

Pawtucket and Providence FSC Newsletter March 2009



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Board News

The annual Pawtucket and Providence FSC spring meeting and awards banquet was held on May 9, 2008, at the Pawtucket Country Club. As in past years, the evening began with everyone socializing and enjoying a wonderful dinner. Gloria Haddad then brought us up to date with club news and began the awards ceremony. Every club member received pins and certificates for any tests passed since last year's banquet. The club's various awards were also presented.

The Dudley S. Richards Memorial Award was presented to Allyson Bejma this year. This award is presented annually to a member of the Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club, who demonstrates the most outstanding improvement and accomplishment in skating during the preceding season. It is given to the skater who earns the highest number of points for passing tests, participating and winning medals in competitions, and maintaining good sportsmanship and character. Allyson is 18 years old and is a freshman at The Community College of RI at the Flanagan Campus in Lincoln, RI. She began skating at the age of 5 in the Pawtucket Learn to Skate Program. In 1999 she joined the Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club and began taking private lessons. She has passed her Senior MIF, Juvenile Freestyle, and is working on her Silver Dances. Her coach is Missi Horton. Allyson is also a member of the synchronized skating team The Colonials, which is coached by Merita Mullen. Her team represented the US at the Prague Cup in the Czech Republic where they placed 7th out of 20 teams. At Nationals they placed 4th out of 13 teams, earning them the pewter medal. The club wishes Allyson continued success in her skating career!

The Edi Scholdan Award was given to Amanda Bedard this year. Amanda is 14 years old and is in the 9th grade at Cumberland High School. She began skating at the age of 7 in the Pawtucket Learn to Skate program. Amanda has passed her pre preliminary freestyle, pre preliminary MIF and the first three preliminary dances. Her coaches are Sarah Mirza and Paul Salas. Besides skating, Amanda is involved in gymnastics and also enjoys writing stories in her spare time. The club wishes Amanda much success in the future.

The Nicholas Migliaccio Scholarship was awarded to Kimberly Rodrigues this year. Kimberly is 18 years old and graduated last June from East Providence High School with a GPA of 3.7. She played tennis all four years of her high school career. Kimberly was also a hockey/wrestling cheerleader from 2004-2008 and was captain of her squad during her junior and senior years. She is currently a freshman at Providence College where she is studying social work and psychology. She began skating at the age of 6 in Warwick and joined the Pawtucket Providence Figure Skating Club at the age of 13. Kimberly is an intermediate freestyle and senior MIF level skater. She has participated in many competitions over the past 10 years. Her coaches are Cindy Desmarais and Melyssa Lentini. The club wishes her great success at Providence College and a long and happy skating career.

The Diane Brown Memorial Award was presented to Sarah Mirza. This award is given to the professional figure skating coach who exemplifies Diane's high standards of professionalism and sportsmanship. Sarah began her skating career at the age of 7 in the Pawtucket Learn to Skate Program here at Lynch Arena. At age 11, she joined PPFSC and began taking private lessons. Through the years she represented our club by competing in various disciplines of the sport. Sarah has passed her tests through the gold level in Freestyle, MIF, Ice Dancing and Free Dance. She has also passed the Canadian gold test in Ice Dancing and has passed nine of the International Dances. Sarah has been a coach since 2001. In 2007 she started our competitive skating team Ocean State Ice Theatre and is currently head coach of the team. In addition to her skating career, Sarah teaches 4th grade at the Jordan Jackson Elementary School in Mansfield, MA. The club is honored to have Sarah on our staff.

Congratulations to the recipients of these awards!

The Providence Open took place here at Lynch Arena on September 20, 2008. A wonderful day was had by all who attended our annual competition. The board is extremely grateful for the outstanding response that we got from our wonderful members to volunteer their time. Special thanks to all of you who stepped up to the plate and took time out of your busy weekend to help! Also, thank you to everyone who made delicious soups that helped to keep the judges warm. As always, our appreciation goes out to the judges who sat in the cold rink all weekend to score the skaters. Congratulations to all of the skaters on a job well done!

