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Letter From the Vice President

Happy New Year, LAFSC Members!

I hope all of you had a wonderful (and relaxing) holiday!

2014 saw some wonderful skates for our members, including one of the largest National Showcase competitions ever. Our chairs, Jan SooHoo and Michael Cruz did an amazing job putting together a fantastic event with almost 700 starts!

We also saw the return of our LAFSC Newsletter. A huge thanks to Daphne Bogosian for agreeing to take this on!

As 2015 gets into gear, we remind you that none of our shows, competitions and other activities could happen without participation from our members. All of our events are managed and run by volunteers. The Los Angeles Figure Skating Club is also a not-for-profit organization, so without your time and donations. As you plan your upcoming season, please remember to look for volunteer opportunities on our website (www.lafsc.org) and Facebook (Los Angeles Figure Skating Club) and Twitter (Los Angeles FSC) pages and volunteer when you are not competing.

Best wishes for the upcoming season! Skate well!

Vicki Busch
LAFSC Vice President

Note from the Editor

If you have any pictures, articles, ideas, graphics, or special news you would like featured in the next article, please email them to me at the address listed below. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated... I mean *really, really, really* appreciated.

Daphne Bogosian

Email: lafscnewsletter@gmail.com



2015 Southwest Pacific Regionals Results

IJS (Qualifying) Results

Juvenile Girls

Simona Krasnegor
Final Round: 9th
Qualifying Round: 6th

Chloe Draheim
Qualifying Round: 11th

Lily Bennet
Qualifying Round: 13th

Kaylah Melo-Natnat
Qualifying Round: 9th

Jasmine Fendi
Qualifying Round: 8th

Kimberly Abellera
Qualifying Round: 14th

Intermediate Ladies

Sophia North
Qualifying: 1st
Final:
SP: 7th
FS: 6th
Overall: 6th

Natalie Oganessian
Qualifying: 15th

Sabrina Cobarrubio
Qualifying: 3rd
Final:
SP: 12th
FS: 13th
Overall: 12th

Clarissa Kim
Qualifying: 8th

Maggie Fritz
Qualifying: 13th

Sadie Shin
Qualifying: 4th
Final:
SP: 17th
FS: 10th
Overall: 17th

Jacqueline Schmidt
Qualifying: 9th

Danielle Hamel
Qualifying: 12th

Intermediate Men

Joshua Fendi
SP: 2nd
FS: 3rd
Overall: 3rd

Novice Ladies

Tessa Hong
Qualifying: 1st
Final:
SP: 1st
FS: WD

Bria Yanez
Qualifying: 4th
Final:
SP: 12th
FS: 13th
Overall: 12th

Chelsey Wang
Qualifying: 7th

Raffaella Koncius
Qualifying: 3rd
Final:
SP: 11th
FS: 9th
Overall: 9th

Gwyneth Moore
Qualifying: 7th

Daphne Bogosian
Qualifying: 8th

Juliette Jones
Qualifying: 9th

Phoebie Simonyi
Qualifying: 8th

Hoang-Vi Vu
Qualifying: 9th

Regionals Results Continued

Maya Mendonsa Qualifying: 10th	FS: 8th Overall: 7th
Lauren Mendonsa Qualifying: 10th	Selina Pan SP: 8th FS: 9th Overall: 8th
Karolina Calhoun Qualifying: 5th Final: SP: 8th FS: 6th Overall: 7th	Shyanne Casapao SP: 15th FS: 14th Overall: 15th
Novice Men	Katie Sing SP: 16th FS: 16th Overall: 16th
Eric Sjoberg SP: 1st FS: 1st Overall: 1st	Junior Men
Junior Ladies	Paolo Borromeo SP: 1st FS: 1st Overall: 1st
Cheyenne Taylor SP: 5th FS: 4th Overall: 5th	Spencer Howe SP: 2nd FS: 3rd Overall: 2nd
Ellie Min SP: 7th FS: 6th Overall: 6th	Darian Weiss SP: 5th FS: 5th Overall: 5th
Jasmine Jafarkhani SP: 6th	

