

Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club

Newsletter

March/April 2008

A Note from our President

With Skate Houston 2008 behind us, I wanted to take a moment and thank EVERYONE who put so much time and effort into helping us have a successful event. Not only did the parents, grandparents, siblings, coaches, and friends of skaters volunteer to work at the event, but even some of our youngest skaters spent many hours each day helping in any area they could to help out. I am still floating with joy from the success of this event.

As many of you know and I know now that many do not know; running a competition takes hundreds of hours of volunteering and we are very fortunate to have so many talented people that helped in as many areas as was necessary to get it all done. As a result, Skate Houston received many compliments from coaches, officials, vendors, parents, and competitors alike and many said they can't wait to come again.

One of the many volunteers shared with me, *"Wow, I had no idea all that it took for this event. I would have volunteered sooner!"* If you didn't have the chance to volunteer this year, keep in mind that it's a great opportunity to meet and work with some fantastic people next year! You can get a trial for what area you want to help with for next year's Skate Houston by volunteering to help with Autumn Fest in October or Midwesterns in November, both smaller groups of competitors and a great way to test the waters and meet new skating friends.

René Bloom, President

Club Board News Texas Gulf Coast FSC is a non-profit organization run by volunteers that want to provide a positive training environment for all of our club skaters. We are currently seeking individuals that would be interested in serving on our board for a 1 -2 year term. We welcome the opportunity to discuss with you the many areas available to serve. Please see one of the nominating committee members to discuss this possibility or nominate someone that you feel would be an asset to our board. You can send an email to secretary@texasgulfcoastfsc.org

2008 Nominating Committee

Teresa Wilson, Dede Kaufman, Christy de la Mora

General Meeting and Elections Announcing our annual board meeting open to all membership! Save the date of **May 9th** and make plans to attend this very important meeting where we will be discussing events for 2008-2009 and electing new board members. The meeting will be held during our regular club ice time, 6:50 - 7:50. Please note: This is also "Bridging Night". Now is the time to get involved in your child's sport.

Competition News Good luck to all skaters competing at **Skate Dallas** April 25 - 27th. We'll be cheering for you. Look for results to be posted on the website! **Bluebonnet Open** will be held in Austin June 5-8. Entry forms are due April 28th, 2008. The following board members can sign applications; René Bloom, Dede Kaufman, Teresa Wilson, or Christy de la Mora. Once again Texas Gulf Coast FSC will have numerous skaters competing all over the United States this summer. Watch for more details in the next newsletter and good luck to all with your training.

Watch the club website for all results to be posted from **Skate Houston 2008**. Congratulations to Loughlin Wylie for winning the Kitty Carruthers trophy as the Novice Ladies champion. Pictures of individual events can be found at www.cnsphotos.dynalias.com.

ABC13.com TGCFSC was privileged to have two reporters from Channel 13 - ABC KTRK - come to the rink on Friday and Saturday during Skate Houston to cover the event for their website. Go to the below link to see photos and videos of your friends at the event.

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/sports&id=6049307>

Adult Nationals - Lake Placid, NY Good luck to adult club members, Jennifer Simon and Rhonda Workman, and all other local adult skaters competing in Adult Nationals April 8th- 12th in Lake Placid, New York. Results will be posted on www.icenetwork.com

Testing All 2008 testing dates have been posted on our website under "testing". Our next test session will be April 20th. Deadline for May 18th test session forms to be sent is April 10th. The club offers the opportunity to earn service hours for our skaters in order to meet requirements for school organizations. Please see René Bloom for verification of forms. If you are testing, please consider volunteering 1 - 2 hours of your time to help run the test session. No prior experience is needed.

Look Who's Having a Birthday

| <u>March</u> | | <u>April</u> | |
|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Brandee Andrews | 3/27 | Annalisa Cuano | 4/3 |
| Hannah Bisewski | 3/29 | Ashley Herr | 4/18 |
| Sarah Bloom | 3/20 | Nina Jiang | 4/17 |
| Brea Clark | 3/6 | Katerina Mullen | 4/16 |
| Kaitlyn Doll | 3/21 | Gabby Nieto | 4/29 |
| Rachel Gilbert | 3/13 | | |
| Gigi Gonzales | 3/23 | | |
| Kayla Leiber | 3/25 | | |
| Lynn Yamane | 3/20 | | |

What's Happening Around the Rink?

