



THE SKATING CLUB OF BOSTON

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It's all about Teamwork!



Senior Pairs Gretchen Donlan and Andrew Speroff in a dazzling triple twist. Tons more inside on Pairs and Couples at the Skating Club of Boston.

President's Letter

Dear Members,

As we inch closer to the club's 100th Anniversary, we are in the process of developing a program that will commence with National Skating Month 2011 and carry through 2012. This is an additional work load on what continues to be a very busy schedule since the yearly events still must go on and require many volunteer hours to be successful. Most people find it interesting and fun to get involved in the club. You meet many people and learn a great deal about the "behind the scenes" of the sport and club operation. Being sent with this issue of Chips is a flyer requesting volunteers' interest; your participation in the club events is necessary for us to be successful.

In May of this year U.S. Figure Skating announced the release date of the film project that will celebrate American figure skating while recounting the story of the 1961 U.S. World Figure Skating Team that perished in a plane crash on its way to the World Championships. The club lost a number of members on this flight; skaters, coaches and parents. The film RISE is scheduled to be premiere nationwide February 17, 2011 and we will host an event in Boston on Saturday February 19, 2011. Further details will be available later, but place these two dates on your calendar.

We bid for 2012 New England Figure Skating Championships, and if we are selected this event it will be part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We are waiting to hear from U.S. Figure Skating.

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President's Letter

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Our Metro West operations continue to grow and we are seeing positive results in all of our programs at the New England Sports Center in Marlboro.

We are in the process of revising our By Laws which are out of date and inconsistent with the requirements for today's non-profit operations. In order for us to use our non-profit status to the fullest extent these revisions will be required. This will take some time but we have started the process.

As we start a new skating season we wish our skaters their best skate and continued success.

We have witnessed in all youth sports both parents and members letting their emotions manifest themselves in abusive and sometimes physical violence. The Skating Club of Boston supports a zero tolerance policy for unsportsmanlike behavior, harassment or bullying. We should continually raise the standard of behavior – both on and off the ice. Membership in the club is a privilege and should carry a sense of pride. If you are unfamiliar with the club rules, I refer you to CR 8 and also the Massachusetts Laws on Bullying and Harassment.

We continue to review all programs to see where improvements can be made on a regular basis in order that we keep up with the changes that are part of the sport. Our goal is to develop a strong program that allows all levels of skaters to achieve their potential.

We are in the process of reviewing how we keep records in the hopes that all operations in the club will eventually be automated, allowing us to have a better understanding our ice utilization and

revenue/cost for each program. There are a number of programs that will facilitate what we are looking for and we are in the information-gathering stage.

We continue to work on the Long Range Plan and have had a great deal of discussions on a location possibility that is in close proximity to our existing facility. The discussions are ongoing and confidential at this time, however they are encouraging and when we have enough information to relay to the membership we will do so.

Have a great skating season.

Regards,
Joe Blount

Late-breaking competition news!

Morgan Sowa and David Leenen had a great finish (7th overall, the highest-finishing American team) in their first International event, the Junior Grand Prix in Dresden, Germany. Look for their detailed results and a great photo in our next issue.

Also competing internationally in October are **Ross Miner** (NHK, 10/22-24), **Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnafir** (Skate Canada, 10/29-31). In November, we'll be watching Ross (Cup of China, 11/5-7) and Marissa and Simon as well as **Stephen Carriere** (Skate America 11/11-14.) We're so proud of our globe-travelling skaters!

Chips is the official publication of The Skating Club of Boston and is edited by **Barb Fritz**.

Your editor can use your help! Compiling competition results, editing tests passed, and news sections are all open for your involvement. Join in!

The deadline for submissions for the next issue is **December 15**, to **editor@chipsboston.com**. The editor reserves the right to edit for length, clarity, and accuracy.

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Shall We Dance?

We all hear about dance or pair partner searches that take skaters across state or even international boundaries. What a nice surprise it must be to have a new partner appear in your very own training rink! That's exactly what happened for new dance couple Bryna Oi and Mark Jahnke, skating together since just June of 2010, and competing at the Novice level.

The couple were matched last Spring by their coaches and maybe a little bit of fate. Mark remembers watching Bryna "out of the corner of my eye" while she was practicing lifts for a partner search video she was preparing. He says he remembers being impressed with her progress over the prior year, going from a free skater with no dance training to a beautiful dancer so quickly. He mentioned the idea to his coaches Barret Brown and Tom Lescinski, who arranged what Mark called a "no pressure try-out" with some partnering work, followed by some lifts. Things worked so smoothly that the two decided to team the following weekend.

Mark, a former singles skater originally from Ketchikan, Alaska, had first taken skating lessons when he and his family moved to a town near Geneva, Switzerland. By the time the family moved to Seattle in 2002, Mark was serious about both skating and academics, studying at the Lakeside School, one of the country's most rigorous private high schools. When evaluating college programs, he knew he wanted to find a place that he could continue both his skating (then focused on dance) and academics at the highest levels. He found he really clicked with SCOB ice dance coaches Barret and Tom, and it was important to him to learn that so many of our high-level competitors are enrolled as full-time college students, something he didn't see at many of the other training centers. "Given how important to me my education was, I didn't want to short-change it for my skating," Mark says. He chose to attend Boston University, which he attends on a full academic scholarship, and was originally partnered with Alison Carey. After their partnership

ended, he found an ideal instructional partner in Loren Galler-Rabinowitz, who helped partner Mark on his tests and elements.

