



Newsletter of the Olympic Figure & Dance Club May-June 2007

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After a busy start to the skating season (with about 4 weekends of competitions and tests in a row) we have a break until the next few. The next competition will be held at Bendigo on Sunday March 27th starting at 12pm. Consider taking a drive and competing at Bendigo. If you haven't been there before it is bigger than Oakleigh but it is always a nice competition and good chance to try a different rink. There is also an opportunity to do ISV tests (particularly seeing the Victorian State Championships will be held there to so a good chance to get a feel for the place).

Then Queens Birthday will also be upon us in no time with a Fun Skate, two test sessions and the Masters Cup, not to mention the Hollins Trophy that takes place in Sydney and that a few of our skaters will be attending. Again you may consider doing your ISV tests on that weekend. The Sunday test session will be primarily for dance tests but other tests as well.

If you do not already receive our newsletter by email, please email Wendy on meik@bigpond.com and you can be added to our mailing list to receive future newsletters.

Contributions for the newsletter are most welcome. Email me on kwilliau@dodo.com.au. I would love to hear from you and value having lots of diverse information to share around.

We also have a new website – the address is on the bottom of the page. Many thanks to Nick Pilgrim for organizing this and all the hard work he does for our club website. You can find the Olympic Trophy Challenge and Artistic Cup Results here.

Docklands Rink Update

Many people are aware that there was recently a story about the Docklands Ice Rink on the ABC TV Stateline programme. But of course there will be a number who don't know about it.

But if you didn't see it never fear. With the technology of the internet and the glory of Youtube you can see it (or rewatch it).

Also on Youtube there is a story that was on the Channel 7 Sportsworld programme in 2005 which was on not long after Bayswater had closed.

Many people are interested in our rink situation so I felt it was very important for everyone to have access to these stories, that is why I put them there.

So go to www.youtube.com and type into the search "Melbourne Ice Skating" or "Docklands Ice Rink" and you should be able to watch both those stories. You will need a broadband connection to be able to view them.



Blades of Glory will start screening on June 21st and on the opening weekend we are organizing a group booking at Chadstone Cinema on Sunday June 24th, approximately 5pm.

It will be a club fundraiser so ticket prices are \$14 adults and children under 15 \$12.

You can join us for dinner afterwards too – venue to be confirmed.

Please bring along your friends as well – the more the merrier and once we have over 100 people we can have the cinema to ourselves.

We need to know numbers prior to June 10th so please confirm your booking and pay before this date. Please contact Kim on kwillyau@dodo.com.au or see her at the rink.

Paramount Pictures have also kindly donated some Blades of Glory gift packs too which we will be using as raffle prizes at our competitions and also as a door prize at the cinema.



There is a new foundation to help young skaters.

The Morgan Innes Foundation has been set up in honour of the young skater who lost her life in the Sydney ferry accident.

You can make tax deductible donations to this fund and a criteria has been established by Ice Skating Australia for skaters to qualify for this funding.

Go to the website at www.morganinnes.com to find out further information.

And another fund set up to help skaters is

The Alan Blinn and Simone Moore Memorial Fund. Our fund raising conducted at Olympic Trophy went towards this fund and we raised over \$400.

The best way to find out details of this fund is through the OzSkater website at www.ozskater.com.

Docklands Winter Wonderland

Again the Docklands Winter Wonderland will be taking place and we require skaters for demonstrations which will happen DAILY from Saturday June 30 until Sunday July 15 (Inclusive). Here are the times that we need skaters. Please let Wendy know when you can perform.

- 11:15 – 11:30am
- 12:15 – 12:30pm
- 1:15 – 1:30pm
- 2:15 – 2:30pm

Figure Skating Guidelines

Just to remind people that if you use the coloured arm and leg bands during your lessons or playing your music, please remember to put them back (including coaches – particularly the orange ones!!). We have had a few go missing so please check your skate bags to see if you have them in there. Wendy has had to make some new ones and we all know how busy she is. Please let Wendy have some free time by returning the arm/leg bands!!!

Presenting your music for a skating competition

This was in the last newsletter but thought it was worth mentioning again, particularly with a few competitions coming up.

When you hand your music into the box at competitions, please ensure all CDs and tapes have **your name and division** written clearly on them. This is to help the music stewards know that it is your music and which division they need to play it for. Particularly if you are entering more than one division, then the division is very important so the wrong piece doesn't get played.

