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MESSAGE FROM BARBARA LATSIOS

President

Hello and welcome to our new and returning members! The 2009-2010 skating season is about to begin. We can all attest to how quickly time passes as we watch our skaters grow up and become more disciplined and graceful! It has been a good year for the Delaware County Skating Club (DCSC). The club continues to prosper and we have seen our membership maintain its growth. We have also seen some new volunteers step up to plate with fresh ideas for improving our club. The skaters have seen the fruits of our labor as they continue to have the opportunity to be a part of the many programs that the club and the Skatium have to offer. Linda D'Annibale and Lizzette Richards have worked tirelessly to design the club's new website, redecorate the girl's locker room and organize club fundraisers. Ann Bonner and Dawn Watson volunteered to sell pretzels and baked goods and all these volunteers donated their time at several DCSC events including the spin sales, the Haverford Day parade, the Holly Berry Skate and the Spring Fling. All of these events turned out to be great successes.

The Holly Berry Skate and the Spring Fling gave parents, families and friends the opportunity to see the year-to-year improvement of the Delaware County Skating Club's dedicated skaters. From the youngest to the more experienced and professional guest skaters, the shows were entertaining and successful on many levels. Everyone present enjoyed the beautiful skating and the fine choreography. Kristin Caparra and her fine coaching staff continue to be a major force behind all these successes. The Spring Fling also gave us an opportunity to watch skaters from the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society showcase their talents through their Theatre on Ice performance of "Dream and Olympic Fanfare,"

which proved to be a crowd favorite. The DCSC board members, including myself, enjoyed meeting you and thank you for taking the time to participate in these successful club events.

The primary goal of the DCSC Board is to provide club members with consistent ice time at a reasonable cost. As you know, the Skatium will be reopening the day of our Annual Meeting (Saturday, June 13, 2009). We will all be able to see the fresh paint and enjoy the new ice. While the Skatium was closed, a new roof was installed. During the next rainstorm we should be able to see the dramatic improvement – a dry Skatium! The DCSC Board has been working with the Skatium Director, Larry Yates, to negotiate ice times and charges for the 2009-2010 skating season. Fortunately, our ice time at the Skatium will remain the same as this past year. We have ice time scheduled for Monday through Friday from 6:00 to 9:45 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. We will continue to look at additional opportunities to obtain more ice time as our budget allows. The Club plans to continue to offer prime time ice for our members with no increase in ice fees or membership dues as long as we can stay in the black.

In addition to being the President of the DCSC, I also serve on the Haverford Township Ice Rink Advisory Board with our Vice-President Hank Altschuler. Although it is time consuming, Hank and I do our best to represent the interest of the DCSC and all figure skaters at these meetings. It also gives us the opportunity to give input to the Township Commissioners on things that we feel are important to the Skatium and our members. Fortunately for us, this year the commissioners have provided funding for some major renovations to the Skatium, including the new roof. We are recommending the installation of some new lighting and other amenities at the Skatium. We are



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trying to coordinate events with the various representatives from the ice hockey clubs and are trying to work together to bring more opportunities to the Skatium. Haverford Township is unique and having this wonderful facility in the Township is truly an asset.

There are some exciting events coming up this season. This summer, DCSC will be offering off-ice ballet taught by Alexei Borovic and Olga Kresin and Pilates classes taught by U.S. Bronze Medalist Kim Navarro. Kim will also be teaching an on-ice twizzle class. These events are very exciting additions to the summer skating sessions. As we have in the past, we are planning to participate in the Haverford Township Day parade on October 3, 2009. Last year we had lots of enthusiastic young members and their equally enthusiastic parents participate. We had a fun-filled day and hope that more of you will join us this year. The parade starts at the Manoa Shopping Center and ends at the Skatium. Haverford Township Day is truly a well attended and fun day for everyone.

As always our Board welcomes your input and small amounts of your time. If you have a special talent that you would like to share, please step up and give us your ideas. We look forward to hearing your suggestions. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

SUMMER ICE AT THE SKATIUM is available directly through the Skatium. Call the Skating School at (610) 853-2085 for more information.

MESSAGE FROM KRISTIN CAPARRA

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The start of the Summer Session is upon us. June 30th marks the end of a club season in which many new events have taken place. Never before has the Delaware County SC been so social! With the addition of the Halloween Skate and Valentine's Day Skating Event, basic skill members and full members were able to share their love of skating. A sense of community is growing at the Skatium. I am pleased to report an increase in the number of our skating members taking part in both test sessions and competitions. Everyone, parent and skater alike, should realize that the USFS offers something for every level. Whether you take part in the Holly Berry Skate, enroll in a session of group lessons or skate six times a week, enjoy your skating to the fullest!

