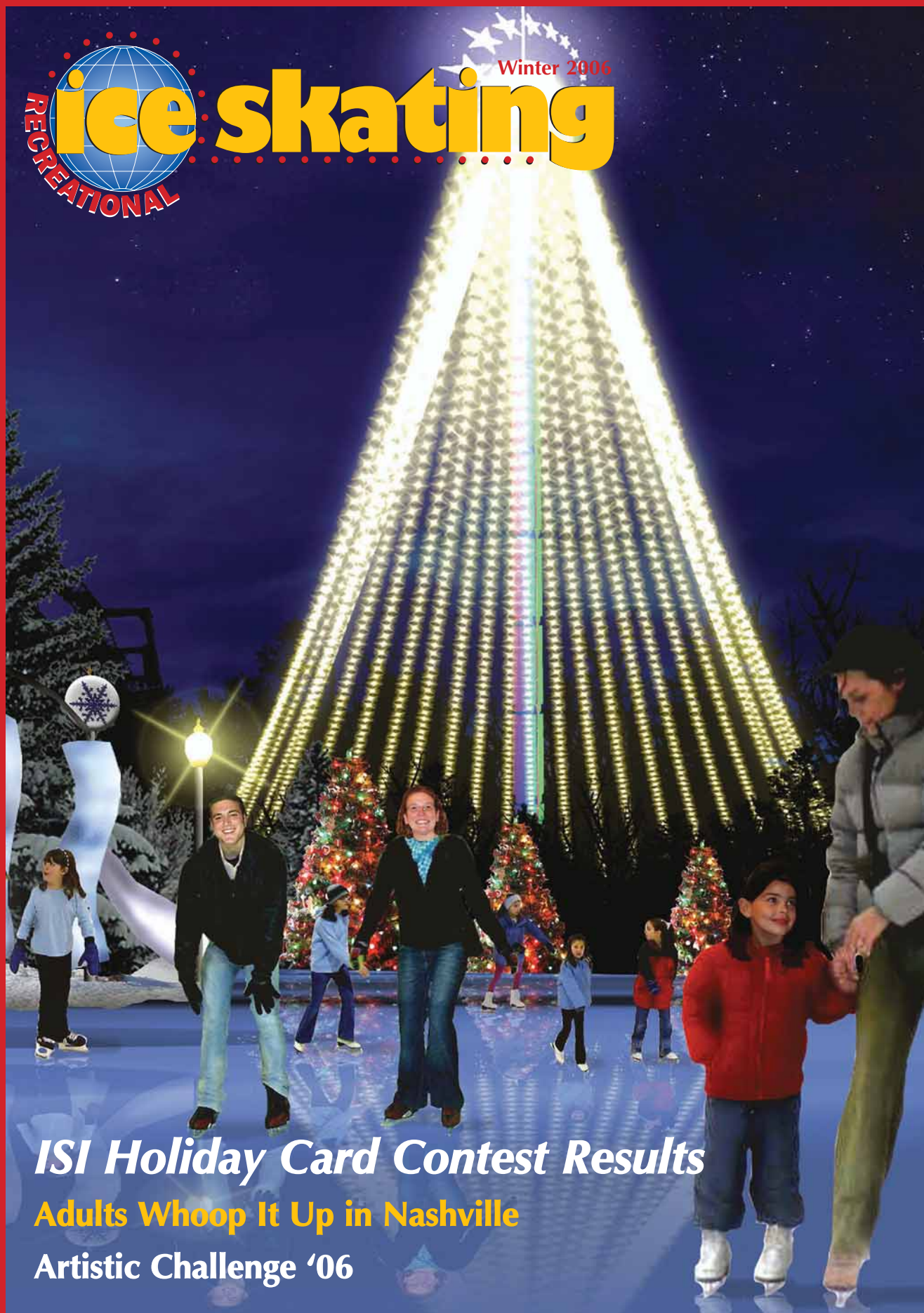




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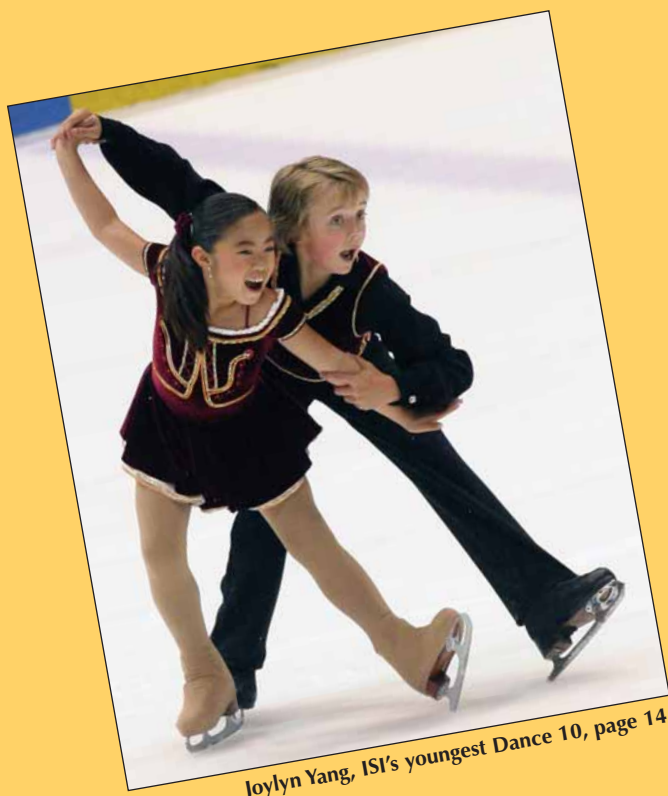
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### letters from our readers

I love skating! I have been in figure skating since I was 7 years old, but just started getting really into it in the last two years or so. My favorite jump is a flip and my favorite spin is a camel spin. In July, I landed my first two Axels! That was a really awesome feeling for me because I never thought I would be able to! Thanks a ton, Em! I have also started working on double Salchows and double toe loops recently. I would like to thank Kathy Casey for giving me the courage to try double jumps. She helped me realize that I can do anything if I put my mind to it, no matter what anyone says. I really like the challenge skating presents me with. Trying new spins and jumps and stretching my limits has affected me outside of skating as well; I have found that I am more open to new

things. I also teach figure skating at our local club. I love doing that, too, because it is a really great feeling when one of your students achieves a goal! Thanks, ISI!

**Shannon Koenders, 15, FS 4/5  
Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club  
Sioux Falls, S.D.**

Thank you so much for creating such a wonderful program in which skaters are able to connect and communicate with each other. I am looking forward to having a new e-mail pen pal! I would like to request Larissa Parker and Katie Logsdon, both from the Winter 2005 magazine cycle, or Stephanie Orpilla from Fall 2006.

**Kristen Anderson, 13, FS 5  
Wyandotte Figure Skating Club  
Allen Park, Mich.**



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- You **MUST** include both the first and last name of the pen pal you are requesting.

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- Your e-mail address will **NOT** be published in *Recreational Ice Skating*.

- **NOTE:** We do not "match up" pen pals; we only publish your requests and electronically forward letters to specifically requested members. Once you have made the connection with your pen pal, the two of you will communicate directly rather than through ISI.

I love figure skating, and I'm trying to land my Axel consistently. I have been skating for three years and I take private lessons two to three times a week. I'm trying to find a lower-level pen pal around my age. I would like Samantha Petracca as a pen pal, or someone else — I'm not picky. In school I play the violin.

**Brianna Romanov, 10, FS 3/4  
Pines Ice Arena  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.**

I absolutely love ice skating! In the summer I go almost every day! I have been skating for two years. I started out in Washington and got up to Gamma and then I had to move to California, so I didn't skate for two to three months. Then when I started going to school my mom signed me up for skating. Now I'm in Freestyle 2! I always wobble when I do my scratch spin. Could you give me some tips? I really want a pen pal and I would like to request Camille Espinoza.

**Alexis Snyder, 11, FS 2  
Skatetown  
Granite Bay, Calif.**

*Great progress, keep it up. Wobbly spins can be problem, but if you tighten your abs and keep your body centered, you will be on your way to spinning like a top, with NO wobbling. Good luck and happy spinning!*

I love skating I have been skating for one year. Now I'm working on my shoot the duck, one-foot spin and Chinese spiral with my coach, Miss Julia Golovina. I would like a pen pal who is around my age and is in the same level as me, and an older pen pal in a higher grade to teach me stuff I don't know. If someone lives in Texas, preferably Dallas or near here, that would be great. I am looking for pen pals Megan Cutchins and Grace Wood.

