

# **SLSC NEWS AND NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER 2008**

## **Welcome Back**

With today marking the official start of Fall Club ice, we would like to welcome all of our members back to the ice. Please take a moment to review the Club's rules for use of Club Ice which can be found on our website at [www.stlouisskatingclub.org](http://www.stlouisskatingclub.org).

## **Good Luck Competitors**

This weekend, many of our skaters will be competing in Northbrook, Illinois at the 2008 Greater Chicagoland Fall Invitational sponsored by the Wagon Wheel Figure Skating Club. Skaters representing the Club include Ashlyn Ray, Rebecca Serrano, Aya Takai, Jason Cohn, Tina Ngyuen, Madison Havel, Katherine Thomas and Kelsey McFarland. Best wishes to all of our skaters for a successful competition.

Many of our skaters will also be competing at the Springfield Figure Skating Club Basic Skills competition to be held the following weekend. We hope they have a great time and are proud to have these young skaters representing our Club.

## **Parent Education Seminar**

St. Louis Skating Club, along with the Brentwood Parks and Recreations Department, will be sponsoring a Parent Education Seminar to take place on Thursday, September 18, 2008, from 7pm to 9pm at the Brentwood Community Center. Our featured speaker will be U.S. Figure Skating's Senior Director of Membership, Susi Wehrli-McLaughlin. The seminar, which is designed to help parents make figure skating a more valuable experience for their children and to provide parents with a better understanding of the U.S. Figure Skating system, promises to be both informative and entertaining. The seminar is open to the public, but space is limited. To reserve a spot, please email Ginger Krueger at [Kruegerice@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kruegerice@sbcglobal.net).

## **Gateway Invitational Announcement Posted**

The announcement for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gateway Invitational to take place on November 8 and 9, 2008, has been posted on our website. Last year's competition was one of our largest ever and we've extended the competition to two days in hopes of an even bigger turnout this year. Once again, basic skills and the competitive test track events which proved to be so popular last year will be offered. Applications are due October 3, 2008.

Volunteers are needed to chair several committees, including Announcing, Judges' Hospitality, Monitors and Runners. To volunteer your time to serve as a committee chairperson, please contact Julie Binz at [Binzjjrm@aol.com](mailto:Binzjjrm@aol.com).

## **National Hopefuls Exhibition**

The National Hopeful Figure Skaters Exhibition will be on Saturday, September 27, 2008, from 6pm to 8pm at The Hardee's Iceplex in Chesterfield. Don't miss this opportunity to see our top skaters perform their programs. This year's featured skater will be former St. Louis Skating Club member Brandon Mroz. Brandon was the 2008 U.S. Figure Skating Junior Men's Silver Medalist and finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the 2008 World Junior Men's Championships. All profits from this event will be split among the participating skaters to help with competition expenses and Shriners Hospital for Children. Members willing to help serve as monitors or sell tickets or programs should contact Jan Olesky at [oleskyjan@charter.net](mailto:oleskyjan@charter.net) or Shirley Sisson at [SA\\_Sisson@aol.com](mailto:SA_Sisson@aol.com). Advertising space in the program can also be purchased at [www.ccfsc.com](http://www.ccfsc.com)

## **Test Sessions**

Our test session calendar has been updated and is available on the website. Test sessions will be offered this fall on October 13, November 7 and December 22, 2008. Please note test applications are now due two weeks before the test session.

## **Fleur de Lis Website Updates**

Make sure to check out [www.stlfdl.com](http://www.stlfdl.com) on a regular basis as the coaches have been working hard to keep it updated with news and other items. They've added copies of newsletters sent to team members and a new "Featured Fleur" section which will change every couple of weeks. The first Featured Fleur is home club member Kierra Wicks.

## **Got More News?**

If you have good news to share about a special accomplishment of one of our coaches or skaters, please let us know. Simply email me at [RSharp@spvg.com](mailto:RSharp@spvg.com) so that we can share the news with others.