

## Welcome

Hi all and I hope everyone is continuing to enjoy their skating. As is usual we have plenty to celebrate. Already 2009 is proving to be a busy and successful year for Swindon skaters. Since the last newsletter we have been fortunate to enjoy a visit from guest coach David Ings and the open season has begun and is in full swing. Unfortunately due to extreme weather conditions, well extreme for this area anyway, we were forced to cancel the planned Field moves competition. Your understanding was greatly appreciated as we are all aware of the disappointment that is created especially as the skaters work so hard in preparation for this kind of event. This will be rescheduled for later in the year. We did however successfully hold a free competition (results to follow). I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrea Lorains who has been the club treasurer for several years now and unfortunately due to other commitments will be resigning from the committee at the beginning of April. Sam Cole has agreed to take on the role of treasurer upon Andrea's departure.

## Club Dates

9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> May - Lee Valley Open.

14<sup>th</sup> May - Elements comp.

21<sup>st</sup> May - Show number.

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> July - Guildford Open.

12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> July - Basingstoke Open.



## New log books

Due to lot's of confusion over skater's levels we have introduced a new log book system that the coaches will be keeping at club to track a skaters level. This will ensure that each skater is put into the correct group for club. These log books are for SIFC only and the levels they are tested at by either Tash or Lesley are for club use only they do not affect any skate uk courses or Nisa testing that skaters do on other occasions. If you have any queries regarding this new system then please see a committee member who will be happy to answer any questions you have.

## Club Free Competition - 5<sup>th</sup> March

The club competition was successful with most of the entrants using this competition as a trial run for the following weeks Bristol Open competition. The results were as follows:

**Class 2:** 1<sup>st</sup> Francesca Moulton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lillie Ogden, 3<sup>rd</sup> Amie Roberts

**Class 3:** 1<sup>st</sup> Courtney Cole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashlee-Rae Cleverly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lauren Hewitt

**Class 4:** 1<sup>st</sup> Bethan Sheehan

**Class 5:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sean Stowe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucie Cole  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lauren Porter.

**Class 6:** 1<sup>st</sup> Hannah Frame

**Class 9:** 1<sup>st</sup> Carmen Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vicky Jackson

**Class 11:** 1<sup>st</sup> Isabella Larkin

**Class 12:** 1<sup>st</sup> Jordan Bonello

Well done also to: Chloe Purvis, Alison Cook, Ciaran Bowles, Caitlin Bowles, Jacob Frame and Holly heath.



### Bristol Open 2009

Bristol Open saw several of our skaters taking part and for some their first time at an Open competition. The results of the Swindon skaters were as follows:

**Beginners age 11:** Lillie Ogden **3rd**  
**Level 1:** Ashlee-Rae Cleverly **2nd**  
**Level 3:** Bliss Holland **2nd**  
**Level 3 boys:** Sean Stowe **1st**  
**Level 6 any age:** Vicky Jackson **1st**  
**Level 7 any age:** Carmen Lee **1st**  
**Level 9 any age:** Isabella Larkin **1st**  
**Level 10 any age:** Jordan Bonello **1st**

Well done also to: Chloe Purvis, Francesa Moulton, Jacob Frame, Bethan Sheehan, Lucie Cole, Lauren Porter & Hannah Frame.

### Telford Open - 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009

The Telford open followed 2 weeks after Bristol and for many of our skaters this was the first time competing in this competition. Telford were also hosting the qualifiers for this years Nisa cup team so several of our skaters (level 7 and above) were hoping to qualify to compete for the England squad for the Nisa cup. Unfortunately due to illness Carmen Lee had to pull out of the competition the day before as she was not well enough to compete. We all wish her well soon.

The results were as follows:

**Level 3 Boys:** Sean Stowe **2nd**  
**Level 3 girls:** Bliss Holland **3rd**  
**Level 9 girls:** Isabella Larkin **3rd**  
**Level 10 girls:** Jordan Bonello **1st**

Well done also to: Courtney Cole, Lucie Cole, Lauren Porter, Hannah Frame & Vicky Jackson.

Jordan Bonello qualified to compete for the Nisa cup and will be taking part in this event which is being held at Lee Valley at the end of April.

