 9th

Intermediate Ladies – A (QR) Melissa Lee – 1st

Rachel Zeppi- 3rd

Intermediate Ladies – B (QR) Laurene Lampiasi – 1st Jenelle Herman – 2nd Janelle Maddaleni – 15th

Intermediate Ladies Final Short Program Lauren Lampiasi – 3rd Jenelle Herman – 4th Melissa Lee – 5th Rachel Zeppi – 9th

Intermediate Ladies Final Free Skate Jenelle Herman – 7th

Novice Ladies Short Program Kayla Thierwechter – 3rd Nora Smith – 12th

Novice Ladies Free Skate Angela Sementelli – 3rd Nora Smith – 4th

Junior Ladies Short Program Keilani-Lyn Rudderham – 1st Rochelle Dost – 5th Alexandria Shaughnessy – 6th

Boston Open *June 18-21, 2009*

Adult Bronze Men Craig Burley—1st

Adult Bronze Ladies Cynthia Jerrier—1st Kristen Ervick – 2nd

Adult Silver Men Huai-Ti Lin—1st

Adult Gold Ladies Suzanne Garcia—1st

Pre-Preliminary Girls A Mizuki Nitta – 3rd Amanda Freedman – 7th

Competition Results

Pre-Preliminary Girls B

Jin Baseman – 1st
Sybrinna Allen – 7th

Juvenile Boys

Bennett Gottleib – 2nd

Juvenile Girls Group 1

Victoria LoRusso – 1st
Jessica Lin – 4th
Isabelle Dost – 5th
Gianna Marie Beniers – 6th
Christine Magill – 7th

Juvenile Girls Group 2

Maria Minaeva – 2nd
Olivia Pastore – 5th
Lina Takaoka – 9th
Caitlyn Smith – 13th

Juvenile Girls Final

Jessica Lin – 2nd
Maria Minaeva – 4th
Victoria LoRusso – 6th
Isabelle Dost – 7th
Olivia Pastore – 8th
Gianna Marie Beniers – 10th

Intermediate Ladies Group 1 Short Program

Lauren Lampiasi – 4th
Brianna Coviello – 5th
Janelle Maddaleni – 9th

Intermediate Ladies Group 1 Free Skate

Lauren Lampiasi – 1st

Intermediate Ladies Group 2 Short Program

Alexia Rogers – 1st
Rachel Zeppi – 2nd
Courtney O'Regan – 3rd

Intermediate Ladies Group 2 Free Skate

Alexia Rogers – 1st
Rachel Zeppi – 2nd

Intermediate Ladies Final

Short Program

Rachel Zeppi – 2nd
Alexia Rogers – 3rd
Courtney O'Regan – 6th
Brianna Coviello – 10th
Lauren Lampiasi – 11th

Intermediate Ladies Final Free Skate

Alexia Rogers – 1st
Lauren Lampiasi – 5th
Rachel Zeppi – 6th

Intermediate Men Free Skate

Adrian Huertas – 1st

Novice Ladies Short Program

Kayla Thierwechter – 2nd
Taylor Foley – 3rd
Nicole Fugate – 6th

Novice Ladies Free Skate

Mia Eisenhandler – 1st
Kayla Thierwechter – 2nd
Taylor Foley – 3rd
Nicole Fugate – 6th

Novice Men Short Program

Harrison Choate – 1st
David Conley – 2nd

Novice Men Free Skate

Harrison Choate – 1st
David Conley – 2nd

Junior Ladies Short Program

Yasmin Siraj – 1st
Layla Siraj – 2nd
Keilani-Lyn Rudderham – 4th
Rochelle Dost – 5th
Alexandria Shaughnessy – 6th

Junior Ladies Free Skate

Yasmin Siraj – 1st
Keilani-Lyn Rudderham – 2nd
Rochelle Dost – 3rd
Alexandria Shaughnessy – 4th

Senior Men Short Program

Ross Miner – 1st
Stephen Carriere – 2nd

Senior Men Free Skate

Stephen Carriere – 1st
Ross Miner – 2nd

Liberty Summer Competition

Aston, PA—July 14-18, 2009

Juvenile Girls Group B

Jessica Lin – 1st

Juvenile Girls Group D

Victoria LoRusso – 3rd

Juvenile Girls Final Round

Jessica Lin – 2nd
Victoria LoRusso – 11th

Intermediate Ladies Short Program (QR)