Bryna practically grew up at the Skating Club, competing in Singles until she decided to take a short break from skating. A skater appreciated for her grace and poise both on and off the ice, Bryna's mom Pat Meehan said she has



always had a lot of interests outside skating – in high-level academics, community service (she works with Cradles and Crayons, an organization which helps homeless and in-need children with basic needs) and environmental initiatives. Her family, which includes older (skating) brother Curran, now an MIT sophomore, were very supportive of Bryna's interest in returning to skating in a new discipline.

Asked if she'd studied ice dance along with her free skating training, Bryna smiles. "That would have been a great idea, and definitely would have made the transition to ice dancing easier, but no. I didn't do any Ice Dance while I was competing in singles so I had a lot of tests to take when I decided I did want to do Dance."

Barret Brown is really impressed by this new couple, calling them both strong and beautiful individual skaters. She says they both have an excellent work ethic, and are bright and mature, and are supportive of one another and their partnership. They have flexibility and can accomplish beautiful lines together, particularly in some innovative new lifts, which will help to set them apart from their competitors. She also thinks their artistry and musicality will distinguish them from other couples in the long run. Mark thinks the work their coaches are putting in with them is making a real difference. "Barret and Tom are master technicians. We aren't just there to do tricks; we're there to make shapes and perform a dance together making everything look spellbindingly seamless. It's those in-betweens that make up so much of a program's impact." In addition to the primary coaching from Barret and Tom, Bryna and Mark also get coaching input from Garrett Lucash and Bobby Martin, and they train off-ice in ballroom, and both

Taking a Year to Help

As Chips reported in our last issue, championship ice dancer and longtime member **Loren Galler-Rabinowitz** was named **Miss Massachusetts 2010** in June. The talented recent Harvard graduate is using her service year getting deeply involved in her personal platform issue of fighting childhood hunger. Loren is spending her days volunteering at Children's Hospital working with Failure to Thrive children. She explained some of her team's work to *Chips* after an early-morning practice session. "There are thousands of children right here in Boston who don't get adequate nutrition in their early years. We see tiny infants who can't grow, young children who can't concentrate in school because they're not getting enough protein, and their entire lives are affected." She spoke about the work the team is doing, which ties in Children's Hospital and the Greater Boston Food Bank. "We work with shelters and other programs to talk about the importance of nutrition, how to make the best choices with the help of the Food Bank and other support tools out there. It can really make a difference in children's futures and those of the next generation as well." Loren, who plans to become a pediatrician herself, is clearly passionate about the work she is doing. She is

planning a fundraiser, "Blades and Balloons", to be held at the Club on November 24. It will feature a high-level skating exhibition and silent auction to raise funds for the Children's Miracle Network.

How did Loren go from Harvard to Miss Massachusetts and her current project? She grew up helping others, literally being used as an example as her physician mother taught new mothers how to properly feed and care for their children in a research study she runs in Barbados. Loren has participated in every phase of the study, involving working with the subjects, writing grants, and working with the country's health ministry. She developed a heightened sense of social responsibility for those without access to basic medical care, and decided early she wanted to make a difference.

Loren knew she wanted to take a year between finishing Harvard (she graduated this Spring) and starting medical school (the application process is underway!) working in the non-profit sector. Last fall, she had met a former Miss Massachusetts, and decided the Miss America organization might be a good fit: it combines academics and public service. As Miss Massachusetts, Loren

earned an \$8,000 college scholarship, and Miss America receives a \$50,000 award—it would be a nice help with medical school tuition!

More importantly, Loren says she now has "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to use my voice to affect social change," taking her work as a role model seriously, speaking at military bases, hospitals and schools about her journey toward a career in medicine and the rewards of public service. The fact that this petite, beautiful 5'2" Club member will make us all proud of what she's doing, and not just how she'll look onstage, is just another credit to the dedication that she's put into her life of competitive skating, academics at Harvard, and serving the community.

Loren hopes the Club membership will join her for Blades and Balloons on November 24, and bring friends. "I hope we'll raise a lot of money, and I'd love it if people would support the cause through the silent auction or donations. We have so much work we want to do to help these little kids, and give them what they need to grow and succeed." To find out more about Loren's program, go to www.missmass.org

Shall We Dance, continued

have strong ballet backgrounds.

Even with all they have going for them, there's that "small" hurdle: how do you take a new couple, who have to qualify for Fall competitions with compulsories as well as a free dance, and get them ready over a short few months? Barret and Tom decided to send Mark and Bryna to World and Olympic team coaches Yaroslava (Yasa) Nechaeva and Yuri Chesnichenko, in Ann Arbor, Michigan for the summer. Bryna and Mark worked with Yasa and Yuri choreographing their beautiful Free Dance to Un Bel Di from Madame Butterfly. They spent four hours on the ice each day, as well as taking ballroom and ballet lessons in addition to their off-ice conditioning. They brought back with them to Boston a very structured on-ice regimen which all the Ann Arbor couples follow, consisting of all of the turns (rockers,

Choctaws, counters, etc.), twizzles and stroking exercises. Many of the exercises are performed at specific speed, so Bryna and Mark both have sport metronomes, tiny rhythm devices they can place on their clothing to make sure they are doing their exercises at the correct, consistent beats per minute. And all of this is often happening before 6 am!

For a team rising so quickly, what's next on the competitive front? Seventeen-year-old Bryna and Mark, almost 20, had a strong showing (and positive feedback from the judges) at their first event at the Pike's Peak Classic in Colorado Springs in September, and will be following it up with an appearance at the Pacific Coast Sectionals in Culver City, CA in November. Since *Chips* is up early, skating on those pre-dawn sessions, your editor may be a little biased, but trust us – this couple is one to watch.