Regionals Non-Qualifying Results

Open Juvenile Ladies Sayuri Senadeera - 4th Lauren Teng - 6th	Pre-Preliminary Girls Katie Andersen - 1st Taylor Nordquist - 7th
Brooke Tripp - 2nd	Ashlynn Lee - 4th Lindsay Wang - 9th
Pre-Juvenile Girls Ellen Slavicek - 4th	Leiah Abellera - 5th
Grace Koplín - 5th Lucille Lubin - 7th Kayla Fukui - 8th	Jhaica Ora - 8th Lara Hawley - 10th
Preliminary Girls Katharine Ong - 5th	Pre-Preliminary Boys Eric Song - 1st Sergei Davis - 5th
Ella-Grace Judd - 8th Erin Song - 3rd	No Test Girls Sophia Slavicek - 3rd Vera Simonian - 8th Cassidy Irwin - 9th Rashanna Wickramasinghe - 11th
Rebecca Xie - 1st Kamryn Coffey - 7th	
Preliminary Boys Matthew O'Neil - 5th	



Congratulations to Joshua Fendi, Paolo Borrromeo, Spencer Howe, Milena Markin, Shotaro Omori, and Eric Sjoberg, for qualifying for the Pacific Coast Sectionals!

<p>Intermediate Men</p> <p>Joshua Fendi SP: 7th FS: 5th Overall: 5th</p> <p>Intermediate Pairs</p> <p>Jasmine & Joshua Fendi SP: 1st FS: 1st Overall: 1st</p> <p>Greta & John Crafoord SP: 2nd FS: 2nd Overall: 2nd</p> <p>Junior Men</p> <p>Paolo Borrromeo SP: 5th FS: 3rd Overall: 3rd</p> <p>Spencer Howe SP: 4th FS: 4th Overall: 4th</p> <p>Juvenile Girls</p> <p>Milena Markin - 10th</p> <p>Juvenile Pairs</p> <p>Erin & Eric Song - 4th</p> <p>Novice Dance</p> <p>Logan Leonesio P1: 2nd P2: 2nd</p>	<p>Free Dance: 1st Overall: 1st</p> <p>Alexis Middleton P1: 4th P2: 4th Free Dance: 3rd Overall: 3rd</p> <p>Dustin Perini P1: 5th P2: 5th Free Dance: 5th Overall: 5th</p> <p>Novice Men</p> <p>Eric Sjoberg SP: 2nd FS: 1st Overall: 2nd</p> <p>Novice Pairs</p> <p>Hannah Klopstock SP: 1st FS: 1st Overall: 1st</p> <p>Senior Pairs</p> <p>AJ Reiss SP: 1st FS: 1st Overall: 1st</p> <p>Senior Men</p> <p>Shotaro Omori SP: 5th FS: 2nd Overall: 3rd</p>
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Congratulations to Jasmine & Joshua Fendi, Greta & John Crafoord, Paolo Borrromeo, Spencer Howe, Erin & Eric Song, Logan Leonesio, Alexis Middleton, Eric Sjoberg, Hannah Klopstock, Shotaro Omori, and AJ Reiss for qualifying for the 2015 US Nationals!

Photos

From the LAFSC luncheon, Halloween skate, and holiday show.



LAFSC members participated in float decorating at Phoenix Decorating Company in Pasadena, California. Western Asset Management's float, 'The Power of Imagination', won the Fantasy Trophy for most outstanding display of fantasy and imagination. Thanks to Lyn Lofthouse at Phoenix Decorating Company for inviting LAFSC to help decorate! And thanks to the LAFSC members that donated their time to participate! We had a great time!

Upcoming LAFSC Events

2015 Adult Mid-Winter Warm Up

February 14-15, 2015

East West Ice Palace

Registration is now available online on Entryeeze.

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2015 Spring Review

March 29, 2015

Pickwick Ice Center

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2015 California Championships

May 16 - 17, 2015

East West Ice Palace

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2015 Annual Showcase for Skaters