If you are handing in a CD then make sure it is a case or a CD sleeve. This is to prevent the CD getting damaged. The club cannot be held responsible for music that becomes damaged because skaters have not taken care to make sure it is protected.

Cassettes should be handed in without a case but clearly labelled.

Another important thing to have, whether at a local competition or going interstate, is an extra copy of your music. Anything can happen and you want to cover for any emergencies.

And if you would like to help the club.... (A call for volunteers)

We are always looking for people to become involved in helping with competitions. There has been a dedicated group who do most of the work but it would be great to see some new faces helping out.

At our March 24th Fun Skate and Olympic Trophy we had a few new people learning the ropes. But it would be great to have a pool of people who can do these plus help on the fundraising table, sell raffle tickets, prepare food for the judges plus many other small but important tasks.

If you can lend a hand, please let Wendy or Kim know.

If you want any further information about events and information, here are some handy email addresses:

Wendy (OFDC stuff) - meik@bigpond.com

Kim (Newsletter stuff) - kwillyau@dodo.com.au

Carmel (ISV stuff) - cardel@alphalink.com.au

Forum for Australian skaters

There is a forum for Australian skating. It covers a wide range of skating issues and anyone is welcome to join. Go to the website at:

<http://ozskas.forumsplace.com/index.html>

Victorian Competition and Test Calendar for 2007

Date & Time	EVENT	RINK	DIVISIONS/SPECIAL FEATURES	ENTRY TO
Sunday 27th May at 12pm	SKATE BENDIGO & Test Session	Bendigo	Standard ISV Competiton Format ** Note 1	ISCB
Please note that this Bendigo competition day was changed from May 26 th so if you were planning on competing make sure you change the date in your diary.				
Saturday to Monday, 8 th -11 th June	Hollins Trophy - National Comp	NSW	See Announcement	ISV
Saturday 9 th June @ 12.30pm	Test Day	Oakleigh		OFDC
Saturday 9 th June @ 4.30pm	<i>OFDC FUN SKATE/ Homestead Motor Inn</i>	Oakleigh	Standard ISV Competiton Format ** Note 1	OFDC
Sunday 10 th June @ 12.30pm	Test Day (including Dance Tests)	Oakleigh		OFDC
Monday June 11 th @ 12pm	<i>Masters Cup & Adult Interpretive Trophy - National Comp</i>	Oakleigh	Adult Interpretive Comp - Minimum Age 20 See Announcement	KDISC
Saturday and Sunday, July 7th & 8th Victorian State Championships & Southern Cross Trophy Announcement has been posted Contact ISV for details				
Saturday, August 6th	SKATE BENDIGO - ISV National Squad	Bendigo	Standard ISV Competiton Format ** Note 1	ISCB
August 17 th -26th	Aust National Championship	NSW	See Announcement	ISV
Saturday, 6 th October	OFDC Fun Skate	Oakleigh	Standard ISV Competiton Format ** Note 1	OFDC
Saturday 6 th October @ 12.30pm	Test Day	Oakleigh		OFDC
Saturday 20 th October @ 4.30pm	SKATE BENDIGO & Tests	Bendigo	Standard ISV Competiton Format ** Note 1	ISCB
Saturday 27 th October @ 4.30pm	Adult Fun Skate	Oakleigh	Adult Interpretive Comp - Minimum Age 20 See Announcement	OFDC
Saturday 24 th November @ 12.30pm	Test Day			
Saturday 24 th November @ 4.30pm	OFDC Fun Skate	Oakleigh	Standard ISV Competiton Format ** Note 1	OFDC
Sunday 25 th November @ 12.20pm	Test Day (including Dance Tests)	Oakleigh		OFDC
Saturday 15 th December @ 5pm	OFDC Christmas Show	Oakleigh		

Note 1: Standard ISV Competition Format is based on National Aussie Skate Rules and ISA Rules.

These Rules are available on the Ice Skating Australia web site www.isa.org.au.

ISV Competitions may also include Pre-Preliminary and Adult Divisions and Interpretive Events.

Note 2: Victorian Skaters wishing to compete in interstate events are reminded that entries must be submitted through ISV.

National Calendar

Here is the current National Calendar for your interest. Of course most of them are not available for Victorian skaters to enter but it is worth knowing when they are on.