Tests Passed

Marika Bedard—Preliminary Free

Patricia D Berger - Intermediate Moves

Alessandra Bianchi - Pre Juvenile Free

Alycia Bouffard - Preliminary Free

Lilia Arbella Brooker - Pre Preliminary Moves, Pre Preliminary Free

Niki H. Cozzolino - Juvenile Free

Lauren H Cumming - Junior Moves

Gretchen V Donlan – Senior Pair

Ingrid Farrell - Pre Preliminary Moves

Kathleen M Flood - Intermediate Moves

Alexandra T. Francendese - Preliminary Dance

Talia I. Greene - Intermediate Moves

Hanna Hymel - Juvenile Free

Julie N. King – Senior Moves

June F Kim - Preliminary Moves

Christin Kim - Pre Preliminary Moves, Preliminary Moves, Pre Juvenile Moves, Pre Preliminary Free, Preliminary Free

Natalie Y.C. Kim - Pre Juvenile Moves, Juvenile Moves, Pre Juvenile Free

Natalie Levinson - Pre Preliminary Moves, Pre Preliminary Free

Jennifer Litchfield - Pre Preliminary Moves

Jessie Liu - Pre Preliminary Moves

Victoria E. LoRusso - Pre-Juvenile Pair

Olivia Pastore - Junior Moves

Jennifer Lee Rand - Adult Pre Bronze Moves

Elisa Raymond - Juvenile Free

Elise A Requadt - Preliminary Dance

Eric Rioux - Bronze Dance

Lindsey T Scally, Preliminary Free

Isabelle Sillo - Pre Preliminary Moves

Sarah Swalboski - Juvenile Free

Elisabeth Tabor - Preliminary Moves, Pre Preliminary Free

Rachel Tortora - Pre Preliminary Moves

Jennifer Volcker - Pre Preliminary Moves, Preliminary Moves, Preliminary Moves, Pre Preliminary Free, Preliminary Free

Alexandria Weinstein - Pre Juvenile Moves

Grace T. Western - Preliminary Moves, Pre Juvenile Moves, Pre Preliminary Free, Preliminary Free

Victoria J. Xu - Pre Juvenile Moves, Juvenile Moves, Intermediate Moves, Preliminary Free, Pre Juvenile Free, Juvenile Free

Elizabeth Y. Zhang - Pre Silver Dance

Don't see your result here? Chips gets our Test information from the USFS website for consistency. Results listed here are from the May results posted on the site as of 10-10-10. If we missed yours, please contact us at editor@chipsboston.com

Congratulations to the Gupta family!

Future skater

Mariel Alice Gupta

Born September 21, 2010

7 lbs 3 oz

To proud mom Toni and dad Samar



Big sisters Meghan and Madeline

Club JAC Halloween Party

Sunday October 24

1:00—3:00

Skate in costume

Enjoy spooky festivities!

It Takes Two: Meet Our Pairs!

The Veterans



Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir

Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir have been a team for a little over four years, and are the veterans of the SCOB Pairs program. A whopping 16" in height separate them (Simon is 6'4", and Marissa is 5') and set them apart physically from many of their competitors. They both love doing lifts, and it shows: Marissa's strength and fearless spirit make her look great when flying overhead on Simon's strong carries. The two enjoy inventing unique twists, lifts, and high throws together with their pairs coaches Bobby Martin, Sheryl Franks and Carrie Wall.

It's not just their height difference that set Marissa and Simon apart from their other Senior Pairs competitors. They love skating to what Simon calls non-conventional music, including this year's program to the Avatar soundtrack. "It's not a classical style by any means!" says Simon.

They're a friendly pair to skate with, and really love the way the SCOB has welcomed pairs into the daily schedule. Marissa calls the Club a "great training environment," adding "I really enjoy the energy in the rink." The team are doing a lot with that energy, working on a throw triple Axel which Simon notes Marissa has been landing in practice. They've been awarded two plum Grand Prix assignments, competing in Skate America and Skate Canada this fall.

Simon credits Bobby Martin for originally recommending he try pairs skating, and he recommends it to all skaters and athletes. **Chips** remembers Simon telling us backstage at Ice Chips this year that he uses only around 75% of his power in throwing Marissa, and he insists the combination of their different sizes and their complementary strengths make it "easy"

for them to do their difficult elements.

What are a few things you might not know about this pair? First, they share birthdays! (What are the statistical chances of that, **Chips** wonders?) Simon tells us that Marissa's a huge Disney fan, so we wonder if there's a Princess role in her future, and Simon, who was born in Moscow, is fluent in Russian. That should come in handy in future International assignments!

They've also had their first taste of movie acting, cast as (what else?) a pairs team in "The Cutting Edge 4: Fire and Ice" in which Marissa and Simon skated and had speaking parts. They filmed in Montreal in the spring of 2009, and the movie was released on TV this past Spring.

While neither still competes as singles skaters, they train their individual elements with Mark Mitchell and Peter Johansson, refine their edges with Ron Kravette and get choreography assistance from Diedre Williams, as well as strength training with Mike Cook.

The Sunshine Pair



Kloe Bautista and Tyler Harris

Kloe Bautista and Tyler Harris are one of the newest Pairs teams at the Club. Partnered just this Spring, Kloe moved here from Los Angeles after a tryout in Boston with Tyler. Even stepping on SCOB ice for the first time with Tyler, and taking their first crossovers together, Kloe's bright smile lit up the rink. It was clear she and Tyler, whose smile and allover demeanor is just as warm, would form a great partnership.

It Takes Two: Meet Our Pairs!

