



# Ice Skating Club of Indianapolis Newsletter

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## What is the Club Doing? Getting Ready for the Ice Show! Let's SKATE to the Movies on March 15<sup>th</sup>!!!

The club has started rehearsals for the 2015 Ice Show! This year will be all about going to the movies!!! How fun is that???

Grab your popcorn and drinks and be ready to enjoy performances with jumps, twizzles, and spins that pay homage to your favorite movies including *Despicable Me*, *Grease*, *Fame*, and *Rocky*.

The show will run for approximately 90 minutes with one intermission.

*This is a great community event and EVERYONE IS INVITED.* Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 5. Please email [iscicarmel@gmail.com](mailto:iscicarmel@gmail.com) if you are interested in purchasing tickets.



### January and February Birthdays!

Jan 1 Coach JJ  
Jan 29 Morgan  
Feb 11 Chloe  
Feb 26 Emily



### Skater Focus: Audrey Shively

Recently, we added three more skaters to the club. Audrey Shively is one of our new members and we were able to learn a little more about her this month!

Audrey is 17 years old and started skating when she was 15. She has worked hard and mastered her flip jump which is her favorite move. She attends school at Hoosier academy and in her spare time she enjoys drawing and soccer.

Audrey is a student of Coach Jennie and she is most proud of how much she has accomplished in skating so far...as she should be! **Welcome Audrey!**

*Look for more information on our other two new members, Lora O'Toole and Angelica Dabrowski, in issues to come!*



## Understanding Judging: Kristin Decker Helps Us Understand

### How did you become a judge?

I really wanted to give something back to the skating community; skating was a huge part of my life for so many years that I wanted to find a meaningful way to remain actively involved. Becoming a judge requires a commitment to learning about the sport from a different perspective and volunteering a good deal of time and money to the process. We go to educational seminars and schools, go through a trial process, and take exams. Having been a skater does make aspects of it easier, but it isn't a requirement. A willingness to learn, trust in your own judgment, and a love of skating are the most important requirements. Judges volunteer out of love for the sport and a desire to give back to the skating community.

### What do judges do?

We watch and evaluate. I think most of us internally cheer for every skater to have a personal best while we are present, but the largest portion of our role is to provide feedback. Sometimes that feedback is in writing on a test form, and other times it is by evaluating a particular performance in relationship to those within a peer group. The best part is being able to watch skating!

### As a skater, should I be scared of judges?

NO! (okay, I was as a kid, but you really shouldn't be)

### If I'm an older skater and interested in starting to judge, what do I need to know?

If you are sixteen or older then you should absolutely give it a try! You need to be 16 to trial and 18 to receive an appointment. US Figure Skating has made a lot of changes in recent years to make the process more flexible and accessible. There is some good information about becoming a judge on the US Figure Skating website <<http://www.usfsa.org/About.asp?id=108>>, and I'd encourage anyone that is interested to read through the Q&A and download the trial kit <<http://www.usfsa.org/content/TJKitFinal.pdf>>. I'd also suggest anyone interested attend a test session and talk to the judges about their interest and ask any questions they may have about the process. **THANK YOU KRISTIN FOR ALL YOUR VOLUNTEER WORK THAT HELPS OUR SPORT!!!!!!**

## Coach Corner: Coach Barb

Olivia Luo shared her interview with Coach Barb below. Let us know if you would like to interview your coach for an upcoming edition!!!

### 1) What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I love getting to know my students & figuring out how to teach them - each student learns differently & has different strengths & weaknesses.

### 2) What hobbies do you have off-ice?

I play tennis, sewing, biking on the Monon with my husband, & I love to eat out.

### 3) How has your family influenced your coaching?

I learned from my own kids that everybody learns differently & you need to be prepared to explain things 20 different ways.

### 4) What do you consider to be the most difficult part of teaching?

Sometimes it gets so cold....and I was never too crazy about getting up before school to skate.

### 5) If you could take a trip to anywhere in the world, where would you go?

I would like to go to Alaska or Switzerland.

### 6) What is your favorite style of music?

I like country music, especially Luke Bryan.

### 7) What advice would you give to someone wanting to pursue skating?

To always work your hardest and to realize that as long as you do your best that is the only thing you can control.

