



Moray Figure Skating Club

MFSC Newsletter Number 4 – October 2016

Unveiling of New Sign



We are pleased to inform you all of the new sign erected at the ice rink of Moray Leisure Centre on Wed 19 Oct 2016. Money raised by the fundraising committee was used to pay for its production. I think you will agree it looks fantastic.

VOLUNTEERS

We are still desperately short of volunteers to assist with Skate UK/Star on Saturdays. If you (Skate UK/Star/Competitive parents/family) are willing to give up some of your time to help, please give your names to any committee member at the rink.

Christmas Gala

The Christmas Gala will take place on Fri 16 Dec at 6.00 – 8.00 pm and Sat 17 Dec 2.15 – 4.15 pm.

To best prepare for the gala, rehearsal time has had to be factored in to the timetable. As a result, we will amend skating timings as follows:

Skate UK/Star with effect 29 Oct 16

GROUP LESSONS

Level 1 & 2	1045 - 1105
Level 3 & 4	1105 - 1125
Level 5 & 6	1125 - 1145
Level 7 & 8	1145 - 1205
Bronze, Silver & Gold	1205 - 1225

Rehearsals	1225 – 1315
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Competitive Squad

The competitive squad will commence rehearsals with effect from 23 Oct 16 and will replace the Sunday group lessons. The rehearsals will be:

Group 1 – 2	1130 – 1230
Group 3 – 4	1015 – 1115

It is hoped to conduct a full dress rehearsal before the Gala dates, but this is TBC. If the dress rehearsal is confirmed, this will be opened up to groups and institutions to attend at a discounted price.

Skaters will be expected to participate and attend ALL rehearsal sessions.

COFFEE MORNING - SUCCESS

Our fundraising coffee morning on Saturday 10 September in the North Church Hall, Buckie was a great success. We would like to thank the fundraising committee for arranging the event and to all the helpers that supported us directly and indirectly. A special thank you must also go to **Buckie**

Tesco for all their donations and in particular to Community Champion, Sam, who helped out before and during the fundraiser. Thank you.

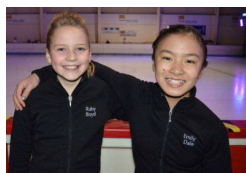


BRITISH QUALIFIERS

Two of our competitive skaters, Emily Dale and Ruby Boyd have qualified for the British Championship to be held in Sheffield in Nov/Dec 2016.

In a cruel twist of fate, Emily, her mum and dad were involved in a serious road traffic accident that precludes her from taking part in the competition or further training for the time being with the Team GB Development Squad.

We wish them all a speedy recovery.



Good luck Ruby.

Aberdeen Open Skating Competition

Some members of the competition squad participated in a National level competition at the Lynx Ice Arena, Aberdeen, between Fri 14 and Sun 16 Oct 2016.

In another outstanding competition, we saw the squad collect a plethora of achievements including three gold, four silver and three bronze medals. In addition to the podium placings, we also saw the majority improve their personal best scores.



WELL DONE TO ALL OUR COMPETITIVE SKATERS.

Club Fees - REMINDER

Most clubs operate a system where you pay in advance and we too have reluctantly been forced into taking this action. MFSC is required to pay for the ice in advance and weekly payments do not cover the payment options offered to us. We as a club regardless of how many attend, still have the same bill to pay to Moray Leisure Centre and our coaches.

Payment is per month and fees will be taken at the first session of every month. Thank you for your understanding.

Our preferred method of payment is by bank transfer to: MFSC, Bank of Scotland, Sort Code 80-06-66, Account Number 00106474. (Please quote member name as reference.) We also accept online payments, SO, cheque and cash.

