

Winchester Figure Skating Club

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Spring 2018 Newsletter

End-of-Year Exhibition

Please save the date for the Club's annual End-of-Year Exhibition and Celebration, to be held on Thursday, June 14th from 4:00 to 6:00. The WFSC Board would like to invite all Club members to perform their program for families, friends, and other members. All are invited to stay for dinner courtesy of WFSC. Sign-up sheets for the exhibition will be posted a week or two prior to the event. More information will be emailed and posted closer to the date.

EntryEeze Membership System

WFSC has implemented the EntryEeze online membership system! EntryEeze is now being used for membership renewals for both skaters and coaches and for club test registrations. In the fall, WFSC will also start using the system for ice contracting.

We hope that members enjoy the convenience of online entry and payment. If you have not validated your EntryEeze account, please do so now. It only takes 2 minutes! You should have received an email from EntryEeze with a link to validate your account and review/correct information in your profile.

You can use the system now to renew your WFSC membership for 2018-19 and to register for the Club Test Session which is scheduled for June 29th. More details on membership renewal can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

WFSC Graduating Seniors

The Winchester Figure Skating Club Board would like to congratulate the five members who will be graduating high school this spring: Elizabeth Bond, Christina Charmant, Kristen Maloy, Melanie Thibodeau, and Sarah Thomas. Please see the Senior Spotlight section of this newsletter to learn more about these graduating skaters!

Important Dates

- 5/28/18 No Ice due to Memorial Day
- 6/14/18 End-of-Year Exhibition and Celebration 4:00-6:00
- 6/21/18 Last Day of Session 3
- 6/29/18 WFSC MIF/FS Test Session
- 7/10/18 Summer Ice Starts

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.

Membership Renewal – Early Bird discount through June 21st

WFSC membership for the 2018-19 skating year is now open for registration! The Board is happy to announce that there will be no increases to membership fees for the upcoming year. In addition, the Club will offer a \$25 Early Bird discount on all Full, Introductory, and Adult membership applications that are submitted by June 21st – 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 an active USFSA membership. Renewing your WFSC membership now will ensure that your USFSA membership will remain active through the summer.

Visit the WFSC website for the online Registration link (www.winchesterfsc.com).

Please remember to complete registration by June 21st to take advantage of the Early Bird discount! Prices for the memberships will increase to the regular rates on the EntryEeze registration system after June 21st.

School Time Change and WFSC Ice Schedules

Starting in September 2018, the upper-grade school ending times will be later in Burlington and other local school districts. The WFSC Board was required to negotiate new ice times at the Burlington Ice Palace for the 2018-19 year as the rink oversight committee sought to balance the needs of the primary customers of the rink. It was a tough negotiation, and the Board believes the outcome represents a fair compromise. The Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 club ice schedule will have two 50-minute sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 4:10pm and 5:10pm. The Winter session will have two 50-minute sessions on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays at 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

Summer Freestyle Ice

WFSC will be offering summer freestyle ice at the Burlington Ice Palace on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from July 10th through August 30th. The cost will be \$120 for 8 summer coupons (regular-season WFSC coupons not accepted) and will be open to both members and non-members. Walk-ons for \$20 per session will be allowed if space is available, however coupon pre-purchase is highly recommended.

For details, please see the registration form at the end of this newsletter or on the WFSC website.

2017 – 2018 Board Members

Karen Stock, President

Jodie Thomas, Secretary

Katherine Bond, Treasurer

Roberta Bailey, Pro-Liaison

Jonathan Atkinson

Amy Langridge

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Paul Mansfield

Board Member Opportunities

Are you curious how the Club is governed and operates?

Would you like to help shape the future of WFSC?

If so, please express your interest to one of the current Board members. Due to the impending graduation of some of our skaters, there are expected to be vacancies on the WFSC Board. Now would be a great time to acquaint one or two members to the activities of the Board.

The Board meets monthly in a casual setting at Panera in Burlington and welcomes new voices and opinions!