**Sannam Allaudin, 12, Delta  
Galleria Ice Skating Center  
Dallas**

Although I have only been skating for about five months, I have progressed quickly. I am currently FS 1, but I have been practicing skills through FS 5. Right now I am work-

ing on my Axel. I haven't been able to land it yet, but I'm so close I can taste it! I wish I had discovered skating sooner. If only I had started when I was a little kid, maybe I could have been a contender. But I'm glad that I at least found skating when I did. I couldn't be happier. Figure skating has changed my life. I've always been a very shy and taciturn person, but skating has given me an amazing new sense of self-confidence. Never before have I been proud to express myself artistically. I adore skating every second. I am looking forward to my first ISI competition in about three weeks, then it's on to USFSA competitions next spring. I don't really have any friends who are into

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- Be sure to include:
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  - **Your ISI member number**
  - **Your age**
  - **Your ISI skating level**
  - **The name of the arena where you skate**
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skating, so I love the idea of having a pen pal to talk skating with. I'd love to have a female pen pal around my age. Any skill level is fine.

**Dustin Quillan, 21, FS 1**  
**Oxnard Ice Skating Center**  
**Ojai, Calif.**

I'm interested in having a skating pen pal. I'm in Freestyle 2 and next year I hope to be on the synchronized skating team. I would like to request Annah Ruggiero or Alyssa Matesic.

**Erika Kelley, 12, FS 2**  
**Pleasant Prairie Ice Plex**  
**Racine, Wis.**

Hello again from an adult skater in Indiana. I was overjoyed at the response I received after being pictured in *Recreational Ice Skating Magazine* (Summer 2006). I heard from adults from the East Coast to the West Coast, proving that the ISI magazine is widely read and enjoyed by all ages. The coverage on adults is welcomed by many. The Adult Champs event in Nashville, Tenn. was great fun, and I'm looking forward to the Winter Classic in February at our new Goggin Ice Center. Thank you to all who wrote me; maybe sometime we will meet.

**Sandie Baker, 62, FS 2**  
**Goggin Ice Center (Oxford, Ohio)**  
**Brookville, Ind.**

Skating is the BEST sport ever! I have been skating for three years and I love it! I skate at the Ashburn Ice House and my coach is Miss Holly. I am in Freestyle 4 and having trouble on my Axel. I can't get the full rotation. Any tips? I would like to request another pen pal around my age and level, and if possible, someone who also lives in Virginia.

**Alissa Wang, 9, FS 4**  
**Ashburn Ice House**  
**Ashburn, Va.**

*If any jump gives skaters problems, it is the Axel, but mark my words, once you master the Axel, all your doubles will fall into place. If your facility has a*

*jump harness, have Miss Holly help you get the feel for the full rotation of the Axel. You can also practice on the floor. I'll bet you will be the Axel queen before the first of the year!*

I am looking for a pen pal who is 10, 11 or 12. I am hoping to find one who is Freestyle 4-5. My interests are skating, football and dancing.

**Kaela O'Malley, 11, FS 4**  
**Golden Blades Figure Skating Club**  
**Bridgewater, Mass.**

I am 8 years old and in the third grade. I love skating, and I am now landing my loop consistently, and I am working on my back scratch spin. I will be skating as Fritz in *The Nutcracker* on Ice in December. In May I will be competing at my home rink. I also enjoy camping with my family in our motor home; we will be going to the desert to ride our quads this winter.

**Katie Patison, 8, FS 4**  
**Skating Edge Ice Arena**  
**Harbor City, Calif.**

I have been skating for around a year and I love it. My coach told me I should sign up for ISI, so I did, and I didn't know I would get the magazine. I really like it. I would like a pen pal close to my age. It doesn't really matter to me if you are close to my level.

**Meira Gunzburg, 13, FS 2/3**  
**Northwest Family Sports**  
**Center Ice Rink**  
**Baltimore**

I would love to have a pen pal to write to. I am in synchronized skating, private lessons and pre-freestyle group lessons. I love to skate. I would like to have Alyssa Matesic, Sara Kostecka or Annah Ruggiero.

**Cheyenne Milligan, 8**  
**Skatequest**  
**Woodbridge, Va.**

I started skating when I was 8. I started with my best friend, Paige John-

## Has someone requested you as a pen pal?

If you see your name in one of these letters as a pen pal request but have not yet received an e-mail, be sure we have your CURRENT e-mail address. Send it, with your full name and ISI number, to: [editor@skateisi.org](mailto:editor@skateisi.org).

son, who was in your fall issue. When we started, we skated in Big Rapids, but then our favorite coach started skating in Cadillac, so we went there, too. I'm also interested in basketball, horses, cross country, track and soccer, which I do with Paige. We love skating! I would like a pen pal my age.

**Taylor McLachlan, 11, FS 2**  
**Mount Pleasant Ice Arena**  
**Mount Pleasant, Mich.**

This is my sixth year skating! I love every bit of it. This is my first time writing to the magazine. I am in Freestyle 3/4 and working on my sit spin. I can't hold it. Do you have any tips? I have the best coach ever, Kim Young. She has helped me do so much. I would like to have Emily Voorhees as my pen pal, or someone my age and level.

**Justine Upham, 13, FS 3/4**  
**Big Rapids Wink Arena**  
**Big Rapids, Mich.**

*You are not alone with your sit spin dilemma. Stay positive, and go back and work on your shoot the duck, holding the position for the full length of the ice and coming up on one foot, then work on your basic one-foot spin. The combination of the two exercises should have your sit spin in gold medal form in no time!*

I love to skate. I don't like to skate that much off ice; it seems kind of hard. I would like to have as many pen pals as possible. I don't care what age and level they're in; I just want a friend to talk to who likes ice skating as much as I do. I would like to be connected to Kelsie Rappoport, Taylor Liedel and Megan Cutchins.

**Kelsey Mellor, 10, Beta**  
**UTC La Jolla**  
**Chula Vista, Calif. ●**

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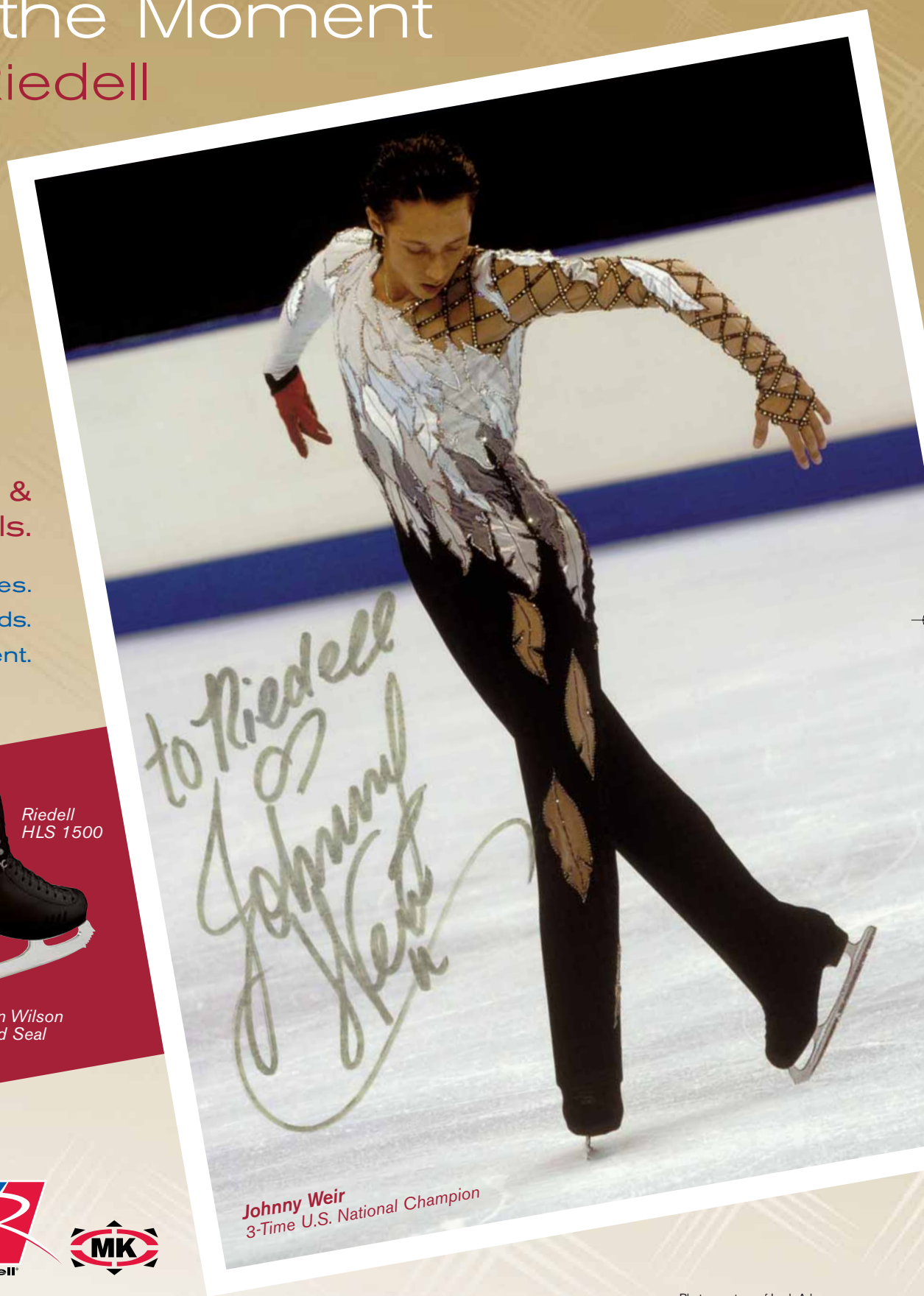


