



Twizzle

Letter From The President

Our new season is about to begin! I will be sharing information with you in our online newsletter throughout the year. Please check each new installment of the newsletter. Thanks to Jeff for a great first installment!

I'm looking forward to serving as FSCC President this year. This club has become very important to me as the mother of a skater and now, as a beginning skater. If you have questions, concerns, or items for the board to consider, please contact me by phone (H-531-7380 or W-937-444-2528 Ext. 13176) or by email (gshelden@cinci.rr.com).

In May, after our annual meeting, the Board of Directors elected new officers for the 2003-04 season. The new officers and board members for 2003-04 are the following:

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| President | Jody Shelden |
| Vice President | Jenna Hodson |
| Treasurer | Laura Reinhardt |
| Secretary | Barb Berger |
| Test Chair | Suzanne Tanguay/Paula Sitawi |
| Membership Chair | Cathy Brinkman |
| Board Members | Cindy Williams |
| | Pat Miller |
| | Andrea Hamilton |
| | Dottie Janson |

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Cincinnati Theater On Ice

The inaugural year of Cincinnati Theater on Ice was capped off by a wonderful and successful competition in Los Angeles, California in July. The Cincinnati Ice Ensemble sent two teams to the International Theater on Ice Competition held at the Pickwick Ice Arena in Burbank California. Alexis McDonell,

along with her fellow teammates, competed on the novice level performing a program to Tales of Beatrix Potter. In the program, Alexis' character was a girl town mouse.



Alexis McDonell
(right)

The incredible costumes, skating energy, and innovative choreography earned them a fifth place finish, out of eight teams. Participation in this unique opportunity, along with the competition and camaraderie, allowed for a very rewarding experience.

Competitions

Skate Cleveland,
Lakewood, OH
September 5th - 6th

2004 EGL Regionals,
Nashville, TN
October 14th - 18th

Midwest Basic Skills
Dearborn, MI
October 18th

Buckeye Adult Open
Cincinnati, OH
October 25th



Membership

Applications and Ice Schedules have been available at club sessions since June and are now being mailed to all members who have not yet renewed their membership for the 2003-2004 season. Please return your completed renewal and your first installment as soon as possible. It must be received and processed in order for you to test or compete. Questions: Call Cathy Brinkman 321-6591 (home) or 769-7666 (work) or email Brink@Choice.net.

Cincinnati Style Gets Ready for a New Season!

By Jenna Hodson

Five years ago, the idea of an adult synchronized skating team floated around in the mind of Susan Papert. Now, Cincinnati Style is preparing to begin its fourth competitive season.

The synchro team has done everything from salsa to a tri-splice. In 2002, Cincinnati Style placed second at Sectionals and last season, the team jazzed their way to a Gold Medal at Mid-Americas in Fraser, Michigan and competed internationally in Canada. This year promises to be just as exciting for the team members.

Having been a member for the past two seasons, I can tell you that it's not the medals that keep us coming back (and we have them!). Cincinnati Style can truly call itself a "team" because we have the friendships to back it up. Between practices and competition road trips, we have all made friendships that have stood the test.

Try-outs for this year's team are on September 27th at SportsPlus, but you have



Cincinnati Style

to attend the synchro camps on September 13th and 20th to get the try-out routines. For more information about the try-outs, contact Susan at susy@one.net. I encourage all of you, no matter your skating level, to get out there and participate, even if you're not sure you're ready for the team. The practice and skills you'll get at the camps are well-worth it. And you'll have a heck of a lot of fun while you're at it!

Buckeye Adult Open

Buckeye Adult Open (co-hosted by FSC Cincinnati and South Dayton FSC) will return to Sports Plus on October 25th and 26th. There are events available for all levels of Adult and Young Adult (ages 18-24) skaters, including compulsories and solo dance. For those of you not yet ready to select your own music and work on a freestyle program, there is still an event for you to compete. Announcements will be available on line at SkateCincinnati.org or see Cathy Brinkman.

All members are needed to help out with some of the pre-competition planning as well as the day of competition. Please let Cathy know how you would like to help by phone at 321-6591 (home) or 769-7666 (work) or email Brink@Choice.net. Last year's competition was well received by competitors and officials and with your help (skating and/or volunteering,) this year's competition is well-positioned to be even better.

Sports Plus Rink Update

For any of you who are interested in seeing ice laid and understanding the process, John has invited us to stop by. The work is expected to start on Tuesday, September 2nd with ugly, gray-brown ice (from the sand underneath showing through). Stop by during the day (or in the evenings the first few days) and

take a peek or volunteer to help paint-- the more people, the faster it goes! John does a lot to help the club with reduced ice fees for test sessions, etc., so this is an opportunity to learn something and help build some goodwill for the club at the same time!

Classifieds

Wanted: Cornation Comet Blades -size 10 and a quarter, Reidell Royal Boot or above-Size 6 and a half.
Contact CINCISK8R@aol.com

Wanted: I'm looking for two good pairs of skates; one size 7 or 7½ with freestyle blades, one size 6½ or 7 with dance blades. Please contact Paula Sitawi at 346-5338.



