



The Junior Board presents the first ever



# Jersey Shore Arena Newspaper

## What is Junior Board?

By: Megan Macevoy

The Jersey Coast Figure Skating Club is home to 7 dedicated members who are passionate about figure skating. The support and involvement of each and every one of those members has led our club to create a junior board. Since this is a new addition to our club, some of you may be wondering what exactly a junior board is and what it will do.

The junior board was founded by its advisor, Michelle D'mello, and the club president, Gail Damiano. Thus far the junior board consists of eight board members, four of which are elected officials. Our elected officials are: Megan McEvoy (president), Erica Fischer (vice-president), Leanne Byer (secretary), and Nicholas Bausenwein (treasurer).

These four officials will be working alongside Cameron D'mello, Lana Van Note, Ainsley Vetter, and Victoria Whittle to organize events, assist the Board of Trustees, and hold leadership positions as either an elected official, committee chair, or both. The junior board is open to all full Jersey Coast Figure Skating Club members who are in seventh through twelfth grade, and have interest in assisting their home club. Members who are in ninth through twelfth grade are eligible to hold an elected official position.

At our annual basic skills competition, Frankenskate, the junior board conducted a very successful bake sale. The money from the sale will be used for the junior board to buy any necessary supplies and help make the Jersey Coast Figure Skating Club a better place for all of its members.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

to all who competed in Regionals:

- ★ Nicholas Bausenwein ★
- ★ Leanne Byer ★
- ★ Lindsey Byer ★
- ★ Taylor Doran ★
- ★ Samantha Kanevsky ★
- ★ Megan McEvoy ★
- ★ Lana Van Note ★
- ★ Ainsley Vetter ★

# Dance Nationals

By: Ainsley Vetter



After a season of Solo Ice Dance competitions, the Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs, Colorado hosted the 2017 USFS National Championships. The top athletes in each level gathered together to compete to be the best in the United States.

Every competition during the competition season matters for solo dance. Depending on how a skater placed at a competition they were rewarded points. The maximum amount of points awarded at a competition is nine. The Solo Ice Dance Series then took everyone's three best scores and added them. For the Pattern and Combined events, the top six skaters in each section of the country will advance to nationals. For the Shadow event, the top three teams advance.

The Jersey Coast Figure Skating Club is located in the Eastern section which ranges all the way from Maine to Florida. This year the Jersey Coast figure Skating Club sent eight skaters to the National Championships. It is a huge honor for a skater to represent their club at the Solo Ice Dance Nationals. There are three different events currently offered in the Solo Dance Series. This past season, Solo Ice Dance was functioning on the 6.0 judging system. This meant that the judges would simply place the skaters from 1st to however many skaters were in the group. Next year the system will be changing to IJS similar to what they use to judge freestyle, pairs, and team dance events for the juvenile level and up.

In the IJS system, skaters will be rewarded a technical score and a component score. Points will be rewarded for the elements depending on the difficulty and the execution. The component score will be made up of factors such as skating skills and overall performance and choreography. The Solo Ice Dance series is becoming more and more popular every year. It gives skaters a chance to enjoy ice dance without needed a partner and is extremely competitive. Skaters are already preparing for the 2018 season.

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## Learn to Skate

By: Lana VanNote

Have you, your family, or your friends ever wanted to take ice skating lessons after falling in love with it once you first stepped onto the ice? Learn to Skate is an inexpensive program run by the Jersey Coast Figure Skating Club that teaches preschoolers to adults the basics of ice skating. Here, skaters learn the fundamentals of skating that will help them advance to a higher level. Participants receive a group lesson with USFSA Learn to Skate registered coaches. Afterwards, all skaters are allowed to practice by themselves for one hour. Lessons will take place in spring, fall, and winter sessions to accommodate everyone's needs. To sign up and become apart of this program, visit the Jersey Shore Arena website or call 732-919-7070.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO HAVE PASSED THEIR TESTS!



Alexander Brodetsky

Lila Earle

William Lissauer

Jillian Ritter

Kaitlyn Buffone

Olivia Farro

Alexandria Loughlin

Mariele Trombino

Charlotte Burton

Samantha Garber

Daniella Lublinsky

Lana VanNote

Leanne Byer

Lily Hyman

Katherine McCarthy

Ainsley Vetter

Lindsey Byer

Bridget Incantalupo

Megan MacEvoy

Samantha Vigliotti

Ellen Cavalcante

Rylie Ingraham

Kaitlyn Nascimento

Melissa Vuong

Elena Cuesta

Samantha Kanevsky

Chelsea Olender

Victoria Whittle

Cameron D'Mello

Sophia Lin

Michele Phillips

Sydney Zipp

Taylor Doran

Lindsey Lissauer

Dana Piliere



Frankenstein Competition 2017

# FRANKENSKATE



By Erica Fischer



The Jersey Coast Figure Skating Club hosted the annual Frankenskate Competition, this year held on October 28th. We had a lovely turn out, and many skaters competed in basic skills, freestyle, and ice dance. Many of the skaters who took part in the competition were from different clubs, as well as fellow Jersey Coast members.

