



Northern Ice Skating Club



NORTHERN EXPOSURE

November/December 2004

Northern Ice sends 3 to Junior Nationals!!!

Northern Ice Awards Post-Regional Grants



Junior National Competitors Brad Kleffman, Michelle Fahrforth and Matt Kleffman were awarded post-regional grants for the 2004-2005 season. Brad and Matt each received \$850 and Michelle was given \$300 in her first year of membership. Congratulations to Brad, Matt and Michelle. These grants are another way of saying that Northern Ice is behind you all the way. Way to go!!!

Northern Ice is pleased to announce that **three** of our skaters, **Brad Kleffman, Michelle Fahrforth** and **Matt Kleffman** will be representing Northern Ice at Junior Nationals this year. All three earned the right to compete at Junior Nationals with their performance at the 2005 Upper Great Lakes Regionals Figure Skating Championships held October 5-9, 2004 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Brad Kleffman placed 2nd in the Juvenile Boys event at Regionals in his first season competing as a Juvenile. Brad trains at Rocket and Fox Valley Ice Arenas and is coached by Jodi Tipton.

Michelle Fahrforth and Matt Kleffman placed first in each of their compulsory dances and in the free dance event to earn first place overall and the opportunity to compete at Junior Nationals for the National Juvenile Dance title. Michelle and Matt are coached by Penny Knuth and Oleg Epstein.

2005 U. S. Junior Figure Skating Championships will be hosted by the Jamestown SC December 1-4, 2005 in Jamestown, New York. You can follow the progress of our representatives and all of the skaters at Junior Nationals by going to www.northernice.org and clicking on the link to Jamestown SC on our News page.

Northern Ice is proud to have three such fine skaters representing us at Junior Nationals. We know it is only the beginning.

GOOD LUCK - BRAD, MICHELLE and MATT!!!

Foley, Franzese, Gervasio make Final Round

Northern Ice represented by 32 skaters at Regionals, 10 make podium

Three Northern Ice skaters qualified for the final round in their events at Regionals. Meaghan Foley qualified for final round in the Juvenile Girls event placing 3rd in her qualifying group. Rachel Franzese, coached by Jennifer Dooley, and Angelica Gervasio, coached by Kathy Nicoll, qualified for the Intermediate Ladies final round. Rachel placed 2nd in her qualifying group and Angelica placed 1st in her qualifying group. This was Angelica's 3rd consecutive year qualifying for final round and Rachel's 2nd.

Northern Ice was represented by 32 skaters at Upper Great Lakes Regionals this year: Alexandra Balaskas, Angela Beata, Christiaan Burner, Victoria Carr, Ashley Dixon, Alyssa Duffy, Elizabeth Eggers, Michelle Fahrforth/Matt Kleffman, Taylor Federighi, Meaghan Foley,

Michael Franzese, Rachel Franzese, Carolyn Fredin, Angelica Gervasio, Jacqueline Han, Nora Hanlon, Kira Hoskey, Brad Kleffman, Alexis Krpan, Megan Matura, Marissa Pedersen, Deanna Phelan, Robyn Phelan, Jennafer Reimann, Taylor Rusen, Suzy Scudder, Noelle Sereis, Elizabeth Smith, Michelle Strepka, Nicole Yeung.

Ten of our skaters made the podium in their events: Angela Beata, Christiaan Burner, Victoria Carr, Fahrforth/Kleffman, Taylor Federighi, Brad Kleffman, Taylor Rusen, Noelle Sereis and Nicole Yeung. Regionals results for all of our skaters are posted at www.northernice.org on the results page.

We wish to congratulate all of our skaters and their coaches on their impressive achievements.

President's Corner

Hello members. The new competition season is about to begin and there is so much to discuss. We are kicking off the season this year hosting the 2004 IL Figure Skating Championships Dec 4 at Oak Lawn. We hope you will all come out and watch even if you are not competing. For those of you who have never competed before, it would be a great opportunity to see what it is all about. We would love to see as many of our members as possible compete at Northern Blast this year.

Northern Ice has some great news. We have 3 skaters going to Jr. Nationals and we were able to give them each a grant to help with expenses. We continue to offer this assistance to any of our post-regional competitors who represent Northern Ice. Next year maybe it will be you.

We are working on the test schedule for the coming year. Our test sessions have been very full and we have had to turn people away; so please send in your papers on time. We have still not had to turn away any club members who have filed their papers on time. Watch the website for upcoming test dates and to get the forms.

We are really encouraging all of our members to use our website, www.northernice.org for news and updates. That is the quickest and least expensive way we can get news out.

