

The Olympic Skater

Newsletter of the Olympic Ice Skating Club—February 2010

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to another year of skating! We trust everyone has enjoyed their well earned time off the ice.

This month promises to be a big year for our sport, with the Winter Olympics in Vancouver and the opening of the new Icehouse in Docklands.

Thank you to everyone involved in our summer skate programs. They were another huge success and we hope they've got you prepared and motivated for the season ahead.

Ice Skating Australia has released their calendar of competitions and events for 2010, so make sure you start planning your schedule early.

The first fun skate competition and test day are less than 6 weeks away - March 13 - so make sure you start preparing for these events now!

We also have our annual Olympic Trophy and Artistic Challenge on April 3-5 and we look forward to as many of our club members as possible being involved.

If you have anything you would like included in the club newsletter please email Katherine Firkin on firkink@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you out on the ice!



"The fact that I like to show off and be the center of attention really lends itself to figure skating very well."

Scott Hamilton

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Interstate and international skating opportunities**
- **International results**
- **Competition and test dates**

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INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

Once again our Australian skaters have done us proud overseas, this time representing the country in the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships in Jeonju, Korea.

Sydney skater Cheltzie Lee

did a great job finishing 14th overall.

Ice dancers Danielle O'Brien and Gregory Merriman placed 10th in their division, while Perth dancers Maria and Evgeni Borounov placed 12th.

In the men's division Mark Webster came 18th and Matthew Precious finished in 19th spot.

Congratulations to all our Aussie skaters!!

SKATING RULES

We'd like to remind all our members of some simple rules to make skating sessions enjoyable and productive for everyone.

Some of the key points to remember are:

1. Figure skating sessions are designed for training. Ice time is valuable and we expect all skaters to use the time to practice. Please leave the ice to talk or socialise.
2. All skaters are expected to show respect to their coaches, rink staff and

other skaters at all times.

3. The later figure session (from 6pm onwards) is for competent skaters only. All skaters must be at a minimum preliminary level.
4. Skaters who have their music on and are wearing the fluorescent arm bands have priority. Skaters who are in lessons have second priority.
5. There is to be no synchronized practice in figure or general sessions. Skating in groups of three or more is not permitted.



"The sound of the blades on the ice in the morning is like smelling fresh coffee." Tara Lipinski

INTERNATIONAL SKATING CAMP

Have you always wanted to skate overseas?

Andorra Ice Skating rink is offering summer camps to international skaters in July and August.

Situated between France and Spain, the Andorra camps will offer skaters the chance to work intensively with

renowned Canadian coach Manon Perron and join skaters from all over the world.

Skaters will train three times per day each day over two weeks, with Sundays free to rest.

To be eligible for the camp skaters must have all their double jumps and

be working on double axels and triple jumps.

For more information visit www.iceandorra.com

"We live amid surfaces, and the true art of life is to skate well on them."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



"When I go out on the ice, I just think about my skating, I forget it is a competition."
Katarina Witt

TASMANIA'S ARTISTIC COMPETITION

The Figure Skating Association of Tasmania has announced their annual artistic competition, scheduled for April 24.

The event will be held at the Glenorchy Ice Skating Rink in Glenorchy, which is 30m x 15m.

Divisions range from Aussie Skate through to pre-primary divisions, with adult and synchronised sections also available.

This is a great chance to get a team of skaters together and support the Figure Skating club of Tasmania!

Entries close on April 3.

For more information email Marie Casey on fsatas@gmail.com

OTHER INTERSTATE COMPETITIONS

There are several big interstate competitions coming up in New South Wales and the ACT.

The annual Reg Park Artistic is on in the ACT on March 27. The announcement and entry form is available from www.actisa.asn.au/regparkartistic/index.html

The 2010 NSW Artistic Competition is also back and will be held on April 10-11 at Canterbury Ice Rink.

This event offers prize money to winners of singles, pair and dance divisions,

and caters for levels from preliminary development up to primary/intermediate level.

There are also adult, dance, pairs, synchronised and novelty divisions.

Skaters from novice level up can enter the Rubina Doolan open artistic competition which is also on.

Entries for both these competitions must be received by March 19.