Rachel Zeppi – 2nd
Heidi Munger – 6th
Courtney O'Regan – 11th

Intermediate Ladies Long Program (QR)

Rachel Zeppi – 2nd
Heidi Munger – 4th
Courtney O'Regan – 14th

Intermediate Ladies Final – Short Program

Rachel Zeppi – 4th

Intermediate Ladies Final – Free Skate

Rachel Zeppi – 10th

Intermediate Men – Short Program

Adrian Huertas – 6th

Intermediate Men – Free Skate

Adrian Huertas – 8th

Novice Ladies Short Program (QR)

Taylor Foley – 4th

Competition Results

Morgan Sowa – 4th
 Ursula Munger – 5th
 Kayla Thierwechter – 7th

Novice Ladies Free Skate (QR)

Taylor Foley – 2nd
 Ursula Munger – 2nd
 Morgan Sowa – 4th
 Kayla Thierwechter – 5th

Novice Ladies Final – Short Program

Morgan Sowa – 11th
 Taylor Foley – 20th

Novice Ladies Final – Free Skate

Taylor Foley – 10th
 Ursula Munger – 14th

Novice Men - Short Program

Harrison Choate – 2nd
 David Conley – 9th

Novice Men – Free Skate

Harrison Choate – 3rd
 David Conley – 8th

Junior Ladies Short Program (QR)

Keilani-Lyn Rudderham – 1st
 Yasmin Siraj – 2nd
 Sydney Cusack – 4th
 Alexandria Shaughnessy – 5th
 Layla Siraj – 7th
 Hanako Gutterman – 10th

Junior Ladies Free Skate (QR)

Keilani-Lyn Rudderham – 1st
 Yasmin Siraj – 2nd
 Alexandria Shaughnessy – 4th
 Layla Siraj – 5th
 Sydney Cusack – 6th
 Hanako Gutterman – 7th

Junior Ladies Final –

Yasmin Siraj – 2nd
 Keilani-Lyn Rudderham – 9th
 Alexandria Shaughnessy – 11th

Junior Men - Short Program

Peter Max Dion – 4th

Junior Men – Free Skate

Peter Max Dion – 3rd

Junior Pairs - Short Program

Olivia Gibbons / Tyler Harris – 3rd

Junior Pairs – Free Skate

Olivia Gibbons / Tyler Harris – 1st

Senior Men - Short Program

Ross Miner – 2nd
 Jason Wong- 15th

Senior Men – Free Skate

Ross Miner – 2nd

US Collegiate Championships

Ardmore, PA—July 30—August 1, 2009

Senior Men

Jason Wong—1st

Note: results from the Champlain Valley Open were not available at the time of publication. We hope to be able to present them in our Fall issue.

Wanted: Competitions Editor

Do you like to organize information?

Surf the Web?

Want to make sure your competition result is listed?

CHIPS is looking for a **Competitions Editor**. No journalistic experience is required; this important role involves researching and compiling results from all events where SCOB skaters and teams are competing. Editor will prepare and format those results for publication in CHIPS. Parents, this is an easy way to help while you're waiting for your skaters at the Club. Skaters, this is a great way to get involved in a journalistic extracurricular activity!

It's also a great way to get more involved in the Skating Club! For more information or to ask about other great volunteer opportunities on CHIPS, please contact editor@chipsboston.com



Michelle Wojdyla

Q&A:

A chat with House Committee Chair Tammy Thierwechter

Our house committee puts on the great events at the Skating Club. Chips sat down with the House Committee chairman, Tammy Thierwechter, to better understand the events her group plans and hosts, and some of the protocols involved.

Chips: For some events, members get dinner tickets (when they sign up), and at others, there's a table for check-in right at the front door. If I just want to come to an event and watch the skating, but not eat, is that possible?