Competing together at the Junior Pairs level, and coached by Bobby Martin, Carrie Wall, and Sheryl Franks, with singles elements coaching from Mark Mitchell and Peter Johansson and off-ice training with Mike Cook, Kloe and Tyler have had immediate success. Each came to the partnership with previous pairs experience.

Kloe, whose favorite Pair move is Twist, says she became interested in Pairs because she grew up around pair skating at her home rink. "I always wanted to have someone lift and throw me into the air. It looked like so much fun! I definitely recommend it to skaters who are fearless and don't mind getting a few bumps and bruises along the way." That being said, the petite Kloe says she really relies on Tyler to put her safety above everything else when they are skating their elements. Tyler is a gracious partner, not only to Kloe but to young skaters he teaches. He's also known for always being on time.

What, besides their megawatt smiles, sets this pair apart from their competitors? Their short program, set to jazzy music, is a showstopper. They were asked to skate at a show in Lake Placid after skating together for just two months. Kloe says they're great friends and get along really well, which makes their training fun, yet they both have clear training goals which their coaches helped them set, follow and update.

Both Kloe and Tyler know what they want to get from skating, and the work it will take them to get there. They're now working on consistency on their triple twist, throw triple loop, and attacking their throw triple flip and toe. They keep a strong focus on their developing musicality and transitions. It'll be fun to see how all this hard work and talent pays off!

Just like brother and sister

If you were really lucky, you'd have a sister like **Alexandria (Alex) Shaughnessy** and a brother like **Jimmy Morgan**, the Novice Pairs team paired in February, 2009. Alex says Jimmy is like an older brother to her, who always knows how to make her de-stress at competitions and make her laugh. (We have to ask: Jimmy, are you available to help other skaters at events?)

This young team is beautiful to watch, which was evident to the Ice Chips 2010 audience in the opening ceremonies pairs number. They were also selected to participate in the filming of the upcoming movie RISE, premiering in February 2011, which will celebrate the rebirth of U.S. Figure Skating following the tragic US World Team plane crash in 1961.

Alex first thought about trying Pairs while working on her double axel on the pole harness with coach Bobby Martin. A former gymnast, she says lifts remind her of the high bars she

used to work on. She and Jimmy say communication and patience are both key to their success in working together and in learning new elements. "We have to be patient on everything, throws, twist, lifts, and the like," Alex says, and noting that her favorite Pairs move is a tossup between the double twist and death spirals, that patience is paying off.

As audience members, we can all imagine how hard Pairs skating must be, and why it's important for the teams to get along as well as Alex and Jimmy do. "Communication is key," she tells Chips, "It's really important to tell your partner how you feel during an element." After a bad fall (often for the girl) or a hit or kick (usually to the guy, Alex says) we need to ask, "'are you ok?' and move on. There's no time for moping!"



Jimmy Morgan and Alex Shaughnessy

Both originally singles skaters (Jimmy competed in the 2009-2010 season in Novice men singles and Alex continues to compete as a Junior lady), Alex and Jimmy are coached by Bobby Martin, Carrie Wall, Peter Johansson and Mark Mitchell. They work with Sheryl Franks for choreography and train off-ice with Mike Cook. They really like being part of the Pairs program at the SCOB because of the support system the teams give one another. "We always have someone to look up to and ask questions," Alex says, "the older teams are so patient with us and I really appreciate them."

Their competitive plans include Eastern Sectionals in November, and this summer found them busy doing well at the Indy Pairs Challenge, the Cranberry Open and Mid Atlantics, where they placed first.

It Takes Two: Meet Our Pairs!

The Cute Married Couple

Barb and Craig Burley started training for their Adult Bronze Pairs test around the Summer of 2009, but have been performing and competing as an "ISI Couple" for many years, including at the 2006 ISI Worlds in Marlboro as well as in many club and rink shows. They had their largest audience (so far!) during the 2006 ISI Worlds Benefit Exhibition, which also featured Emily Hughes, performing their first routine, "It's Never Too Late (To Fall In Love)" from "The Boyfriend".

While they've each continued competing and exhibiting as Singles, they've recently focused much of their skating on Pairs and Theatre on Ice. As members of "Imagica," the club's Adult Theatre on Ice team, Barb and Craig enjoyed their role in the team's 2010 Choreographic Exercise as the "happy couple" out for a stroll, singing in the rain (and doing a throw Waltz jump), when a thunderstorm forces them to seek shelter in an abandoned mansion that turns out to be haunted by zombies (their teammates), who ultimately convert them, accompanied by Michael Jackson's "Thriller". The moment of conversion was signaled by Craig lifting Barb into the air in her "zombie pose" -- their first "real" (though non-moving) lift! The Team's routine won first place in both the National and International Theatre on Ice competitions held in Troy, Ohio this past June, and was recently reprised for a show in Billerica.

Their interest in Pairs skating grew naturally from their enjoyment of similar activities, including singing and playing tennis together -- and, more recently, taking dance lessons and learning ballroom and jazz-dance routines as a couple. Barb and Craig train Pairs with coach Garrett Lucash, and love performing to light romantic songs that let them show off their personality as a couple.



Barb and Craig Burley

This season finds our Adult Pair focusing on learning the Pairs skills they need to continue to meet the needs of Imagica and working to pass the Adult Bronze Pair test.

Chips hopes to be able to feature our two other Pairs teams, **Gretchen Donlan and Andrew Speroff** and **Morgan Sowa and David Leenen**, in an upcoming issue.

Take care of those feet!

As skaters, our feet are at risk. Lots of hours in our skates, hundreds of jumps and spins each week, and off-ice training can all add up to foot trouble.