One particular competition that might be of interest to us as a club is the Reg Park Artistic Trophy and Federation Challenge. I have attended this competition over the last couple of years and found it a very rewarding experience. Plus the people are so friendly – they really made me feel at home. So it would be great if this year we could get a team of skaters together to attend this event. If you have any questions about it I am more than happy to answer them.

Just to advise that if you plan to compete in an interstate event that you need to put your entries through ISV.

Also for some interstate competitions the club will offer financial assistance with entry fees. However you must be a financial member of the club for this to be considered.

Dates	State	Event
Fri-Mon, 8th-11th June	NSW	Hollins Trophy (Open to Interstate Competitors)
Wed-Sat, 27 th -30 th June	QLD	Queensland State Championships
6-7 or 13-14 July	ACT	ACT State Championships
7 th -9 th July	WA	Western Australian State Championships
10 th -12 th July	SA	South Australian State Championships
10 th -12 th July	SA	Winter Challenge (Aussie Skate - Pre-Primary)
18 th -22 nd July	NSW	NSW State Championship's
18 th -25 th August	NSW	Australian Championship's
Sat & Sun, 29th & 30th Sept	ACT	National Federation Challenge - Aussie Skate to Pre-Primary (Open to Interstate Competitors)
Monday 1st October	ACT	Reg Park Artistic (Open to Interstate Competitors)
Sun & Mon, 21st & 22nd October	NSW	MIRA (Artistic Competition) (Open to Interstate Competitors)
Sun & Mon, 27th & 28th October	NSW	M J S Trophy (Open to Interstate Competitors)
Sunday 11 th November	NSW	Rubina Doolan Trophy & NSW Artistic Comp
Sunday 25 th November	WA	Les Latham Trophy
January 21st-25th 2008	QLD	Summer Trophy(Open to Interstate Competitors)

Ice Skating Club of Bendigo Skate Bendigo 14th April 2007

Intermediate Ladies Short Program

1. Claire Bryan ISCB

Primary Ladies Short Program

1. Kassidy-rae Browell ISCB

Pre-Primary Ladies Short Program

1. Alice Stephenson ISCB

Elementary Ladies

1. Rachel Wood OFDC

Preliminary Ladies

1. Morgan Clohesy ISCB

Pre-Preliminary Men

1. Alexander Dillon OFDC

Adult Ladies

1. Jasmine Humphreys ISCB

Aussie Skate Free Skate 1

1. Tiffani Jeffery OFDC

2. Bella-rose Campbell ISCB

3. Danielle Pyatt ISCB

Aussie Skate - Basic

1. Taylah Page OFDC

Aussie Skate - Novice

1. Trevi Leader ISCB

2. Natasha Jeffery OFDC

Aussie Skate - Intermediate

1. Julia Moore OFDC

2. Jessica Humphreys ISCB

3. Erin Taylor ISCB

4. Juniper Rogers OFDC

Aussie Skate - Stroking

1. Anna Moore OFDC

Artistic B

1. Alice Stephenson ISCB

Artistic A

1. Morgan Clohesy ISCB

2. Juniper Rogers OFDC

Intermediate Ladies - Free

1. Chelsea Fitzpatrick ISCB

Primary Ladies - Free

1. Kassidy-rae Browell ISCB

Pre-Primary Ladies - Free

1. Lisa Gully OFDC

2. Alice Stephenson ISCB

Skaters of the Month

This month one of our young skaters Anna Moore kindly offered to write something about her skating, her sister and competing at the last Bendigo competition. Thanks Anna.

My name is Anna Moore and I am 12 years old. I have a sister Julia who is 8. We have been skating at Oakleigh for about one year.

I am skating Freeskate level 1. We love meeting new friends and practising tricks. Julia is skating Intermediate level. I am coached by Mikhail and Julia is coached by Andrea.

We both like competing in the Aussie Fun Skates. On April 14th we travelled to Bendigo for the Funskafe competition. We loved Bendigo because the club was so friendly and welcoming.

The competition was in the morning so everyone was fresh and awake. All skaters were greeted by the competition organiser and we were all given a showbag full of goodies. The ice was great to skate on. All the Oakleigh skaters cheered each other on. I competed in Stroking and Julia competed in Intermediate. We both came first. There were nine skaters representing our club.

Bendigo was a great rink to visit and we hope to skate there again soon.



Julia and Anna with their medals and certificates at the Bendigo competition

Memberships

The Olympic Figure & Dance Club is the Olympic Ice Skating Centre's home club. We run all the competitions that take place at Oakleigh, liaise with the rink in obtaining ice time for training and are instrumental in organizing a number of on-ice and off-ice activities that aim to help skaters develop their potential.

