

Ayr Figure Skating Club Newsletter – December 2009

Dates for your diary

12 Dec '09	Hannah Competition including Sk8UK presentation during morning ice session. Group & off ice classes cancelled.
12 Dec '09	Christmas Party 7-9pm in the Curlers' Lounge
19 Dec '09	Club big pad. 3-4pm Free Skating, 4-5pm Group Class
24 Dec '09	Club closed
26 Dec '09	Club closed
31 Dec '09	Club closed
2 Jan '10	Club closed
9 Jan '10	Curling – no Big Pad Ice . Small pad is available 7a.m – 9 a.m. No group class. Off ice class 09.30-10.30
16 Jan '10	Off ice class cancelled – the hall is not available Synchro big pad 3-5pm.
17 Jan '10	There will be NO synchro training. The Club session will be unchanged at 10am – 1pm while the coach Group Class will be 1pm – 2pm
23 Jan '10	Curling - no Big Pad Ice . Small pad is available 7a.m - 9 a.m. No group class. Off ice class 09.30-10.30
13 Feb '10	Synchro big pad 3-5pm.
27 Feb '10	Club big pad. 3-4pm Free Skating, 4-5pm Group Class

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Gillingham Open

Congratulations to all our club skaters who competed in the Gillingham Open & in particular to the following skaters who made the rostrum.

Heather Murdoch, 3rd Level 4 Ladies; Lewis Gibson, 1st Level 8 Men; Thea Young & Andrew Fleming, 1st Beginner Couples, Heather Murdoch & Lewis Gibson, 1st Novice Pairs Andrew Fleming, 2nd Level 3 & Under Artistic Competition; Aimee Moore, 3rd Level 3 & Under Artistic Competition; Lewis Gibson, 2nd Level 4 & Above Artistic Competition.

NISA Tests

NISA tests were held on the Saturday 28th November. Congratulations to all the following skaters.

FIELD MOVES:

Heather Murdoch, Jennifer Murdoch Level 7 Field Moves, Robert Alner, Caitlin Di Mascio, Thea Young Level 5 Field Moves, Kirstin Edgar, Aimee Moore Level 4 Field Moves

ELEMENTS:

Lucia DiMascio Level 4 Elements, Laura Estcourt Level 2 Elements, Marcus Hope Level 1 Elements

FREE PROGRAMME:

Lucia DiMascio Level 4 Free, Laura Estcourt Level 2 Free

Congratulations also to Ashley Mitchell on passing Level 8 Free and Level 9 Elements at East Kilbride on Friday 13th November.

Confirmation of music rules

Following some recent queries regarding the playing of music – here are the music rules. If you have queries about the rules please ask a member of the committee. Please remember that on a Saturday morning and at sessions prior to a competition/test there will be more music put in the rotation which when added to coach requests may mean that it is not always possible that your music will be played if you arrive late in the session.

- CDs / Tapes are played on a rotational basis.
- Coaches may only ask for a CD / Tape to be played once during a 15 minutes lesson. A small section of music may be replayed if the coach feels that it is necessary.
- Skaters with more than 1 programme / piece of music may only have ONE choice played in the rotation. All the music for a skater must be kept together in the rotation.
- Skaters are responsible for monitoring their position in the rotation. To prevent delays or time wasting, skaters MUST be ready on the ice for the start of their music.
- A short section of the music will be played to let the skater know it is their turn. This will only be done if the skater is on the ice or in the ice hall and therefore visible to the adult playing the music. If the skater is not in the ice hall, their music will be put to the back of the queue without being played.
- Safety bibs provided by the Club MUST be worn by skaters performing programmes. This includes lesson time. If a skater wished to try out a new outfit the coach / skater must get agreement from all coaches on the ice to skate to the music without the bib.
- The music equipment must only be operated by a responsible adult.

Hannah Competition

Good luck to all club and Skate UK skaters competing in the Hannah Competition on 12 December. The competition starts at 7am and all competitors should be registered by 7am. After skating, all skaters should remain at the rink until the Presentations of trophies and medals at 10.45am in the Curlers' Lounge.

Event	Start Time	Event	Start Time
NISA Level 1 to 5	07:00	Pairs / Trios	09:35
Club Skate UK Gold	07:45	Skate UK Group 1 Badges 8-10	10:15
Club Skate UK 10 to Silver	08:15	Skate UK Group 2 Badges 5-7	10:20
Club Skate UK 3 to 7	08:40	Skate UK Group 3 Badges 1-4	10:25
NISA Level 6 and above	08:55	End of Skating	10:30
Skate UK Bronze, Silver and Gold	09:10	Presentations and photographs in Curlers' Lounge	10:45

Please note that all events may run early, and be ready to skate 15 minutes before the times noted above.

For the non skaters and skaters alike, there will be a coffee morning in the Curlers' Lounge from 7am, a tombola in the downstairs cafeteria and a raffle with an Adult's and a Child's Hamper to be won. The committee would be grateful for any contributions of home baking for the coffee morning and for items for the tombola and hampers.

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will be held in the Curlers' Lounge from 7pm – 9pm on Saturday 12 December. All club and Skate UK skaters are invited. Ashley and her team of helpers are organising the food, drink, music, games, prizes etc and if you can help by donating food please let her know. Skaters should come dressed up "feeling Christmassy". There will be a special guest coming to the party.....

And finally.....

Thank you to all parents/guardians who give their time helping our club be it in the tuckshop, playing the music or helping with events. The club only functions thanks to parents giving their time. The more people who participate the less we all have to do! Please talk to any of the committee members if you can help. It beats sitting around getting cold!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

From all of the AFSC Committee

Please contact Eleanor Alner or any of the committee members if you have any questions or comments on the items in this newsletter or any other aspects of the running of the club. Eleanor can be contacted on 01292 571060 or via eleanor.alner@btinternet.com