



Northern Ice Skating Club



NORTHERN EXPOSURE

August 2005

President's Corner

Regionals is just around the corner. It is an exciting time of year for our competitive skaters. We are looking forward to building upon the success of the past few years with even more skaters at Upper Great Lakes Regional Championships in Duluth this October and even more skaters making final round and the podium.

We have had a great year with three skaters going to Jr. Nationals last year, we brought in Will Smith the Midwestern Vice-President for a critique last spring, hosted a number of exhibitions and held a pre-season critique in March for our skaters. We also brought in Olympic Gold Medal coach Robin Wagner for a 3 day clinic with our skaters, ran a record number of test sessions and hosted another successful Northern Blast competition in May. We also began Sunday club ice at Rocket Ice Arena. It has been a very successful year and we are looking forward to even more growth.

We had a devastating loss with the passing of our beloved coach and member, Kirk Langseth. He was such an asset and supporter of our club. We will all miss him dearly.

We are getting ready to host our first annual Autumn Blast Basic Skills competition. We will have events from Tots through Preliminary. It will be a real fun competition. We hope those of you who are at those levels will come out and compete with us. We really need to help of all of our members to make this a great success. We need help in the planning phase and we are also hoping you will all talk it up to all of your friends.

There are so many exciting opportunities around the corner. Please watch the website www.northernice.org so you don't miss out on any of them.

Kirk Langseth

On May 6, 2006 Kirk Langseth passed away. Northern Ice is proud and honored to have had Kirk Langseth as a full member and ardent supporter of our club. He was a great friend and mentor to Northern Ice and our members. We are truly saddened by his passing.

In his memory Northern Ice donated \$500 to the USFSA Memorial Fund. We have also created the Kirk Langseth Rising Star Award. Each year the Northern Blast Intermediate Ladies Champion will have her name added to the trophy. We hope that Kirk's memory will continue to inspire future generations of skaters.

Regionals Exhibition

Our 4th annual Regionals Exhibition and Send-Off Party will be held September 24, 2005 4:45-7:45 at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena. All Regional competitors are invited to perform and all members are encouraged to attend and cheer on our 2006 Regional Team. The exhibition will be followed by a party. We will have refreshments and celebrate the accomplishments of Northern Ice in 2005. It will be an evening of great skating and lots of fun. We hope you will all be able to attend.

Elections

We will hold our elections for the 2005-2006 skating season before the Regional Exhibition on September 24 at Oak Lawn. Elections will take place at a meeting to be held at 4:00 in the Multi-Purpose room at Oak Lawn. The slate of candidates as selected by our nominations committee is:

President-Lynn Balaskas

Vice-President-Molly Fredin

Treasurer-Odys Stamos

Recording Secretary-Wendy Franzese

Corresponding Secretary-Sabrina Reimann

Membership Secretary-Pegg Hislop

Member at Large- Kris Dixon

Mark Kirstein

Renee Litke

All current members 18 years and older are eligible to vote. A ballot has been enclosed with this newsletter which may be used to vote absentee. All absentee votes must include your USFSA number and your signature and must be received by September 21, 2005.

Northern Blast was held May 13-15 at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena. Once again, it was a very successful, well-run competition. We could not have done it without the support of the following members:

Donna Beata	Susan Krpan
Don Caddigan	Gary Norgren
Kathy Dietrich	Leslie Norgren
Julie Duffy	Barb Pederson
Meaghan Foley	Sandi Phelan
Joan Gervasio	Judy Power
Francesca Gervasio	Marc Reyes
Dawn Halvorsen	Steve Rusen
Morgan Hislop	Hal Shroats
Mark Kirstein	Kathy Uhler
Randi Kleffman	

Plus the tireless dedication from your Northern Ice Board and all of our wonderful skaters who served as runners and helpers. Thank you all for your generosity.

Our first **Kirk Langseth Rising Star Award** went to our Intermediate Ladies Champion, Dana Sivak. We also crowned final round champions in the Pre-Juvenile Ladies event, Jacqueline Han of Northern Ice and the Juvenile Ladies Champion was Jennafer Reimann also of Northern Ice. Check our website www.northernice.org to see how all of our skaters did at Northern Blast and other competitions throughout the year.



