



Essex Skating Club of New Jersey

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Welcome to ESC!

Dear Essex Skating Club Skaters, Coaches, Parents and Enthusiasts,

I welcome you to the first edition of our *resurrected* ESC newsletter.

We have much to be proud of as we begin our 55th year and the ESC membership boasts 300 members. Our talented, hardworking and dedicated skaters in many disciplines of figure skating – singles, dance, synchronized skating, Theater On Ice, showcase and Special Olympics, have competed and earned medals at sectionals, regionals, junior nationals and nationals. Allow me to mention and invite you to join us for the ***Synchronized Skating Nationals Send-off Exhibition on Tuesday, February 23rd***. We have not one, but four teams competing at the National Championship in Minneapolis during the first week of March.

In closing, I am so grateful to our ESC family of very hardworking and dedicated volunteers who spend so much of their time insuring our competitions, ice and test sessions run smoothly. And a special thanks to our team of professional and student coaches who teach, mentor and inspire our Codey Special Skaters. You are an inspiration to us all!

See you on the ice,
Sally Saul
Essex Skating Club President

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8th Annual Winter Escapade - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to help make the 2010 Winter Escapade a success!

As you know, the event was a huge success with over 200 skaters participating in various competition categories from individuals to team maneuvers to synchronized skating.

We have been receiving wonderful compliments from skaters, coaches and spectators.

The proceeds from our competitions support the programs and grants for our skaters and teams. With each competition we learn more and with your help, the competitions we host are growing each year.

On **March 13th**, we will host the ***Lee Ann Miele Synchronized Skating Classic***, and we hope we can count on you, again.

Of course, we already have dates for next year's Winter Escapade: Saturday and Sunday, January 15 and 16. We always appreciate your thoughts and comments.

So again, THANK YOU!

ESC Membership and Benefits

ESC membership enrollment is going strong! We have over 300 active members this year and the club ice sessions continue to be very popular. Among many benefits for the ESC members, the Discount Card is the hot item this season. Discount Cards can be purchased at \$200 for 11 1-hour sessions, or \$150 for 11 45-minute sessions. For those who are interested in purchasing the Card, please see **Patrick Badaloto, ESC Head Monitor** during the club ice sessions.

Testing

Our Testing committee has been working very hard to ensure that we continue to provide monthly testing sessions to both ESC and non-ESC members. Our testing sessions have been hugely popular and there are waiting lists at times. So please be sure to submit your testing application early.

ESC is proud to sponsor the following testing schedule:

March 10, 2010 12:15 - 4:00pm	Postmark deadline February 22, 2010
April 7, 2010 12:15 - 4:00pm	Postmark deadline March 22, 2010
May 8, 2010 12:15 - 4:00pm	Postmark deadline April 19, 2010
June 2, 2010 12:15 - 4:00pm	Postmark deadline May 17, 2010

For Testing Rules and Application, please visit our website at www.essexskatingclub.org

For further enquiries, please contact our Testing Chairs:

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Upcoming Events

Here are the events in our surrounding area. Please visit the hosting club's website directly to find further information.

March 13	Lee Anne Miele Synchro	www.essexskatingclub.org
March 27 – 28	Morris Open	www.scomnj.org
April 3	Ice House Basic Skills	www.icehousenj.org
May 1	NJ High School Spirit Show	Princeton Day School Skating Team
May 2	Ice Vault Basic Skills	www.icevault.com
May 22	Bridgewater Basic Skills	www.scob.org
June 4	NJCFSC Championship	www.holydelfsc.org
June 19	Garden State Games	www.icevault.com

*Celebrating our 55th
Year Anniversary*

Congratulations!

ESC would like to extend our warmest congratulations to our skaters who have achieved exciting and outstanding results from their hardwork and dedication.

