

The ICEBurgh

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VOLUNTEER HOURS AVAILABLE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

CLUB ICE MONITORS

Members who can give the club their time will receive two volunteer hours for each club session that they serve. Club ice is from 3:00-4:50 p.m. on select Sundays during the year. The primary job for an ice monitor is to keep track (and prioritize when necessary) of the skaters on the ice.



The first two dates of club ice are September 11 and 18, 2011. For a complete listing of dates, you can check out our website at www.pittsburghfsc.com. These dates are approaching quickly. If you are available to volunteer for any date, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone interested in volunteering or have any questions, please email Denise Wolf at: vgwolf@comcast.net.

SKATE PITTSBURGH 2011

Skate Pittsburgh will be in 2 weeks. The club hosts this annual competition at RMU Island Sports Center. This competition is scheduled for the weekend of September 24 and 25, 2011. We have many volunteer positions open, and we'll need your help to fill them in order for this event to be a success. We'll need help with registration, ice monitor, awards, music/announcements, and runners. If you have any questions about any of these positions, please email Denise Wolf at: vgwolf@comcast.net

SKATE WITH US BASIC SKILLS PROGRAM

The club's basic skills program will be here before you know it. We will need volunteers at registration, the donut/coffee table, and most importantly, as instructors. More information will be in the next newsletter, but if you have any questions, contact Elissa Uram at 412-337-7759, or by email at PFSCCLTS@aol.com.

Please check out the sign-up sheet hanging next to the PFSC Information Bulletin Board at the rink.

If you need a letter to document any volunteer hours, Denise wolf will be happy to do so on a quarterly basis. Please email her at the email listed above if you will need this letter.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Skate Pittsburgh
 September 24-25, 2011
 Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club
 RMU Island Sports Center
 Announcement available on club's website

2012 South Atlantics
 October 15-18, 2011
 IceWorks Skating Club, Aston Pennsylvania
 Deadline was: September 1, 2011
 Qualifying & Non-Qualifying
 Entries can be registered at www.entryeeze.com
www.2012southatlantics.com



2011-12 CLUB SESSIONS

The 2011-2012 Club Sessions are held at the RMU Island Sports Center. All sessions are from 3:00 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. on Sundays and are on the Olympic Rink.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR OCTOBER 9, 2011 SESSION.

<p><u>SEPTEMBER 2011</u> Sept. 11 Sept. 18</p>	<p><u>OCTOBER 2011</u> Oct. 2 Oct. 9 (NOTE: 12 Noon – 1:50 p.m.) Oct. 16 Oct. 23 Oct. 30</p>	<p><u>NOVEMBER 2011</u> Nov. 6 Nov. 13 Nov. 20</p>
<p><u>DECEMBER 2011</u> Dec. 11 Dec. 18</p>	<p><u>JANUARY 2012</u> Jan. 8 Jan. 22 Jan. 29</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY 2012</u> Feb. 12 Feb. 19 Feb. 26</p>
<p><u>MARCH 2012</u> March 4 March 11 March 18 (NOTE: this date subject to change) March 25</p>	<p><u>APRIL 2012</u> April 1 April 15 April 22</p>	

SKATERS COMPETE IN SUMMER COMPETITIONS

This summer was busy for a lot of our skaters. In July, six of our skaters, with coaches Ryan Devereaux and Rachel Lane-McCarthy, competed at the 2011 Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships: Alannah Binotto, Angelique Hudec, Colleen Kenny, Megan Kirkpatrick, Kristina Slivchenko, and Jennifer Sun. "Lake Placid is a charming town with a lot of character," says Ryan. "All of the country's top ice dance teams have started their careers at Lake Placid. International assignments are given out based on placements." "Everyone had a blast," says Rachel. "It was by far the most fantastic, fun filled, beautiful place in the country to be in."



The following girls who competed at the Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships, qualified for the 2011 National Solo Dance Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado on September 23-25, 2011. Congratulations!

- Angelique Hudec – Pre Silver
- Alannah Binotto – Gold
- Megan Kirkpatrick – Gold

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The 2011 State Games of America, a property of the National Congress of State Games, is a national multi-sport event, held biennially, for athletes of all ages and skill levels. Medal winners from 45 State Games nationwide earn the right to compete against other winners and match their skills and competitive desire in a national arena. Organized and managed by the California State Games, the 2011 State Games of America took place August 4-7, 2011 in San Diego, California. If an athlete received a medal in their state's 2009 or 2010 State Games, they qualified to compete in the 2011 State Games of America.



