

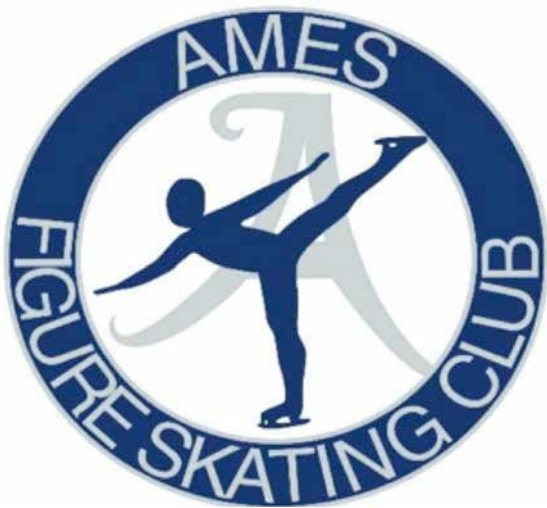
# How Now Salchow ???

The Newsletter of the  
Ames Figure Skating Club

April 2017

## Upcoming Dates

April 4	AFSC Board Meeting 6PM
April 29	AFSC Ice Show 6 PM
April 30	AFSC Ice Show 2 PM



**Mission Statement:** The Ames Figure Skating Club is dedicated to providing a safe, fun and supportive environment for skaters of all ages and abilities to achieve their skating goals.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

As many of you already know, the Ames Ice Arena closes over the month of May to allow time for repairs and upkeep. As a club we try to find alternative rinks to practice on during that month. In the past we have gone to Metro Ice Arena in the Des Moines area but we have not been able to secure any time in May this year. Luckily, the Central Iowa Figure Skating Club has contracted time at the Buccaneer's rink and is willing to let our members skate there. We can pay for any individual times we choose to go or purchase a punch card, which would provide a small discount. Their May schedule is not posted yet, but as we get closer I will make sure I send everyone that information so that you can plan your month accordingly.

At our most recent board meeting one of the things we discussed were test sessions. Our members and coaches want more test sessions locally. The Ames club currently offers one test session in July and one in November. To help provide more testing opportunities we are doing two things. First, we are extending our contracted ice time for our current two test sessions to accommodate more tests and athletes. Second, we are requesting additional time next year in March so that we can hopefully provide an additional test session. As I am able confirm those dates with the rink and judges I will keep you informed.

We are also making slight adjustments to our fall and spring ice contracts next year in an effort to maintain our current contract costs. We have not raised our fall and spring ice contract (hourly) price for four years and we are making every effort to maintain that again for this year. One of the slight adjustments that you will see is on Friday evenings. Historically we have started ice time at 3:30 p.m. and contracted until 4:45 p.m. However, now that the Ames school district lets out later, very few students could utilize the extra 15 minutes of ice time. Therefore, we are adjusting our contracted time to 3:45-4:45 p.m. on Friday nights to save the club and many families some extra money. We have also made some adjustments around school break times when our ice has not been utilized as much. If you have any additional questions feel free to reach out to me and ask.

Summer camp is right around the corner! We will be offering seven weeks of summer camp this year and we are hoping to make some changes that everyone will enjoy. We plan on doing some additional social/fun activities for any athletes who want to attend – such as a grill out after camp is over, trip to the park, backyard games and treats. Our athletes work really hard, but summers are supposed to be fun too! We have also added some skating time in the mornings for any skaters wanting some additional practice time. Lastly, we are adding some more structure to the summer camp for our younger skaters so they will have additional instruction and direction throughout their camp experience. If you have any additional ideas, feel free to forward them on to me. We love to improve wherever we can!

Sk8 Gr8 and enjoy the journey!

Jenny Slack

Ames FSC

## **Birthdays**

**Barbara Abbott** (April 2); **Natalie Murdoch** (April 4); **Karleen Gillen** (April 5); **Maria Stewart** (April 11); **Elyse Enskat** (April 19); **Babita Sarda** (April 20); **Jeanne Hirsch** (April 21); **Marian Kohut** (April 22); **Sam Narasimhan** (April 24); **Jacie-Aspen Flockart** (April 29).

## **Competition Results**

### Winter Iowa Games, February 12, 2017

**Tracy Gillen** (No Test Free Skate Group A, 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

**Aileen Murphy** (Preliminary Test Track Free Skate, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Pre-Preliminary Jumps, 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

**Addison Thelen** (Basic 4 Program, 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

**Sydney Turk** (No Test Free Skate Group B, 3<sup>rd</sup> place)

**Abigail Wilson** (Preliminary Showcase, Light Entertainment, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Preliminary Free Skate, 4<sup>th</sup> place)

When a skater participates in a competition and would like their results published in the Salchow they should send the following information to the newsletter editor (currently Nancy Voltmer [Voltmer@netins.net](mailto:Voltmer@netins.net)):

- Name of competition (i.e. Iowa Games, Cyclone Country Championships, etc.)
- Date of the competition
- Event(s) the skater participated in (i.e. Free Skate, Preliminary)
- Place (i.e. 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Only the information sent by the skater or their parents will be published. Information should be sent by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next issue. Information received after the 25<sup>th</sup> will be published in the following newsletter.

**Test Results** (Official test results are sent from United States Figure Skating and then published; sometimes these arrive later.)

### Eastern Iowa Figure Skating Club, February 11, 2017

**Madison Arnold:** Pre-Preliminary Free Skating, Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

**Jacie-Aspen Flockhart:** Pre-Preliminary Free Skating

**Deeksha Sarda:** Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

### Rochester Figure Skating Club, March 14, 2017

**Jessie Miller:** Junior Moves in the Field

### **AFSC Board Meetings**

**Note: This month the meeting time has changed to April 4. AFSC Board meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 PM in the Igloo Room at the Ice Arena. The meetings are open to all club members wishing to attend. Maybe we will see you at one this year?**