The big news is that Northern Blast has been chosen as a Future Champions event for the upcoming season. We are working hard on the plans. We encourage all of our members to get involved with our club. Please call me if you would like to help, 708-349-9854. I would love to talk with you and find the perfect fit for your talents.

Finally, we are so excited to be offering club ice on Sundays at Rocket beginning in January. We plan to continue it through May. A club ice contract is included with this newsletter. If this works out well, we will have more offerings in the future.

Hope you all have a happy holiday season.

Club Ice and Ballet for Skaters

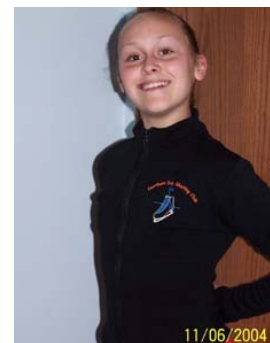
Northern Ice is excited to be offering club ice at Rocket Ice Arena on Sundays beginning Jan 2 from 1:30-2:30 at Rocket Ice Arena in Bolingbrook, IL. We will also be offering a ballet class for skaters taught by Ms. Naomi immediately following the ice time from 2:45-3:45. A contract has been posted on our website and included with this newsletter.

The contract is for 8 weeks. The cost is \$8.00 for 1 hr of ice for club members who contract. Walk-ons will be accepted for \$10.00 per session if space is available. We will be limiting the session to 20 skaters. The ballet class will be \$64.00 for 8 classes. We plan to offer this ice through May. Forms for the current session are due December 15. Watch the website at www.northernice.org for future contracts and club ice offerings.

New Club Warmup

Northern Ice has a new club warmup jacket. It has a very sleek look and design. It is black made of a warm fleece with a smooth exterior. It is stylish and very warm and comfortable. It has the logo and is perfect for wearing on competition warm-ups or any time. Matching full-zip warmup pants are also available. The manufacturer will be available for fittings on December 4th at the IL Figure Skating Championships. We will only be placing orders twice a year. This will be your last chance until Northern Blast in May. If you can not make it to the competition and would like to arrange a fitting call Lynn Balaskas at 708-349-9854 to arrange to try one on by December 3.

Ashley Dixon modeling our new jacket. For a larger image check the website at www.northernice.org.



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The most current and up to date information, forms, etc are available on our website at www.northernice.org. Please check often as we include updates of test schedules and competition announcements and results. We also have email addresses for all board members on our website.

Kristen Sell Passes Senior MIF

Northern Ice skater Kristen Sell passed her Senior Moves in the Field test on November 11, 2004. Kristen skates at the Rocket Ice Arena where she is coached by Cindy Spizziri. Kristen is currently an assistant coach with the Starfire ISI team and is a former Starfire skater herself. Kristen will be honored at our annual skating exhibition.

Congratulations, Kristen for all your hard work and a job well done!

Test News

Our next test session is scheduled for Dec 21 at Seven Bridges Ice Arena in Woodridge, IL. We are offering Singles/Pairs and Dance tests. We have the current test form on our website. If you do not have Internet access please call Odys 312-953-0051, Pegg 630-961-0952, or Lynn 708-349-9854 to get a copy sent to you.

Forms for this test session are to be mailed to Pegg Hislop at 1061 Augustana Drive Naperville, IL 60565. Test forms must be postmarked by Dec 6, 2004. We have only allowed 3 hrs for this test session. First received will be first on the test session. The test schedule will be posted on the website at www.northernice.org and at Seven Bridges Ice Arena. We will not be mailing out individual schedules.

Test Sessions are tentatively planned for Jan 17 at Darien, Feb 16 in Oak Lawn, March 18 in Darien, April at Rocket and May 12-15 at Oak Lawn in conjunction with Northern Blast. We will be using a new test form for these tests. Check the website after December 6 for the new test form and mailing instructions.

Check the website under tests to see tests passed by Northern Ice members.

Northern Blast 2005

Northern Ice will be hosting Northern Blast 2005 at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena May 12-15, 2005. We are pleased to announce that Blast will be a part of the Future Champions series for 2005.

We are currently looking for people to chair committees. We will need chairs for Hospitality, Advertising, Decorations, Giveaways, Vendors, Medical and many more. Please contact Lynn at 708-349-9854 if you are interested in chairing one of these committees.

Starfire News

Starfire has begun its competition season with the Kickoff Classic November 20 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Our teams did very well. The Teen Intro team tied for 5th and the Youth Intro team placed 2nd in their first ever USFSA competition. Way to go!!

Both teams are skating to Latin music this year and will be performing in the Rocket Christmas Exhibition on Dec 19th at Rocket from 1:30-3:30. Come on out and support our teams close to home.

They are currently preparing for their next competition, Foot of the Lake in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin January 9, 2005.