OFDC membership also entitles skaters to a discount on competition entries so the cost of the membership is "paid off" over the course of a year. Club members are covered by insurance for every club run event.

OFDC club membership is for the financial year 1 October to 30 September. New membership is \$30 and renewing membership is \$20. OFDC offers \$5 discount on each competition entry fee. Only the skater needs to be a member. If the member is under 16 years of age, then a parent is the nominated voting member.

For skaters it is very important to be a member if you want to be supported when you head interstate to compete. OFDC does provide some financial assistance in this regard. Ask Kim or Wendy for a copy of the Guidelines for Assistance if you are interested.

The main thing to realize with this membership (or any membership) that it entitles you to vote and stand on the committees of the clubs or associations. This is particularly important around the time of the AGM when the committees are being formed. And any member is entitled to come along to the AGMs and vote (whether you are considering standing for the committee or not).

Over the last few years it has been notable that it is the same people who do constantly run for the committees and it would be nice to see some new faces taking an interest in this side of the sport.

If you think you have something to offer then this is one way of doing it.

For enquiries about memberships contact Kim Wilson or Wendy Meik.

Aussie Skate Membership

Aussie skate is a "learn to skate" program run by Ice Skating Australia through the rinks. It is a great programme for beginning skaters and you can work your way through a number of different tests and levels. When you join the Aussie Skate Program you will receive a booklet outlining all the tests and you will be allocated an Aussie Skate Number. Each completed test is recorded by the rink and you receive a badge. At Olympic, it is \$8.00 to join and \$5.00 to do each test.

Ice Skating Victoria (ISV) Membership

ISV membership is required of all skaters in the competition and ISA test stream. This is important in regards to public liability protection for skaters undertaking competitions. The membership year is from 1st October to 30th September. There are two levels of membership:

Associate membership - \$20 (Renewals after 31st December are \$25)

Associate membership is for Aussie Skate level competitors and Adult skaters who enter one or two competitions per year (not skating at ISV test levels).

Full membership - \$50 (Renewals after 31st December are \$60)

Skater must have full ISV membership to undertake an ISV test and to compete at competitions at an ISV level (Preliminary through to Senior).

Wendy has copies of the membership forms and there are copies on the noticeboard. You can also fill in your form and send it to:

The Honorary Secretary,
P O Box 72,
Nunawading Vic 3131

Remember to make cheques payable to "Ice Skating Victoria". The bank will not accept cheques made payable to "ISV". You can also hand them to an OFDC committee member.

Just some bits and pieces of useful stuff

International Skating Union

If you don't know, the International Skating Union (ISU) is the world governing body for figure and speed skating. Here you can find a wealth of information from event results to video clips of this year's Junior Worlds Championships.

Also there are many communications regarding technical information, particularly in relation to the International Judging System. The latest communication (No 1445) has the latest rules for Singles and Pairs skating which are applicable to our National level competition divisions.

The website is at. www.isu.org

Skating Dress Patterns

For anyone who is looking for skating dress patterns, this website has a large range. Check them out.

www.jalie.com/catalog/sports/figureskating.html

Fabric for skating costumes

If you are wanting fabric for skating costumes, there is a great shop in Mentone which has a wide range of lycras and other fabrics suitable for skating outfits. Carmels Fabrics is located at 11 Como Parade West, Mentone. Website is www.carmelsfabrics.com.au.

A figure skating reference website

This website has plenty of references to help skaters who are starting out in the sport (or those who have been in the sport for a while but want to know more). Check it out!

<http://figureskating.about.com/>

World Artistic Roller Skating Championships

This year our "cousin sport on wheels" is having their most important international event coming to Australia.

The World Artistic Roller Skating Championships will be held at the Carrara Sports Stadium on the Gold Coast in Queensland, from the 28th October to November 10th 2007. There will be a range of events including Junior, Synchronised and Senior.

Super Early Bird Season Passes are now available for purchase, with 25% savings off regular prices up until the end of the financial year (June 30).

Adults are only A\$200 and concession (children under 12 & aged pensioners) A\$150. This provides full access to competition, training and ceremonies for juniors & seniors for the fourteen days from October 28-November 10. It is great value to see an international standard event. Email ticketing@2007worldartchampionships.org.au for enquiries.

For further information check the website at www.2007worldartchampionships.org.au.