Our Junior Board helped run the competition by volunteering as runners, ice monitors, and announcers and photographers at the awards ceremonies.

We also had volunteers helping with playing the music, and judging some of the basic skills events. The Junior Board had a huge success in their bake sale which completely sold out! Each of the Junior Board members donated baked goods like cookies, brownies, and bagels, and each took turns running the stand. Great job girls!

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FRANKENSKATE!



# Skater of the Month:

Interview with Nicholas Bausenwein!

**1. How old were you when you first started skating and how many years have you been skating since?**

I have been skating since I was about seven years old, and then I joined group lessons and have been skating ever since then, so about nine years.

**2. Who are your coaches?**

My coaches are Lynn Massone and Stephanie Roth and I also am coached by Arlette Evans for Moves in the Field.

**3. How often do you train each week?**

I am on the ice five days a week for an hour and a half to two hours each day that I skate and I also do off ice training in addition to that.

**4. Has it been hard balancing skating with high school?**

Yes, but mostly because I am involved in many extracurricular activities at my school. I am in all five bands at my school and involved in many other clubs such as mock trial on top of being part of a rigorous academic program at my school, so it has been hard to balance skating with all my schoolwork and other activities.

**5. How do you feel going into Sectionals?**

I was very excited to go to Easterns again because it is always a fun experience when they have the live streamed video and the kiss and cry and everything is really official. This year meant a lot to be able to compete there because I was injured or sick for a majority of the season, and we did not know if I would compete at all.

**6. Do you plan on coaching when in college and/or older?**

I would love to keep coaching when I go to college because I really enjoy being able to teach people something that I love and to see them succeed.

**7. What are some of your favorite jumps/spins on the ice?**

I think my favorite jump is a double flip because this year it was a jump I felt really secure with the majority of the time in both of my programs. My favorite spin is the donut spin because it is something that I can do really well that not a lot of my competitors can do because of the flexibility required.

# Coach of the Month:

Lynne Ledger!

I have been coaching for 34 years

Just like most of the junior coaches, I got in involved with coaching starting from our local learn to skate program. It brought me great joy to work with young skaters and it just developed from there after I retired from Ice Capades.

It was extremely difficult to start a new learn to skate program at the Jersey shore arena. I did not have a lot of coaching staff nor did I have a lot of membership. But we believe that if we produced a great program that we would in time create a great stuff. And hence you can see what we have today. I'm extremely proud of the great students, great staff and great arena we have today.

There is no doubt that my skating inspiration was most definitely Dorothy Hamill. It was a great honor to have met her and skated with her. She will forever remain my idol!

Again, thank you so much for choosing me for your first newsletter. It is an honor and a privilege. I am so grateful to have our new junior board. You are doing great and amazing things.

# From our President...

Gail Damiano

Dear Members,

On behalf of our club's Board of Trustees, I would like to congratulate the members of Jersey Coast FSC Junior Board Members! With the guidance of Michelle D'Mello, these enthusiastic and ambitious skaters have already begun making a difference in our club. They have been active volunteers in our last test session and most importantly with Frankenskate, serving as runners, ice monitors, and more. They will continue to help with all club events, including a few projects of their own, like the creation of this wonderful newsletter!

I would also like to thank everyone who helped to make Frankenskate a successful event. It is only with the help and support of our volunteers that we are able to make our annual events a success. Looking forward, we would like to announce that we will be holding a new competition in the spring, the Jersey Coast Skating Classic. It is scheduled to be held on March 17 and 18. Please mark your calendars. For this year, this competition will have two parts; a basic skills events day, and pending approval, a National Solo Dance events day.

Lastly, I would like to announce the date of our annual awards luncheon. It will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2018. Please mark your calendar now, so you won't miss this fun filled event.

Have a wonderful holiday season,

Gail Damiano, President  
Lynne Leger, Vice President  
Susan Millender, Secretary  
Maryann McCarthy, Treasurer  
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