Senior SPOTLIGHT

Elizabeth Bond

Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. Studying biology at Juniata College. My current plan is to go to medical school and become a psychiatrist.

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

A. Yes, there is a rink about 35 minutes from the college campus. I will skate for fun.

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

A. Music and cheerleading

Q. When did you first start skating?

A. When I was 6

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

A. My high school team participating in the NEICC high school series and placing first in the region.

Q. What is your favorite skating move?

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

A. I would like to thank my coach Lynda Murphy for teaching me and making me smile even when things got tough.



Senior SPOTLIGHT

Christina Charmant

Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. I will be attending Howard University in Washington D.C. as a Biology major on a pre-med track.

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

A. I will come home and skate during my vacations and occasionally skate while I'm at school.

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

A. In addition to skating, I dance and perform in the school musical. I'm also president of African American club, hip hop captain, in best buddies, Spanish club, and girl up club.

Q. When did you first start skating?

A. I started skating when I was 5 years old.

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

A. I have multiple skating memories that I love, but in general I love performing in shows and competing. My biggest accomplishment is getting my axel and passing the tests up to Juvenile freestyle.

Q. What is your favorite skating move?

A. My favorite skating moves are spirals and flip jumps.



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

A. I would like to thank my mom and all my coaches, especially my coach Lynda Murphy for helping me get this far.

Senior SPOTLIGHT

Kristen Maloy

Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. After graduation, I plan on studying at RPI in New York. I'm majoring in Biomedical Engineering and I'll see where that takes me!

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

A. Unfortunately RPI doesn't have a figure skating team, but I may skate at the local rink to keep up with my skating.

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

A. Throughout high school, I played lacrosse and was a part of the ski club (skating has always been my priority though).

Q. When did you first start skating?

A. I first started skating when I was six years old at the Arlington rink.

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

A. My favorite skating memory was my duet to the Heat & Snow Miser at the Christmas Show. My biggest skating accomplishment was passing my Senior Moves in the Field in five weeks.

Q. What is your favorite skating move?

A. My favorite skating move is either the axel or double toe.



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

A. I would like to thank Christina for being my coach all these years and helping me to achieve my goals and accomplishments.

Senior SPOTLIGHT

Melanie Thibodeau

Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. At the end of this year I'm planning to go on to UMass Dartmouth and then switching to Lowell after a year. There I plan on joining the 5-year program where I will get my Bachelor and Masters Degree in computer science and a minor in Biology and Digital Arts. I also plan on getting a teaching license just in case I ever need to become a teacher for a job.

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

A. During college I plan on continuing skating and finish passing the remaining skating tests I have.

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

A. Outside of skating, I'm a part of TedX Youth, Science Olympiad, YouTube, MIT BattleCode, DeviantArt, and Arborator Club. I work at Panera Bread and I'm also a volunteer with the National Audubon Society.

Q. When did you first start skating?

A. I started skating at 6 years old at Burlington Learn to Skate group lessons.

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

A. I don't have one favorite memory since I hold so many of them close to my heart. I got to experience many things and go to different rinks while meeting many new people along the way. I skated on Frog Pond during the Frog Pond Skating Spectacular show with the Ice Skating



Club of Boston. However, my greatest accomplishment was landing my axel after a long time of hard work.

Q. What is your favorite skating move?

A. My favorite ice skating move would be the Slide Chassé Pattern, my favorite spin is the broken leg, and my favorite jump is the double loop.

Senior SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Thomas

Q. What are your plans for after graduation?

A. I will be attending Clemson University. I am enrolled as an undecided Math and Science major, however, lately I am thinking that I might like to pursue a career as an architect.

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

A. I will only skate recreationally after high school. Although Clemson does have a hockey team, the fact that their home games are held about an hour away makes me think finding ice in South Carolina won't be easy!

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

A. I spent the past four years on the Billerica Memorial High School Varsity Cheerleading team and the past two years on the Ultimate Frisbee team.

