



ICE NEWS

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Dear WP skating family

As we pack away the Christmas decorations, we reflect on the year 2009 which was, as usual a busy one for WP figure skating.

Reflections:

The first half saw 4 Continents in Feb, Senior Worlds in March, ISU Synchro course in April, Cape Interprovincial in May, and Junior Blades in early June – then moved on to Gauteng Interprovincial in July, WP Championships in August, the Shulman’s visit in September, followed by Nationals in Pretoria. The Black Panther Championships combined with the Inter-Club in October, and finished with the annual Charity Gala hosted by the Sunday Night Club in December.

International participation:

Kim Falconer in Belgium and Rebecca Crous in Hungary, November/December.



Western Province reigned supreme

in both the Gauteng Inter-Provincial, where our skaters brought home the shield, and at the National Championships in Pretoria, where once again Junior, Senior and overall Ster Trophy returned to Cape Town. Another important award at Nationals is the Max Staub Star for service to SAFSA and this was awarded to Brenda Allely and Helga Pinto.

Thank You skaters, coaches, and parents for making this a successful year. And thank you to Anne Falconer for handling the competition entries throughout the year so efficiently. (detailed results on: www.safsa.org.za)

The Nationals Fundraiser held at the Barnyard Theatre on Wed 16th September, for the sole purpose of assisting skaters with their Nationals expenses, was badly supported, and we just scraped through to break even.

Those who did support were rewarded, not only with a great fun evening that the Barnyard provides, but with receiving their profit share of tickets sold, in addition to the allocation of general assistance given to all skaters from the WP coffers.

We appeal to all to support these fundraising ventures in the future, as this is presently the only way possible to raise funds towards away expenses and a little effort can be rewarding in the long run.

Medal tests took place on 1st Sunday monthly until December 09, with an additional test on 30th August ably managed by Angelica Davids the SAFSA WP test secretary.

2010 Test dates: first Sunday of each month commencing February 7th subject to sufficient entries.

Patches: Kindly ensure that your patches are paid by the 7th of each month to avoid the embarrassment of being asked to leave the ice.

Coaches: Nathan Bashkier has joined the WP coaching fraternity migrating from his judging seat, and Carol Brown has returned to coach.

We welcome them both to the fold.

Existing coaches, Dantin, Vage, Barbie, Dino, Oula and Anita have also all renewed their contracts.

Sadly, Barbie lost her father on Christmas Day after a long illness. Our deepest sympathies to her and the family during this very difficult time.

Pro ams:

Our pro-ams, Megan Allely, Angelica Davids, Justin and Abigail Pietersen and Quiesto Spieringshoek return to coaching in the new year.

We also welcome Tiana Stanton as our latest Pro am.

All pro ams work under guidance of one of the WP coaches to whom they are assigned, and any problems should be discussed with this designated coach accordingly.

Contact details for coaches and pro ams are available on The Ice Station’s website: www.icerink.co.za

WP committee news:

We congratulate Mike Metelerkamp on the addition to his growing family, little Matthew was born on 18 Dec weighing in at 4.01kg.



Increase in Subs 2010/11

Members R150.00 per annum

Life Members: R75.00 per annum

Subs are due on 1st April 2010, and the SAFSA office will be open on the following days to receive payments;

Tuesday March 23rd 16:45 - 20:30

Wed March 24th 16:45 – 20:00

Thurs March 25th 16:45 – 18:30

Sat March 27th 10:00 – 11:00

Kindly ensure that you obtain a receipt for your payment, and complete the enclosed renewal form (on the reverse page) which must be submitted with your payment.

Outside of these dates, all subs to be renewed by depositing into the banking account, using surname and “SUBS” as reference, with a COPY OF YOUR RENEWAL FORM EMAILED TO: safsawp@icerink.co.za;

Bank acc: FNB: 51353464732

Code: 200909

Important:

You will not be issued with a new patch card until your subs have been paid.

Looking ahead, 2010 promises to be an exciting year, with the **Winter Olympics in February** and with ESPN broadcasting, South Africa can look forward to following this event on a daily basis. Official Olympic website: www.vancouver2010.com

Four Continents (Korea) will be held during January, and **Worlds solo** (Italy) in March, both to be attended by WP skater Abigail Pietersen.

Our Senior Synchro team, Sunthings will be participating in **Synchro Worlds** in April in Colorado Springs, USA – after a long absence from this event.



Joshua Cilliers, Robyn Cox, and Mikaela Fuscher hope to participate in Belgium during February at the Kempon Trophy. Caitlin Dicker at the International Cup of Youth in France. And Matthew Samuels will be participating in the Dream Program in Korea. We wish them all well.



Proposed 2010 local Calendar (still subject to final approval):	
20 th March	Junior Blades Champs
7-9 May	Cape Inter-Provincial
25 July	Black Panther Champs
14-15 Aug	KZN Inter Provincial
28-29 Aug	WP Championships (including Inter-club)
11-12 Sep	Gauteng Inter Prov.
3 – 6 Oct	Nationals Cape Town.

Cinderella on Ice at the Artscape: If you have purchased your tickets through us then you may collect them on any of the following 3 opportunities ONLY:

Wed 13th 6 - 6.30pm from Anne
 Thurs 14th & Fri 15th 6 - 6.30pm from Tiana
 Sat 16th 9 - 11.30am from Anne
 Contact: Anne on 0824641088 or Tiana on 0825570888.

The following was decided on at the last SAFSA meeting, to run for the first term of 2010

Early morning ice: Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat: OPEN.

Mon to Friday lunchtime: National skaters only

Mon & Thurs 16:45 - 18:15/18:30 OPEN - Skills 1 and above
 Below skills 1 – lesson only then vacate.

Tuesdays: 16:45 – 17:45 Juvenile, Pre-Novice, *Novice
 17:45 - 18:00 Group class
 18:00 – 19:00 *Novice, Junior, Senior.

Wednesdays: 16:45 – 17:45 Juvenile, Pre-Novice, *Novice
 17:45 – 18:45 OPEN
 18:45 – 19:00 Resurface
 19:00 – 20:00 *Novice, Junior, Senior

*Novice skaters to choose only ONE patch a day during these times.

School holiday schedule: Ice to be open to all as per timetable distributed by the coach liaison.

RENEWAL FORM: COMPULSORY

WP SUBS: R150 R75 life

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

CELL NO _____

HOME NO _____

Parent / Own Occupation _____

Mother _____

Father _____

Own _____

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Sponsorships: As an association we would love to receive regular sponsorship to assist our skaters, but even the odd bit here and there can help, so if you know of anyone that may be interested in throwing a few pennies to our skaters, especially those selected to compete internationally—a very expensive venture—it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact Dawn on 083 303 4907 or email: safsawp@icerink.co.za

WP Synchro Trials for the 2010/2011 season take place on Sunday morning 17th January starting at 6am. If you have not yet completed a form & paid the R50 trials fee, contact Tiana urgently.

Additional Training
 You are reminded that to become a successful figure skater you are required to train both on the ice and off the ice. The Ice Station provides additional floor training by Karen in the Gym and Margie in the Ballet room.

Wishing you all a great 2010 Skating year!

The SAFSA WP Committee