

SIFC Newsletter

October 2007

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It doesn't seem possible that two months have passed since the last newsletter - where has the time gone! The past month has been exceptionally busy for club with a guest coach and club competition in September, closely followed by our annual open competition on 4th October.

We also had two club members competing in the IJS (International Judging System) Qualifiers at Sheffield - Jordan Bonello and Isabella Larkin, both hoping to qualify for the British Championships in January. There is another qualifier at Deeside in November and we wish them both the very best of luck.

I guess most of us are now turning our attention towards Christmas, but before then we have Halloween and of course our club AGM. Please watch the notice board and website for details of the Halloween fun night on Thursday, 25th October and our rearranged fundraising night.

Guest Coach

We had a very special guest coach on 20th September, John Hamer, and everyone seemed to really enjoy the evening.

John is the current British champion, although he announced his retirement from competitive skating earlier this year. John is looking to help out at grass roots level and I hope we are able to arrange something again with him soon.

Other items of interest:

- AGM
- Subscriptions



Once again many thanks to Chris Godfrey for bringing along his camera to capture the moment!!

Club competition

The last club competition on 27th September was a free competition and an opportunity for those competing at Swindon open to have a rehearsal with their programmes. Well done to Isabella Larkin, Carmen Lee, Daisy Leahy, Kira Clinton, Vicky Jackson, Bliss Holland, Hannah Frame, Haydn Lee, Gemma Lorains, Amy Tregelles, Sean Stowe, Ashlee-Rae Cleverly, Lauren Porter, Bethan Sheehan, Lucie Cole and Clarice Elliott.

Swindon Open



Our open competition this year had a record entry of nearly 170 skaters, giving the organisers a (pleasant) headache trying to fit all the classes into one day! With the exception of a couple of minor hiccups the event ran smoothly and on time. The atmosphere was wonderful and we have had very positive feedback from officials and friends from other rinks.

These occasions require a tremendous amount of work on the day, in advance and behind the scenes and I would like to thank the committee and all those who pitched in to help out - without them the competition could not have happened. It would take far too long to list every helper, but you know who you are. However, I would like to single out Mark Heath who, once again, spent the whole day on the stage as our announcer. Mark has carried out this role on countless occasions and I feel that we are particularly indebted to him this year as his daughter Holly is temporarily a non club member - we look forward to welcoming her back in the New Year.

We are looking for some content for the club website with regard to the open in the form of photos (skaters or parents, whacky or otherwise) or even video footage, funny stories, behind the scenes comments.....anything you can come up with that is witty or interesting, please pass it to one of the committee.

Full results of Swindon skaters are at the end of this newsletter.

AGM

Our AGM this year is on Thursday, 6th December at 8pm in the large meeting room - please make a note of this in your diary. You will all soon be receiving a letter outlining the format of the meeting and it is really important that you try to attend if at all possible. We can always use extra pairs of hands, so if you would like to join the committee fill in the nomination form and put yourself forward, bearing in mind that you must be the parent or guardian of a club member - skating representatives must be club members aged 16 years or over. This is your opportunity to have a say so if you have something to say please contact the chair or secretary, bearing in mind that it must be made in writing to the committee by 20th November so that the agenda can be drawn up. Please be aware that no other business other than that raised in writing beforehand will be discussed. Obviously, if you think of something that you would like to see happening at club at other times of the year please come and speak to one of the committee.

Subscriptions



We have been asked a few times recently whether refunds are made for members who do not attend club either through illness or because they are not taking part in a competition. We would like to remind you that there is an annual subscription fee of £240; the monthly (interest-free) payments are made available at the discretion of the committee. The annual subscription covers all club activities throughout the year which include coaching, event nights, discos and competitions. Refunds are only made in exceptional circumstances - for example due to the rink closure last year. However, we are aware that there are a number of newer members who are not yet ready to take part in some of the competitions and we are planning to hold an event specifically aimed at this level.

SIFC results from Swindon Open



<u>The SIFC Shield - Beginner Girls 9 years</u> 3 Lucie Cole 7 Bethan Sheehan 11 Clarice Elliott	<u>The Seabrook Trophy - Level 1 Girls 12 & Over</u> 6 Gemma Lorains 9 Chante Robinson
<u>The SIFC Cup - Beginner Girls 10 years</u> 13 Lauren Porter 14 Ashlee-Rae Cleverly	<u>The Lincoln Trophy - Level 2 Girls 11 & Under</u> 1 Vicky Jackson 6 Bliss Holland
<u>The Nationwide Cup - Beginner Boys Any Age</u> 3 Sean Stowe	<u>The Grange Cup - Level 3 Girls Any Age</u> 4 Chloe Thomas 13 Kira Clinton
<u>The SIFC Shield - Level 1 Boys</u> 1 Haydn Lee	<u>The Love2Skate Trophy - Level 8 Girls Any Age</u> 1 Isabella Larkin
<u>The J & H Webber Trophy - Level 1 Girls 11 & Under</u> 2 Hannah Frame 14 Amy Tregelles	<u>The Ann Armour Cup - Level 5 Girls Any Age</u> 1 Carmen Lee 4 Daisy Leahy
	<u>The Npower Cup - Level 4 Girls Any Age</u> 3 Morgan Daniels