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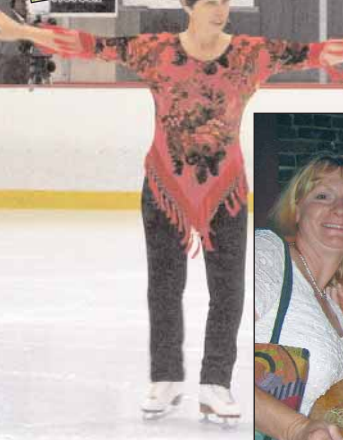
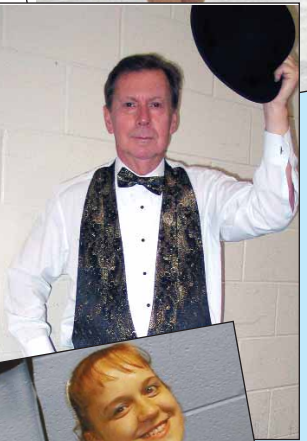
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# Adults Whoop It

by Linda Sp

Adult skaters from all corners of the country gathered Sept. 8-10 for an exciting weekend of competition, camaraderie and entertainment in Music City — Nashville, Tenn.

The eighth annual ISI Adult Recreational Championships proved to be an exhilarating time for all attendees. Old friendships were rekindled while new ones were quickly formed.

"Each year the experience gets better and better. The exuberance in the building and on the ice is amazing!" said Chris Compton, FS 4, of California.

The host hotel was located adjacent to the ice rink, Centennial Sportsplex, close to downtown Nashville. With beautiful Centennial Park and 60 restaurants nearby, skaters didn't lack things to do when off the ice.

Centennial Sportsplex coaches Carrie Moeller, Tiffany Wright and Hillary Steward presented an informative workshop featuring edgework, jumps and spins. ISI's Barb Yackel and Coach Shane Douglas provided excellent advice on performing inter-

pretive programs. Three different pieces of music were played, giving skaters the opportunity to express themselves using all the techniques learned in the clinic. They were amazed at how creative they were when they "let the music talk to them."

Competitors enjoyed the chance to hang loose at the Boot-Scoot & Boogie Meet & Greet Party held at Buffalo Billiards located in the center of swinging downtown Nashville.

But it isn't just the fantastic venue, clinic or party that makes Adult Championships unique; it is the skaters who make this competition extraordinary.

Adults may have a myriad of pressures and responsibilities in their lives, but when they take to the ice, stress seems to vanish. "Skating is our tai chi exercise, our de-stress workout," said Sherri Vallie, FS 4, from East Bridgewater, Mass. "This competition is great because it is less nerve-racking and more supportive than any other."

Jennifer Martino, FS 5, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, skating in her first ISI competition, agreed with Sherri. "I was so nervous I went out on the wrong warm-up for my first event! But when it was finally my turn, I looked up during my performance and saw people smiling and cheering and I was having the time of my life. I went on to win eight gold medals, but it wasn't about the winning; this competition was about skating for the joy of it and for the friendships I made."

For many of the skaters, Adult Championships affords them the opportunity to share their happiness. Judy and Dan Brown, FS 4, of Illinois thought this competition would be a perfect time to recreate their wedding skate. They met 16 years ago outside the Riverview Ice House and had their first date in the rink cafeteria. They were married in August, on the ice at the rink that held so many great memories. To the delight of the crowd at Champs, Dan and Judy dressed in wedding attire and performed their wedding skate. What a thrill to watch the lovebirds skate together, and especially to witness Judy doing a toe loop in her gorgeous full-length wedding gown!





# t Up in Nashville

nda Spinale

The energy level was exceptionally high when the synchronized teams presented their programs. Tropical Spice on Ice introduced pattern skating, using Olympic music and flags from various countries to emphasize their theme.



## 2006 ISI Adult Championships Final Standings

For a complete listing of participating arenas  
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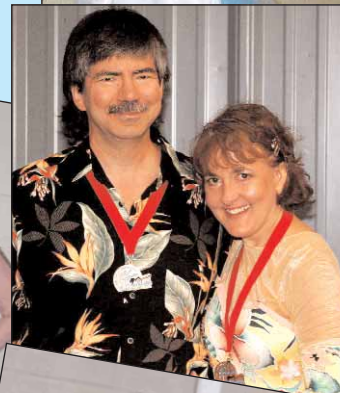
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2 . . .	Centennial Sportsplex . . . . .	297.0
3 . . .	Ellenton Ice and Sports Complex . . . . .	281.0
4 . . .	Kettering Adult FSC . . . . .	93.0
5 . . .	Ice Chalet . . . . .	78.0
6 . . .	Lloyd Center Ice Rink . . . . .	68.0
7 . . .	City of Shaker Heights . . . . .	53.0
8 . . .	Goggin Ice Arena. . . . .	52.5
9 . . .	Oxnard Ice Skating Center. . . . .	50.0
9 . . .	Iceland Sports Complex. . . . .	50.0
11 . . .	Louisiana Figure Skating Club . . . . .	49.0
12 . . .	Skokie Skatium . . . . .	40.0
13 . . .	Roseville Skating Center . . . . .	34.0
13 . . .	Golden Blades FSC . . . . .	34.0
15 . . .	Carlson Ice Arena . . . . .	33.0
16 . . .	The Ice Park. . . . .	31.0
17 . . .	Chiller LLC . . . . .	27.0
18 . . .	Fredericksburg Ice Park . . . . .	26.0
18 . . .	Arkansas Skatium. . . . .	26.0
20 . . .	Ice Palace . . . . .	25.0
20 . . .	St. Peters RecPlex. . . . .	25.0
20 . . .	Point Mallard Ice Complex . . . . .	25.0

Tampa Bay skaters performed an entertaining rendition of *Beauty and the Beast*. The Kettering Ice Kadetts were amazing in their *Oklahoma!* number as were the Belles on Ice and the Rose Collection in their synchronized skates. But the surprising story of team participation was the gold medalist SASS synchronized dance team from Illinois. According to team member Teresa Grodsky, the eight members had met at various rinks and decided to form a team to compete in Nashville. "We found our own ice time at different rinks, did our own choreography and cut our own music. We had so much fun that you can bet we will be doing this next year. We are already planning our program for Las Vegas!"

We encourage all skating adults to meet in Las Vegas next year, Sept. 21-23, for another awesome competition.

Chris Compton, paraphrasing the credit card commercial, quipped: "Hours of training, practice and lessons — EXPENSIVE. One bronze medal, one silver medal — WONDERFUL. Spending three days in the company of other adults who love the sport as much as I do — PRICELESS!"

*ISI member Linda Spinale skates at the Ellenton Ice and Sport Complex in Ellenton, Fla. during the winter months and at Pilgrim Ice Arena in Hingham, Mass. during the summer.*





If you missed the second annual ISI Artistic Challenge Nov. 3-5, you missed a fabulous opportunity to express your creative side on the ice. No technical marks in this unique event means no pressure — just a sky-high fun factor. How fitting, then, that this year's Artistic Challenge was hosted by South Suburban Ice Arena near Denver — the "Mile High City" — with the scenic Rocky Mountains providing an inspiring backdrop.

Nearly 140 skaters from as far away as Illinois, Tennessee and Florida packed their colorful costumes and elaborate props, and ventured west for the last ISI national competition of 2006. South Suburban took "spotlight" to a new level, with actual spotlights and a "set" creating a glitzy show effect that made every participant feel like a star.

The new rhythmic event — which uses a ball, hoop or ribbon and is unique to Artistic Challenge — proved particularly popular among the skaters as well as the audience. Another highlight was Berkeley Iceland's fantastic Ice Mystique production number based on the musical *Cats*.

