

Ayr Figure Skating Club Newsletter – March 2010

Dates for your diary

27 Mar '10	Group Class 10.00 – 10.30 and Off ice 11.00 – 12.00 Synchro big pad. 3.15-5.15pm
28 Mar '10	There will be NO synchro training. The Club session will be unchanged at 10am – 1pm while Kirsty's Group Class will be 1pm – 2pm.
2 Apr '10	Small pad closes for the summer break. ALL club sessions on Big Pad.
3 Apr '10	NISA Test session - Club closed Sat am. See the noticeboard for details of ice after the test session. Off ice class cancelled.
8 Apr '10	Last Big pad session before the summer break.
19 Apr '10	Summer Ice at Magnum commences – see below for details
Aug '10	Ayr Rink re-opens. Date to be confirmed.

British Adult Championships 2009/10

Congratulations to Club Coach Elise Scholes who took the Gold Medal in the S1(M) Singles Masters Ladies competition at the British Adult Championships at iceSheffield on 27th February 2010.

Magnum Open

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

Ellie Somerville, 3rd Beginners Ladies (age 8 and under), Lewis Gibson, 1st Level 9 Men, Rachel Alner and Andrew Fleming, 3rd Beginner Pairs, Heather Murdoch and Lewis Gibson, 1st Pre IJS Pairs

Special Congratulations go to Ellie Somerville who won the "Spirit Trophy." This Trophy is awarded each day to the skater, who in the opinion of the Referee and Judging Panel, skated with the most spirit. Well done Ellie.

The Qualifier for the NISA Cup was held during the Magnum Open. Congratulations to Lewis Gibson who has been selected for the team to represent Scotland at the NISA Cup Competition at the Aberdeen Linx Ice Arena on 24 April in the Level 9 Men event.

Club Competition

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

Abbie McFarlane, 1st Skate UK Badge 8, Ashleigh Wilson, 1st Skate UK Badge 10, Ellie Holmes, 1st, Alison Malcolm, 2nd Skate UK Bronze, Katie Johnston, 1st, Erin Jones, 2nd, Morgan Dempsie, 3rd Skate UK Silver, Parisa Tadjali, 1st, Toni Taggart, 2nd, Ellie Somerville, 3rd Beginner Ladies, Louise McCormack, 1st Level 1 Ladies, Laura Estcourt, 1st, Niamh McHale, 2nd, Rachel Alner 3rd Level 2 Ladies, Andrew Fleming, 1st Level 2 Men, Kirstin Edgar, 1st, Aimee Moore, 2nd Level 3 Ladies, Marianne Lavery, 1st Level 4 Ladies, Robert Alner, 1st Level 4 Men, Heather Murdoch, 1st Level 6 Ladies, Claire Scobie, 1st Level 7 Ladies, Lewis Gibson, 1st Level 9 Men.

Congratulations to Lewis Gibson to whom the referee and judges awarded the Mowat Trophy for the best performance by a skater at Level 6 or above.

Beetle Drive and Fundraising

Due to poor tickets sales it has been decided to cancel the Beetle Drive on Saturday 27th March. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule on our return to Ayr in August. Over the summer we have booked stalls at the Holy Fair on 19th June, Coylton Gala on 26th June and Dundonald Games on 8th August. We will need financial/bottle contributions (more details to follow) **and** just an hour or two of stall work from all our members at one of the events. Why do we need to fund raise? Simple, ice at the Magnum costs double what we pay at Ayr. The more we raise at these stalls the less the Club and Skaters will need to pay. In addition, some of the money raised will be put towards the cost of new costumes for the Intermediate team which is being formed from members of the Synchro squad.

NISA Tests

Good luck to all club skaters taking NISA tests on 3 April.

Synchro

The synchro squad now trains from 1-3pm on three Sundays out of four which allows all the Synchro members to train together. Previously, there have been 2 teams, Ayr-o-Dynamic and Gael Force, but this year Synchro coach, Gail McKnight wants to enter a team to compete in the Intermediate section. This is of a higher standard than either the Elementary or Preliminary levels and involves more complicated, difficult moves to be executed by a team restricted by age and ability and must have a minimum of 12 and maximum of 16 skaters in the team. Information on summer training will be given as soon as arrangements have been made. Please contact Gail McKnight for more details about the synchro.

Summer Ice

We have been offered ice at Magnum on a Monday evening between 4pm and 9pm from 19th April. This will be shared ice with Kyle Figure Skating Club. Following a meeting with representatives from Kyle a schedule has been agreed and will be published shortly.

The coaches from Ayr and Kyle will be meeting prior to 19th April to agree the "rules of the ice". This will include music playing, the use of a bib and measures to control the volume of skaters on the ice. Please note that it has already been agreed that no visitors will be allowed, just Club members. The Ayr and Kyle committees have agreed that the coaches and committees will be reviewing the running of the sessions each week to ensure that there is a safe environment for all our skaters and coaches.

The committee have been advised that there will be no ice during June at the Galleon Centre in Kilmarnock and Dumfries is also now closed until October. Would you be willing to travel to Braehead, East Kilbride, Greenock, Murrayfield? Let me know.

A reminder - The newsletter has gone online!

You can now keep up to date with all the club news & events from the comfort of your PC & save trees at the same time! To get your AFSC newsletter online all you need to do is follow the instructions on the club website, www.afsc.org.uk/newsletter.html

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!

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