Q. When did you first start skating?

A. I entered my first Learn to Skate session when I was between 3 & 4 years old. I did a couple of those sessions at the Chelmsford Forum and then did the pre-school skate program in Billerica when I was 4. My current coach, Christina Welch, was one of the instructors for that program at the time. From there I went on to join the BHSA's figure skating program when I was 5 and joined WFSC a few years later.

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

A. I have so many great skating memories. It's been so many years of fun both on and off the ice. I loved the weekends away on Cape Cod for competitions with my cousin, the Ice Shows and club events. A big moment for me was medaling at the Bay State games and qualifying



for the State Games of America. Of course everyone remembers the first time they land their Axel. Not only is it the hardest of the jumps but it also signified moving from the Bronze level to the Silver level in the BHSA program. Landing my first double jump was also a proud moment and moved me to the Gold level in that program.

Q. What is your favorite skating move?

A. I don't have one favorite skating move but I mostly like to work on jumps, especially when I land a new one.

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

A. I would like to thank my coach, Christina Welch, for all of her support throughout my skating journey. I would also like to thank my mom for being right there with me every step of the way.

RESULTS FROM RECENT TESTING SESSIONS

NAME	LEVEL	TYPE	DATE
Emma L.	Intermediate	Free Dance	1/15/18
	Silver Dance	American Waltz	2/05/18
	Silver Dance	Rocker Foxtrot	4/20/18
Kerstyn L.	Preliminary	FS	2/19/18
Rachael L.	Juvenile	MIF	3/22/18
	Juvenile	FS	4/16/18
Chloe H.	Preliminary	MIF	4/16/18
Elena L.	Juvenile	FS	4/16/18
Erin L.	Pre-Juvenile	FS	4/16/18
Francesca C.	Juvenile	MIF	4/16/18
	Juvenile	FS	4/16/18
Irene P.	Preliminary	MIF	4/16/18
Michaela C.	Preliminary	MIF	4/16/18
	Pre-Preliminary	FS	4/16/18
	Preliminary	FS	4/16/18
Melanie T.	Intermediate	MIF	4/16/18
Samantha B.	Pre-Preliminary	MIF	4/16/18
	Preliminary	MIF	4/16/18

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

And, best of luck
during upcoming
events!

RESULTS FROM RECENT COMPETITIONS

Colonial FSC Basic Skills Spring Skate, April 29, 2018

Irene P.	Free Skate 5	Program	1 st
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North Star FSC Compete USA Competition, March 25, 2018

Irene P.	Free Skate 5	Program	1 st
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**Winchester FSC
Burlington Ice Palace
36 Ray Ave
Burlington, MA 01803**

**Summer Open Freestyle Ice
Sessions start July 10, 2018 and end August 30, 2018**

Each Session is 50 Minutes

_____ Tuesday 7:50am - 8:40am 8 coupons \$120.00

*Tuesday August 7, 2018 times are 7:30- 8:20am and 8:30-9:20am

_____ Tuesday 8:50am - 9:40am 8 coupons \$120.00

_____ Thursday 7:50am - 8:40am 8 coupons \$120.00

*Thursday August 9, 2018 times are 7:30-8:20am and 8:30-9:20am

Please check sessions to be skated.

Walk -on cost per session is \$20.00

Membership with Winchester FSC is NOT required.

****Previously purchased Winchester FSC coupons cannot be used with this program, as Summer Freestyle is NOT part of regular contract.****

Skater MUST be a registered member of USFSA for the 2018-19 season.

Total # of sessions _____ Total amount enclosed \$ _____

SKATERS NAME: _____ USFSA # _____ (REQUIRED)

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ EMERGENCY NAME/TEL# _____

EMAIL: _____ (Please Print Clearly)

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN JUNE 20, 2018* TO:

WINCHESTER FSC

Attn: Freestyle Ice

PO Box 1093

Burlington, MA 01803 Any questions should be directed to Karen Stock at: KLStock@msn.com

***Contracting forms will not be accepted at the door, they must be mailed by the above date.**