For all enquires please phone 8116 9709 or email nswisa@nswisa.com.



"If I had never won a single medal, I'd still be skating in a rink somewhere. There wouldn't be an audience or camera flashes or autograph seekers, but I'd still be skating."

Brian Boitano

ICEHOUSE

The Icehouse is scheduled to open on February 13.

At this stage figure skating sessions are expected to be available in the early mornings, Monday to Friday.

Sessions are usually 45 minutes in length and will cost \$15 each.

Sessions start from 6am each morning.

There are also general skating opportunities on the recreational rink during the daytime, evenings and weekends.

The new facility will have two Olympic sized ice rinks, a gymna-

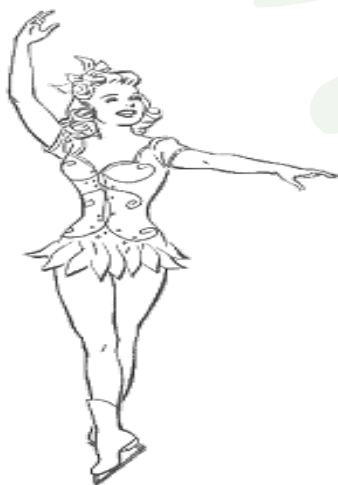
sium, ballet room and a medical clinic designed specifically for winter sports.

The OWI will also be based out of the facility.

For more information please visit their website www.icehouse.com.au.

"When I'm on the ice it's my domain. It's what I love doing. It's where I love to be."

Elizabeth Manley



LOST PROPERTY

A reminder that rink staff often find lost skate guards, gloves, beanies and jackets.

If you have lost anything at the rink please ask at the office.

The rink currently has a large amount of clothing and accessories that will be donated to an op-shop if not claimed.

Mandy Woetzel recently found a brooch which looks like it belongs to a skater.

Please ask at the office if you have lost it!

Also a reminder to please label general items such as guards, Victoria team jackets and track pants, and gloves, as these items often get mis-

takenly taken by the wrong owners.

Please double check that the items you are taking home belong to you!!

The club shop stocks a range of guards, boot covers and accessories if you need to top up.

Please label all your belongings!!

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ISA NATIONAL CALENDAR FEB—JUNE 2010

Please note: This is an abbreviated version.

For full details please see the yearly calendar or visit www.isa.org.au

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Month and Date	EVENT	VENUE	DIVISIONS/SPECIAL FEATURES
MARCH 27	Reg Park Artistic	Canberra, ACT	Aussie Skate - Senior
APRIL 3-5	Olympic Trophy and Artistic Challenge	Oakleigh, VIC	Aussie Skate - Senior
APRIL 12-16	Oceania Camp	Brisbane, QLD	Invitational
APRIL 24	Tasmania Artistic Competition	Glenorchy, TAS	Aussie Skate - Intermediate
MAY 2-3	Macquarie Ice Rink Artistic	Macquarie, NSW	Aussie Skate - Senior
MAY 9	Les Latham Memorial Artistic Trophy	Perth, WA	Aussie Skate - Senior
May 28-29	Autumn Trophy	Canberra, ACT	Preliminary - Senior
JUNE 10-14	Hollins Trophy	Canterbury, NSW	Preliminary - Senior

AUSSIE SKATE IS BACK!

Aussie Skate lessons have recommenced for 2010.

This year sees the introduction of a new Aussie Skate curriculum.

Skaters are advised to discuss the program changes with their coach/es.

The Aussie Skate school is on again every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4pm.

Lesson times run from 4.15-4.45pm.

The session ends at 5pm.

The program is conducted in age groups and has been specifically designed to ensure everyone can progress at their

own pace, with the opportunity to move into specialist skating if they wish.

Enrolment is on a term basis.

General group classes are also back on again on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9am-9.45am.

Skaters are reminded to please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of your lesson, to allow time to boot up and be on the ice.

Aussie Skate competitions will again be held at our home rink, to give all Aussie Skate participants the chance to show off their new skills!



"I was a late starter. My advice to young skaters—if you find yourself jumping around the living room dreaming of skating, just start doing it.

Ben Ferreira