Diary Dates

5 November 2016 – Bonspiel – **NO SKATE**
UK/STAR

17 December 2016 – Christmas Gala commencing
at 2.15 pm

29 November - 4 December 2016 – British
Championship, Sheffield

7 – 9 April 2017 – International Bon Spiel – **NO**
ICE SKATING

10 December 2016 – Bonspiel – **NO SKATE**
UK/STAR

8 April 2017 – Ladies Dinner Night – Elgin City
Function Room

16 December 2016 – Christmas Gala
commencing at 6.00 pm

SKATE UK/STAR – LEVEL PROGRESSION

For the first time we are putting your names in the newsletter. Every newsletter we will be showing Skate UK/Star progressing through different levels. All we ask is that you let a member of the committee know at the front desk when you have passed a level. If you do not tell us, we cannot add your name.

Congratulations to the following skaters who passed:

LEVEL ONE: Pam Cantrill, Francesca Cleevely, Emily Peace, Oliver Peace, Mikey McDonald

LEVEL TWO: Pam Cantrill, Francesca Cleevely, Emily Peace, Oliver Peace, Mikey McDonald

LEVEL THREE: Charlotte Green, Louise Green, Pam Cantrill, Francesca Cleevely, Mikey McDonald

LEVEL FOUR: Zahra Fyvie, Mikey McDonald, Pam Cantrill

LEVEL FIVE: Freya Moore, Mikey McDonald, Pam Cantrill

LEVEL SIX: Emily Wright

BRONZE: Libby Anscombe, Alex Aylott

GOLD: Ellis Cockburn, David Anderson

CHRISTMAS GALA

VOLUNTEERS TO HAND OUT FLYERS

Are you free on the following dates and times to help distribute flyers to promote our Christmas Gala:

Elgin Bonfire and Fireworks Display – 5 November 2016 (18:30 to 20:00)
Buckie Christmas Kracker and Light Switch On – 19 November 2016 (10:00 to 17:30)
Elgin Christmas Light Switching On – 26 November 2016 (14:00 to 15:00)
Lossiemouth Christmas Light Switching On – 26 November 2016 (TTBC)

Please speak to any committee member if you can assist and we will tell you the exact details.

A poster for the Moray Figure Skating Club's Christmas on Ice Gala. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes. At the top, it says 'MORAY FIGURE SKATING CLUB Presents CHRISTMAS ON ICE GALA'. In the center, a large red circle contains the text 'On Friday 16 Dec 2016 @ 6.00pm & Saturday 17 Dec 2016 @ 2.15pm at the Ice Rink, Moray Leisure Centre, Elgin'. Below the circle, it says 'Doors open 30 minutes before start time'. At the bottom left, there is a section for 'Tickets Available:' with online and phone contact information, and a table of ticket prices. At the bottom right, there is a section for 'Prices:' with a list of ticket types and their costs. At the very bottom, there is contact information for enquiries.

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Presents
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ICE GALA**

On
Friday 16 Dec 2016 @ 6.00pm
&
Saturday 17 Dec 2016 @ 2.15pm
at the
Ice Rink, Moray Leisure Centre, Elgin

Doors open 30 minutes
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Tickets Available:
Online: www.morayfigureskatingclub.co.uk
Sound & Vision, South Street, Elgin
Moray Leisure Centre every:

Friday	17.00 to 19.30
Saturday	10.00 to 13.30
Sunday	07.45 to 13.45

Prices:

Premium Seats	£12
General Seats	£10
Concessions - Over 65's & under 12's	£8
Children under 3 (on knee)	Free

Enquiries:
christmasgala@morayfigureskatingclub.co.uk
Mike - 07974 387326 & Lesley - 07771 576252

Chocolate and Bottle Stall

As part of our fundraising activities, we will be holding a chocolate and bottle stall on both dates of the Gala. We would welcome any donations in the run up to the gala at any of the skating sessions. We therefore appeal to your kindness and generosity in your giving.

Christmas Raffle

We will be selling raffle tickets in the run up to the gala with the draw-taking place on Saturday 17 December 2016 after the second gala performance. To try and generate interest, we will be asking you all to try and sell some tickets for us; cost is £2 per ticket. The first prize this year is an Apple Watch.

Again we would encourage you to sell as many as you can.

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