Marion Cepican of Skaters' Landing is bringing in Children's Hospital podiatrist Dr. Thomas Vorderer for a special, free workshop for parents and skaters on Sunday, October 24 at 2:30.

He will discuss Injury Prevention and Precautions necessary for skaters.

Parents can ask questions about proper foot support, and have their skaters' feet evaluated to see if orthotics will help them be their best. To sign up for this free workshop, or for more info, please contact Marion at marion@skaterslanding.com

Rise to the occasion!

RISE, the upcoming film celebrating United States Figure Skating will premiere in February 2011. The Skating Club will hold a gala event on February 19, 2011 to introduce the film to the Boston sports and arts Communities.

We need your help!

Do you have talent in promotion, marketing, gathering sponsors or auction items, event production or simply the desire to help?

This would be a great way to get to know the Club community, commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the 1961 plane crash that claimed the lives of our U.S. World team, and help bring the Skating Club recognition in the Boston community. Interested? Please contact editor@chipsboston.com

Meet Your Board

*Editor's Note: In this issue, President Joe Blount suggests you get involved in something at the Club that interests you, no matter how small that involvement is. Our volunteers are led by our Board of Governors, a group of 5 Officers and 10 Members. With this column, and follow-up planned in our next issue, **Chips** introduces you to the 2010-2011 Board. Say hello—and ask how them you can get involved!*

Jarshen Lin has been a member of the Skating Club for eight years and on the Board for four. He became involved in skating when his elder daughter, Jessica, first laced up her skates in the Club's LTS program. He jokes that he's a "public hazard" on skates, and after a month of skating alongside Jessica, he's left the skating to her and younger daughter



Jarshen Lin (with Jessica and Rebecca)

Rebecca. He considers his Board work a privilege, saying it's rewarding to serve the people you love and care for. He values the diverse backgrounds of the Board members and says the group works well together, and everybody learns from one another. Outside the Club, Jarshen is an internationally regarded Endodontist and one of the most well-loved faculty members at the Harvard Dental School, where he was

recently awarded a national educator award as well as the Dean's Community Service Award. His favorite activities here revolve around Ice Chips, which he has co-chaired for the past 5 years. He says he enjoys "every moment and every memory" of the huge production, especially because of all the members' involvement and importance in making the show succeed.

Warren Naphtal, Board Treasurer, has served the Board for 10 years (9 as Treasurer) and been a Club member for 13 years.

His two daughters, Emily and Rachael, are the reason Warren's become involved with skating, but they've not convinced him to give skates of his own a try. He really enjoys working with his fellow Board members, and helping to make a difference for the Club. A great volunteer, Warren's talents are not reserved for our skating club: he is also treasurer of U. S. Figure Skating and the Weston Skating Club. Somehow, Warren manages to do all this while traveling an astounding 350,000 miles a year for business – for those of you who're counting, that's 14 times around the world each year!

Joe Blount, President, has served the Board for 17 years, including 2 years as Vice President and 10 as President. He's been a member of the Club for 30 years, and originally became involved in skating when his daughter became serious about the

sport. He admits he did skate a bit when his family first became involved, but has since taken an active support role – and what a role! Joe has particularly enjoyed his



Joe Blount

involvement in Ice Chips, the event that really brings our membership together, working as Operations Manager for the 2001 U.S. Figure Skating Championships held here in Boston, and his current role spearheading our Long Range Plan toward a new facility that will support our need for growth. He finds watching the skaters develop their skills, and the Board's work in building programs to benefit all club members, especially rewarding.

Cindy Stevenson has been on the Board for four years, and joined the Skating Club in 1982. She recently became Board advisor to the Junior Activities Committee and also serves on the Finance Committee.



Cindy Stevenson

Cindy really enjoys working with the other volunteers on the Board, whom she calls "enthusiastic and tireless". An accomplished skater (Cindy passed her 8th Figure

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and Junior Free Skating tests while competing at the SCOB) she loves skating in Ice Chips every year, entertaining audiences in the Bostonians and Adult Freestyle numbers. In addition to keeping her feet in her skates, Cindy also takes a weekly jazz dance class and loves it!

Alisa Plazonja, Board Secretary, has served on the Board for more than 9 years and been a member of the Club for over 20. She started skating lessons when she was a little girl, drawn by the frozen pond in her neighborhood.



Alisa Plazonja

Alisa, who helps to keep Board meetings on track and make sure the team

accomplishes what it sets out to each month, says she enjoys being part of the (Board) community and being able to contribute her business skills to help us be a better organization. Some of her favorite volunteer experiences have been around Ice Chips – either working backstage or skating in a number, Alisa finds the energy of the show “amazing” and says it’s a great way to get to know fellow members better.

Jim McManus, Board Vice President, has served the Board for 5 years and joined the Club 7 years ago. The McManuses became a “skating family” when their eldest

daughter wanted to skate, and Jim is good on his feet as a Pre-Bronze Dancer and member of the Adult Theatre on Ice team Imagica.

He enjoys being able to serve the membership and provide programs that help support the Club’s skaters and families. Some of his most memorable assign-



Jim McManus, in meeting mode



Jim performing in Ice Chips 2010

ments at the Club involve working on the 2009 Eastern Sectional Championships and Chair of the Boston Open. Something you might not know about Jim? He’s an Eagle Scout!