Congratulations to Joseph Lee for placing 2nd in the State Math meet among other sixth graders. Taylor Wilson completed his requirements to earn the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout award. He will also be inducted into the National Honor Society later this month. Congratulations to our 2008 graduating Seniors on their college acceptances; Hannah Bisewski - University of Texas (Austin) Honors program, Gigi Avila - Boston University, UT - Austin, Samantha Fenwick - University of Denver.

*Please send skater news to secretary@texasgulfcoastfsc.org

Club Ice Updates:

No club Ice on May 2nd or 23rd, June 6th or 27th.

May 9th and June 13th are Bridging Nights.

***On June 13th Club Ice will begin on Rink B for the summer months and return to rink A on September 5th. On June 13th only our club ice times will be 5:30-6:30pm due to another event on rink A at our normal time.

SKATE HOUSTON 2008 VOLUNTEERS - Our club board members would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make the competition a huge success! The following board members spent countless hours preparing for the competition and running things behind the scenes: René Bloom, Dede Kaufman, Joe Nieto, Christy de la Mora, Ting Chao, Molly Gorny, Ruth Wismeg, Teresa Wilson, Roger Davis and Jennifer Simon. Thanks also to our wonderful coaches for their donations to the silent auction. See the following page for a list of our awesome volunteers!

Please inform us if we missed anyone so that we may include them in the next newsletter.

Jennifer Wong
Caitlyn Ohman
Carly Cone
Jennifer Lau
Kevin Wu
Sophie La May
Taylor Wismeg
Jackie Ngyuen
Lauren Friederman
Sarah Bloom
Brianna de la Mora
Hannah Bisewski
Lori Bisewski
Jennifer Wang
Taylor Wilson
Michaela Davis
Justin Wichmann
Jennifer Wu
Lauren Pierson

Lisa Opersteny
Teri Kelley
Sally Nieto
Lisa Lueking
Brenda Bartley
Chiffon Yang
Gorina Wong
Cheryl Friederman
Debbie Sigl
Rosie Braxton
Sam Gotsdinger
Elena de la Mora
Vicki Simmons
Debbie Mullen
Marian Luntz
Caren La May
Katrina Rogers
Elaine Gilbert
Howard Andrews

SKATE HOUSTON 2008

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

BJ Conrad
Brandee Andrews
Lauren Richmond
Jessica Hirsch
Gabby Nieto
Dulles & Clements HS
Arielle Ducharme
Nina Jiang
Caroline Hayes
Cami Hayes
Brittany Del Signore
Benjamin Shou
Eden Lew
Lauren Otto
Mandy Garza
Denielle Braxton
Rosie Braxton
Lauren Braxton
Lauren Sigl
Greg Wilson
Shanyn Vallon
Kitty Carruthers-Conrad
Val and Elena Prudsky
Dalena Clark
Heidi MacDonald

Brian Mullen
Louise Jiang
Milton Scales
Jinger Hayes
Joey Bloom
Erin Kaufman
Marat Tukhfatullin
Bob Bartusiak
Charlotte Richmond
Jerry Hirsch
Penny Davis
Dana Pierson
Sharon Vigilante
Gwen Vanzant
Pam Wichmann
Travis Wichmann
The Constantines
Chris Richmond
Dorothy Kowalczyk
Diana Drain
Maureen Carruthers
Lisa Leuking
Catherine Mifsud
Julie Holmes
BL Wylie

**Texas Gulf Coast FSC
Board and Members**

**want to give an
extra special thanks to our**

SKATE HOUSTON 2008

Competition Chair - Roger Davis

Co-Competition Chair - Jennifer Simon

Referee - Nancy Iida

**and all of our accountants and officials
who worked tirelessly all weekend for our
event.**

Here's to

SKATE HOUSTON 2009

March 26-29, 2009

(Tentative - based on US Figure Skating sanction approval)

Hope to See You All there!!!!