Final round winners: Juvenile-Jenna Reimann, Intermediate-Dana Sivak, Pre-Juvenile-Jacqueline Han.

AUTUMN BLAST

Northern Ice will be hosting its first ever Basic Skills competition October 29 at Rocket Ice Arena in Bolingbrook. It will include event from Tots all the way up to Preliminary and will have some special Artistic and Halloween events. Watch your mail and our website at www.northernice.org for the announcement.

We need you! We are looking for committee chairs and volunteers for this new competition. The committee chair positions we are looking for include:

Decorations-a few days prep and set up on October 28 at Rocket Ice Arena.

Giveaways-collect items from local and skating related businesses to include in goodie bags.

Hospitality-order and maintain food for officials and volunteers during competition. This job needs someone who can be available most of the competition. Or, you can share the job with a friend and split the workload.

Medical-Health Care professional(s) including Doctors, nurses and EMT's to be available rinkside to handle emergency situations.

Resale-We are considering doing a resale. If anyone is willing to coordinate it, we will hold a resale during the competition.

Registration-Will staff the registration desk on October 29 where we will check in skaters, collect music, pass out goodie bags and sell items.

Ice Monitor-Will be responsible for arranging and scheduling ice monitors.

If you would like to chair one of these committees, or if you have any questions, please contact Lynn Balaskas immediately at 708-349-9854 or at lynn@northernice.org.

We Need You!!!

ATTENTION REGIONAL COMPETITORS

If you will be competing at Regionals please let us know, even if you are not able to skate in our Exhibition as we would like to recognize you as a member of our 2006 Regional Team.

Test News

We have upcoming tests scheduled for:
Sept 30 Darien Sportplex
Nov 11 Rocket Ice Arena
And have tests planned for Dec 27, Jan 20, Feb 20, April 28, June 12, July 10, Aug 16 and others as needed.

As our club has grown, our test sessions have too. We have been offering more test sessions, but our test sessions continue to be very full. Although we do whatever we can to accommodate our skaters, we have unfortunately had to waitlist skaters. Please send in your applications early if you need to get on a particular test session.

A copy of the test form is included with this newsletter, or you may print one whenever you need it from our website at www.northernice.org. Watch the website for test session updates and for test schedules.

Now that we are running more frequent test sessions, we could use more volunteers. Trust me, you can do it. It only takes a few minutes to learn what to do. We need your help. If you would like to help please contact Pegg Hislop at 630-961-0952 or phislop@msn.com or any board member to volunteer your services.

Northern Ice Hosts Robin Wagner

Northern Ice hosted a 3 day skating clinic in May at Seven Bridges Ice Arena with Robin Wagner, coach of Olympic Gold Medallist Sarah Hughes. Robin worked with the skaters on jumps, spins and choreography and discussed the new ISU judging system with the skaters who were in attendance. She was very positive and high energy. It was a fabulous experience for those who had the good fortune to attend.

We are working very hard to bring Ms. Wagner back for another clinic next summer as well as some other high profile names from the figure skating world.

NISC Logo Merchandise

We are in the process of creating a new catalogue of Northern Ice logo merchandise. We will be mailing out a new order form by the end of the month.

Club Ice

We are currently working on details for the new club ice contract with Rocket Ice Arena. A contract will be mailed to all members when arrangements are finalized.

Starfire News

Starfire has begun a new season with a new team. They will be competing in the new Open Juvenile division.

Starfire also has a team in the exciting new Beginner division of USFSA.

We are truly excited about the new teams representing Northern Ice.

If you are interested in Synchro, contact Maureen Cummings at Rocket Ice Arena, 630-679-1700 or you may email her at mgreyes@uic.edu for more information.

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Please check the website for competition forms for Autumn Blast and other competition forms we have received, as well as test forms and other news. Also, we would be pleased to post competition results and skating-related pictures. Send them to our very wonderful webmaster, Kris Dixon at kdixon@earthlink.net. Or email her for information on how to get them to her.