Gloria Miner is in her 4th year on the Board, and joined the Club with her family 7 years ago. She grew up skating and says she always loved the feeling of gliding on the ice. When her son Ross was a toddler, he wasn’t interested in sitting and coloring, so the Miners got him moving on the ice. Gloria really likes the work the Board does toward the Club’s vision statement of support of

competitive skating and sportsmanship. She has particularly enjoyed her roles in the Ice Chips Quick Change area, House Committee, and awarding medals at the Basic Skills competitions. Gloria knows her way around the world: she spent 13 years after college as an international flight attendant before starting her career in travel management.



Gloria Miner

In our next issue, we’ll feature short profiles on Chairman of the Board Ben Wright and Members Tobey Choate, Kim Donlan, John Frieling, Barb Fritz, Bruce Munger, Suna Murray and Tammy Thierwechter.

Being mailed along with this issue of Chips is a Volunteer Form which Joe is asking that we all fill out. Many skating clubs have requirements that each member fulfill specific volunteer commitments; to date the SCOB has not made such a demand on its members.

Whether you’re interested in joining the Board, have a specific interest or talent such as helping with our website, writing for Chips, helping with a competition, or helping with the premiere of the upcoming film RISE, we can use your help. It’s a great way to meet fellow members and get more involved at a level that fits your schedule.

Take it from these Board members, all of whom have found that their volunteer involvement at the Skating Club is a rewarding way to give back to their community and make great friends in a sport they really love.

New Members

Family Members

**Ms. Mary Eliza Prun Renz
(Gabrielle Leitti, Mary Van Ness
Leitti)**

North Falmouth, MA
S. Murray / A. Munger

**Mrs. Connie Y.M. Chin
(Katherine A. Chin)**

Braintree, MA
S. Murray / T. Lescinski

**Dr. Hyan Jeong Kim
(Ye Jm Jeon)**

Lexington, MA
S. Murray / W. Naphtal

Introductory Members

**Ms. Deborah L. Block
(Alyssa)**

Jamaica Plain, MA
S. Murray / S. Zeppi

**Dr. Richard Bryan & Ms. Stephanie
Cibeu**

(Caitlin Bryan)
Needham, MA
L. Blount / A. Farkas

**Mr. Christopher & Dr. Debbie Col-
lier**

(Hazel, Lincoln, Violet)
Charlestown, MA
G. Miner / J. Wong

**Mr. Michael Doherty
(Gabriella)**

Boston, MA
E. Schran / M. Rowe

**Ms. Margery Meadow
(Ruth Meadow-MacLeod)**

Cambridge, MA
D. Capossela / R. Martin

**Mr. & Mrs. Shuji Morimoto (Seiko)
(Haruna, Ryunosuke)**

Arlington, MA
J. Lin / J. Wong

**Mr. & Mrs. Dima Orlova (Yulia)
(Alyssa, Damir)**

Belmont, MA
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**Mr. & Mrs. Michael Parker
(Meredith)
(Gemma)**

Charlestown, MA
E. Eisenhandler / S. Zeppi

**Ms. Mary Reynders
(Rebecca, Sydney)**

Newton, MA
M. Pastore / J. Lin

**Mrs. Michelle Roloff
(Alexandra)**

Boston, MA
M. Pastore / J. Lin

**Ms. Tatyana Rudnitskaya
(Lyvbov)**

Brighton, MA
M. Pastore / J. Lin

**Dr. Tomo Tarui & Dr. Tomoko
Kaneko-Tarui**

(Shun A., Yurika S.)
Brookline, MA
J. Lin / T. Lescinski

Junior Members

**Mr. Mullainy Fine
Dorset, VT**

S. Murray / R. Martin

Synchro Members

Miss Allegra Hawkins

Easton, MD
K. Fuller / M. Naphtal

Miss Devin Wang

San Ramon, CA
K. Fuller / M. Naphtal

Miss Alisha Blanchard

Townsend, MA
K. Fuller / M. Naphtal

Miss Amy Boerman

Shelburne, VT
K. Fuller / M. Naphtal

MetroWest Members

**Ms. Catherine Ward
(Stephanie)**

Marlboro, MA
K. Fuller / S. Meller

**Mrs. Felice Kahe-Scudder
(Amanda Scudder)**

Spencer, MA
C. Cotter / D. Volpicelli

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Winawer (Lori)
(Samantha)**

Sudbury, MA
D. Volpicelli / S. Meller

**Mr. & Mrs. Patrick McFarland
(Claire)**

Newtonville, MA
W. Naphtal / S. Franks

**Mr. Scott Murphy & Ms. Colleen
Lewis**

(Camden Murphy)
Belmont, MA
W. Naphtal / S. Franks

**Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Randall
(Deborah)**

(Kyle, Tori)
Newtonville, MA
W. Naphtal / S. Franks

**Mr. & Mrs. David Zinn (Laurie)
(Tatiana)**

Newton, MA
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Theatre on Ice

Mr. Michael Desclos

Danvers, MA
T. Lee / K. MacNichol

Team Excel News

Team Excel Development Program

With five synchronized skating teams already preparing for the season, team Excel is gearing up for the **beginner team's** season. With two teams building simultaneously in



Boston and in Marlborough, The Skating Club of Boston invites you to join. No experience is necessary, just come join the fun:

- Improve skating skills
- Make friends
- Learn the basics of teamwork
- Travel to competitions and show

Here are the details:

Beginner—Boston

The Skating Club of Boston , Saturdays on -ice training from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. off-ice conditioning from 6:10-6:55

Beginner - MetroWest

New England Sports Center in Marlborough, Sundays on-ice training from 4:20 - 4:50 p.m. off-ice conditioning from 5:00 -5:45 p.m.

