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Test Dates

Sat. June 9 Sharpstown 1:30 p.m.
(deadline for application May 23)
Sat. July Sharpstown 1:30 p.m.
(deadline for application 20 June)

News

Our Club president, Steve Felder has reason to be very proud. His grandson, Jon Felder qualified to skate Novice Men's at the National Championships in Spokane, Washington. You can see his qualifying skates at Southwesterns, and Regionals at www.icenetwork.com. Jon is training in Colorado Springs, but a few of his "homies" from Iceland FSC (including the newsletter editor) made the trip to Spokane to see his short and long programs. He skated well in his first trip to Nationals and was excited when he realized he was one of the top Novice men in the country. He recently passed his Junior freeskate and has a consistent triple axel. He is also landing quads now, so keep an eye on this talented guy! He says his goal is to "skate on TV." We don't doubt he'll make it.

Congratulations to **Shannon Keeler** for her 4th place finish in Championship Adult Gold Ladies at the 2007 Midwestern Adult Sectionals!

Good Luck to everyone going to Skate Dallas and Bluebonnet!

Also Good Luck to Dawn Miller at Vana Tallinn Trophy in Estonia and the Normans at The ISU International Adult Competition in Oberstdorf, Germany.

Adults Triumph at 2007 Adult National Championships

Eight Iceland members competed at the 2007 US Figure Skating Adult National Championships held in Bensenville, Illinois April 11-14. Medalists from Iceland are:

Janet Arnold	Bronze Ladies IV FS 1st place Qual. Round medal Bronze Lad. IV FS Final Round 1st place gold medal
Melanie Calverley	Silver Ladies II FS 6th place QR medal
Dawn Miller	Silver Ladies II FS 1st place Qualifying Round medal Silver Ladies II FS Final Round 1st place Gold medal Ladies II Interp 4th place pewter medal
Glen Norman	Silver Pairs 4th place pewter medal Bronze Mens IV FS 4th place pewter medal
Kristi Norman	Silver Pairs 4th place pewter medal Bronze Ladies IV FS 2nd place QR medal Ladies IV Interp 4th place pewter medal
Linda Stiegler	Bronze Ladies IV FS 6th place Qualifying Round medal

We also want to congratulate all who entered including:

Janet Arnold	PreBronze Dance Ladies IV Interpretive
Melanie Calverley	Silver Ladies II FS Final Round
Shannon Keeler	Championship Gold Ladies FS Ladies Master Interpretive
Mike McCabe	PreBronze Dance
Kristi Norman	Bronze Ladies IV Final Round
Linda Stiegler	Bronze Ladies IV Final Round

Wow, what a season it's been! Iceland FSC is happy to welcome several new members, including Callie Copeland, Hope Gallegos, Sarah Levinson and Paige Reynolds. They competed at Skate Houston in March and won tons of medals. So did many of our members. In fact, our skaters stay pretty busy all the time, testing and competing. Halla Bearden passed 3 dances to complete the Preliminary Dance test. She also passed the Pre-Preliminary Freeskate test. Joanna Yuen has also been passing dance tests right and left, having passed the Swing dance, the Cha Cha and the Fiesta Tango. Melanie Calverley passed the Adult Silver Freeskate, and in her first try at that level at the Adult National Championships, she skated well enough in the qualifying round to skate again in the Final. Linda Stiegler in her third trip to Adult Nationals, made final round for the first time, along with her best friend, Kristi, who also had a personal best in singles. Three of our members (Glen and Kristi Norman and Lauren Otto) had featured roles in "The Nutcracker on Ice" at the Sugarland Ice and Sport center in December. There's a picture of Lauren in her Harlequin doll costume on the club website: www.icelandfsc.homestead.com. We'd love to put your picture on the website, too. Send any photos and news about your skating to the webmaster, and he will be happy to post them for family and friends to enjoy. Also let us know if you are going to any out of state competitions this summer, so we can recognize your accomplishments. If anyone wants to volunteer to host a club party this summer, contact a club officer. The annual club meeting will be at Sharpstown Ice Center on Saturday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m. Make plans to attend.