Tests Passed

Alarie, Rachel- Pre Juv Free

Bazel, Brianna – Pre Pre MIF

Bedard, Amanda – Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues (preliminary dance test), Pre Pre MIF, Pre Pre Free

Bejma, Allyson- Senior MIF, Fourteenstep, Foxtrot, European Waltz (pre silver dance test)

Bessette, Danielle – Pre MIF, Pre Free

Bessette, Meaghan – Pre Pre MIF

Brouillette, Ashley- Senior MIF, Senior Free

Clark, Alaina – Pre-Juv Free

Combs, Jacqueline – Masters Fiesta Tango, Masters Swing Dance (completes Masters bronze dance test)

Cooper, Marissa – Pre Pre MIF, Pre Pre Free

DeBronzo, Nicole – Int MIF

Delano, Melissa – American Waltz, Tango (completes silver dance test), Blues, Starlight Waltz, Int Free

Doyle, Edward – Paso Doble (completes pre gold dance test), Quickstep, Westminster Waltz

Franceschini, Gina – Rocker Foxtrot

Fricot, Melissa – Blues, Quickstep, Silver Samba, Viennese Waltz, Argentine Tango

Galletly, Sydney – Pre Juv Free, Juv Free, Int MIF

Grant, Lindsay – Adult Westminster Waltz, Adult Argentine Tango

Haddad, Rachel – Adult American Waltz, Adult Blues (completes adult Silver Dance Test), Adult Paso Doble

Harnpukdipatima Marissa – Ten Fox (completes bronze dance test)

Harrington, Joan – Rhythm Blues, Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango (preliminary dance test)

Hobson, Olivia – Pre MIF, Pre Free, Pre Juv MIF

Horbert, Kayleigh –Pre Pre MIF

Hurley, Devhan – Junior MIF, Int Free

Hurley, Julia – Pre Pre MIF

James, Jennifer – Junior MIF
Kirk, Samantha – Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues
Maranda, Lucie – Adult Swing Dance, Adult Fiesta Tango,(completes adult pre bronze dance test)
Marcotte, Maisie – Pre Pre Free, Pre MIF
McArdle, Melanie – Killian, Blues, Starlight Waltz, Paso Doble
McCutcheon Sarah – Senior MIF, Novice Free
Mirza, Sarah – Golden Waltz, Senior Free Dance
Rinkacs, Madeline – Pre Pre MIF
Sheridan, Wendy – Adult American Waltz
Silva, Morgan – Pre MIF, Pre Juv MIF, Pre Pre Free
Simpson, Emily – Pre Pre MIF, Pre MIF, Pre Juv MIF, Pre Pre Free
Simpson, Lauren – Pre Pre MIF, Pre MIF, Pre Juv MIF, Pre Pre Free
Smith, Cailee – Blues, Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz, Killian (pre gold dance test), Quickstep, Viennese Waltz, Westminster Waltz, Argentine Tango (gold dance test)
Souza, Victoria – Pre MIF, Pre Juv MIF
Tierney, Emily – Pre Pre MIF, Pre Pre Free, Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango (preliminary dance test)
Tso, Grace – Fiesta Tango (completes pre bronze dance test), Pre Pre MIF, Pre MIF, Pre Pre Free, Willow Waltz,
Vitello, Hannah – Pre MIF, Pre Juv MIF, Pre Free
Way, Amanda – American Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot, Tango (silver dance test), Junior MIF, Senior MIF
Yano, Fuko – Pre Pre MIF
Yano, Hiroko – Pre Pre MIF, Pre MIF, Pre Pre Free
Yano, Kyoko – Senior Free

Competition Results

SKNY Showcase Competition 2008

Way, Amanda – Juv Interpretive 1st, Juv Entertainment 1st, Parade of Champions Final Round 2nd