In August, five of our skaters, with Beth Sutton, competed at the 2011 State Games of America in California: Elspeth Cunningham, Kiana Geiger, Libby McGrosky, Emma Ross and Megan Tierney. "They worked hard to qualify for the event at the Keystone State Games in February and the outcome at the final Games was great. The event was truly run like a "mini-Olympic" event with opening ceremonies and events for the athletes from across the country. Our skates proudly carried the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club banner and wore the PFSC vest they were permitted to have for the event," said Beth.

In 2013 the State Games of America will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania! It would be great to have more of our skaters qualify to attend.

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The 2011 U.S. Figure Skating National Showcase was held in August in Mentor, Ohio. It is a competition in theatrical skating. National Showcase fuses artistic creativity with figure skating for single skaters, duets, small ensembles or 3 to 7 and production numbers of 8 to 30. It offers the categories of light entertainment, dramatic entertainment and extemporaneous improvisation to singles skaters. National Showcase is truly a festival of inspiration and skaters who qualify are strongly encouraged to participate.

On the following pages are comments from some of the skaters who competed at these competitions, along with photos. In the next issue we will feature more comments from other skaters. (Skaters – email your thoughts, etc. about any competition you compete at to Patti Kuzma – runswithhorses406@msn.com - along with a photo (in a .jpg format), and include the name of the competition you were attending.

Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships:

In July, some of the skaters from the rink, including myself, competed at a dance competition in Lake Placid, New York. I got first in my Juvenile Pattern Dance, and I did well enough in the Pre-Silver Solo Dance to make it to Colorado. I couldn't have done this without my dance coaches, Ryan Deveraux and Rachel McCarthy, as well as all my other coaches. Lake Placid was very beautiful, and we had a lot of fun. Of course, I have to mention the amazing cupcakes Rachel got us. The Sugar Shack really does have the best cupcakes ever. I really hope to go to Lake Placid again next year.

- Angelique Hudec
Pre-Silver



Megan Kirkpatrick – Gold



Alannah Binotto – Gold



Lake Placid, for me, was a reason to continue skating over the summer while I was home from school. I am also a huge fan of the Olympics, so I was very excited to see all of the tourist attractions Lake Placid had to offer. It was a great experience spending a whole week with friends and exploring the town, as well as skating in such a beautiful rink. I enjoyed my time spent there, and I look forward to competing there again next summer.

- Colleen Kenny



Kristina Slivchenko



Jennifer Sun

2011 State Games of America:

I miss it, I miss the warm weather, I miss Sea World and Legoland and the ocean waters. I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity and am proud to be supported by my friends, family, and skating club. It was hard to come back, for that I am sure, but I missed home too. The great things about California are the weather, of course, and the vacation spots. It's also a lot of fun to skate there because it seems like such a big deal to skate in California to me. When I stepped onto the ice to compete, I felt like all my worries had left me, and it was time to really do what I had come to do. I knew exactly what to do and how to express myself. I felt my feet doing what they were meant to do from the second the music started to play. It was a feeling that words cannot explain. I was sure I skated my best, and I know it was impossible to do any better. I love California, and I love Pennsylvania. But the one thing that I love so much about both locations, is that they share the sport I love... Figure Skating.

- Emma Ross



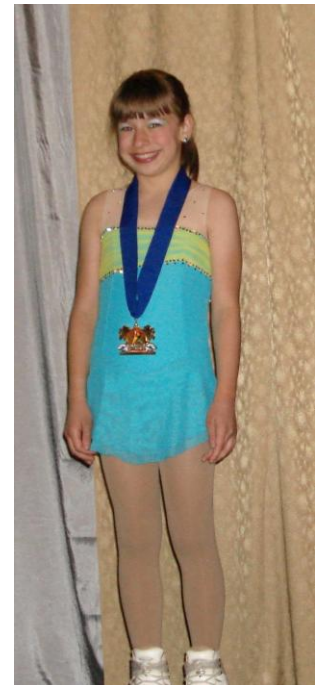


Going to the State Games in California was really fun. I enjoyed competing with skaters from all over the country.

- Kiana Gieger

I had an amazing time at the State Games of America. It was neat getting to meet other skaters and athletes from all over the country. I was proud and excited to walk on the field at Qualcomm Stadium during the Opening Ceremonies with everyone. I would like to thank Beth Sutton for coaching me and my parents for taking me. It was an experience I will never forget.

- Elspeth Cunningham



Competing at the State Games was a lot of fun and a great experience. It was more challenging than most competitions because everyone skated so well. Overall, it was a great trip and I would definitely do it again if I could!

- Megan Tierney

Competing in the State Games was a great experience. I would love to do it again. It was fun to meet new skaters from other states and to represent RMU at such a big competition. I can't wait for it to be in Hershey. If any of you get a chance to compete in the State Games of America, you should really do it.