Tammy: At most Friday exhibitions, that's exactly what happens. If you want to come just for the exhibition, you come in, sit downstairs, and watch your friends. The members who sign up for dinner are given tickets when they check in at the front desk, and the food is served upstairs. Simple! But when we have a really large dinner, like Regionals Send-offs, Easterns Send-Offs, Nationals Send-offs, Theater Send-Offs, we actually have to set up tables and food downstairs, so there's no way to separate members who've paid for dinner from those who are just there to watch.

Chips: So when an event is big enough to involve food and tables being downstairs, at rinkside, the rule of thumb is that everyone coming in to the Club needs to be signed up for the event.

Tammy: Right. I've had people suggest that my committee members could be checking as guests walk through the line, acting as "dinner police," but we don't want to have to put anyone in an awkward position. Besides, we're too busy running the event!

Chips: Who's on your committee and what kinds of things do you do?

Tammy: Our committee is small, believe it or not - Kim Donlan, Sandy Gibbons, Lydia Magill, Gloria Miner, and Mary Ann Pastore are the group, and we plan the theme of each event, which includes the menu, designing and making the decorations, renting the tables and chairs when we need to, linens, flowers, ordering special desserts like the great cakes we have, and planning special entertainment like Patrick, the pianist who entertained us at Chips rehearsals last winter. We might also have gifts to choose and put together for the skaters. The committee is amazing. They put in countless hours, effort and thought that no one ever sees, and they're always looking forward to our next event and thinking how we can make it better than the last one. I can't thank them enough. Also, our team of servers, many of whom are skaters. They do a terrific job and really make each evening special. On a typical evening, our group is here early in the afternoon setting up for the event, working all the way through, and we're the last ones to leave, when everything is finally cleaned up.

Chips: Other than asking us to be good guests, what advice do you have for us as members?

Tammy: Of course, everybody likes a good guest! We're always trying new things. The casual dinners we had this year during Chips rehearsals with kids' food downstairs and parents' upstairs were very well-received. Let us know if you need help with an allergy: one of our adult skaters has a food allergy and we always find a way to take care of her. If you have ideas, let me know, or send a note to Chips (editor@chipsboston.com). And while we always post the sign-up deadline (to make sure we order enough food), please make sure you are signed up if you are eating at an event. It may sound like common sense, but you'd be surprised at some of the creative things I've seen! We work hard to keep costs fair to everybody, but we can only do that if people are signed up for the dinners and events they participate in.

Chips: Are you accepting new volunteers for the committee, and what kind of experience are you looking for?

Tammy: We are always looking for more volunteers to help with the events. Not only do we oversee the house events but we oversee all the hospitality for all the events at the Club such as our biggest event, the Annual Banquet, - all special exhibitions, all competitions, all seminars being hosted at the Club for the PSA or USFS or any other group using the facilities. We also provide the hospitality for the test sessions on Sunday mornings. And we oversee the café, which is a daily business in itself. We're always looking for new food ideas. And that goes for the Friday night dinners.

A note about those Friday dinners: while we don't ask that ladies wear dresses and gentlemen wear a suit, we do still have a dress code. It's pretty easy to follow: no jeans, skating clothes, sweat suits, warm-ups or other very casual clothing.

We're not shy. We'll talk to anyone, about anything! Who would you like to see us interrogate? Let us know at editor@chipsboston.com