Skaters interested in seeing what a USFSA Synchro team is all about can go to any Saturday morning practice at Rocket Ice Arena to skate with the team with no charge. Anyone who is interested in Starfire should contact Sharee Decosola at 630-679-1700 or Maureen Cummings at mgreyes@uic.edu. Keep checking the Starfire website for updates and to follow the Starfire progress at www.starfiresynchro.org.

Go Starfire!!!

Brad Kleffman gets Future Champions Silver

Congratulations to Brad Kleffman, the Silver Medalist in the Midwestern Juvenile Boys division of the 2003-2004 US Figure Skating Future Champions Series!

Brad earned this honor based on his placements in the Future Champions events this season. He placed 2nd at the Eastern Iowa, Ladybug, and Wagon Wheel. Congratulations, Brad on a great season.



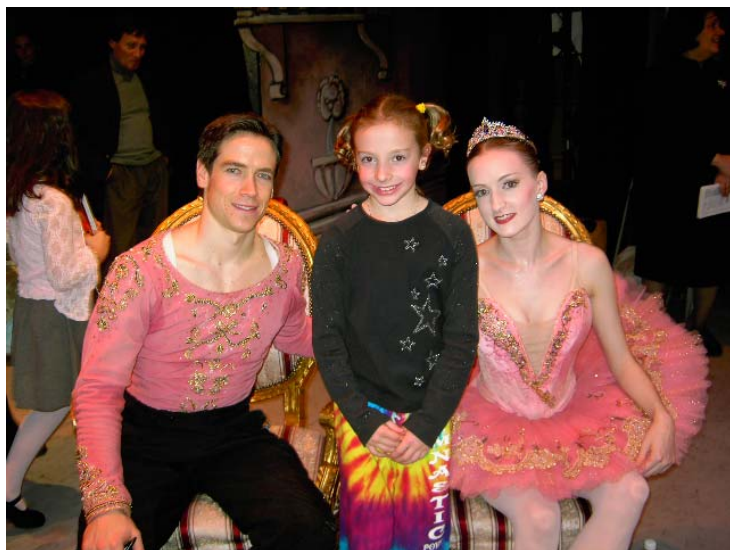
All Future Champions results are posted at:

http://www.usfsa.org/event_details.asp?id=24290

Northern Blast will be a Future Champions event in 2005, so make your plans to join us.

Jenna Reimann performs in Nutcracker

Jennafer Reimann celebrated Christmas a little early this year. Jennafer had the opportunity to play a gymnast in The Salt Creek Ballet Company production of The Nutcracker November 27 and 28 at Hinsdale Performing Arts Center. She tumbled across the stage with American Ballet Theatre dancers Gillian Murphy and Sascha Radetsky from New York. Both of the dancers also played feature roles in the movie Center Stage. Jennafer has been in gymnastics and skating since the age of 5. She trains at Illinois Gymnastics Institute and Darien Sportsplex. In June, Jennafer placed 2nd in State for gymnastics.



Holiday Exhibitions

We invite all members to send their pix from their holiday exhibitions to our webmaster Kris Dixon at kris@northernice.org. We will post as many as we can in a special holiday exhibitons section.

We have listed some of the area exhibitions in which our members are performing. If you have a chance go out and see one or a few.

Competition Season

Remember to check the website for the latest competition announcements and contact information for board members to authorize your forms. If you don't see any of our board members regularly, feel free to contact me (Lynn) at 708-349-9854 and I will be happy to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 1-4 US Junior Figure Skating Championships
Jamestown, NY
- Dec 4 **Illinois Fig Champs**
Oak Lawn Ice Arena
- Dec 11 Holiday Ice Show
Fox Valley Ice Arena
6:30pm
- Dec 17 Holiday Exhibition
Darien Sportsplex
3:00pm-5:50pm
- Dec 17 Christmas Exhibition
Arctic Ice Arena
6:30pm
- Dec 19 Christmas Exhibition
Rocket Ice Arena
1:30-3:30pm
- Dec 21 **NISC Test Session**
Seven Bridges
8-11a
- Dec 22 Holly Day on Ice
Oak Lawn Ice Arena
4:30-9pm
- Jan 9-16 US Figure Skating Championships
Portland, OR
- Jan 17 **NISC Test Session**
Darien Sportsplex
- Feb 16 **NISC Test Session**
Oak Lawn Ice Arena
- Feb 19-20 Winter Invitational
Southport SC
- March 14-20 WIM
Mukwanago, WI
- March 14-20 2005 World Figure Skating Championships
Moscow, Russia
- March 18 **NISC Test Session**
Darien Sporsplex
- May 12-15 Northern Blast
Oak Lawn Ice Arena

Check the website www.northernice.org for test forms and competition announcements.