To learn the basics or improve your skills:

Beginning Saturday Sept 25th at The Skating Club of Boston 2:10 - 2:40 p.m. for an additional \$10 per class

Beginning Sunday Sept 26th at The Skating Club of Boston as part of the learn to skate program 4:30-5:00 p.m (synchro lesson fee is already included in the learn to skate fee)

Interested in learning more? Email us at

ExcelSynchro@gmail.com



NOTICE: Calling all college students: Open Collegiate still holding tryouts. See the website for details www.excelsynchro.org

New Members, cont.

Membership Category changes

To Family

Mr. & Mrs. James Gennis
Ms. Bidisha Islam Khandaker
Mr. & Mrs. Photios Kim (Georgia)
Drs. Arthur Liberzon (Ella)

To Junior

Miss Loren Galler Rabinowitz

To MetroWest

Miss Jacqueline Raftery
Miss Kyra Fasano
Mr. Tianwei Liu & Ms. Jackie Zhou

To Single

Ms. Allison Sokoloff

To Non-Resident Single

Mr. Robert Withrow (Tehachapi, CA)

To Theatre on Ice

Mr. Douglas Grimes

Competition Results

Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships

Lake Placid, NY – July 24, 2010

Junior Free Dance Group B

Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin McManus – 3rd (60.53)

Senior Free Dance

Alison Carey and Ryan VanNatten – 10th (43.26)

Indy Pairs Challenge

Indianapolis, IN – July 30 - August 1, 2010

Senior Pairs Short Program

Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir – 4th (49.13)

Gretchen Donlan and Andrew Speroff – 5th (47.33)

Senior Pairs Free Skate

Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir – 4th (95.12)

Gretchen Donlan and Andrew Speroff – 7th (92.41)

Junior Pairs Short Program

Kloe Bautista and Tyler Harris – 6th (40.91)

Morgan Sowa and David Leenen – 10th (34.68)

Junior Pairs Free Skate

Kloe Bautista and Tyler Harris – 9th (70.86)

Morgan Sowa and David Leenen – 4th (77.40)

Novice Pairs Short Program

Alexandria Shaughnessy and James Morgan – 6th (31.38)

Novice Pairs Free Skate

Alexandria Shaughnessy and James Morgan – 6th (62.07)

National Showcase 2010

Hyannis, MA - August 5-7, 2010

Preliminary Dramatic, Group A

Victoria Faber – 6th

Preliminary Light, Group B

Victoria Faber – 8th

Production Ensembles

Encore of Boston – 3rd

US Collegiate Championships 2010

East Lansing, MI - August 12-13, 2010

Senior Men Short Program

Curran Oi – 2nd (57.50)

Senior Men Free Skate

Curran Oi – 2nd (115.10)

Senior Ladies Short Program

Brittney Rizo – 9th (35.69)

Senior Ladies Short Program

Brittney Rizo – 2nd (82.05)

