

Twin Bays Skating Club

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September 2008

Calendar of Events

Sept. 10 to 26..... Pre-Fall Session @ Howe
Sept. 13..... Free 'Learn to Skate' @ Howe
Sept. 29..... Fall/Winter Session begins
Sept. 29.....Mandatory Ice Etiquette Meet
Oct. 5.....Optimist Club Bowl-a-Thon
Oct. 7.....Ice Show Meeting @ 5:00
Nov. 15.....Younkers Community Day
Nov. 22.....Santa Sale @Center Ice
Dec. 20.....**TBSC Holiday Exhibition 11a-12:50p**
March 13/14, 2009.....TBSC Annual Ice Show

MANDATORY ICE ETIQUETTE MTG:

Come laugh, learn and eat free pizza at the Mandatory Ice Etiquette meeting on Sept. 29 at 6:00pm. All skaters High and Low must attend. IF you are unable to come, you will need to see a board member to not only get the info missed but, also obtain permission to skate on TBSC ice. So, Please come and enjoy!!

Red Wings & Prospects Camp – Sept. 13-23

Hockey players will begin to arrive on September 10 for another exciting Red Wings' Training Camp at Centre Ice. Tickets are still available for some of the games – see <http://www.redwingstrainingcamp.com/> for info. Come watch the 2008 Stanley Cup Champions!

Get an early jump on your 2008-09 TBSC volunteer hours by helping at the camp. Drivers are needed to pick up and deliver players' laundry (vans will be provided) during the camp.

- ◆ 3 shifts per day for 10 days (9/13 to 9/23; pick your days & shifts)
 - ◆ Work 2 shifts and have a personal item autographed by a Red Wing skater
- Sign-up sheet is posted in the TBSC hallway or contact Stephanie to sign up

Upcoming Fundraisers:

***Red Wings Jersey (signed by whole team) raffle** – sell tickets for \$1 each or 6/\$5.

***Synchro Bake Sales at Sam's Club** – watch for upcoming dates. 15% of profit from these fundraisers goes to the general fund and 85% of the skater's profit *goes to that skater's account.

***Optimist Club bowl-a-thon**, Oct. 5. Free pizza and bowling!! Skaters will need to solicit pledges for bowling. 80% of the profit will go to the skater.

***Younker's Community Day** Nov 15.

***Expedition Traverse** starting soon – sell each for \$20, \$17.50 profit to TBSC 15% to TBSC general fund; 85% to your skater's account. Chairperson needed for the Expedition Traverse fundraiser.

Santa Sale - Nov. 22

Turn old into gold!!! Turn in slightly used skating apparel and equipment with name, size, price and deliver to Community Room at Centre Ice by 8:30am 11/22. **Craft activity** for skaters – decorate your own felt "Christmas ornament". Ornaments will be used for decorations during the Annual Holiday Exhibition and then returned to you.

Ice Show 2009

The Theme has been decided!! This year we will be doing a Fantasy/Bedtime Stories theme. We have not decided on a title though, please send your ideas to: Mary Roxbury meroxbury@yahoo.com or write it down and place it in the Ice Show Chair box at the rink. Your ideas are greatly appreciated! Ice Show Packet will be out very soon. The next meeting will be Oct. 7th, 5:00 at Espresso Bay by Centre Ice. **Eligibility.**



Please reference the attached notice of eligibility for the 2009 Ice Show.

Basic Skills Corner

Free “**Learn to Skate**” clinic on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 9am to 9:50am at Howe Arena. Bring a friend or two (or three)! Participants in the clinic who sign up for the TBSC fall Basic Skills session on the day of the clinic will receive a **discount** on their registration for that fall Basic Skills session. The regular Learn to Skate/Basic Skills program will begin on September 29 (at Centre Ice). Classes will be held on Mondays or Saturdays.

Volunteers are needed. Help other parents by answering their questions about skates, coaches, ice time, and any other wacky thing that may come about! Volunteers please arrive at 8:00 am.

Basic Skills will begin on: Monday, Sept. 29 6pm or Saturday, Oct. 4, 10:30am. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting season!

TBSC COACHING STAFF

Senior/Professional Coaches

Cassie Grimm 360-1062
Lauren Kelly 947-1074
Ann Manning 933-5396
Heidi Masse 392-1054
Laurent Masse' 360-0264
Stephanie Miller 409-1997
Courtney Phillips 499-7118
Domonique Vizzini (248) 931-0904

Basic Skills Coaches

Jean Hamill 929-3829
Francine Keene 275-3138
Susi Pilath 271-6341

Junior Coaches

Savannah Burke 633-2002

Assistant Coaches

Elizabeth Roach – 499-0488
Amanda Shoemaker – 631-4230
Allison VanderKolk – 645-1658

Junior Coaches may teach private lessons on **Basic Skills and low freestyle sessions** at a rate of pay not to exceed \$25/hour. They may teach Freestyle, moves, and/or ice dance (as appropriate to own skating experience) and may choreograph a number in the Ice Show.

Assistant Coaches must be at least 16 years old and may teach private lessons only on basic skills ice time at a rate of pay not to exceed \$17.50/ hour.

Senior Coaches may teach any skating discipline (dependent upon their own experience) on any TBSC session. Senior Coaches determine their own rates - please check with them individually.

High Dance and Moves

The requirements have changed for High Dance/Moves. **For this year** req. are “working on intermediate moves or higher OR passed pre-silver dance/working on silver dance or higher. – If you wish to add this session, please submit a new registration form marked “updated form” to Cathy (skaters may only practice intermediate, novice, junior, or senior moves OR silver, pre-gold, or gold dance on this session).

Test Session

Practice, Practice, Practice.....Because there will be a test session in November or December. Dates and times still to be determined.