- Libby McGrosky



2011 U.S. Figure Skating National Showcase



The National showcase competition is open to skaters who medaled (1st – 4th) at a USFS qualifying event in an interpretive category in the past competitive year. This event included children through adult categories. I qualified by getting 4th at the Adult National Championships this year. The event moves throughout the country from year to year with this year's competition being held in Strongsville, Ohio. I received a 2nd place in the Adult Gold level. Yay!

- Carol Waggy



COMPETITION RESULTS

2011 LIBERTY SUMMER COMPETITION <i>Aston, Pennsylvania</i> <i>July 12-16, 2011</i>		2011 U.S. FIGURE SKATING NATIONAL SHOWCASE <i>Mentor, Ohio</i> <i>August 4-6, 2011</i>	
<u>Mia Zhang Nacke</u> Juvenile Girls FS Group F Juvenile Girls FS Final	4 th 19 th	<u>Carol Waggy</u> Adult Gold Dramatic	2 nd

2011 LAKE PLACID ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS <i>SC of Lake Placid</i> <i>Lake Placid, New York</i> <i>July 28-30, 2011</i>			
<u>Alannah Binotto</u> Open Argentine Tango – Pattern Dance Novice Solo PD Solo Series – Gold Open Cha Cha Congalado – Pattern Dance Open Rhumba – Pattern Dance Viennese Waltz 3rd OVERALL	2 nd 2 nd 3 rd 1 st 3 rd 4 th	<u>Megan Kirkpatrick</u> Solo Series – Gold Viennese Waltz Argentine Tango 4th OVERALL	5 th 5 th 3 rd
<u>Angelique Hudec</u> Juvenile Solo PD Solo Series – Pre Silver	1 st 8 th	<u>Jennifer Sun</u> Novice Solo PD Open Hickory Hoedown Solo Series – Gold	4 th 2 nd 7 th
<u>Colleen Kenney</u> Open Cha Cha – Pattern Dance Open Fiesta Tango – Pattern Dance Novice Solo PD Open Fourteenstep	4 th 2 nd 5 th 4 th	<u>Kristina Slivchenko</u> Open Starlight Waltz Open Kilian – Pattern Dance	2 nd 4 th

STATE GAMES OF AMERICA <i>San Diego, California</i> <i>August 4-7, 2011</i>			
<u>Elsbeth Cunningham</u> Pre-Preliminary Bronze Girls FS Gr. 8 Preliminary Silver Comp. Moves Gr. 5 Solo PreGold Dance - Kilian	1 st 1 st 4 th	<u>Emma Ross</u> Pre-Preliminary Bronze Girls FS Gr. 8 Preliminary Comp. Moves Gr. 6 Pre-Preliminary Bronze Solo Interp. Gr. 3	4 th 2 nd 2 nd
<u>Kiana Geiger</u> Pre-Preliminary Bronze Girls FS Gr. 11 Preliminary Silver Comp. Moves Gr. 10	1 st 1 st	<u>Megan Tierney</u> Preliminary Silver Girls Freestyle Gr. 8 Pre Juvenile Silver Comp. Moves Gr. 5	2 nd 4 th
<u>Libby McGrosky</u> Pre-Preliminary Bronze Girls FS Gr. 2 Preliminary Silver Comp. Moves Gr. 1 Pre-Preliminary Bronze Footwork Gr. 1	2 nd 2 nd 1 st		

COMPETITION RESULTS – continued

2011 SKATE CHAUTAUQUA Jamestown Skating Club Jamestown, New York August 12-13, 2011			
<u>Zoe Atkins</u> Preliminary Girls Comp. Moves A Preliminary Girls Spins Pre Preliminary B Free Skate	4 th 3 rd 4 th		<u>Jenny Shulkin</u> Beginner Girls Comp. Moves Beginner Girls Free Skate A Beginner Interpretive Pre Preliminary Girls Spins A
<u>Valentine Georgalas</u> Preliminary Competitive Test Track Preliminary Girls Comp. Moves B Preliminary Girls Spins	5 th 6 th 6 th		<u>Nicole Singleton</u> Preliminary Girls Comp. Moves B Preliminary Jumps Pre Preliminary B Free Skate
<u>Angela Ru</u> Beginner Girls Free Skate B	3 rd		<u>Lily Zhong</u> Juvenile Girls B – Free skate

**TESTS PASSED**

Congratulations to the following skaters who passed the following tests held on May 25, July 6 and August 10, 2011.

