



# A Note From The President

Dear Skating Friends,



I hope your new year is off to a great start! It's time for our semi-annual meeting soon. Be watching your inbox for information of when and where!

We'd like to welcome our newest club members: Nikki and Allison Bellott and Charlotte Boehme. We're honored to have you in our club!

There are a few competitions coming up that are close by. We want to wish everyone competing GOOD LUCK!! Please let us know if you are planning to compete so we can cheer you on!

Until Next Time,  
April Bardin, President

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# A REAL WINNER

"Winning is fun.... Sure. But winning is not the point. Wanting to win is the point. Not giving up is the point. Never letting up is the point. Never being satisfied with what you've done is the point"

-Pat Summitt

As competition season approaches, skaters can begin to feel a sense of excitement, a rush of fear, a feeling of not being good enough, or, perhaps, a confidence knowing they are about to show off how hard they have trained.

No matter which category you fall into, we all fall into the category of wanting to bring home that 1st place medal! We want to do our best. We want to show others what we are capable of and want to feel a sense of accomplishment when we get to hold the medal we worked so hard to attain.

But what about the times we fall? The times our best isn't good enough? The competitions when we go home without a medal and without a feeling of accomplishment? It's in those times, when our character prevails.

You see, anyone can be a great skater. Anyone who puts forth a lot of effort, determination, guts, and grit. But not everyone knows how to be a winner.

A winner isn't always determined by which you place medal you bring home. Sometimes winning means you did your absolute best. It means you worked hard and gave it all you had. It means you never gave up. It means you got up every time you fell and you kept going.

Winning doesn't always mean getting ahead of other competitors. It means you used every ounce of your being to give it all you had and you go home with even more determination to keep going, to never stop trying, to practice until you do bring home that 1st place medal!

So, as we prepare for competitions\*, for tests, (for life!) it's important to remember what it takes to be a true winner - a person who practices hard, who constantly strives to be better, who gets up after every fall and tries again. A person who isn't satisfied until the goal is accomplished - and then makes a new goal to strive after! A winner is someone who works hard and can be proud of their effort.

That is what we can remember as we enter this competition season.

\*If you are interested in learning more about the ins and outs of competitions, join Club Talk on February 4th at 5:00pm. Sandy Bowen, a judge for USFS, will be providing a lot of helpful information!

# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR PASSING THEIR USFS TESTS:

Novice Moves:	Emily Ye
Juvenile Moves:	Jack Liu
Preliminary Moves:	Madison Chang Abby Nichols
Pre-Preliminary Moves:	Abby Nichols Evie Ellis Charlotte Boehme Allison Bellott
Juvenile Free Skate:	Parker Appledorn
Preliminary Free Skate:	Regan Roitz Lucy Cui
Pre-Preliminary Free Skate:	Charlotte Boehme Regan Roitz
Adult Silver Moves:	April Bardin
Adult Bronze Moves:	Kathryn Boehme
Westminster Waltz:	Jen Boyer
Willow Waltz :	Jack Liu Daniel Block
Hickory Hoedown:	Hayden Chang
Fiesta Tango:	Sherry Liu
Dutch Waltz:	Lucy Cui
Canasta Tango:	Lucy Cui
Rhythm Blues:	Lucy Cui
Junior Solo Free Dance:	Daniel Block

*CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS  
NEWSLETTER - We also want to  
congratulate Lucy Cui for passing  
Pre-Preliminary Freeskate  
and Pre-Preliminary Moves!!*

# UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 20th --  
National Skate Month  
10am-12pm

February 9th --  
USFS Skating Test

February 4th --  
Club Talk -  
Competition 101

February 8th --  
USFS Skating Test  
in Springdale

March 13-15 --  
Skate Memphis  
Competition

April 18 - 19 --  
Ozark Competition