Smithfield Basic Skills Competition 2008

Simpson, Emily – No test Well Balanced Program 1st, Pre Pre Compulsory Moves 2nd

Green Mountain Open 2008

Simpson, Emily – Pre Pre Comp Moves 4th, Pre Pre Free A 2nd
Way, Amanda – Juv Comp Moves 3rd, Int Comp Moves 3rd, Restricted Int Free 3rd, Juv Showcase 2nd, Juv Interpretive 4th, Pre Silver Shadow Dance 1st, Pre Silver Solo Dance 5th, Silver Solo Dance 4th, Int Team Comp Moves 2nd

North Shore Open 2008

Simpson, Emily – Beginner Girls Freestyle 3rd

Smithfield Open 2008

Simpson, Lauren – No Test Girls Freestyle 6th, Pre Comp Moves 2nd
Way, Amanda – Restricted Int Free 3rd, Juv Showcase 1st

National Showcase Competition 2008

Way, Amanda – Teen Light Entertainment 4th, Teen Light Entertainment Final Round 5th, Teen Dramatic Entertainment 6th, Teen Extemporaneous 10th

Providence Open 2008

Simpson, Emily – Little New Englands Beginner Girls Freestyle 2nd, Final Round 5th

Massachusetts Bay State Games 2009

Clark, Alaina – Juvenile Restricted 2nd

Smithfield Basic Skills Competition 2009

Iorfida, Jenna – Freeskate 3 2nd

Rachin, Lana – Freeskate 4 2nd

Randall, Sabrina – Snowplow Sam Event 2nd

Warwick Basic Skills Competition 2009

Iorfida, Jenna – Freeskate 3 2nd

Randall, Sabrina – Snowplow Sam Event 1st

Green Mountain Open 2009

Bazel, Brianna – Pre Pre Comp Moves 3rd, Pre Pre Interpretive 2nd, Pre Pre MIF 2nd, Cha Cha 2nd, Dutch Waltz 6th

Way, Amanda – Int Showcase 1st, Restricted Intermediate Free 2nd, Senior MIF 1st, Juv Interpretive 1st, Int Interpretive 2nd, Pre Gold Dance 4th

Yano, Fuko – Pre Pre A Free 2nd

Yano, Hiroko – Pre Pre A Free 1st

Graduations

- Melanie McArdle graduated from Seekonk High School and is attending **U Mass Dartmouth** where she is studying psychology.
- Cailee Smith graduated from Bishop Feehan High School and is a freshman at **Wesleyan University** in Ohio where she is currently on the dean's list. She has declared a double major in zoology and pre-vet and a minor in chemistry. Cailee is also involved in research in avian microbiology and amphibian parasitology.
- Kimberly Rodrigues graduated from East Providence High School and is in her first year at **Providence College** where she is majoring in social work and has declared a minor in psychology.
- Ashley Brouillette graduated from Cumberland High School and is studying cosmetology with the **Euphoria Institute** of Lincoln Technical Institute.
- Sarah McCutcheon graduated from Cumberland High School and is attending **Endicott College** where she is majoring in psychology.
- Allyson Bejma graduated from Saint Raphael Academy and is a freshman at the **Community College of RI** at the Flanigan Campus in Lincoln, RI.

The Lee Ann Miele Synchronized Skating Open

Our synchronized skating competition, The Lee Ann Miele Open will be held here at Lynch Arena on Saturday March 21, 2009. Many volunteers are welcome and needed to help this competition run smoothly. **Skating professionals, please remember that your contract states**

that you must volunteer a total of 6 hours between our two competitions. Skaters, we really need you to be runners. Please everyone help out this weekend and enjoy some fabulous skating!

Rock-n-Skate

Ocean State Ice Theatre presents our annual Rock-n-Skate, a skating exhibition featuring local skaters and a performance by Ocean State Ice Theatre. This event is a fundraiser for our team. It will take place on Sunday March 22, 2009 from 2PM to 4PM here at Lynch Arena. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. After the exhibition, the ice will be open for the audience to skate, so bring your skates!