There's really no other competition like Artistic Challenge. Make sure you are a part of next year's event, Nov. 3-4, at Wonderland of Ice in Bridgeport, Conn. Don't miss the chance to express your theatrical talents — on ice!



ISI 2006

## Final Team Standings

PLACE	ARENA	POINTS
1...	South Suburban Ice Arena	432
2...	Berkeley Iceland	161
3...	South Suburban Family Sports Center	152
4...	Big Bear Ice Arena	40
5...	TBSA Countryside	37
6...	Campbell County Ice Arena	34
7...	Roosevelt Ice Arena	28
7...	Casper Ice Arena	28
9...	San Diego Ice Arena	16
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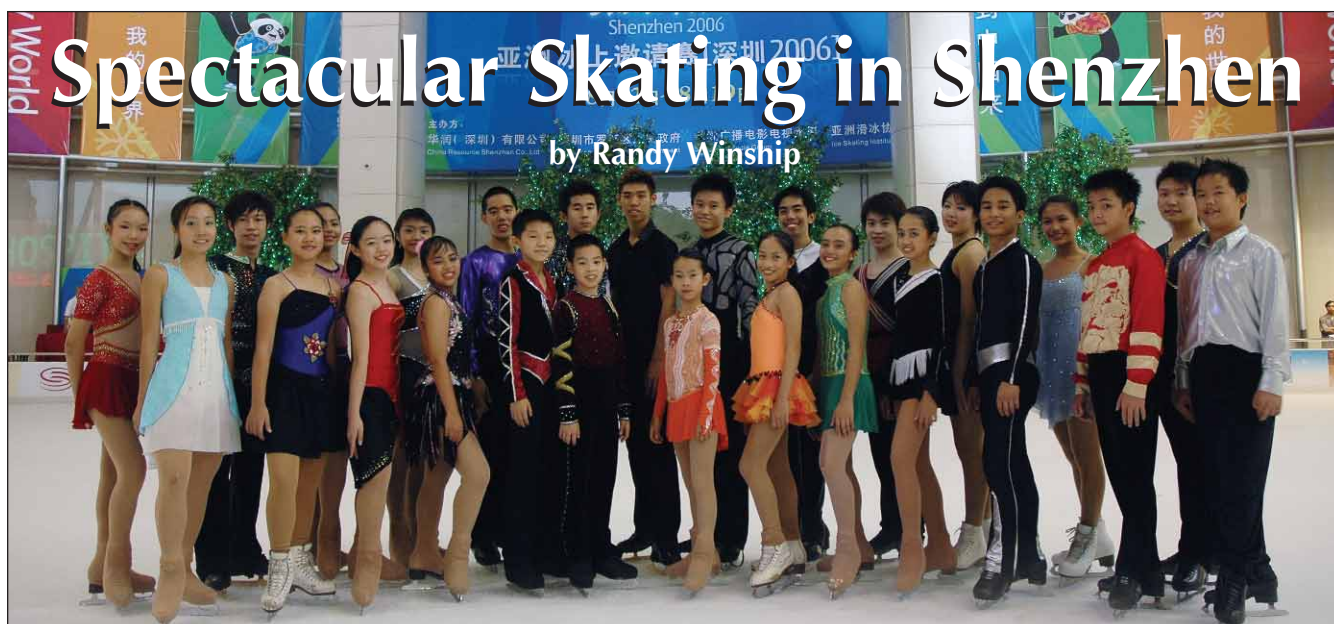
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An unprecedented 29 Freestyle 8-10 level skaters competed in the Skate Asia 2006 competition in Shenzhen, China.

Skate Asia 2006, held in August at the brand new World Ice Arena in Shenzhen, China, lived up to its billing as the "biggest and best" Skate Asia competition to date, with nearly 1,100 skaters representing 25 ice rinks in 10 countries.

With more than 4,700 entries, the huge event spanned more than 140 hours of competition time and required the installation of an addi-

tional temporary ice surface in the Shenzhen Coliseum for five days of competition events on two rinks.

Skaters ranged in age from 3 to 76 years old. An unprecedented 29 skaters competed in Freestyle 8-10 level events. Another ISI first-time highlight was a Freestyle 9 event for males age 14-17 with five competitors.

China Resources Company and World Ice Arena General Manager

Ted Wilson pulled out all the stops to ensure this year's overwhelming success. Skaters, coaches and parents were impressed and amazed by the high quality of the new "Mix C" mall. Upscale shops, fabulous food choices and the magnificent World Ice Arena rink was truly a spectacular setting for this year's event.

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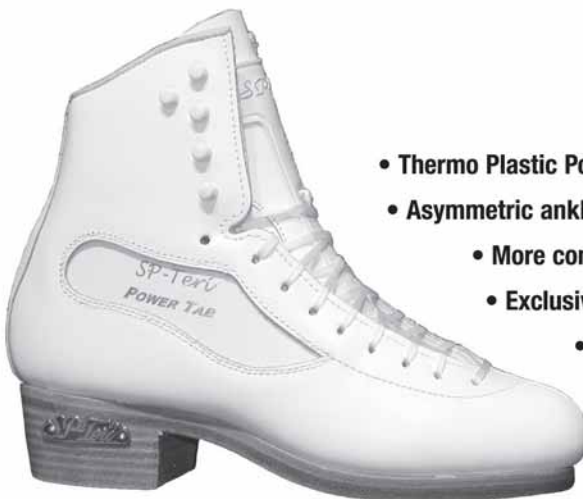
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university students — all worked long hours to keep the competition running on schedule. The “Skate Fair” held above the rink level included representatives from Riedell and SP-Teri boot companies.

With special sponsorship support from the Luohu District Government, the entire Chinese ISU national skating team performed a special exhibition at World Ice Arena after the conclusion of the Skate Asia events. Both the Skate Asia opening ceremony and the Chinese team exhibition were shown live on Shenzhen television with special commentary by Chen Lu, the World Ice Arena skating director.

After the competition work week in Shenzhen, the USA referee team and their friends had a great time on a side trip of Beijing.

Next year's Skate Asia event is scheduled for Aug. 11-18 in the brand new SM International Ice Skating Rink located in the Mall of Asia in Manila, Philippines.

*Randy Winship is the competition director and chief referee for Skate Asia events.*

## Skate Asia 2006 Final Team Results

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1. . .	SM International Ice Skating Rink - Manila, Philippines . . .	4612.0
2. . .	Festival Walk Glacier - Hong Kong . . . . .	2195.0
3. . .	World Ice Arena - Shenzhen, China . . . . .	1506.5
4. . .	Riviera Ice Chalet - Hong Kong . . . . .	1325.5
5. . .	Cityplaza Ice Palace - Hong Kong . . . . .	696.0
6. . .	Sunway Pyramid Ice - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia . . . . .	606.0
7. . .	Aberdeen Marina Club - Hong Kong . . . . .	551.5
8. . .	Arena Ice Bandung - Bandung, Indonesia . . . . .	531.0
9. . .	Imperial World Ice Skating - Bangkok, Thailand . . . . .	406.0
10. . .	Sky Rink Jakarta - Jakarta, Indonesia . . . . .	386.5

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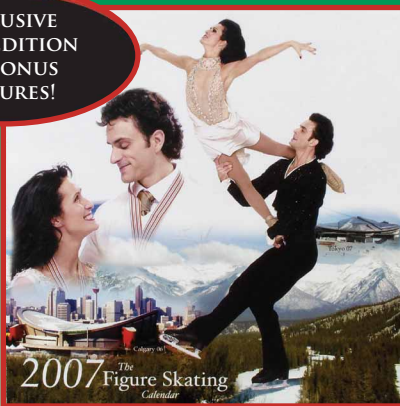
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# Joylyn Yang

## ISI's Youngest Dance 10

by Lori Fairchild

Passing one of ISI's high-level tests is a monumental achievement for any ice skater. The requirements are rigorous, requiring years of skill development and a steady focus on the goal. Taking a Level 10 test can be unnerving even to a mature and highly prepared skater. Somehow, though, 10-year-old Joylyn Yang managed to make her Dance 10 test look like a walk in the park. She became the youngest skater to take and pass the test, during the 2006 ISI annual conference in Boston, joining the ranks of only six other ISI Dance 10 skaters.

"This was one of the best Dance 10 tests we've seen," says Patti Feeney, ISI's managing director of member programs and services. "Joylyn has a wonderful grasp of edges, rhythm and dance technique. Her poise and confidence on the ice were amazing. She's an extremely talented young skater with a promising future."

