

SIFC Newsletter

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Changing times

Just a reminder that this week sees club meeting for the last time on a Friday evening. The new club night will be Thursdays 6.15-7.45 pm.

Although this change is not going to suit everyone, it was felt that more people thought it a good idea than didn't. As the old saying goes 'you can't please all of the people all of the time...'

As a sporting club, we are committed to providing the best possible opportunities to our members. We really want to put Swindon back on the map figure skating-wise.

I think sometimes we forget how lucky we are to have the facilities that we have available to us in Swindon, both at the Link Centre and the Oasis.

During the coming week the Link Centre is taking part in 'Active Swindon' - a lottery-funded project to encourage a healthier lifestyle. See <http://www.swindon.gov.uk/leisuresport/activeswindon.htm> for more information.

Swindon Ice Figure Club fully supports this initiative and is staging

a small exhibition on Saturday (2nd June) morning at 09.45 to promote figure skating. It would be great to see lots of you there cheering on your fellow club members.

It was impossible to include the full membership for a 2.5 minute piece which had to be prepared in such a short space of time. I know this may have been a disappointment to some of you, but there will be plenty of opportunity to take part in the Xmas Gala which is open to everyone - don't forget auditions are on Tuesday 5th June, check the ice rink notice board for further details.

It was disappointing that we were unable to stage the artistic competition due to a lack of entries which meant that, once again, we were unable to take part in the annual inter-club contest in Bracknell.

I'm sure that we can overcome this - artistic competitions are great fun and an antidote to the pressures of Open competitions. The inter-club competition is one of the few events we can take part in as a team and as a bonus is always on a weekend!

Other items of interest:

- Field Moves competition
- Open Competition results
- Dates for open competitions
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Welcome to Monika!

I'm sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to Monika Rich who joins us as a coach at club. A BITA & NCCP Level 2 coach, Monika will be known to many of you already. I'm sure Monika will be an asset to Swindon Ice Figure Club. She will be leaving us (briefly) during the summer whilst she has a baby but plans to return in the autumn.



Tracksuits

I'm not sure I dare even mention this subject!

Suffice to say that we have had a few problems with our current supplier and the plan is to place one more order shortly in time for the Swindon Open and for Xmas presents.

We are actively seeking a new supplier and will place any further orders with them. We plan to keep the navy/white/red colour combo so that old and new will blend. We will, of course, keep you updated on any progress.

Open Competition results



There have been two local competitions recently at Bracknell and Lee Valley, both well attended by Swindon skaters.

Congratulations to the following skaters for achieving podium placings:

Bracknell

Vicky Jackson	Second	Level two girls
Chloe Thomas	Third	Level three girls
Carmen Lee	First	Level four girls
Morgan Daniels	Third	Level four girls
Isabella Larkin	First	Level seven girls
Jordan Bonello	First	Level nine girls

Lee Valley

Sean Stowe	2 nd	Beginners boys
Carmen Lee	3 rd	Level 4 girls
Isabella Larkin	1 st	Level 7 girls



Congratulations also go to Daisy Leahy for her third place in the level four girl's class at the Blackpool open on 5th April.

Field Moves Competition

The recent field moves competition had our largest entry for a long time and was a resounding success. Unfortunately, at the time of going to press I do not have the full list of results but will publish it in the next newsletter and as soon as possible on the website.

Dates for open competitions



Please note the following competition dates:

Basingstoke	26 th -27 th June
Guildford	2 nd -4 th July
Swindon	4 th October
Oxford	October/November TBC

Leaving procedure

This may seem like a strange subject to raise but, as much as we don't want anyone to leave, the fact is that from time to time members will leave.

Although there is a clear procedure for joining club, there does not seem to have been one for leaving.

In simple terms, if you are planning to leave the club it is essential that you inform either the chair or secretary IN WRITING of your intention to leave.

It is your responsibility to cancel your standing order with the bank. As we do not operate a direct debit system we are unable to do this for you.

If you are leaving because you are unhappy about some aspect of club please, please, please come and talk to one of the committee first - we never like to lose members for any reason, but definitely not when it could have been avoided.

What else is on?

Oxford Figure Club is holding it's summer gala on 23rd/24th June 2007, 5.30-7.00 pm. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children. More information is available from Fran Davis, email frandavis@btinternet.com

Stop Press

You may have noticed that the website is now being updated - hurray!! There is still more work to do but be assured that the 'News Alert' section will be updated every week by 4pm on a Thursday with any last minute information. Go to -> www.sifc.co.uk