Skater Spotlight

Huai-Ti Lin: A study in – and of - motion

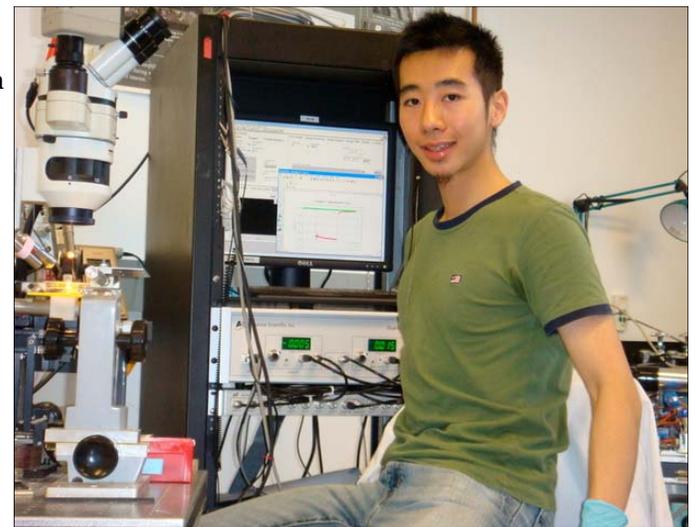
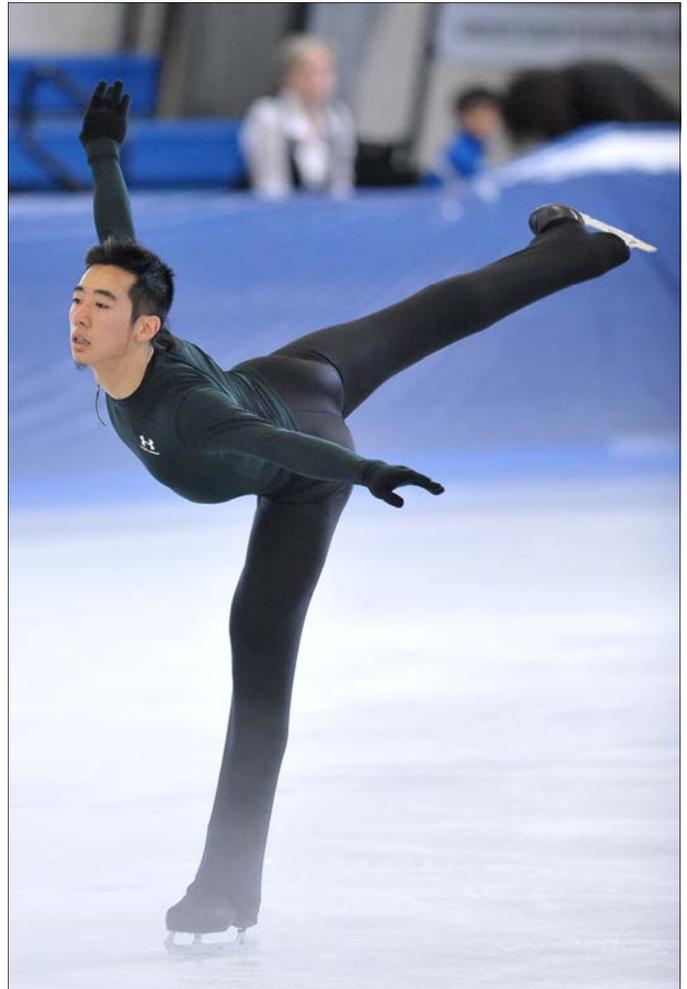
Adult skater Huai-Ti Lin is a quiet worker here on the ice, a tall, lean, graceful young man whose jumps tend to hang in the air longer than one might expect of a new skater. Learning that he is a Ph.D candidate at Tufts, and that his field of study is in a new area of biomechanics, it all starts to fall into place.

Many skaters are good students, and Huai-Ti, who first tried skating as an undergraduate, is an exceptional one. He moved here from Taiwan to go to college, which he finished at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in just 3 years, studying biology and physics. He considered a master's program, but learned of an interesting research challenge at Tufts University Department of Biology studying locomotion of soft-bodied animals like caterpillars. Tufts recruited Huai-Ti with its Provost's Fellowship, a special scholarship for outstanding applicants. Always a step ahead, last fall he submitted a research proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF), currently a very competitive funding source even for well established scientists. By this spring his proposal was accepted by the NSF and granted funding, something quite remarkable even for a senior graduate student. Now just 23, Huai-Ti plans to defend his thesis before his 25th birthday.

His grant enabled him to go to Glasgow, Scotland in June to attend a Society for Experimental Biology (SEB) conference. From there, he was invited to speak on his research at Cambridge University's Department of Zoology. His talk there was so well received, he was invited to speak at London's prestigious Royal Veterinary College, to their Structural and Motion laboratory.