While any ISI Level 10 is demanding, ice dance — essentially, ballroom dancing on ice — carries the additional requirement of a compatible partner, and young male ice dance partners are scarce. Petite Joylyn tested with her 6-foot-4 former coach, Peter Sasmore of Ice Oasis in Redwood City, Calif. Fully aware and supportive of Joylyn's extraordinary abilities, Sasmore effectively fulfilled his role as test partner while letting Joylyn shine. She casually shrugged off the dramatic height difference the way she seems to do with any obstacle, noting, "He has long arms."

The lanky Sasmore actually finds it easy to skate with his diminutive student, having trained her for the past three years. "She's the hardest working person I know," he says. "Ice dance is pretty difficult and relies on constant repetition of the basics, which can become tedious for many

skaters. I can tell how well they're going to do by how fascinated they can be with the repetition. Someone who is meticulous, wants to work hard to refine every single thing they do and pay attention to detail will make the best ice dancer."

Beyond the inherent difficulties of an ice dance performance, figuring out what to practice in the absence of a partner is also challenging, Sasmore adds. "It's a bit ambiguous to practice ice dance on your own, especially at an early age. Going off and practicing solo, you really feel out of place."

Joylyn recently relocated from California to the Seattle area to train with her new partner, Jean Luc Baker, 13 — who is a manageable four inches taller than Joylyn.

"It's going great with Jean Luc. We're getting a lot of training done," says Joylyn. After just two weeks together, they took second in juvenile dance at the Northwest Pacific U.S. Figure Skating Regional Championships in Spokane, Wash. Their next competition is the Junior Nationals in Cleveland.

Joylyn's ISI history includes freestyle through Level 4, and she passed her U.S. Figure Skating gold dance test last year at the tender age of 9.

An ice skating party celebrating her sixth birthday was all it took for Joylyn to discover her love of the ice. She soon began group lessons, then participated in her first competition and started private lessons. Watching an adult ice dance team practice at her rink inspired her to give it a whirl herself.

Her weekday schedule starts at 4:45 a.m., when she wakes to get ready to hit the ice at Olympicview Arena in Mountlake Terrace, Wash. by 6 a.m. for a 90-minute practice session. Then it's on to Columbia Elementary School in Mukilteo, Wash., where she's a straight-A fifth grader. After school, she returns to the rink for another hour on the ice followed by a gym workout. Weekends, she says, are for having fun with friends and playing basketball.

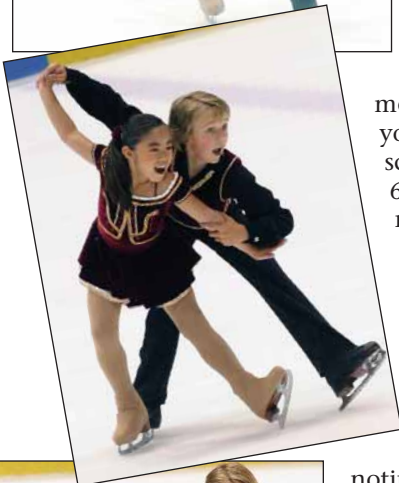
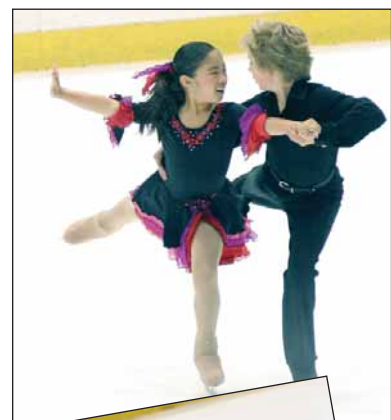
Joylyn's parents are Joyous and Gino Yang, and she has an older brother, Garrison. She says she's made lots of friends at her new school, and finds Washington to be "very green."

She plans to get back to freestyle skating in the near future, but for now Joylyn says she is focused primarily on dance competitions. Her goal? Always reserved and articulate, she says, simply, "We'll go as far as we can." ●



Joylyn Yang (center) is the youngest ISI member to pass the Dance 10 test. She tested with her former coach, Peter Sasmore (back). ISI's Patti Feeney (left) and Margy Bennett (right) presented Joylyn with her Dance 10 certificate on June 2 in Boston.

Christopher Stockman



Joylyn Yang, 10, and her ice dance partner, Jean Luc Baker, 13, placed second in juvenile dance at the Northwest Pacific U.S. Figure Skating Regional Championships.

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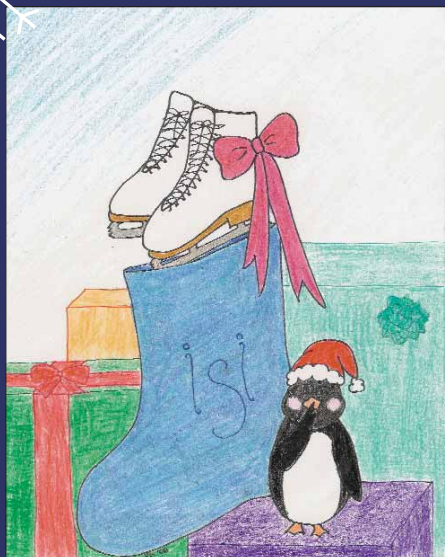
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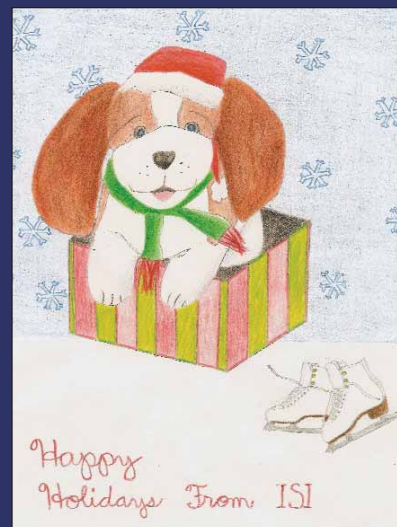
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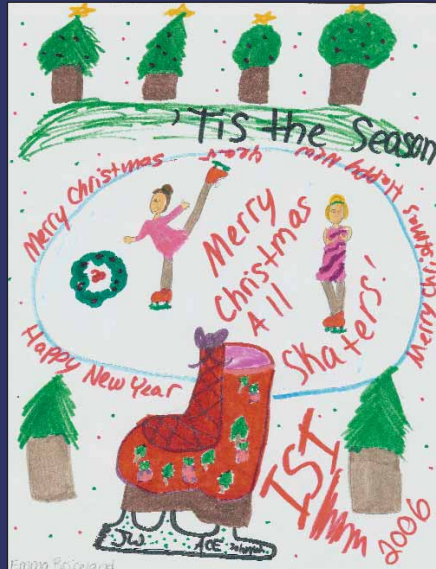
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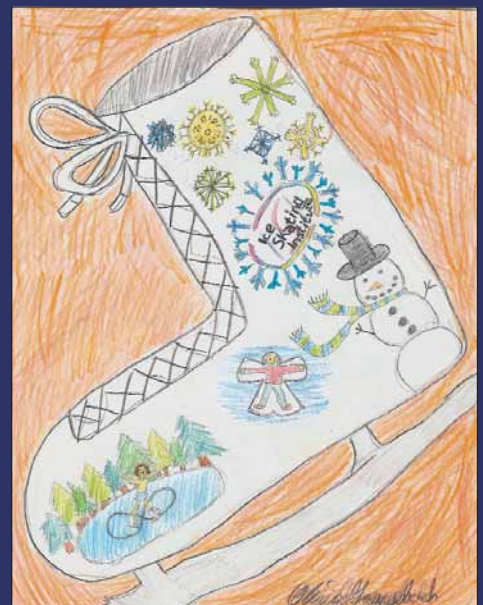
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# Spotlight

by Lori Fairchild

## Yonkers FSC Celebrates 20 Years

For avid ice skaters, the rink often becomes a home away from home and the figure skating club is like a second family. The Yonkers Figure Skating Club, based at the 47-year-old city-operated E.J. Murray Memorial Skating Center in Yonkers, N.Y., epitomizes that family concept. After two decades, the roots are firmly established and the family tree is thriving.

"Murray's has always helped the club, and treated us like we were their baby," says Vicki Cavalluzzi, co-founder of the YFSC and president of its executive board. "Nobody knows where the rink ends and the club begins. We're a skating family, and that's what we wanted our kids to feel — that they belong to something, and have a love of wanting to be together."

The club was formed during the summer of 1986, by skating parents Cavalluzzi and Karen Biondi, Murray skating coaches Sylvia Muccio, Linda Kellet and Robert Davenport, and skating school director Helen Covino. Its original three members, Christian Cavalluzzi, Donna Biondi and Kathryn Bertine (a former ISIA Education Foundation Scholar, now an accomplished author and triathlete) first represented the club at the ISI World Recreational Championships in Dallas that year.

