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News Mail from OSC

Welcome to the 2009/10 Skating Season

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to a new skating season at OSC. Once again we are looking forward to an exciting year with lots of competitions, exhibitions and other fun events. This season we would like to keep you informed about what's hot and what's not at OSC, so this is the first of several *News Mails from OSC* that we plan to send out on a regular basis.

We have Five Teams!

Summer Sundays are over, and we had some time to assemble our synchronized skaters into five teams, all of which will skate under the rules of USFS. This season we will have two beginner teams, *Beginner-1 Team* (9 skaters) and *Beginner-3 Team* (8 skaters). Gianna Goode, who was Assistant Coach for the Intermediate Team last season, will coach *Beginner-1 Team* as well as our *Open Juvenile Team* (13 skaters). Rachel Funk continues to coach the *Intermediate Team* (16 skaters) and will also be in charge of our new *Preliminary Team* (12 skaters). We have a coach in mind for the *Beginner-3 Team* and are currently confirming her availability; the person we wanted originally was not able to take on the responsibility because of a massive conflict with her Miami schedule. We'll keep you posted once we have a coach for that team. To learn more about the various USFS team levels check out the USFS website at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Shell.asp?sid=20401>.

A Pitch for the Website

Our website is a great source of information, and we are working to keep it up to date at all times. As the season goes on, we'll post team news, fundraising opportunities, freestyle competitions, updates to schedules and calendars. And you are able to pay your team fees and travel expenses via PayPal or major credit card without leaving the comfort of your home. You say you don't know how to get in touch of all the people that are mentioned in this letter? You can find all the email addresses and phone numbers of these folks on the *OSC People* page of the OSC website.

Don't Forget to Renew your ISI Membership

Please renew your skater's ISI membership no later than Aug 31, 2009. You can do that easily at the ISI website (<http://www.skateisi.org>). For detailed instructions please go to the OSC website (<http://www.oxfordskateclub.com>).

Wednesday Ice program

Two years ago we initiated our Wednesday Ice program with a combination of off-ice and on-ice small-group instruction for skaters, as well as some ice time for some of our fearless adult skaters. We are working to put together another version of this quite popular program. Keep watching the OSC webpage and your email in-box for announcements later this month.

We have a New Board

As every year we start the new season with electing a new Board of Directors. We had two openings on the Board, and I would like to welcome Emily Curry and Tim Lehman to the Board; they are taking over the seats of Patti Malin and Julie Ruggaard, and we are all looking forward to their contributions. Janet Cox, who was our Membership Chair for many years, handed over the baton to Julie Ruggaard. While Layne Listerman continues to be our Team Travel Chair for this year, she will be shadowed by Jerry Moore and Mike Jernigan for an easier transition once Layne will leave this position. In the same spirit, Emily Curry has volunteered to help Faith Daley running the USFS Test Sessions to learn from the expert. Karen Dickey, our Synchro Chair is also looking for someone to look her over the shoulders – are you interested? Just send her an email. In the name of the entire Club I wish to thank Patti, Julie, Janet, and also Krista Short, our Past President, for their diligent work for the Club.

And Now a Word from our Treasurer

Everyone should have received their first team fees invoice via email. The Email will come from *Oxford Skating Club, Inc.* [murraypr@muohio.edu] with your statement as a PDF attachment. If you did not receive an email from *Oxford Skating Club, Inc.* by now, please contact our Treasurer, Paula Murray, asap.

All monthly payments should continue as discussed in our June Parent Meeting & Team Information to avoid late fees. This does include July and August payments. The original payment amounts were outlined in the team briefs.

Any payments made by check or by PayPal you will see reflected on your new statements. Those of you who helped with the Swim Meet in July will also see “Swim Meet Crystal Credits” applied to your outstanding balance. By the way, those volunteers earned a total of \$500 off of fees, our highest earnings ever from one meet! Watch for more of those opportunities this fall; according to Angie Meyers, the Mums sale and the Braided Bread Fundraiser are coming up next!

If anyone has any questions after receiving their statements, please feel free check with Paula. As always, to avoid these bothersome little monthly emails from your friendly treasurer, you may always pay your balance in full, however you may not postpone monthly payments to do so. We are a cash basis operation, meaning the expenses incurred by our club each year for your skaters are covered by our fees collected or by funds raised by its members.

The Need for Volunteers!

As every year, we have two big fundraising events in the fall: the Skate Sale on October 24, and the Holiday Show on December 11. Even though these events are still months away, they have a way of sneaking up on us every year. They are very volunteer intensive and we will need all hands on deck to pull them off. As a non-profit club we depend very heavily on the help and support of all our members. There are a million different things to do – I am not kidding, and we can use everyone's help. There is a place for everyone, but the good news is, you can decide what that place is. Remember, there is no right or wrong type of volunteer, only willing ones. So, please get in touch with Kelli Quigg (Holiday Show) or Angela Meyers (Skate Sale) for more information as to how you can help your Club.

Well, you say Holiday Show or Skate Sale is not your thing? Are you looking for other ways to get involved? Are you more into writing and pictures? We need help with publicity! Get out the word to the newspapers, radio & TV stations; make flyers to hand out around town; design posters or picture calendars, etc. If that's more down your alley then let me know. Or maybe you have a great idea for a fundraiser? Then you want to talk to our Fundraiser Chair, Angela Meyers. Is your skater planning to test at the December, March or May Test Session? We definitely will need your help. Please contact Faith Daley for details.

It takes a lot of devoted and enthusiastic volunteers to pull off a successful skating season, but if we all work together we can pull it off again. In this spirit, a big welcome to all that OSC, and may this season be as successful as the last one.

Herbert Jaeger