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR'S REPORT

Marilyn Lee

DCSC Board Members

On June 13, 2009 at the annual meeting, the membership are encouraged to come out and vote for a new Board. Barbara Latsios, Lisa Stewart, Marilyn Lee, Ann Bonner, Lizzette Richards and Dawn Watson have agreed to run for the next two-year term. Vatsala Syed has agreed to join us as a new Board member. Ann Bonner has offered to replace Hank Altschuler as Vice President. Hank and Judy, who have faithfully served on the Board for many years, are stepping down. Hank was the first president at the birth of the Club in the mid-90's. Thank-you so much, Hank and Judy for all your support and wisdom!

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Membership-at-large

DCSC continues to enjoy a healthy growth in numbers. We had 49 full members in 2008-9. Two hundred and nineteen (that's right, 219) group members passed through the Skatium's Basic Skills program under the expert direction of Kristin Caparra, the Skatium's figure skating director.

Membership dues are due for 2009-2010.

Please complete and return DCSC membership form(s). Those of you who plan to test or compete this summer should have yours in by June 30. The Board has decided to be kind to your pocketbooks and not raise ice fees or membership dues in these challenging economic times. Please note that the Club paid the Skatium \$25,750.00 for the 2008-2009 season. **Important!** Please note that the \$10/ice session rate will only be available for **members** who buy a set of 10 tickets. This is to encourage skaters to

purchase tickets ahead of time and to reduce the exchange of money. Coaches are asked to ensure that their students have paid for each session before getting on the ice.

Skaters are not eligible for membership ice rates unless their membership dues are paid.

TESTS PASSED

- Jacalynn Alexander – Pre Juvenile Moves
- Nicole Baker – Pre-Prelim Moves and Free Pre-Prelim Free Skate
- Kyle Dougherty - Pre-Prelim Moves
- Nicole Farinella - Pre-Prelim Free Skate, Prelim Free Skate, Pre-Juvenile Free Skate, Pre Juvenile Moves
- Devon Guyer – Pre-Prelim Moves in the Field, Pre-Prelim Free Skate, Dutch Waltz
- Cassandra Latsios – European Waltz, American Waltz, Tango, Rocker Foxtrot
- Rebecca Margolis = Adult Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver and Gold Moves, Adult pre-Bronze and Bronze FS
- Haley Obrant – Pre-Prelim Free Skate, Prelim Free Skate, Pre-Juv Moves, Juv Moves
- Olivia Pina – Intermediate Moves, Novice Moves, Prelim FS, Prre-Juv FS
- Rathi Ramesh – Juv Moves, Intermediate Moves, Pre Juv FS, Juv FS, Ten Fox, 14 Step, Hickory Hoedown
- Madison Richards – Pre-Prelim Moves
- Laura Sokil – Intermediate Moves, European Waltz
- Madison Richards – Pre-Prelim Moves
- Jasmine Syed – Pre-Prelim Moves, Pre-Prelim FS
- Sara Syed – Pre-Prelim Moves
- Estefan Vu – Juv FS, Novice Moves



KNOW YOUR SKATING HISTORY

The Earliest Skates

submitted by Kristin Caparra

The oldest pair of skates date back to 3000 BC. They were found at the bottom of a lake in Switzerland. The skates were made from leg bones of large animals. Holes were bored through the bones at each end. Leather straps were used to tie the skates onto the bottom of winter shoes used for skating. Around the 14th century, the Dutch developed wooden platform skates with flat iron runners. Still leather straps were used to attach the iron runners to shoes. Poles were used to propel the skaters over the surface of the ice. The Dutch are given credit for adding a narrow double sided blade as part of the design of skates. These are the first “blades” of record. Poles in ice skating were now a thing of the past, as the skaters had a way to push for themselves and glide over the ice!

Interesting Facts

- The Dutch word for “skate” is “schenkel” which means “leg bone.”
- The first indoor mechanically frozen ice skating rink was built in 1876 in Chelsea, London, England. It was called the Glaciarium.

FROM OUR SKATERS

My name is Madison I have been skating with the DCSC for almost three years. Recently I had the opportunity to see the Stars on Ice. Seeing the skaters in person was a great thrill. I can appreciate all the effort and hard work that I know those stars have put into getting where they are now. One day I hope to be able to compete at a level that approaches those great skaters. Seeing them in person made me realize even more why I love to skate. I am very proud of the accomplishments I have made so far. Having competed in two competitions already, I realize I have a long way to go, and being a part of DCSC will help me get there.

Madison Richards

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