

# UDFSC SPRING NEWSLETTER 2008

## HAVE YOU HEARD?

Icenetwork.com is Offering Discounted Season Pass Subscription

(4/12/08) - Icenetwork.com is offering a reduced-price Season Pass subscription beginning Friday, April 11. The offer, which expires July 31, will grant figure skating fans access to icenetwork.com's full catalog of on-demand video for the price of \$14.95.

Volume 3 of The Skating Parents' Survival Guide is now available for purchase on the web site. Volume 3's focus is "Support Your Child to Reach Maximum Potential" and primarily targets parents of competitive skaters. Volumes 1 and 2 are also available on the web site. Volumes 1's focus is "Your Responsibility as a Skating Parent", and Volume 2's focus is "Keeping It in Perspective". All 3 volumes can be purchased for a total \$5.00 plus shipping and handling.

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## Quote to Note:

Patience, persistence and perspiration make an unbeatable combination for success.  
(Napoleon Hill)

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## Cutting Edge News

### **U.S. Championships draw high ratings for NBC**

#### **Figure skating is successful in new primetime slot:**

This is the first year of a multi-year agreement between NBC Sports and U.S. Figure Skating, after 43 years on ABC/ESPN. The seven hours were the most network coverage of this event since 1998, and the five hours of network primetime coverage were the most in a decade. Outside of Tiger Woods' final-round romp in the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines, NBC's two primetime skating broadcasts -- Saturday (3.8/6) and Sunday (3.5/5) -- were the two highest-rated

sporting events of the weekend, even besting ABC's Sunday NBA doubleheader that featured the league's two marquee stars, Kobe Bryant and LeBron James.

**US Figure Skating's Annual Governing Council** was held in Denver on May 1 and 2. The opening guest speaker was Michelle Kwan who is currently a student at the University of Denver. She gave words of encouragement to skaters and thanked everyone in attendance for their support of her skating over the years.

In terms of business that was conducted, many items were discussed and voted upon by over 400 delegates. Some of the highlights are as follows:

1. Redesign of the Moves in the Field tests - this item was referred back to committee before it even was put before the delegates. Look for it to resurface next spring.
2. Coaches will be required to fulfill Continuing Education Requirements starting with the membership period beginning July 1, 2010. There will be 4 categories to apply yearly for as a coach depending on level of involvement in the sport from teaching Learn to Skate programs to coaching qualifying competition level skaters. Coaches can start to fulfill requirements starting July 1, 2008.
3. Adult competition age groups were altered, as were some of the time limits for programs.
4. Preliminary through Senior free skate tests will be allowed to have extra elements added *without penalty*.
5. Depending on if they are dance and/or free style judges, Bronze level test judges will be able to single panel pre-preliminary FS, pre-preliminary MIF, adult pre-bronze FS and MIF, and/or preliminary dance tests.
6. Change in judging of tests- If the *majority* of the judging panel requests a reskate, then the judge in charge will direct the skater to reskate the agreed upon element. This is to take effect immediately (previously any judge could ask for a reskate of an element, even if the other 2 judges did not wish for a reskate)
7. Pairs skating - new lists of required elements have been approved at all levels of pairs tests.

Additional details from Governing Council can be found on [USFigureskating.org](http://USFigureskating.org)

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## Club News

### In Memory . . .

The UDFSC Board wishes to express its sorrow in the loss of one of its members. On February 21, 2008, Mimi Pun passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family. During the nearly 6 years she served on the Board, Mimi was the club ice monitor and coordinator as well as club auditor. In addition, she was the driving force behind many other activities in the club such as the first skaters' party and the club jackets we now see many of our members proudly wearing. Mimi became involved in skating through her daughter, Kelly. Mimi worked diligently to support Kelly in her skating endeavors for many years at UD. Many days during the week Mimi could be found at the rink encouraging Kelly and other young skaters to do their best. UDFSC will greatly miss Mimi's smile and positive attitude. Our condolences go out to Mimi's family, especially to her husband, Vincent, and Kelly at this very difficult time.

Donations can be sent in Mimi's memory to:  
The Helen F. Graham Cancer Center  
4701 Ogletown-Stanton Rd.  
Newark, DE 19713.