Asked what his colleagues think of his figure skating, Huai-Ti has a quick smile. "They like to believe that I don't sleep in order to work like two graduate students and also train for a sport like skating. In reality I'm a student of motion. Whether it's small animals, people, or robots, they all share some principles of motion. By putting myself through demanding biomechanical tasks, I gain a unique view of my study." Even though his academic work is rigorous, Huai-Ti always makes time for skating even when means biking in the cold (like many students, Huai-Ti doesn't have a car!) for 40 minutes after more than 9 hours of lab work. "Interdisciplinary research relies on making connections. It calls for determination and diverse experiences."

Huai-Ti, who studied martial arts and dance before learning to skate, can describe in scientific detail the differences between their movement types. He's obviously a good student of skating. Although his academic work comes first, Huai-Ti started skating regularly just three years ago in our Monday night Learn to Skate classes, and works privately with coach Tom McGinnis. He has recently passed his Juvenile Moves and Pre-Juvenile Free Skating tests. Once earning his doctorate, he plans to do research. We look forward to watching him develop on the ice as well.



Photos courtesy of Huai-Ti Lin

Would you like to nominate the next skater for our Spotlight column? Send your ideas to editor@chipsboston.com

Metro West Memberships

The new Metro West membership was developed for new members intending to skate on SCOB sessions at the New England Sports Center (NESC). Metro West members are entitled to represent The Skating Club of Boston and they are entitled to member rates on SCOB sessions at NESC. In Boston, Metro West members may only skate on non-member sessions at non-member rates.

The ice privileges of Metro West members are centered at NESC. Metro West members will need to upgrade to a full membership in order (1) to contract member ice in Boston or pay walk-on member rates, (2) to participate in Club Sessions including Friday and Wednesday nights and Sunday Hot Chocolate ice and (3) to exhibit in Boston, including send offs and (4) to use the Boston locker rooms. Metro West members are invited to dinners in Boston, as well as exhibitions and send offs at NESC. In addition, there are several other activities planned at NESC that will be communicated separately.

Metro West members may participate in Ice Chips, and like Boston members, there is a 10-ticket requirement. Metro West members do not have voting rights. This is a special membership class, developed by the Board to build our new Metro West program and also to introduce new skaters to our full Boston memberships. The fees and privileges of this membership are similar to those of our other special memberships for Theater On Ice and Synchronized Skating, which are also targeted to the needs of the participating skaters.

Boston-based SCOB members who have contracted ice and wish to switch their skating sessions on a same-day session to NESC sessions we host may do so, as long as space is available. Our office staff at the NESC will call the Boston office to coordinate such changes as requested.

In Memory: John Brown

John J. Brown, a member of the Club for 53 years and an honorary member since 1991, passed away on June 22nd at Carleton Willard Village in Bedford at the age of 99. A graduate of MIT in 1933 with a degree in chemical engineering, he enjoyed a distinguished career with The Badger Company, Inc. of Cambridge, an international engineering and construction company and a subsidiary of Raytheon Company after 1968. He also served in World War II, receiving a Bronze Star medal and retiring from the US Army as a lieutenant colonel.

John was an active member of the Club for many years as an adult ice dancer, skating annually in Ice Chips annually, and also serving as a test judge and an accountant at competitions held at the Club. However, his special and unique contribution to the Club was the application of his engineering and management skills to the operation and maintenance of the rink. During his active time with the Club there were problems with the rink floor, which was replaced twice, and which in the end resulted in the elimination of the concrete slab and the putting of the piping in sand as it is today. John had a lot to do with the handling of these major repairs, often applying his special skills to the management of the costs, for which he was famous at Badger.

John was a friendly and interesting person, a willing worker as a volunteer and in his profession, where he was a brilliant engineer whom I was privileged to have as a business colleague for many years.

Benjamin Wright

June 23, 2009

Dear Skating Club of Boston Board Members,

I was both surprised and honored to receive the Spirit of Tenley Albright Award. Although it was very hard to miss two seasons due to injury, The Skating Club of Boston and its great members made a difficult time much easier to cope with. I sincerely appreciate your confidence in me while I continue to work hard toward my goals. I will continue to demonstrate good sportsmanship and club spirit throughout the rest of my time here at the Skating Club of Boston.

With sincere thanks,
Michael Searineo

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