FSCC Media Cabinet for sale. Make offer. Has space for TV monitor, VCR, and other audio/visual equipment. Measures 24" (width) x 22" (depth) x 53" (height). Mounted with casters. Contact Holly McDonell 513-759-0984 or mcdonell23@aol.com

Letter From The President (continued)

I would like to thank our outgoing board member and officers. Dottie Janson has served as FSCC President for the last three years. Dottie worked tirelessly for our club. Dottie has helped make this an easier transition for me by sharing her time, knowledge, and experience. Pat Miller, Treasurer, and Cindy Williams, Secretary gave much of their time and energy as board officers. They will continue to serve on the board. Lori Gaudet will be leaving the board this year. Thanks to Lori for all her hard work for the club.

Orientation Sessions

All skating members and coaches are required to attend one of three orientation sessions that will be held in October. During these sessions, we will review our ice rules and skating etiquette. The sessions will be held on the following dates

Sunday	October 12	3:30 p.m.
Monday	October 13	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	October 15	6:30 p.m.

It is mandatory for all skating members to attend an orientation session. In addition, parents of our junior members should attend a meeting. If you cannot attend, please contact me at 531-7380 or by email (gshelden@cinci.rr.com) to schedule another time.

Off Discipline Lessons

We will continue to allow off-discipline lessons during Freestyle and Dance ice under the same conditions as last season. Only two off-discipline lessons will be allowed at a time. Coaches need to request permission from the board for an off-discipline lesson. Permission will be granted on a first come-first serve basis.

Ice Schedule

Our first Wednesday session of the new season has been cancelled due to the move of the cooling tower at Sports Plus. If there are any changes in these dates, I will notify you by phone and/or email. Please check your email frequently during this week. You might want to call the rink before you leave to make certain the ice is ready. Our Cincinnati Gardens sessions begin on Monday, October 6. Please note that there is no ice on November 26 and 30, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Next Installment Due

If you haven't paid the first installment of your dues, please do so now. The next installment is due on November 1. Please mail your check to FSCC Treasurer, 3798 Ault Park Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208.

Buckeye Competition

The Buckeye Adult Competition will be held on October 25, 2003. Cathy Brinkman is chairing the competition. Please plan to volunteer to make this another successful competition.

Volunteers

The profits from our competitions, test sessions, and other programs contribute to reducing your ice costs. In these uncertain economic days, volunteering to help keep the club strong is more important than ever. Please find a way that you can volunteer this season at a competition or test session. You will find it a fun and rewarding experience!

Sincerely,

Jody Shelden

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Twizzle is a newsletter produced by the Figure Skating Club of Cincinnati for our members, coaches and others involved in the sport of Figure Skating.

Articles about skaters, competitions, training programs or other information that may be of interest to our members are welcomed. Photographs are also accepted.

The next issue will be published in November 2003. To submit articles or photos, please contact Jeff Privett.

Around The Rink

Recently, **Holly McDonell** has joined the Professional Skating Association (PSA). Over the past year and a half, Holly has been an instructor in the Learn to Skate Cincinnati Program, teaching various levels of skating. She has found this to be a very rewarding part of her skating experience, and decided to take this step forward in becoming a member of the PSA after having attended the PSA International Conference in Stamford, Connecticut in May, 2003. She is presently studying to further her coaching credentials in working to become PSA rated. She is a full member of the PSA and is available as a private skating instructor.

Congratulations to **Jessica Egger** for her first place finish in the Adult Pre-Bronze freeskate at Skate Cincinnati.

Jenni Stratoti had a busy summer, skating to a second place finish in Adult Bronze compulsory and third place in the Bronze freeskate at the

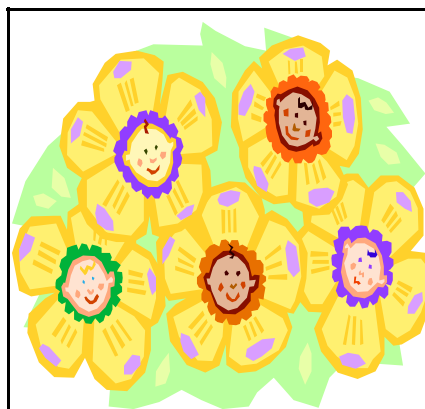
Troy Summer Competition. Jenni also skated at the Queen City Invitational, placing second in Adult Interpretive, Bronze compulsory, Bronze freeskate, and fourth in Adult Showcase.

Sabrina Shrider took first place in Pre-Preliminary spins and Beginner 2 freestyle at the Queen City Invitational. Congratulations Sabrina!

Also competing at the Queen City Invitational was **Lindsey Michael** who skated to a fifth place finish in the Pre-Preliminary Compulsory Moves, and a second place finish in Beginner 2 freestyle. Good Job Lindsey!

In August, **Jeff Privett** began the process to become a USFSA judge. Jeff will "Trial Judge" over the next year at test sessions along side official judges as he prepares himself to take the USFSA test for the bronze appointment, the first level of an official judge.

Both **Jeff Privett** and **Melissa Townsend** competed in the Adult Silver freestyle at SEGL in Troy, winning the Gold and Silver medals. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Denise and Bob Mackey who are expecting a baby in early March 2004!

**Congratulations
Denise and Bob!**