Lauri Maki Medical Fund

In addition to all of the volunteer work she has done for Figure Skating elsewhere, Laura Maki has judged numerous test sessions at TBSC and has been the TC Cherry Classic Competition referee since its beginning. She was recently diagnosed with cancer and has no medical insurance. She has been unable to work due to treatment. This is why TBSC has pledged to contribute to a fund for her medical and living expenses on a monthly basis. Please put checks made out to “Laura Maki Medical Fund” in Courtney’s mailbox by the end of each month to help Laura Make.

Advertise @Howe

We are still looking for donations, or sponsors to help advertise TBSC Basic Skills Program on the dasher boards at Howe arena. This would help our club out in a BIG way with bringing in new clientele ie bring down the cost of ice!!!! So, please think about helping and promoting our wonderful club!

Budget

TBSC is still facing a projected deficit. If you plan to **add any sessions**, please do so prior to Oct. 7 as decisions will be made regarding necessary session cuts at the Oct. 14 board meeting.



Newsletter Articles

To save money, the TBSC newsletter is e-mailed only. You may also view it at www.twinbays.org. To submit an article, e-mail Domonique at dvizzini@comcast.net or drop off copy in the newsletter mailbox in the TBSC office. Deadline is the 2nd Friday of the month. TBSC reserves the right to alter submissions for space purposes.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, at 5:15pm
Centre Ice Community Room

Note: Most Club communication is done via email. Please be sure we have your current email address. Please send any changes to maryvk07@charter.net

TBSC ICE SHOW GUIDELINES/SKATER CRITERIA
ICE SHOW 2009

All skating levels will be based on the USFS tests passed by the skater as of 45 days from the August/Sept. TBSC test session. Skaters may test at a different club up to 45 days after the Aug/Sept. TBSC test session. Once the above deadlines have passed, no exceptions will be made to any of the following criteria! (Criteria for ice shows may change year to year.) **TBSC skaters must be currently taking lessons from a TBSC coach on TBSC ice during the entire fall/winter session, signed up for regular TBSC ice time, and actually skating the sessions in the discipline specified in each of the following numbers.** Skaters must register for and pay the ice show registration fee for each number that they wish to participate in (and are qualified for) by the Ice Show registration deadline in October. For the skater to be allowed to skate in the ice show, all accounts including fees for coaching, designer costumes, etc. must be paid in full by the ice show payment deadline.

For FS solos, FS groups, High School number, and/or Ice Theater Ensembles, skaters must be registered for at least one TBSC FS session and be taking FS lessons from a TBSC coach on TBSC ice during the entire fall/winter session.

Freestyle Solos: Skaters must have passed Junior Moves and Intermediate Freestyle or be a High School Senior who has passed Pre-Juvenile Freestyle and Juvenile Moves. Once a skater meets regular solo requirements, she/he is expected to continue to take consistent lessons with a TBSC coach and improve/expand their skills by continuing to test and/or compete in order to continue to be spotlighted in the Ice Show in subsequent years. Solos will be a maximum of 2.0 minutes.

Groups of 2 or more: Skaters must have passed Juvenile Moves and Juvenile Freestyle. Maximum of 1.45 minutes.

Groups of 3 or more: Skaters must have passed Juvenile Moves and Preliminary Freestyle. Maximum of 1.45 minutes.

Groups of 4 or more: Skaters below Juvenile Moves but passed Advanced Beginner. Maximum of 1.45 minutes.

High School Number: Any skater in 9th through 12th grade who has passed Juvenile Moves. The skater does not have to be on the High School Team to participate.

High Ice Theater Ensemble: Skaters must have passed Juvenile Moves and Preliminary Freestyle and be registered for High Ice Theater for the entire fall/winter session. No highlighting of individual skaters is allowed.

Low Ice Theater Ensemble: Skaters must be registered for Low Ice Theater for the entire fall/winter session. No highlighting of individual skaters.

For Dance Solos & Ensembles, skaters must be taking ice dance lessons with a TBSC dance coach on TBSC ice during the entire fall/winter session & be actively involved/progressing in Dance by testing within the past 1.5 years

Dance Solos: Skaters must have passed Junior Moves and at least one (1) Pre-Gold Dance. The dance solo can be done with or without a partner (partner would be at the expense of the skater). The length of the program would not exceed 2.0 minutes. This solo must meet the USFS technical requirements for the Free Dance for the current year and be choreographed by a dance coach or a dance choreographer.

- If a skater meets the qualifications for both a dance and a FS solo, the skater may perform one solo only (Dance OR FS).

High Ice Dance Ensemble: Skaters must have passed at least one (1) Silver Dance and be currently working on other Silver Dances or higher

Intermediate Ice Dance Ensemble: Skaters must have passed all Pre-Bronze Dances and be currently working on Bronze Dances or higher.

Synchronized Teams: Each established team will perform their programs.

Advanced Beginner: Skaters must be registered in Advanced Beginner for at least one 6-week session during fall/winter session AND be signed up for Ice Show Advanced Beginner number by the beginning of the 3rd session. Maximum time is 1.45 minutes. **Skaters may participate in an Advanced Beginner OR a Basic Skills OR a Freestyle number.**

Basic Skills: Must be signed up for at least one 6-week basic skills session AND be signed up for Ice Show Basic Skills number by the beginning of the 3rd session. All class periods have one large number that is then subdivided to allow skaters to perform at their level. This is done in the choreography. The costume will be the same for each Basic Skills day.

TBSC will pay senior coaches \$25/hr and junior coaches \$17.50/hr for their coaching time for Ice Theater, High School, Advanced Beginner, and Basic Skills numbers. Skaters will be individually billed by the coaches for all other numbers at the coach's prevailing hourly rate.