### Guest Coach - David Ings



We were fortunate to receive a visit from David Ings at the end of February and certainly the evening proved enjoyable not only for the skaters but the many spectators that gathered in the upstairs café to get a glimpse of some fantastic skating. David was coached by our very own Lesley Norfolk-Pearce from the tender age of 11 years old and under her expert tuition David went on to compete in the British Junior and men's championships placing in the Junior event. David followed this by competing in several international competitions and finally turned professional. Once professional David began coaching himself but preferred to skate for himself and the lure of the shows led him to skate for several years in several shows initially in Blackpool and then later on cruise ships cruising the Caribbean. He is currently skating in shows in Germany and we wish him all the best in the future and look forward to the next time he visits his home rink so that we can enjoy some more expert entertainment.



### Nisa Cup 2009.

This year's Nisa cup was held at Lee valley and teams from England, Scotland & Northern Ireland took part. The Nisa cup is an event where skaters qualify in an earlier competition and then get the chance to compete for their country in an open style competition earning points for their individual skating in group levels as in the opens. All of the points are added to the team score and the country with the highest score wins the Nisa cup for the year. I am pleased to say that this year's competition was won by England helped by our very own Jordan Bonello who came 1<sup>st</sup> in her group of ladies level 10. Well done to Jordan for a great achievement.



Thankyou to Steve Porter for providing the photo of Jordan.

### Nisa Tests 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009

Congratulations to all members who took Nisa tests this time they are:

Jennifer Martin **Level 1 Field moves**  
Lillie Ogden **Level 2 Field moves**  
Courtney Cole **Level 2 Field moves**  
Bethan Sheehan **Level 3 Field moves**  
Ashlee-Rae Cleverly **Level 3 Field moves**

Lucie Cole **Level 5 Field moves**  
Bliss Holland **Level 6 Field moves**  
Lauren Porter **Level 6 Field moves**  
Hannah Frame **Level 6 Field moves**  
Vicky Jackson **Level 8 Field moves**  
Lillie Ogden **Level 1 Elements**  
Paige Smith **Level 1 Elements**  
Ashlee-Rae Cleverly **Level 2 Elements**

Courtney Cole **Level 2 Elements**  
Bethan Sheehan **Level 3 Elements**  
Bliss Holland **Level 4 Elements**  
Carmen Lee **Level 8 Elements**  
Lillie Ogden **Level 1 Free**  
Lauren Hewitt **Level 1 Free**  
Ashlee-Rae Cleverly **Level 2 Free**  
Courtney Cole **Level 2 Free**  
Bethan Sheehan **Level 3 Free**  
Bliss Holland **Level 4 Free**  
Hannah Frame **Level 5 Free**  
Carmen Lee **Level 8 Free**  
Jordan Bonello **Level 10 Free**



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## Skates & Blades

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April saw a visit from Bryan Larkin to discuss the fitting of skater's boots and blades. Hopefully those of you that spoke to Bryan found it useful and for those of you that didn't get a chance to speak to Bryan then if you have any questions please ask a committee member who will then pass them on to Bryan.

## Lee Valley 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May

Lillie Ogden 2<sup>nd</sup> Beginner girls  
Courtney Cole 2<sup>nd</sup> Level 1 girls  
Sean Stowe 2<sup>nd</sup> Level 3 boys  
Vicky Jackson 3<sup>rd</sup> Level 7 girls

Also well done to Hannah Frame.

## Security during club night:

Following a recent incident that occurred during club night SIFC committee have decided to revert back to hosting a table at every club night manned by committee members. We have also held discussions with the Rink manager who has suggested that some of our parents may wish to commit to a diligent eyes program. If any parents are interested in volunteering for this then please see a committee member who can give the rink manager a list of parents willing to undergo the training and she can arrange training for us.

SIFC has been asked to put together a group of skaters to take part in a display exhibition during the junior ice hockey tournament on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3pm.

A small group of skaters from club, mainly from the higher levels, have been invited to be part of this group.

They will be having rehearsal time during club ice time on Thursday evenings. The higher classes may experience some disruption during the next couple of weeks whilst rehearsals are taking place, but all involved will try and keep this to a minimum.

The group will perform their routine on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May during group change over at club. It would be lovely if as many club members as possible are there to watch, cheer them on and wish them good luck for their performance on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

Kathy Porter  
chair