Middle Atlantic Championships

New York, NY - September 10 - 12, 2010

Intermediate Ladies Final

Jessica Lin – 3rd

Heidi Munger – 8th

Victoria LoRusso – 12th

Intermediate Ladies Free Skate

Heidi Munger – 4th

Jessica Lin – 7th

Victoria LoRusso – 11th

Intermediate Ladies Short Program Group A

Jessica Lin – 2nd

Intermediate Ladies Short Program Group B

Heidi Munger – 3rd

Intermediate Ladies Short Program Group C

Victoria LoRusso – 3rd

Intermediate Men Short Program

Bennett Gottlieb – 4th

Intermediate Men Free Skate

Bennett Gottlieb – 2nd

Intermediate Men Final

Bennett Gottlieb – 3rd

Junior Pairs Short Program

Kloe Bautista and Tyler Harris – 1st

Morgan Sowa and David Leenen – 2nd

Junior Pairs Free Skate

Morgan Sowa and David Leenen – 1st

Kloe Bautista and Tyler Harris – 2nd

Junior Pairs Final

Kloe Bautista and Tyler Harris – 1st

Morgan Sowa and David Leenen – 2nd

Junior Ladies Short Program

Brooklee Han – 1st

Alexandria Shaughnessy – 5th

Taylor Foley – 8th

Rochelle Dost – 12th

Junior Ladies Free Skate

Alexandria Shaughnessy – 3rd

Brooklee Han – 5th

Rochelle Dost – 8th

Taylor Foley – 10th

Junior Ladies Final

Brooklee Han – 3rd

Alexandria Shaughnessy – 4th

Taylor Foley – 8th

Rochelle Dost – 9th

Junior Men Short Program

Harrison Choate – 1st

Junior Men Free Skate

Harrison Choate – 1st

Junior Men Final

Competition Results

Harrison Choate – 1st

Juvenile Girls Free Skate Group A

Rebecca Jacobs – 3rd
Isabelle Dost – 5th

Juvenile Girls Free Skate Group B

Jin Baseman – 4th

Juvenile Girls Free Skate Fi- nal

Rebecca Jacobs – 2nd
Jin Baseman – 8th

Novice Pairs Short Program

Alexandria Shaughnessy and James Mor-
gan – 1st

Novice Pairs Free Skate

Alexandria Shaughnessy and James Mor-
gan – 2nd

Novice Pairs Final

Alexandria Shaughnessy and James Mor-
gan – 1st

Novice Ladies Short Program Group A

Jenelle Herman - 1st
Rachel Zeppi – 8th

Novice Ladies Short Program Group B

Brianna Coviello – 2nd
Kayla Thierwechter – 9th

Novice Ladies Free Skate Final

Jenelle Herman - 1st
Brianna Coviello – 9th

Senior Pairs Short Program

Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir – 1st

Senior Pairs Free Skate

Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir – 1st

Senior Pairs Final

Marissa Castelli and Simon Shnapir – 1st

Senior Ladies Short Program

Olivia Gibbons – 8th

Senior Ladies Free Skate

Olivia Gibbons – 9th

Senior Ladies Final

Olivia Gibbons – 9th

Senior Men Short Program

Jason Wong – 1st
Ross Miner – 2nd
Kevin Coppola – 9th

Senior Men Free Skate

Ross Miner – 1st
Jason Wong – 3rd

Senior Men Final

Ross Miner – 1st
Jason Wong – 2nd

Providence Open

September 10 - 12, 2010

Juvenile Girls Free Skate, Group A

Maria Minaeva – 1st
Teodora Markova – 3rd

Intermediate Ladies Short Program, Group A

Christine Magill – 2nd
Caitlyn Smith – 4th

Intermediate Ladies Short Program, Group B

Olivia Pastore – 1st
Colleen MacInnis – 6th

Senior Ladies Short Program

Carly Milden – 2nd

Intermediate Ladies Free Skate, Group A

Olivia Pastore – 2nd
Colleen MacInnis – 4th

Christine Magill – 5th

Intermediate Ladies Free Skate, Group B

Jacqueline Raftery – 7th

Juvenile Girls Free Skate, Group B

Julia Rapela – 4th
Alexandra Iovanna – 5th
Giorgina Giampaolo – 6th
Alanna Kubik – 7th
Amber Wolf – 9th
Tori Rotella – 11th
Cassandra Cole – 12th
Lindsey Stevenson – 13th

Competitive Test Track Inter- mediate Ladies Free Skate

Caitlin Kwan – 1st

Beginner Girls Group A IR

Lily Schaeffer – 1st

Beginner Girls Group B IR

Abigail Russo – 1st
Caroline DiPietri – 2nd

Competitive Test Track Juvenile Girls

Katie Rosen – 1st

Beginner Girls Final Round

Abigail Russo – 1st
Caroline DePietri – 2nd
Lily Schaefer – 4th

Competitive Test Track Pre- Preliminary Girls

Catria Catania – 3rd
Annabelle Rie – 4th

Pre-Preliminary Girls Final Round

Kassandra Carpentier – 1st

Adult Bronze Ladies

Kristen Ervick – 3rd

International Competition Results

ISU Junior Grand Prix France

*Courchevel, France – August 25 – 28,
2010*

Junior Ladies – Short Program

Yasmin Siraj – 6th (42.72)

Junior Ladies – Free Skate

Yasmin Siraj – 2nd (97.92)

Junior Ladies – Final Placement

Yasmin Siraj – 2nd (140.64)



Yasmin holds her silver medal in France

Junior Ice Dance – Short Dance

Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin
McManus – 3rd (45.81)

Junior Ice Dance – Free Dance

Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin
McManus – 4th (62.8)

Junior Ice Dance – Free Dance

Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin
McManus – 2nd – (108.61)

ISU Junior Grand Prix Japan

*Karuizawa, Japan – September 23 – 26,
2010*



Anastasia and Colin take silver in France

Junior Ice Dance – Short Dance

Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin
McManus – 4th (48.47)

Junior Ice Dance – Free Dance

Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin
McManus – 4th (70.74)

Junior Ice Dance – Free Dance

Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin
McManus – 2nd – (119.21)

Nebelhorn Trophy

*Oberstdorf, Germany – September 23 –
26, 2010*

Men – Short Program

Jason Wong – 11th (55.00)

Men – Free Skate

Jason Wong – 7th (124.55)

Men – Final Placement

Jason Wong – 8th (179.55)

Pairs – Short Program

Gretchen Donlan and Andrew Speroff –
4th (46.04)

Pairs – Free Skate

Gretchen Donlan and Andrew Speroff –
4th (89.54)

Pairs – Final Placement

Gretchen Donlan and Andrew Speroff –
4th (135.48)

Ice Dance – Short Dance

Brooke Frieling and Lionel Rumi (ISR) –
14th (37.47)

Ice Dance – Free Dance

Brooke Frieling and Lionel Rumi (ISR) –
13th (59.79)

Ice Dance – Final Placement

Brooke Frieling and Lionel Rumi (ISR) –
13th (97.26)

ISU Junior Grand Prix Great Britain

*Sheffield, Great Britain – September 29
– October 2, 2010*

Junior Ladies – Short Program

Yasmin Siraj – 2nd (55.66)

Junior Ladies – Free Skate

Yasmin Siraj – 2nd (106.09)

Junior Ladies – Final Placement

Yasmin Siraj – 2nd (161.75)

Ondrej Napela Memorial

*Bratislava, Slovakia – September 30 –
October 2, 2010*

Ice Dance – Short Dance

Brooke Frieling and Lionel Rumi (ISR) –
10th (33.87)

Ice Dance – Free Dance

Brooke Frieling and Lionel Rumi (ISR) –
9th (53.69)

Ice Dance – Final Placement

Brooke Frieling and Lionel Rumi (ISR) –
9th (87.56)

Club Calendar

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Dinner	16
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting	21	22 Dinner	23
24 Halloween Party, New member Orientation, Vorderer event	25	26	27	28	29 Sectionals Send-Off	30

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 NEICC Seminar	8 LTS Session starts	9	10	11	12	13
14 New Member Orientation	15	16	17	18	19	20 LTS starts, Blades and Balloons
21 LTS Session starts	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving	26 Reunion Dinner	27
28	29	30	1	2	3 Junior Nat'l's Send Offs	