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## UDFSC BOARD MEMBERS

After the Spring 2008 Elections the current UDFSC members are:

***President***

Jerry Santoferrara

***1<sup>st</sup> V. P./Auditor/Trial Judges/Club Ice***

Sandy Shacklady-White

***2<sup>nd</sup> V.P./Test Chair for FS***

Yovanny Durango

***Test Chair for Dance***

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Betty Garvin

***Newsletter/Bulletin Board***

Maria Herring

***Events Coordinator***

Christie Moxley

***Sanctions/Adult Liaison***

Alice Rakowski

# RESULTS!!!

## **2008 U.S. Figure Skating Championships Jan. 20, 2008 - Jan. 27, 2008 Xcel Energy Center St. Paul, MN**

### SENIOR LADIES

7. Kimberly Meissner
8. Melissa Bulanhagui
13. Megan Williams-Stewart

### SENIOR MEN

8. Shaun Rogers

### SENIOR PAIRS

11. Kaela Pflumm / Christopher Pottenger

### SENIOR DANCE

11. Clare Farrell / Charles Fishpaw

### JUNIOR LADIES

9. Rebecca Stern

### JUNIOR MEN

12. Zachary DeWulf

### JUNIOR PAIRS

5. Meg Byrne / Nathan Bartholomay
11. Rachel DeRita / Brandon Accardi

JUNIOR DANCE

7. Sara Bailey / Kyle Herring
8. Anastasia Cannuscio / Dean Copely
9. Isabella Cannuscio / Ian Lorello

NOVICE LADIES

8. Holly Alexander

NOVICE DANCE

1. Chloe Wolf / Rhys Ainsworth

**2008 U.S. Adult Championships  
April 9 - 12, 2008  
Lake Placid, NY**

Championship Gold Ladies

Kathy Stano - 8th

Claudia Brown - 10th

Gold Ladies II

Heather Hilgar - 1st

Claudia Brown - 2nd

Silver V

Dottie Ray - 7th

Silver II

Meghan Rasdall - 11th

Silver I

Julie Pietrazsko - 1st

Bronze IVC (initial round)

Sara Corse - 5th

Bronze IV (final round)

Sara Corse - 10th

Masters Interpretive IIIA (Artistic/Dramatic)

Kathy Stano - 7th

Masters Interpretive II (Artistic/Dramatic)

Heather Hilgar - 5th

Adult Interpretive V (Artistic/Dramatic)

Dottie Ray - 13th

Adult Interpretive V (lt.entertainment/comedy)

Dottie Ray - 7th

Adult Interpretive II (lt. entertainment/comedy)

Meghan Rasdall - 1st

Adult Interpretive I (lt. entertainment/comedy)

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## Historically Speaking . . .

Madge Syers, skating's first feminist, entered the presumed all-male World Championships in 1902 because there was no rule to prevent her from doing so. She placed second to Ulrich Salchow (yes that Salchow). Four years later the ISU established a championship for ladies.

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### **Synchronized Team Skating**

For more information regarding synchronized skating, see [www.teamdelawaresynchro.org](http://www.teamdelawaresynchro.org)

The University of Delaware Collegiate Synchronized Skating Team is also available to full time college students at U of D. For more information about our recruitment weekend in November or any other program inquiries, please e-mail [megano@udel.edu](mailto:megano@udel.edu) or [skatingmickey@verizon.net](mailto:skatingmickey@verizon.net).

**Club Ice**

Join us on Sundays in the Rust Ice Arena for a dance-preferred session from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. and a freestyle-preferred session from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m.  
Members: \$12/session or 10-session card for \$110      Non-members:  
\$13/session or a 10-session card for \$120 If you would like to volunteer to be a backup monitor for Club Ice (and earn free ice privileges for you or a family member), please e-mail the club at [udfsc@udel.edu](mailto:udfsc@udel.edu) or call (302) 831-4686.

### **Membership**

If your US mail or e-mail addresses change, please notify the UDFSC as soon as possible. This will ensure important documents as well as the newsletter; get to you in a timely manner. Also, remember to use the UDFSC web site whenever possible. Our site has links to the University of Delaware Ice Skating Training Center as well as the e-mail addresses of board members who can answer your specific questions.

Our mailing address is:

UDFSC

Fred Rust Arena

S. College Ave

Newark, DE 19716

It is important to use the entire address when corresponding with us.

### **Judges' School**

If you are interested in attending judges' school, the UDFSC may be able to offer some financial assistance. Write to us at [ud-fsc@udel.edu](mailto:ud-fsc@udel.edu) or call (302) 831-4686. Information on judging is available at the USFSA web site at [www.usfsa.org](http://www.usfsa.org).

### **Club Telephone Service**

Please note that volunteers man the UDFSC club telephone answering service. We will make every attempt to retrieve your telephone calls promptly and forward your questions to the appropriate board member or training center staff. Thank you for your patience in this matter. Please send e-mail to [ud-fsc@udel.edu](mailto:ud-fsc@udel.edu) whenever possible.

**If you have questions concerning the newsletter please email**

**Maria Herring at:**

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**SKATE GREAT IN 2008!!**