June 6 - 7, 2015

Pickwick Ice Center

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2015 Los Angeles Open

July 10 - 12, 2015

Pickwick Ice Center

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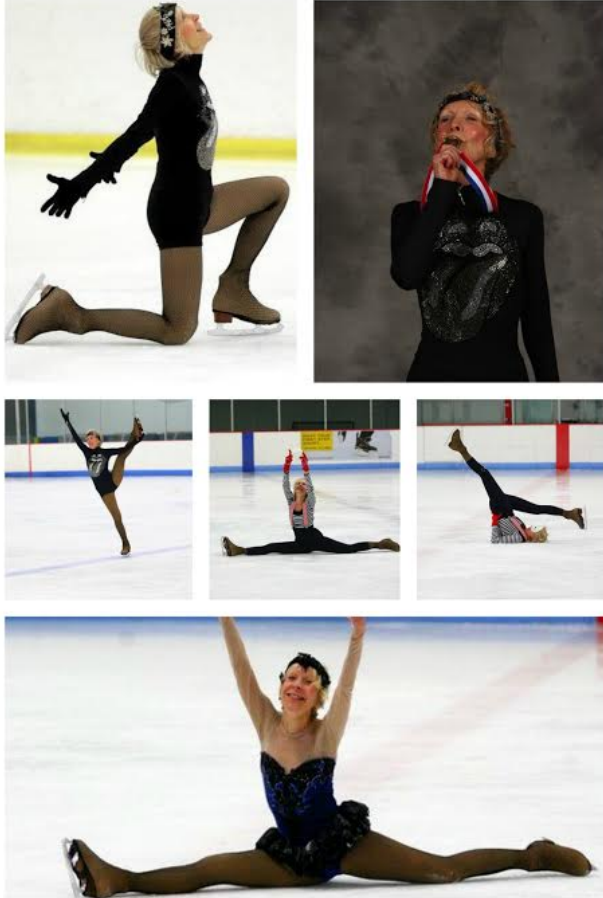
2016 Pacific Coast Sectional Figure Skating

Championships

November 17 - 21, 2015

Pickwick Ice Center

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Joan Chanel 1941-2015



She lived her life to the
fullest!
We'll Miss You Joan And
Your Shining Spirit!

Sadly, we recently had to say our final goodbyes to one of our adult skaters and competitors.

Joan Chanel passed away, Monday, January 12, 2015. Joan was an avid performer, and really made it apparent to all that had the pleasure to see her skate that she loved to perform in front of an audience. She was a great supporter and cheerleader of everyone's efforts both on and off the ice. Over the past several years, she continued to skate when she could, despite health challenges, and really was an inspiration to all that had the privilege to know her and skate alongside her.

In addition to having won several medals at Adult Nationals over the past several years, Joan was honored by having her "Send In the Clowns" number included as part of a Sondheim tribute on Broadway. This was one of her favorite numbers to perform, and she was delighted to be included in this tribute, and joyfully made the trek back to New York to participate in the celebration.

We will all miss Joan's infectious enthusiasm and joy for skating!

What Makes a Good Program?

Choreography can make or break a program. It is one of the program component marks of the IJS judging system, contributes to the 6.0 system's artistic marks, and in general greatly alters and affects the aesthetic appeal of a program or routine.

So what is it that makes a good program? What makes some choreography really good or really bad? Boring or exciting?

Responses to my questionnaire will be posted in the next issue. Please send your opinions to lafscnewsletter@gmail.com. Not all questions necessarily need to be answered.

1. How much does the pattern of a program affect how good the choreography is?
2. How much does diversity of footwork, arm movements, and body movements contribute to the quality of the program and choreography?
3. How much does the music matter in a program? In other words, how important is it that the choreography perfectly matches the music?
4. What is the main aim of the choreographer when constructing a new routine?

Share your thoughts and opinions!

The USFSA website has a detailed break down of each program component score. For choreography there are seven guidelines:

- Purpose
- Proportion
- Unity
- Utilization of space
- Pattern and ice coverage
- Phrasing and form
- Originality

But what do these "characteristics" mean and how important is each one relative to the other?

Questionnaire written by Daphne Bogosian.

Submit all responses to lafscnewsletter@gmail.com. All opinions and perspectives are welcome but all responses will be reviewed for distasteful content before publication. The editor reserves the right to fix grammatical errors.

Junior Members Making a Difference

Over the holiday and new year season, our LAFSC junior members fundraised, donated, and organized events for charity.

The Junior Council, under leadership of Shayanne Casapao and Isabella Smit, were proud to “adopt” a family this Christmas through the Children’s Hospital Los Angeles. They raised enough money to buy presents for the mother, father, six year old son, six year old daughter, and fourteen year old son. Special thanks to Isabella Smit for organizing and setting up the effort!

Also, LAFSC junior member Sophia Augustine organized, fundraised, and secured sponsorship for a charity event at Pickwick Ice Center for girls in the Boys & Girls Club of Burbank and the Greater Easter Valley. Thirteen girls attended the

event in which they were given one-on-one skating lessons, skating demonstrations, dinner, and free hot chocolate. Other LAFSC members involved in the event were Natalie Oganesyan, Madeline May, and Shayanne Casapao.



Thank you LAFSC members!

GOT NEWS?

The LAFSC Newsletter is only as good as the information contained inside. So c'mon! Let us know what's happening! We'll report competition and event news, but the club also wants to know about the other things going on in your world.

And PLEASE, include photographs!

If you have questions about a submission, please contact Daphne Bogosian at lafscnewsletter@gmail.com.



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