MOVES IN THE FIELD	FREESTYLE	DANCE
Hannah Abercrombie		Hickory Hoedown, Ten Fox, Willow Waltz
Marin Auth	Preliminary	
Paige Baierl		Westminster Waltz, Viennese Waltz, Argentine Tango
Alannah Binotto		Juvenile Free Dance
Allison Blatz	Pre Preliminary	
Amber Blatz	Pre Preliminary	
Lisa Borzilleri	Pre Preliminary	
Anna Boyer		Foxtrot
Tenley Brownwright		Senior Free Dance, Ravensburger Waltz
Lindsay Burdan		American Waltz, Tango, Paso Doble, Kilian, Blues
Kassidy Burke		Dutch Waltz
Talia Busquets	Pre Preliminary	Dutch Waltz
Marisa Busquets	Pre Preliminary	Dutch Waltz
Nicole Carlins	Intermediate Supplemental, Senior Supplemental	Silver Samba, Cha Cha Congelado
Gianna Catanzarite	Juvenile	Pre Preliminary
Marissa Christenson	Pre Juvenile, Juvenile	Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango
Audrey Clapper		Adult American Waltz, Adult Foxtrot, Adult Rocker Foxtrot, Adult Tango
Cassandra Clark	Pre Juvenile	
Genevieve Cohen		Canasta Tango
Elspeth Cunningham		Paso Doble
Heather Davidson	Pre Juvenile	
Ashley Davidson	Pre Preliminary	
Ryan Devereaux		Senior Free Dance
Cara Dietrich	Preliminary	
Isabel Dobbs		Fiesta Tango
Joseph Eisner		Tango
Lauren Firanski	Pre Preliminary	
Victoria Fowler	Preliminary	
Christiana Fragale	Junior	

TESTS PASSED – continued

	MOVES IN THE FIELD	FREESTYLE	DANCE
Caroline Gaus			Willow Waltz, Fourteenstep
Kiana Geiger	Intermediate	Preliminary, Pre Juvenile	
Valentina Georgalas		Pre Juvenile	
Julie Hall			Blues, Paso Doble
Rosie Hillenbrand	Senior Supplemental	Intermediate	Paso Doble
Athena Hodge		Adult Silver, Adult Gold	
Dallas Holifield			Westminster Waltz
Angelique Hudec		Preliminary	European Waltz
Hannah Kanuch	Intermediate	Preliminary, Pre Juvenile	
Sarah Kelly	Pre Juvenile		
Colleen Kenny			Quickstep, Argentine Tango, Westminster Waltz, Viennese Waltz
Megan Kirkpatrick		Juvenile	Viennese Waltz, Rhumba
Patricia Kuzma			Masters Pre-Bronze Free Dance
Alexis Ky	Preliminary		Canasta Tango
Anastasia Lestina	Preliminary		
Jenya Lestina	Pre Juvenile		
Alexis Martyn	Intermediate		Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Swing Dance, Ten Fox, Hickory Hoedown
Ellie McCaffrey	Pre Juvenile		Fiesta Tango
Libby McGrosky	Juvenile		Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango, Fiesta Tango, Cha Cha
Brianne McKain	Senior Supplemental		Paso Doble, Quickstep, Argentine Tango, Juvenile Free Dance
Benjamin McLemore	Pre Preliminary		
Heather Metz	Senior		
Jordan Mezey		Pre Preliminary	Willow Waltz
Kalin Mezey			Foxtrot
Claire Nincke	Preliminary		
Kaylee Pierce	Preliminary		
Sydney Schwab		Senior	
Jenny Shulkin	Preliminary		
Nicole Singleton		Preliminary	
Kristina Slivchenko			Starlight Waltz
Anna Sluis-Cremer	Intermediate		
Alexandra Stashak		Pre Preliminary	Rhythm Blues, Cha Cha
Jennifer Sun			Argentine Tango, Quickstep, Westminster Waltz
Loren Suttmiller		Preliminary	Fiesta Tango
Shauna Talbot		Preliminary, Pre Juvenile	
Megan Tierney	Junior	Pre Juvenile, Juvenile,	
Bill Todaro			Masters Rocker Foxtrot, Masters Tango
Rebecca Vassilenko	Pre Preliminary		Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues
Sarah Volk	Pre Juvenile		Swing Dance
Carol Waggy	Intermediate Supplemental		
Kate Wettergreen	Pre Juvenile		
Nina Wiggins	Pre Preliminary		

Congratulations to the following skaters for earning their gold medals:

- *Gold Dance: Paige Baierl & Colleen Kenny*
- *Adult Gold Free Skating: Athena Hodge*
- *Senior Moves: Heather Metz*
- *Senior Free Skating: Sydney Schwab*
- *Senior Free Dance: Ryan Devereaux*



Club Photo Gallery