The club, which started with about 50 members, benefited early on from Murray's large skating program. Membership grew steadily and reached 180 this year. Ages typically range from 4 through the 60s or even the 70s. Most of Murray's professional staff members were once beginning skaters in the rink programs and former members of the YFSC. Original club members Christian Cavalluzzi and Donna Biondi are still involved in the club and are on the Murray coaching staff.

As the Yonkers FSC celebrates its 20th anniversary this season, its social, fundraising, community and charitable activities have been kicked up a notch. The skating season opened with a celebration during each ice session featuring a cake sporting the club's bear logo — and there hasn't been a dull moment since, as the club maintains its usual busy pace while preparing for its 20th anniversary dinner/dance on April 14 at the Westchester Manor. The next afternoon is reserved for YFSC's annual exhibition benefit, including skating programs by two of its Team Image synchro teams and an alumni group. This year's event will raise funds for the Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation Margaret's Place program. The mayor and other city officials are expected to attend the exhibition. Graduating high school seniors will skate for the



Yonkers Figure Skating Club was well represented at the ISI 2006 World Recreational Championships.

last time as regular club members, and one will receive a scholarship from the alumni board of trustees. Previous beneficiaries of the annual benefit have included juvenile diabetes, pediatric AIDS, Tomorrow's Children, March of Dimes, Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Jorge Posada Foundation, founded by Yankee catcher Posada to combat craniosynostosis, a rare disease that afflicted his own son.

Yonkers FSC members are well represented in the community, participating in events such as the Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day parades.

YFSC skaters are active in the MIRMA/ISI District 3 Skate for Knowledge scholarship program. The club also hosts an annual Holiday Classic, which includes rinks from New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. Each March brings the Little Stars on Ice competition for the club's younger members as well as Murray's learn-to-skate students. Murray skating school director Patty Urban also welcomes YFSC members to participate in the rink's holiday and end-of-the-year shows.

Parental involvement is key to the success of most youth organizations, and the YFSC is no exception. "We're very fortunate that the involvement is spread throughout the membership, not left to just a few parents. When we ask for help, they're right there for their kids," says Cavalluzzi. "Everyone works tirelessly. Even our ice captains are parent volunteers."

Like Cavalluzzi, many YFSC parents continue to serve the club long after their children are grown.

So, even after 20 years, and now entering its second generation, it's still all in the family for the YFSC and E.J. Murray Memorial Skating Center. When *Westchester Magazine* named Murray's the top ice rink in Westchester County in its "Best of Westchester" poll last summer, representatives from the rink, the YFSC and the Varsity Skate Shop were all on hand to share in the kudos.

"The Yonkers Figure Skating Club has a relationship with the rink that is much more than that of an entity that simply contracts ice time," notes Joe Salvo, Murray's general manager. "The cooperation and intermingling of programs and events make the club a part of the very fabric of a facility with a long history in the community. This long-standing relationship has evolved over many years and has remained strong because both the club and the rink share the common interest of enhancing the experience of the skaters at Murray Skating Center." ●



## Reale's Watercolor Chosen for 2006 ISI Holiday Card

ISI's second annual holiday card creativity contest drew even more entries than last year's, presenting the judges with a difficult task. Ice skaters, it seems, are extremely creative individuals, artistic both on and off the ice!

After much deliberation, Kim Reale's watercolor was selected for this year's ISI holiday card design. "I wanted to create something wintry and fun, something in a Currier & Ives fashion," Reale said. "I feel it represents what ISI is all about: an opportunity for people of all ages to learn, have fun on the ice and be the best they can be."



Kim Reale

Reale's ISI membership dates back to 1964, when she was just 4 years old, in West Redding, Conn. She tested through Freestyle 5, then became a USFSA double gold medalist in figures and freestyle. Now a Professional member of ISI, she teaches at Fiesta Sobe Ice Arena in Las Vegas, where her skaters compete regularly in levels through FS 5. She also has taught special skaters and power skating for youth hockey players, and she is a bronze-level judge.

"We were delighted with the outstanding response to our second annual holiday card contest. It even drew the attention of a summer skating camp at Iceland Irmo in South Carolina, which submitted nearly two dozen entries," said Peter Martell, ISI's executive director. "Even though

we could choose only one design for our card, and we only have enough space in this magazine [see center spread] for a sampling of the entries, we're pleased to be able to share the entire collection on our Web site, [www.skateisi.org](http://www.skateisi.org), under publications." ●



Reale's Currier & Ives-style watercolor was the winning entry in ISI's 2006 holiday card creativity contest.

## Synchro St. Louis-Metro Edge Teams Raise \$1,000 for Kids with Cancer

After three months of fundraising, the synchronized skating teams of the Metro Edge Figure Skating Club in Webster Groves, Mo. achieved their goal of \$1,000 for the Cool Kids Campaign, which helps pediatric oncology patients and their families during cancer treatment.

"It's important to set an example of giving back, so our club adopted a charity for our skaters to support throughout the year as part of our fundraising efforts. The skaters sold lemon shake-ups at the local Fourth of July fair and conducted raffles to raise the money to help children with cancer and support their teams," said Karen Rosemann, Metro Edge membership chair.

Kimmie Meissner, current world champion figure skater and 2006 Olympian, is the campaign ambassador for Cool

Kids. "The skating connection made this a natural charity for our synchronized skating teams, and skaters respect and look up to Kimmie," said Metro Edge coach Karen Geideman.

"We appreciate all their hard work and they are a great example to other young athletes on how to include charitable work in their programs and how to give back to their community," Meissner said of the Metro Edge club.

Metro Edge members will continue their Cool Kids fundraising with sales of the "Triumph" bracelet, personally designed by Kimmie Meissner, at their *Nutcracker on Ice* shows Dec. 9-10 at Webster Groves Ice Arena.

For more information on the Cool Kids Campaign or Metro Edge Figure Skating Club, visit their respective Web sites: [coolkidscampaign.org](http://coolkidscampaign.org) and [metroedgefsc.org](http://metroedgefsc.org). ●



Synchro St. Louis-Metro Edge skaters and coaches proudly display their \$1,000 check to the Cool Kids Campaign.

# Skating Scholars Reap Rewards

*The ISIA Education Foundation congratulates Stephanie Crisp and Kaylyn McDaniel, recipients of 2006 college scholarships of \$4,000 each*



## Stephanie Crisp

Hanson, Mass.

### ISI activities:

ISI individual member (12 years) • Freestyle 8, Couple 3 • ISI World Championships (1997, 2002, 2006) • ISI competitions (62) • Synchro team (6 years) • Learn-to-skate instructor

### Scholastic and community activities/achievements:

Cross country team (co-captain) • Track and field • National Honor Society • Essay contest & academic award winner (multiple) • Yearbook staff • Newspaper intern • Church and community volunteer

It was while watching the Olympics that Stephanie Crisp first yearned to visit an ice rink. Although the rink has become like a second home to her, she says her parents have always emphasized the importance of a well-rounded life and participating in a variety of activities — off the ice as well as on it.

"Being able to participate in school activities has bettered my high school experience, but not at the expense of skating, for which I am grateful to the ISI program," she says. "ISI embodies the fun side of skating, the side that promotes the passion and pleasure for what we do, and that, I believe, is the most important part of any sport."

Stephanie graduated fifth in her class at Whitman-Hanson Regional High School, with a 3.988 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. She is majoring in English at Northeastern University and plans a career path that will showcase her strong writing skills.

"Stephanie is a can-do person," says Katy Hayden, skating director at Winterland Skating School, based at Rockland Rink, where Stephanie has participated in and volunteered for countless ice skating competitions and shows. "She motivates all the other skaters and gets everyone around her involved. When I give her a job to do, it will be done, and done well. She started helping out with learn-to-skate classes at age 10, and she has a wonderful way with younger children."

Seeing some of her former students whipping off toe loops and sit spins is gratifying, Stephanie notes, "because I know I have done my part to spread my love of skating a little further."

She plans to continue skating with the figure skating club at Northeastern, and wants to help start a synchro team at the university. Rockland Rink will miss her, but she's hoping to return to lend a hand during her summers, and is interested in judging at ISI competitions. ●

## Kaylyn McDaniel

Stillwater, Minn.

### ISI activities:

ISI individual member (9 years) • ISI professional member (3 years) • Freestyle 8 • ISI World Championships (1997-2000, 2002-2006) • ISI competitions (36) • Ice show performer (9 years) • ISI Good Sport Award (2 years)



### Scholastic and community activities/achievements:

People to People Ambassador Program • Volunteer: Girl Scouts, Red Cross, Children's Hospital NICU • Band and orchestra • Presidential fitness and academic awards • Track and field • National Honor Society

Volunteering with tots on the ice and kindergartners in the classroom has helped influence Kaylyn McDaniel's decision to embark on a career focused on children. She plans to become a neonatal intensive care nurse.

