


**Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club**  
**Newsletter**

**May/June 2008**

**Message from the President**

I know many of you are happy that school will be out in just a couple of weeks. (Many are counting the days.) I hope you all have a fun summer, while continuing to work hard in your sport, and lots of fun times with friends both at the rink, during your summer travels, and at home.

Thank you for electing me to serve as your club president. I thank each of the past and current board members for ALL of their hard work, friendship, and support - they make me look good!! Have a great summer!!!

See ya' around the rink -   
*Rene' Bloom*, President

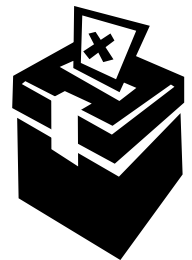
**Welcome to our NEWEST board members!**

Howard Andrews	Rink Liaison
Molly Gorny	Vice President - Testing
Pam Wichmann	Hospitality
Lisa Opersteny	Social Chair
Roger Davis	Vice-President - Membership

**Returning board members:**

Ting Chau	Fundraising
Jennifer Simon	Sanction Chair
Margie Mims-Collins	Member-at-Large
Teresa Wilson	Secretary
Christy de la Mora	Treasurer
Rene' Bloom	President

Thanks to everyone who voted and attended the Annual General Membership Meeting. Stay tuned for some great summer activities that our board is planning for the club! More details to come soon!



**Club By-Laws revisions**

Ballots to vote for or against the proposed changes in the by-laws must be returned by **June 12, 2008**. Please see the "forms" section of the website for more details. They are also posted on the TGCFCSC bulletin board with ballots available in the pockets.

## Competition News

Congratulations to our club skaters that competed at Skate Dallas. Results from this competition can be linked from the competition page of our website. We are proud of ALL our skaters! Keep up the good work. Many of you are preparing for the Bluebonnet Open in Austin and we wish you the best of luck! Take a look at where Texas Gulf Coast FSC is sending skaters this summer! We will post results on the website when they are announced.



Bluebonnet Open	Austin, Tx.	June 5 - 8
Broadmoor Open	Colorado Springs	June 24-29
Theatre on Ice	Burlington, VT	June 27 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Nationals
Theatre on Ice	Burlington, VT	June 28 - 13 <sup>th</sup> International
Liberty Open	Philadelphia	July 15-19
Skate Detroit	Detroit, MI	July 23-26
Cactus Classic	Scottsdale, AZ	July 18-20



The following board members can sign entry forms for competitions:  
René Bloom, Christy de la Mora, Roger Davis, Molly Gorny, or Teresa Wilson.

## TESTING NEWS

\*\*Special "Thank You" goes to *Dick Young* for all of his announcing for our TGCFSC test sessions. He has volunteered countless hours to the club and will be missed at our test sessions. Also a BIG "Thank You" to Ruth Wismeg for taking care of our hospitality for the last couple of years! She will be greatly missed - along with those breakfast tacos!

Mark your calendars for the next test session - July 13<sup>th</sup>. All forms for the July testing date are due by June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the August 17<sup>th</sup> test session date has been moved to September 7<sup>th</sup>.

## LOOK WHO'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY IN MAY!

Sam Fenwick	5/25	Jessica Hirsch	5/8
Cami Hayes	5/2	Zoe Kanan	5/18
Sophie LaMay`	5/12	Sofie Mifsud	5/14
Joseph Lee	5/23	Kevin Wu	5/10
Laura Mullen	5/22		



## LOOK WHO'S HAVING A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE!

Kali Kirkpatrick	6/27	Emelia Bartusiak	6/23
Kaylie Mims	6/6	Meg Maddox	6/15
Jennifer Wang	6/24	Christina Zubareva	6/6
BJ Conrad	6/24		



### **S.T.A.R.S. Program comes to Sugar Land!**

S.T.A.R.S. stands for "Skater Talent and Athleticism Recognition System" Several of our club skaters participated in this inaugural program introduced by US Figure Skating Association. Over 20 competitive skaters, Intermediate level and below were evaluated on their strength, balance, agility, endurance, and flexibility. Read more about this program on the [www.usfsa.org](http://www.usfsa.org) website under "programs."

### **TGCFSC 2009 Membership is due June 30, 2008**

Membership forms/packets will be available soon and posted on the website, on the bulletin board, and in the music room on Rink B. Stay posted!!

### **What's Happening Around the Rink.....**

- Congratulations to Sophia La May for being named to US Figure Skating envelope C for 2008-2009 season.
- Sophia La May and Nina Jiang will be representing the United States at different competitions - both in Canada in August. Awesome ladies!!!
- May 31<sup>st</sup> 9am-4pm there is a workshop for Pre-Pre and up training skaters. See the pro-shop for registration forms and to sign up. The cost is \$95.00 and deadline to register is May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Rachael Downing made Drum Major at school for her Junior year next year!!
- Mandy Benavides received 2 awards from her school, one in Culinary Arts and one from FCCLA. Check out her quote in the current issue of Skating Magazine where she talks about HITS! Way to go Mandy!
- Congratulations to Lauren Friederman for making the Advanced Dance Team at her school. Super job Frank!
- Congratulations to Jenny Carson! She was accepted to HSPVA for piano.



## 2008 Seniors Moving On - Good Luck - We will Miss You!

Hannah Bisewski is going to University of Texas and was accepted into the Honors Program. Sam Fenwick is going to University of Denver. Mandy Benavides will be attending the Culinary Arts Institute; Megan Holmberg is headed to Texas Tech University. Nicole Hammonds is off to University of Illinois. Gigi Avila is moving to Washington D.C. to attend American University. Melissa Hervey will be attending Blinn College in Bryan, Tx. Zoe Kanan, Savannah Miller and Jackie Nguyen are currently undecided.

\*\*Come celebrate these seniors at a special "send - off" party during club ice on August 8 on Rink B at 6:50pm in their honor.

## SUPER SUMMER SKATE PARTY



**Friday June 13, 2008 at 5:30pm on Rink B!**

All members of TGCFCSC are invited for this kick off to summer club ice. Club ice will be earlier this date only but club ice for the summer will be on rink B starting this night - for the rest of the summer. See the party flyer on the bulletin board. Please see TGCFCSC social chair Lisa Opersteny with any questions or to volunteer. Come have some summer skating fun!

