

Ayr Figure Skating Club Newsletter – November 2009

Dates for your diary

14 Nov '09	Off ice class will be held at Elmbank Studios
23-28 Nov	British Ice Figure Skating Championships at iceSheffield
28 Nov '09	NISA Test session - Club closed. Skate UK running as usual. Off ice class will be held at church hall as usual.
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
24 Dec '09	Club closed
26 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
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Group Class

The Club has been offered 2 hours extra ice on a Saturday afternoon, on the big pad, every other week. The committee, in consultation with the coaches, have agreed that the club will take the ice once per month & the synchro squad will have it once per month.

Currently we have two dates in November for the big pad.

Saturday 7th November 3pm-4pm. This will be a Club session for free skating. Please talk to your coach regarding the availability of lessons.

Saturday 7th November 4pm-5pm. Group Class – Power & Annie's Edges. This class would benefit ALL skaters in the club as power & edge work are the basics upon which everything else is based. There will be a charge of approximately £3 per class (depending on numbers), payable at the time of putting your name down (don't worry, you'll get a refund if the cost is less. Equally, you may be asked for more.). If you wish to attend please put your name on the list at the tuckshop. Any questions, please speak to a committee member.

Saturday 21st November 3pm-5pm. Synchro Squad training – Ayr-O-Dynamic & Gael Force. Gail will advise Synchro members when they are to attend.

Sunday 22nd November. There will be NO synchro training. The Club session will be unchanged at 10am – 1pm while the Gail's Group Class will be 1pm – 2pm

Dates for sessions in December & beyond are still to be confirmed but will be announced asap.

Skater Representatives

Thank you to all the skaters who put their name forward for the role of skater representative. The committee are pleased to announce that Ashley Mitchell has been elected skater representative. Congratulations!

Synchro

Lesley Millar has stepped down as Team Manager for Ayr-O-Dynamic. Lesley has been closely involved with Ayr-O-Dynamic since the introduction of the synchro discipline to AFSC in 2006. The committee would like to thank her for all the hard work, time & support she has given to Ayr-O-Dynamic, skaters & coaches.

Fiona Scobie has agreed to be the new Team Manager for Ayr-O-Dynamic.

Congratulations to Kersty Millar and Claire Scobie who were voted joint Ayr-O-Dynamic captains for this club session. Louise McCormack remains as captain for Gael Force with Alison McLellan as vice captain.

Synchro skaters and parents turned out in their numbers for the Bag Packing at Tesco in Ayr on 31st October. Synchro funds have been increased by the impressive sum of £790.50. Well done.

Scottish Open, Dumfries

Congratulations to all our club skaters who competed in the Sk8Scotland Scottish Championships in Dumfries & in particular to the following skaters who made the rostrum.

Marcus Pope, 3rd Beginner Men; Andrew Fleming, 3rd Level 1 Men; Kirstin Edgar, 3rd Level 2 Ladies; Robert Alner, 3rd Level 3 Men; Ashley Mitchell, 1st Level 7 Ladies, 1st Junior Ladies Solo Dance; Lewis Gibson, 1st Level 7 Men; Thea Young & Andrew Fleming 1st Beginner Couples/Pairs; Heather Murdoch & Lewis Gibson, 1st Novice Pairs.

Congratulations also to our 2 synchro teams who both made the rostrum.

Gael Force, 1st Elementary Synchro, Ayr-O-Dynamic, 2nd Preliminary Synchro

Coaching Success

Congratulations to Caitlin Di Mascio who has successfully completed the NISA Level 1 coaching course.

Hallowe'en Party

The Hallowe'en party was a great success with over 40 Club & Skate UK skaters. Many thanks to Irene Somerville for organising the party, to club coaches Gail McKnight, Jennifer Holmes & Kirsty Cameron for organising the games on the ice & all the other parents & skaters who gave of their time to help out, at the hire skates, playing the music, handing out goody bags, dooking for apples etc etc. Finally, a big thank you to all the skaters who took part & whose costumes were absolutely fabulous.

Gillingham Open

Good luck to all club skaters competing in the Gillingham Open on 9 November.

British Ice Figure Skating Championships at iceSheffield 23-28 November

Good luck to club coach & honorary member Jennifer Holmes who will be competing in the Senior Ladies event, subject to recovering from her broken toe!

NISA Tests

Good luck to all club skaters taking NISA tests on 28 November.

Hannah Competition

The Hannah Competition will be held on 12 December during the morning club session. This is an Artistic/Exhibition Competition open to all Main Club members. The Events for the competition will be

1. Solo skaters under NISA level 6 (Prog length 1 ½ mins (+/- 5 secs))

2. Solo skaters NISA level 6 & above (Prog length 2 mins (+/- 5 secs))

3. Pairs/Trios (all levels) (Prog length 2 mins (+/- 5 secs))

Event 1 will be split by NISA/Sk8UK level after the closing date

If you wish to enter, please put your name on the list at the tuckshop. The closing date for entries is Saturday 28th November 2009. The entry fee is £6 per skater for solo events, & £8 per pair/trio for the pairs/trios event, & must be paid at the tuck shop on or before the closing date. The draw will be held on Saturday 5th December 2009.

In addition, there will be a Skate UK Bronze, Silver, Gold level competition for Skate UK & group demonstrations by the other Skate UK classes.

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