Upcoming Competitions

May 31	Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open Austin, TX
June 18	Broadmoor Open Colorado Springs, CO
June 24	Broadmoor Open Basic Skills Colorado Springs, CO
July 11	2007 Vail Invitational Champ./ Vail's Mountain Fun Competition for Beginning Skaters Vail, CO
August 1	Colorado Springs Invitational Sertich Ice Arena Colo. Spgs CO
August 8	National Showcase Fort Collins, CO
Aug. 16-19	Silver State Open Championship Las Vegas, NV www.lvskating.com
Oct. 16	SW Regional Championships Grapevine, TX
Nov. 14	2008 Midwest Sectionals Rochester, MN

Adult Competitions

May 19	Vana Tallinn Trophy Tallinn, Estonia
May 24-27	ISU International Oberstdorf, Germany
June 1-3	Mountain Cup Villard-de-Lans, France

Entry forms and announcements for most of these competitions can be downloaded from links on the US Figure Skating website.

Skate Houston 2007

Janet Arnold	Open Adult Compulsory Dance 1st place (tie) Adult Artistic 1st place
Halla Beardon	PrePre A Artistic 5th pl.
Melanie Calverley	Adult Silver FS 1st pl.
Callie Copeland	Open Juv. Spins 2nd pl.
Hope Gallegos	PrePre A Grp C FS 3rd pl. PrePre Jumps 1st place PrePre Comp. Moves group C 4th place
Mike McCabe	Open Adult Compulsory Dance 1st Place (tie)
Dawn Miller	Adult Silver FS 2nd place Adult Artistic 2nd place
Paige Reynolds	PrePre A Artistic 1st pl. PrePre A FS 4th place PrePre Group A Compulsory Moves 4th pl.
Victoria Songyang	PrePre Grp A FS 1st pl.
Bill Workman	Open Adult Compulsory Dance 1st place (tie)
Rhonda Workman	Open Adult compulsory Dance 1st place (tie)

Moscow Open Cup 2007 "Russian Winter"

Kristi and Glen Norman were 2 of only 4 Americans competing in Moscow, Russia at Russia's first ever international Adult competition. It was a 3 day event which included competition in figures, dance, pairs, artistic and freeskating events. Skaters from 5 countries competed. The Normans took 1st place in all their events (singles, artistic and pairs) although admittedly, they were the only pair!
See photos at
www.moscowskate.ru/photo_vz.html
www.moscowskate.ru/photo_vz_3_2.html
www.moscowskate.ru/photo_vz_3_1.html

On January 13-14, Iceland FSC hosted the 2nd annual Star of Texas Adult open skating competition. This year's competition drew 32 skaters from 15 clubs, and 6 states. The number of events increased to 25 (from last year's 13), with the number of starts also increasing to 63, almost doubling last year's starts. This was a result of adding compulsory events to encourage skaters to enter more than one event. Most skaters did enter multiple events. Many thanks to our own club members for supporting this event, by entering. Also thanks to our junior members and their parents for coming out to volunteer. Houston FSC and Texas Gulf Coast FSC also sent volunteers, for which we are very grateful. Since most of our "worker bees" were also competing, that meant a lot! Dawn Miller provided the most awesome goodie bags ever - a tri color zippered tote, with the competition logo, just brimming with great gifts, including mini binoculars, snacks and US Figure Skating souvenirs. Glen, Kristi, Linda and Steve worked behind the scenes all year writing the announcement, getting the sanction, ordering awards, sifting through mountains of applications and paperwork with the referee and accountant, lining up and making travel arrangements for judges and officials. On competition day, there was still much to do: transporting, feeding and coordinating volunteers and officials. Ice monitors, announcers, music, sales, registration, awards, photos, banquet: the list goes on. Putting on a competition is a labor of love! What does the future hold? A 3rd annual Star of Texas? Perhaps an expanded competition to include basic skill or other levels? That's up to you! Please communicate with your board members and let them know what YOU would like to do. This is YOUR club!

