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The months have flown by with Cape Inter-Regionals and SA Nationals both behind us.



ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX

The Junior Grand Prix, Skate Safari lies ahead and promises lots of exciting skating.

There are 23 countries entered, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Singapore, RSA, Spain, Sweden Switzerland, Thailand, USA and Ukraine.

There are a total of 70 skaters entered and 40 judges & technical staff officiating, making this the biggest ever Figure skating event to be held in South Africa.



The preferred choice of hotel for all participants is the City Lodge GrandWest.



They will start arriving in Cape Town on Monday 6th October, and everyone should be here by the evening of Tuesday 7th October.

Some of these skaters have requested additional practice ice, and will be using our ice on Monday and Tuesday accordingly.

There will be no patch ice available for our local skaters on these days, but you are welcome to come in and watch the best Juniors in the world, in action.



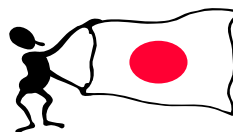
A complete list of entries will be placed on the notice board, once finalized, as well as posted on the webpage.



Exciting entries include USA dance couple, Madison and Keiffer Hubbell and Richard Dornbush (men) who have just won the Mexican Junior Grand Prix held on 13th September 2008.



The second USA dance couple, Piper Gilles/Zachary Donahue won the Czech JGP 2008.



Japanese lady skater Yuki Nishino was last years winner of



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2 JGP events, and came 3rd in the final is also entered in our Cape Town event, and Rumi Suizu also from Japan won the Mexican event on 13th September 2008.

All in all we are in for some very exciting skating.

Wednesday 8th, all day, is official practice, with dance starting at 08:00 am, followed by Ladies, then men, and a second dance practice.



The City of Cape Town has sponsored a welcome dinner for all participants on Wednesday night, and they will be transported to the venue in busses.

Thursday morning will again be practice, with the segment 1 of the competition commencing at 13:15 with compulsory dance.

This will be followed by Ladies short programs 15:30 – 19:00.

The opening flag ceremony performed by our local skaters will commence at 20:00, followed by segment 2 of the competition for original dance.

Friday morning will once again be practices, with segment 3, Mens short Competition commencing at 13:15, followed by Ladies Free.

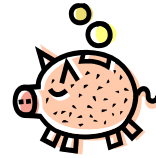
The free Dance, segment 4, will be held in the evening, followed by the victory ceremony for Ladies and Dance.

Saturday 11th has practice for both men, and the gala in the morning, followed by segment 5, Mens free

competition at 11:00am, and the mens victory ceremony at 13:15.

The gala starts at 15:00 and skaters placed 1 – 5 will be performing.

The WP skaters will present an opening and closing number, and the senior synchronized team will perform an exhibition just before interval.



Spectator fee to this event is R30pp per segment, and the gala R50pp.

Season tickets will be available at R100 for all 5 segments, but excludes the gala from the ice rink cashier.



The farewell banquet for the participants only will be held at the restaurant, Maestros on the Beach on Saturday evening, and departures are scheduled for Sunday and Monday.

Please advertise this event to all your friends that we can have a full ice rink of spectators.



WP Championships:

Sat 25th and Sun 26th October 2008.

The Announcement is on the notice board and the entry forms will be available from your Coaches this week.



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Inter-Club Grades Competition:

The annual Black Panther/Junior Blades competition will take place on Saturday 15th November 09:00 – 11:30.

Refer to the clubs for details.



Club Christmas Parties:

Junior Blades: Sat 29th November
Black Panthers: Sun 30th November



Sunday Night Club: Gala: 30th November 2008.

Happy skating.

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