New Members

Jenna Iorfida	Sabrina Randall
Phoebe Kirk	Hannah Rachin
Eden Williams	Maisie Marcotte
Briana Da Silva	Briana La Coste
Brooke Walsh	Jennifer Walsh
Josephine Kwo	Sarah Kogut
Brianna Bazel	Andrew Schmitt
Claire Kirk	Samantha Kirk
Shauna Eastwood	Allison Shotek
Kaleigh Horbert	Gail Solomon
Patrick Mc Mahon	Alana Plociak
Wendy Sheridan	Yvonne Zeng
Maryann Clark	Joseph Hobson

New Skating Professionals

Ashley Brouillette
Brad Vigorito
Susan Hopkins
Alicia Cavannaugh
Lori Castelli
Danielle LaMontagne
Teddy Doyle
Melanie McArdle
Katie Vitco Louth
Sara Roch

Theatre on Ice News:

Ocean State Ice Theatre is now in its second season and going strong. This year the team is made up of 23 skaters of all ages and abilities. The team's first performance for the season was at our annual Holiday exhibition in December. Skating to a five minute medley of songs from the Broadway musical Annie, the skaters captivated the audience with an outstanding performance. The next evening they skated once again at the annual tree lighting in Providence. On March 7th the team competed at the Green Mountain Open in Vermont and took home the gold medal! On March 22nd they will perform here at Lynch Arena at our annual Rock-n-Skate show which is a

fundraiser for the team. Other performances for the spring include the Pawtucket Learn to Skate show on April 17th and 18th, the Burrillville annual show on April 5th and the Diabetes Show in Smithfield on June 6th. Competitions for the remainder of the season are the North Shore Open at the end of May and the National/International TOI Competition in Chicago at the end of June. Team members for the 2008-2009 season are: Rachel Alarie, Arianna Anderson, Brianna Bazel, Courtney Breen, Alaina Clark, Madison Goslin, Olivia Hobson, Rebecca Hudon, Julia Hurley, Jaclyn Lake, Maisie Marcotte, Victoria Nason, Mackenzie Nelson, Madeline Rinkacs, Olivia Senno, Julie Shatz, Morgan Silva, Emily Simpson, Lauren Simpson, Victoria Souza, Helena Terrio, Emily Tierney, and Amanda Way. Theatre on Ice is a form of competitive figure skating that combines the grace of skating with the excitement of theater and dance. It includes the dimensions of choreography, skating movements, props and scenery, sound, and theme. Teams consist of between 8 and 30 skaters. There are many TOI teams and competitions are held all around the world. Ocean State Ice Theatre is a novice level competitive team. Thank you to Sarah Mirza, head coach, Laura Tashjian, assistant coach, Lindsay Grant, volunteer coach, and all the wonderful parents who continue to work so hard to make this program successful!

Gold Tests Passed

Congratulations to Allyson Bejma, Ashley Brouillette, Sarah McCutcheon, and Amanda Way who all passed their Senior Moves in the Field test. Also, congratulations to Sarah Mirza who passed her Senior Free Dance test and to Cailee Smith who passed her Gold Dance test. In addition, congratulations to Ashley Brouillette and Kyoko Yano who both passed their Senior Freestyle test.

Other News:

The club extends its sympathy to Jim Allen on the death of his wife last year. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you.

The club also extends its sympathy to the Kaplan family on the loss of our beloved friend and philanthropist extraordinaire Herb Kaplan. Herb did so much for our club and our skaters. He is missed by all.

We also extend our sympathy to Deb Maturi on the loss of her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Good luck to Alaina Clark who will represent our club at the State Games of America in Colorado this summer. Also, good luck to Amanda Way who will represent our club at the National Showcase Competition which also takes place in Colorado this summer. We are very excited to have our club represented at the National level by these two skaters.

Save the Date!! Our annual skating banquet will be held on May 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Pawtucket Country Club.