Kaylyn graduated from Stillwater Area High School with a 3.78 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, and begins studies this fall at the College of St. Catherine. She's well prepared for college challenges, after taking college courses part-time while still in high school, and earning honors for both.

Being prepared is standard procedure for Kaylyn, who teaches group lessons at White Bear Lake Sports Center and private lessons at W.H. Hunt ISI Skate School in River Falls, Wis. "She always came to the rink early to warm up and get mentally prepared for her skating sessions," says her private coach and mentor, Sandy Reinhardt Wittmann, assistant skating director at White Bear Lake. "As a coach, Kaylyn arrives 15 minutes early to prepare. If she's going to be absent, she always lines up a sub and organizes her clipboard for them. She has educated herself through the ISI seminars, Instructor's Edge classes and by reading articles to better understand test levels and the sport. She's a hands-on teacher, and takes her role very seriously."

Kaylyn's ISI participation has included lessons and testing through Freestyle 8, plus dozens of shows, exhibitions and competitions, including three Benefit on Ice shows at ISI Worlds. "Skating in the ISI program has given me many opportunities to express myself while participating in individual events such as freestyle, interpretive, compulsory, spotlight and footwork," she says. "I've also participated in couples events with my brother, jump and spin events with friends, team compulsories, family spotlights with my cousins and a production number with 40 people from three different rinks. The best part about ISI is the inclusion of all ages and abilities." ●



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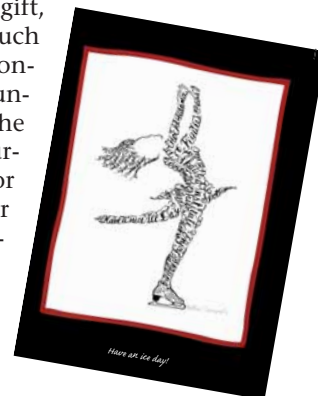
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**Allie Rubenstein, 12**  
**Northbrook, Ill.**

*"I would like curved blades like Michael Weiss, a Buffet R-13 clarinet and an A in my AP world history class."*

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- Entries may be e-mailed to [pfeeney@skateisi.org](mailto:pfeeney@skateisi.org)

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# Sports Parenting Reveals Beauties and Beasts

by David Jacobson

When the adults involved with youth sports understand and play their appropriate roles, youth sports becomes a beautiful experience in which youth athletes — from grade school through high school — learn lessons that will last a lifetime. That's why Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) provides workshops that train all four youth sports constituencies — leaders, coaches, parents and athletes — on how to create a positive, character-building environment.

No constituency is more important than parents. Before, during and after a child's youth skating experience, parents ultimately are responsible for the lessons their children take away from the rink. With that in mind, PCA's latest tool, now available at [www.PositiveCoach.org](http://www.PositiveCoach.org), is an online sports parenting workshop.

In the vein of our Double-Goal Coach™ workshop — where we train coaches to maintain their first goal of winning while pursuing the second, more-important goal of using sports to teach life lessons — our sports parenting workshop refers to "Second-Goal Parents." A positive sports parent leaves the winning to coaches and athletes and focuses on helping the youth athlete gain life lessons from the sport.

To understand how critical sports parenting is, look no further than just about any newspaper, radio, TV or computer for discussion (and video) of the latest sports parent misbehavior. A recent example was a Stockton, Calif. football coach/parent running onto the field to knock down a 13-year-old who put a late hit on his son.

Although figure skating obviously does not lend itself to that form of parental misbehavior, hockey and skating are open to many of the other ills of overzealous sports parenting. Among them: placing too much emphasis on a youth athlete's results, as opposed to his or her effort; falling into the early-specialization trap, which leads to burnout and overuse injuries; and interfering with coaches who are doing their best to serve the interests of a club, and not just one child (or parent).

As more and more youth sports organizations (YSOs) encounter these issues, PCA and ISI urge you to proactively address potential problems. One common refrain among so many of the YSOs that face national embarrassment for their parents' behavior is: "We didn't think it could happen here."

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So, how do you stop such incidents before they start? Here are a few of the tips and tools referenced in the online sports parenting workshop:

- 1) The best defense is a good offense. People are more likely to refrain from negative behavior when they are trying to live up to a positive ideal, so make the Second-Goal Parent model a big deal in your organization. Making that model the standard for your organization is the best way to ensure that your parents don't do anything that gets them on the national news.
- 2) Establish a "self-control routine." A self-control routine ensures you do not dishonor the game in the heat of competition. You might:
  - Take a deep breath
  - Remind yourself of the discipline required NOT to react
  - Engage in self-talk ("I need to be a role model. I can rise above this!")
  - Turn away from the action
  - Count to 20 (or 50!)
  - Quickly refocus on the next on-ice action

The key is to develop your own self-control routine ahead of time, so when you are tested (with bad judging, an opponent or other parent misbehaving, etc.), you can use it to remain calm. Then, you can use it as a teachable moment with your athletes: "I was pretty upset with what happened, but I controlled myself so I wouldn't do anything to take away from the quality of the sport. And that's an important lesson I want you to learn from sports — how to develop your own self-control so you will always show respect for yourself and others."

- 3) Hold an "Honor-the-Game Day" early in your season and distribute PCA's "Game Day Tips" to parents on the sidelines (details are available within the "Use Our Resources" section of PCA's Web site, [www.PositiveCoach.org](http://www.PositiveCoach.org)).
- 4) Invite officials to attend your PCA coach and parent workshops so they know the kind of culture you are committed to creating.
- 5) Give visitors to your rink a letter before each game, introducing them to PCA and committing your coaches, athletes and fans to honoring the game.
- 6) Enlist at least one parent as a "culture keeper" for your organization to help nip problems in the bud.

Make no mistake about it: There is no substitute for PCA's live group workshops. But until your organization brings them to your rink, please use our online sports parenting workshop. It may be the most worthwhile sports parenting hour you ever spend.



*David Jacobson is PCA's media/communications manager. To learn more about PCA's live and online workshops and how the ISI-PCA national partnership benefits your skating community, contact PCA at (866) 725-0024 or [PCA@PositiveCoach.org](mailto:PCA@PositiveCoach.org), or visit [PositiveCoach.org](http://PositiveCoach.org).*

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# calendar

## ISI-endorsed competitions & shows/exhibitions

Deadline for Spring R/S Calendar: Jan. 15

For regular calendar updates, see [www.skateisi.org](http://www.skateisi.org), event info

### competitions

#### november

- 25-26 **Skokie, Ill.**  
Skatium  
All American Team  
Competition

#### december

- 1-3 **Taylor, Mich.**  
Taylor Sportsplex  
TSX Winter  
Extravaganza 2006
- 1-3 **White Bear Lake, Minn.**  
White Bear Lake Sports  
Center  
Holiday Open
- 1-3 **Burbank, Calif.**  
Pickwick Ice Center  
Pickwick's 2006 ISI  
Holiday Competition
- 2-3 **Franklin, Mass.**  
Franklin Blades Skating  
School  
16th Annual ISI Team  
Competition
- 8-10 **Wayne, Mich.**  
Wayne Community  
Center  
Casino Night

#### 2007

#### january

- 6-7 **Brockton, Mass.**  
Bay State Blades  
Brockton  
1st Annual Brockton  
Blizzard
- 11-14 **Mamaroneck, N.Y.**  
Riverdale Ice  
ISI Lake Placid  
Competition
- 12-14 **Webster Groves, Mo.**  
Webster Groves Ice  
Arena  
Show Me State Games
- 13 **Greenfield, Mass.**  
Bay State Blades  
Greenfield  
Mid-Winter Classic
- 13-14 **San Diego**  
Kroc Center Ice  
5th Annual ISI Open  
Competition
- 20 **Greensburg, Pa.**  
Kirk S. Nevin Arena  
Polar Skate 2007

- 26-28 **St. Peters, Mo.**  
St. Peters Rec Plex  
12th Annual Missouri  
State Invitational

#### february

- 2-4 **Glenview, Ill.**  
Glenview Ice Center  
February Freeze
- 2-5 **Williamstown, Mass.**  
Williams College  
Lansing Chapman  
Rink  
2007 Bay State Games
- 9-11 **Blaine, Minn.**  
Schwan Super Rink  
2007 Frosty Blades
- 9-11 **Niles, Ill.**  
Niles Park District  
Iceland  
Sweetheart Open
- 10-11 **Orlando, Fla.**  
RDV Sportsplex Ice Den  
2007 ISI Spring Classic  
Team Competition



