

Winchester Figure Skating Club

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Spring 2016 Newsletter

End-of-Year Exhibition

The Club's annual End-of-Year Exhibition will be held on the evening of Thursday, June 16th from 4:00 to 6:00. We invite all Club members to showcase their talent by performing their program routine for families, friends, and other members. Sign-up sheets for the exhibition will be posted a week or two prior to the event.

During the evening, the Board will take the opportunity to recognize the Club's graduating seniors. After the exhibition, everyone is invited to share in a pot-luck feast!

We hope to see everyone on June 16th. More information will be emailed and posted closer to the date.

WFSC Graduating Seniors

The Winchester Figure Skating Club Board would like to congratulate the club's three members who will be graduating high school this spring. The skaters are Janessa DeCata, Emma Hoey, and Jillian Rigby. These young women are not only talented skaters, but are also accomplished in many aspects of their lives. Please see the Senior Spotlight section of this newsletter to learn about their skating memories and future plans!



Important Dates

- 5/30/16 No Ice due to Memorial Day
- 6/16/16 End-of-Year Celebration and Exhibition 4:00-6:00
- 6/16/16 Session 3 ends

Coupons

As a friendly reminder, coupons are like cash. The Club cannot replace lost coupons. We suggest writing your skater's name on the coupons as soon as you receive them.

Updates



Follow "Winchester FSC at the Burlington Ice Palace" for the latest news and rink closure updates.

Mission Statement

The goal of the Club is to:

- Provide a safe, welcoming, and friendly skating environment,
- Foster, promote, encourage, advance, and improve figure skating,
- Encourage and cultivate a spirit of harmony among figure skaters.



Senior SPOTLIGHT

Janessa DeCata

Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. I plan to attend Regis College as a nursing major.

Q. Do you plan to continue to skate after high school?

A. I do not plan to continue skating after high school. My college does not have a skating team or rink, so it would be hard to skate. I will come back and skate during my vacations.

Q. What other activities have you been involved with, other than skating?

A. At my school, I am involved in chorus. I am also involved in my school's musical. Additionally, I am in my church's youth choir and I volunteer at my church, as well as at Winchester Hospital.

Q. When did you first start skating?

A. I first started skating 4 years ago.

Q. What is your favorite skating memory or biggest skating accomplishment?

A. My favorite skating memory would have to be the memory of my last skating show through the Learn to Figure Skate Club. I was in a group number and a solo. The group and I worked hard since September and it was an amazing feeling to know that we skated very well.



Q. What is your favorite skating move?

A. My favorite skating moves are a flip jump and a sit spin.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to share?

A. I would like to thank my coach, Cathy, and my grandmother for supporting me throughout the years.

Senior SPOTLIGHT

Emma Hoey

Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. After graduation from North Reading in June, I am going to attend the University of Vermont to study Studio Art and Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Q. Do you plan to continue to skate after high school?

A. I will be skating for UVM this fall as an individual collegiate competitor and I hope to try synchro!

Q. What other activities have you been involved with, other than skating?

A. Other activities I've been involved in are Mock Trial at my school, art classes at MassArt, NRHS Dance Team, and I work at Royal Roast Beef and Seafood in Stoneham. I have also volunteered teaching at the Stoneham rink for years, and worked at the rink in Wilmington this year too.

Q. When did you first start skating?

A. I first started skating I was 4 at Learn to Figure Skate Club Stoneham.

Q. What is your favorite skating memory or biggest skating accomplishment?

A. My favorite skating memory was the first annual High School competition in Peabody. It was so great to be a part of something that hopefully will continue for years! Last year I also placed 1st in Juvenile Freeskate at the competition.



Q. What is your favorite skating move?

A. My favorite skating move is either my axel or broken leg sit spin.

Q. Is there anything else you would like to share?

A. I'm so thankful to have been a part of the WFSC and LTFSC Stoneham these past years! Everyone has been so supportive of me, especially since my back injury and my time away from the ice. Figure skating has taught me so many valuable life lessons and I am very excited to continue my skating career in years to come.