National

Kate Zeigler and Baxter Burbank – Junior Dance (Qualified from Pacific Coast Sectional)

Junior National

Olivia Yao – Juvenile (Qualified from North Atlantic Regional as the Bronze medalist)

Pacific Coast Sectional

Valentina Rudchenko and Brett Mueller – Novice Dance

North Atlantic Regional

Beatrice Wang – Juvenile
Cynthia Yang – Intermediate
Christina Zhang – Novice

Synchroettes

2009 – 2010 season has been another BIG year for the Synchroettes!

With over 150 skaters, the Synchroettes consist of nine teams from beginner to junior level. This year, the Synchroettes have three teams (Junior, Novice and Juvenile) qualified for the National Championship, which will be held this March in Minnesota. In addition, the Preliminary Red team won the Eastern Sectional Championship title for its division that was held in January at Lowell, Massachusetts. These impressive results are simply too numerous to list here. For full results, please visit www.synchroettes.com

Essex Blades

Essex Blades had a wonderful performance at the Eastern Sectional!
Our very best wishes to the ladies at the National Championship!

Testing Results for February, 2010

Junior MIF

Danielle Kaiser
Anya Davidovich

Novice MIF

Erica Silverman
Irene Petrocelli
Hannah Govrin
Becky Barber
Samantha Goldberg
Isabella Donatelli

Intermediate MIF

Linda Bergelson
Phoebe Halper
Ayano Endo

Juvenile MIF

Julia Sheykman

Pre-Juvenile MIF

Olivia Stack
Abigail Bikvan
Anastassia Shifchik

Preliminary MIF

Rebecca Brown
Melissa Mullen

Pre-Preliminary MIF

Sara Denner
Emma Frankstein

Free Skate

Intermediate

Olivia Yao
Beatrice Wang

Pre-preliminary

Stephanie Casagrande

Over 300 active members

Essex Blades

Special Olympics

Synchroettes

Theater On Ice

Where Are They Now?

ESC has many members who are away from our homerink. We miss them and hope everyone is doing well. In this issue, we want to highlight three ESC skaters who are away at college. They are away, but doing very well.

Christina Lee

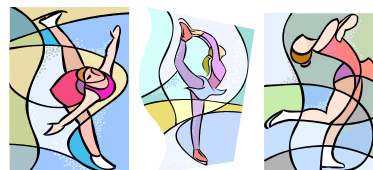
Christina is a sophomore at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where she is majoring in exercise science with a minor in psychology. She currently skates on Miami's Senior team. Christina skated on both the Collegiate and Junior teams in 2008-09 and represented the United States at the 2009 Winter World University Games in Harbin, China. Prior to Miami, Christina skated with the Skyliners junior team as a co-captain and won the Gold Medal at the 2008 Zagreb Snowflake Trophy in Zagreb, Croatia.

Emily Shelkowitz

Emily is a sophomore in the eight-year program in Liberal Medical Education at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. She will concentrate in Psychology as an undergraduate and continue her study at Brown Medical School. She continues to enjoy skating and is a member of the Team Excel Collegiate Skating Team, an inter-collegiate team associated with the Skating Club of Boston. The team will compete at Nationals this March. Emily uses school breaks and the summer to work on her Gold Dances with Kay Barsdell at SMA.

Kate Zeigler

Kate is a freshman at Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, PA where she is considering a major in mathematics. Kate just completed her first season competing in Junior Dance with partner Baxter Burbank, a junior at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. In August, they won the Junior Dance Gold Medal at the 2009 U.S. Collegiate Championships in Lake Placid, NY. In November, they won the Bronze Medal at the 2010 Pacific Coast Sectionals in Jackson, WY and placed 10th at the 2010 U.S. Figure Skating Championships last month in Spokane, WA.



Do you have any interesting news to share with us?

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Useful Resources

United States Figure Skating Association
New Jersey Council of Figure Skating Club
Icenetwork
International Skating Union
Ice skating rinks

www.usfsa.org
www.njcfssa.org
www.icenetwork.com
www.isu.org
www.rinktime.com



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