- 16-18 **Oxford, Ohio**  
Goggin Ice Arena  
ISI Winter Classic
- 17-18 **Nashville, Tenn.**  
Centennial Sportsplex  
22nd Annual Invitational
- 18 **Fort Washington, Md.**  
Tucker Road Ice Rink  
2nd Annual Snowflake  
Invitational
- 24-25 **Bensenville, Ill.**  
The Edge Ice Arena  
Mardi Gras
- 24-25 **Rapid City, S.D.**  
Roosevelt Park Ice Arena  
2nd Annual Black Hills  
Gold Rush
- 25 **Franklin Park, Ill.**  
Park District of Franklin  
Park  
Kickline ISI Synchronized  
Team Competition

#### march

- 3-4 **Highland Park, Ill.**  
Centennial Ice Arena  
Lucky Stars Open

- 3-4 **Minneapolis**  
Parade FSC  
Blades of March ISI  
Open Competition
- 3-4 **Irmo, S.C.**  
Ice Land Irmo  
Palmetto Classic  
District 5 Champs
- 9-11 **Park Ridge, Ill.**  
Oakton Ice Arena  
Ice Breaker Classic
- 16-18 **Northbrook, Ill.**  
Northbrook Sports  
Center  
ISI District 8  
Championship
- 30-  
April 1 **Knoxville, Tenn.**  
Ice Chalet  
38th Annual MVDC

#### april



- 13-15 **Blaine, Minn.**  
Schwan Super Rink  
ISI Synchronized  
Championships
- 13-15 **El Segundo, Calif.**  
Toyota Sports Center  
7th Annual Spring Fling
- 15 **Geneva, Ill.**  
The Skate School@Fox  
Valley  
Spring Invitational
- 20-21 **Acton, Mass.**  
Nashoba Valley Olympia  
ISI Skating School  
Competition

#### may

- 19 **Acton, Mass.**  
Sharper Edge Skating  
School  
9th Annual Skaters Cup

#### july

- 7-8 **Evanston, Ill.**  
Robert Crown Center  
30th Annual July Open

- 7-8 **Irmo, S.C.**  
Ice Land Irmo  
Summer Sizzle
- 12-15 **Honolulu**  
Ice Palace Hawaii  
2007 ISI Hawaiian  
Open Competition



- 22-28 **Bensenville, Ill.**  
The Edge Ice Arena  
ISI World Recreational  
Team Championships

#### september

- 14-16 **Arlington, Texas**  
ICE at The Parks  
4th Annual ISI Open  
Competition



- 21-23 **Las Vegas**  
Sobe Ice Arena  
ISI Adult Championships

#### november



- 3-4 **Bridgeport, Conn.**  
Wonderland of Ice  
ISI Artistic Challenge

### shows & exhibitions

#### november

- 10 **Montgomery, Ala.**  
K Lynn Skating School  
Santa's Arrival on the  
Ice 2006

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## december

- 1-2 **Springdale, Ark.**  
Arkansas FSA  
A Rootin' Tootin'  
Country Christmas
- 1-2 **Franklin Park, Ill.**  
Franklin Park Ice Arena  
Around the World with  
the Polar Express
- 2 **El Segundo, Calif.**  
Toyota Sports Center  
Ice Story-A Holiday  
Skating Spectacular
- 2 **Dimondale, Mich.**  
The Skate School LLC at  
the Summit  
Holiday Ice Show
- 3 **Pittsburgh**  
RMU Island Sports Center  
Holiday Spectacular
- 6-7 **Honolulu**  
Ice Palace  
Winter Show
- 6-9 **Knoxville, Tenn.**  
Ice Chalet  
Nutcracker on Ice
- 8-9 **San Francisco**  
Yerba Buena Ice Skating  
Center  
Holiday 2006 "Once  
Upon a Time-On Ice"
- 8-9 **Belmont, Calif.**  
Belmont Iceland  
5th Annual Winter  
Extravaganza
- 8-10 **Houston**  
Aerodrome Willowbrook  
9th Annual Nutcracker  
on Ice
- 8-10 **Evanston, Ill.**  
Robert Crown Center  
32nd Annual Nutcracker
- 9 **Anaheim, Calif.**  
Anaheim ICE  
12th Annual Holiday  
Spectacular
- 9 **Geneva, Ill.**  
The Skate School at  
Fox Valley  
Holiday Ice Show
- 9 **San Mateo, Calif.**  
Ice Center San Mateo  
Winterfest 2006
- 9 **Eules, Texas**  
Dr Pepper StarCenter  
'Twas the Night Before  
Christmas
- 9 **Buffalo Grove, Ill.**  
Twin Rinks Ice Pavilion  
Sounds of the Season  
2006
- 9 **Newark, Del.**  
University of Delaware  
Around the World  
Holiday Show
- 9 **Highland Park, Ill.**  
Centennial Ice Arena  
An Evening at Centennial

- 9-10 **Orlando, Fla.**  
RDV Sportsplex Ice Den  
Under the Sea
- 10-11 **Eugene, Ore.**  
Lane Events Center-ICE  
Skating the Yellow Brick  
Road
- 13 **San Diego**  
Kroc Center Ice  
Holiday Magic on Ice
- 15 **Glenview, Ill.**  
Glenview Ice Center  
Winter Exhibition
- 16 **Irmo, S.C.**  
Iceland Irmo  
Holiday on Ice
- 16 **Yorktown, Va.**  
Hampton Roads IcePlex  
Holiday on Ice
- 16 **Raleigh, N.C.**  
The Rec Zone  
Let's Get Physical on Ice
- 16 **Valencia, Calif.**  
Ice Station Valencia  
The Snowflake Ball
- 16 **Decatur, Ala.**  
Point Mallard Ice Complex  
Country Christmas on Ice
- 16 **Marlboro, Mass.**  
Navin Arena  
Scenes from Winter
- 16-17 **White Plains, N.Y.**  
City of White Plains  
Recreation & Parks  
Holiday Show
- 16-17 **Little Rock, Ark.**  
Arkansas Skatium  
3rd Annual Nutcracker  
on Ice
- 17 **Arlington, Texas**  
ICE at The Parks  
Holiday in the Park  
2006
- 17 **Frisco, Texas**  
Dr Pepper StarCenter  
2006 Rudolph on Ice
- 17 **Redwood City, Calif.**  
Ice Oasis Skating &  
Hockey Club  
An Old-Fashioned  
Christmas
- 17 **Fort Meyers, Fla.**  
Fort Myers Skatium  
"Where Are You  
Christmas?"
- 17 **Roseville, Calif.**  
Skatetown  
Holiday Spectacular on  
Ice VIII
- 17 **Elmira, N.Y.**  
First Arena  
Skating School Holiday  
Exhibition
- 17-18 **Bremerton, Wash.**  
Bremerton Ice Skating  
Center  
Skaters in Toyland

- 26 **Morristown, N.J.**  
William Mennen Sports  
Arena  
Second Annual  
Snowball Classic
- 31 **Saratoga Springs, N.Y.**  
Saratoga Springs FSC  
First Night 2007

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## january

- 4 **Glenview, Ill.**  
Glenview Ice Center  
Winter Carnival  
Synchronized Skating  
Exhibition
- 14 **Minneapolis**  
Parade FSC  
2007 Snow Daze  
Winter Exhibition

## february

- 23 **Soldotna, Alaska**  
Soldotna Sports Center  
Tribute to Disney

## march

- 2-4 **New Ulm, Minn.**  
New Ulm Figure  
Skating Club  
Holiday Raceway
- 11 **Saratoga Springs, N.Y.**  
Saratoga Springs FSC  
Spring Exhibition 2007
- 24-25 **White Plains, N.Y.**  
City of White Plains  
Recreation & Parks  
End of Year Show
- 31-  
April 1 **White Plains, N.Y.**  
City of White Plains  
Recreation & Parks  
Night in the Spotlight

## april

- 13-14 **Orland Park, Ill.**  
Arctic Ice Arena  
Skaters Ahoy
- 15 **Highland Park, Ill.**  
Centennial Ice Arena  
Spring Exhibition
- 17 **Arlington, Texas**  
ICE at The Parks  
Spring Fling 2007
- 27-28 **Downers Grove, Ill.**  
Downers Grove Ice Arena  
"9 to 5"
- 28 **Buffalo Grove, Ill.**  
Twin Rinks Ice Pavilion  
Rockin' on Ice

## may

- 5-6 **Irmo, S.C.**  
Iceland Irmo  
Spring Ice Show
- 5-6 **Cottage Grove, Minn.**  
Cottage Grove Ice Arena  
The Sky's the Limit
- 11-13 **Niles, Ill.**  
Niles Park District Iceland  
Gliding Through the  
Decades
- 12 **Hoffman Estates, Ill.**  
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Heroes and Legends
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