Senior SPOTLIGHT

Jillian Rigby

Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. I plan on studying Psychology at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, N.H.

Q. Do you plan to continue to skate after high school?

A. At the moment I do not plan to skate after high school other than recreationally.

Q. What other activities have you been involved with, other than skating?

A. I have been involved with the Best Buddies Club and the Rotary Club. In addition to figure skating I am a 5 year Varsity hockey player for the Burlington High School (BHS) Lady Devils and I was on the BHS track team.

Q. When did you first start skating?

A. I started skating when I was three years old.

Q. What is your favorite skating memory or biggest skating accomplishment?

A. My biggest skating accomplishment was when I achieved Gold Level. I also have many wonderful memories of skating in the WFSC with my older sister Nicole.

Q. What is your favorite skating move?

A. My favorite skating move is the Sashay Swing Roll.



Q. Is there anything else you would like to share?

A. I have enjoyed my many years of skating with the WFSC and I would like to thank my family for all of their support. I would also like to thank the coaches I have had over the years for helping me achieve my goals.

Membership Renewal – Early Bird discount through June 16th

The Club is now accepting membership forms for the 2016-17 skating year! The Board has voted to keep membership and ice rates at current rates for the coming year. The Club will offer a \$25 Early Bird discount on all Full, Non-Representing, Introductory, and Adult membership applications that are submitted by June 16th – the last day of our skating season.

As a reminder, USFSA memberships expire at the end of June. If you want to test, compete, or skate on Freestyle ice over the summer, you will need a current USFSA membership. Submitting your WFSC membership in June will ensure that your USFSA membership will remain active through the summer.

Membership forms can be found at the WFSC website (www.winchesterfsc.com/forms). Please remember to complete and return before June 16th to take advantage of the \$25 Early Bird discount!

NEICC High School Competitions

Congratulations to the Burlington High School for earning Second Place in the 2015-16 New England InterClub Council (NEICC) High School Finals!

The team competed in three competitions over the course of the year against other high school figure skating teams. The first competition was sponsored by WFSC at the Stoneham Ice Rink. The second competition was hosted by the Shoreline Figure Skating Club in Gloucester, and the final competition was held by the Silver Streaks Skating Club in Peabody.

Congratulations to the WFSC members who compete on the Burlington team: Elizabeth Bond (captain), Christina Charmant, Noelle Romano, and Melanie Thibodeau.



2015 – 2016 Board Members

Karen Stock, President

Jodie Thomas, Secretary

Katherine Bond, Treasurer

Roberta Bailey, Pro-Liaison

Jonathan Atkinson

Amy Langridge

Volunteer Opportunities

WFSC is completely volunteer-run and relies on the efforts of its members to fulfill its mission. Are you are looking for ways to fulfill your volunteer requirement? If so, below are some suggestions where there is the most need.

- Serve as ice monitor.
Contact Jodie Thomas, jodiethomas@verizon.net
- Provide hospitality items for WFSC test sessions.
Contact Karen Stock, klstock@msn.com
- Act as assistant to Test Chair for WFSC test sessions
Contact Karen Stock, klstock@msn.com
- Organize a fundraising event.
Contact Jonathan Atkinson, the.atkinsons20@gmail.com
- Organize a social event for club members.
Contact Jonathan Atkinson, the.atkinsons20@gmail.com
- Other ideas

We would love new efforts to make WFSC the best it can be. Please contact one of the board members with your ideas.

RESULTS FROM RECENT TESTING SESSIONS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Abigail M.	Pre-Juvenile	FS	3/14/2016
Kristen M.	Novice	MIF	3/14/2016
Taylor S.	Juvenile	MIF	3/25/2016
Taylor S.	Pre-Juvenile	FS	3/25/2016
Erin L.	Pre-Preliminary	FS	4/20/2016
Erin L.	Preliminary	MIF	4/20/2016

Congratulations to all
WFSC skaters with
recent test and
competition
successes!

And, best of luck
during upcoming
events!