



The **Bowling Green Skating Club**

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BGSC Basic Skills competition

On Saturday August 5th, the Bowling Green Skating Club hosted its first ever Basic Skills competition. Skaters came from as far away as the Cleveland area and represented eight different clubs. Skaters participated in 23 different events from the SnowPlow Sam level through the Pre-Preliminary level. For many of the skaters it was their first competition. The show of support for all the skaters was great.

The competition couldn't be held without the help of many volunteers, so THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time. The competition was co-chaired by Pat Rabb and Barb Ridgeway. Competition Committee members included Amy Rybak, Sue Cano, MaryJo Venis, and Sarah Barman. Thank you to those who chaired various committees including: Susan Baker-

hospitality room, Jim Brennan & Don Schneider – Music, Deb & Jim Marlowe – Runners, Jeff Rybak – Announcer, Amy Rybak – Judges, Sue Cano – Registration, Coann Ducat & Patti Lahey – Ice Monitors, Teddi Moorman – Flowers, Patti Porter – Used Skate Sale, Kay Scherreik – Goodie Bags and Sharon Kruse – Program. Thank you also for the many others who helped make the competition a success.

The Bowling Green Skating Club extends their gratitude to the following businesses and organizations for their donations to the competition: BGSU Ice Arena, Key Bank, Ben Franklin, National City Mortgage, Dr. David Scherreik, Optometrist, Bowling Green Convention & Visitors Bureau, Klotz Floral Gift & Garden Center, The Flower Basket, and Wal-Mart.

Jr. Club and Adult Club Registration

The 2006/2007 Jr. Club and Adult Club seasons will be starting soon. Jr. Club will start on September 23 and Adult Club will start on September 28. Both programs will once again offer two hours of ice and instruction per week. Registration for the Adult Club & Jr. Club skating programs will be held on **Saturday, September 9th** from 9:00 – 10:30 am at the ice arena. We will be offering a free skating session during that time for all those who are registering for either Adult Club or Jr. Club. A Used Skate and Apparel Sale will also be held during

registration. The coaches for Jr. Club include Kate Bresnan, Stefanie Lopez, Lana Mastroianni & Joy Turski. Joy is the director for Jr. Club. The coaches will be available during registration. During registration, you will be provided the schedule for the 2006/2007 season, an informational packet, and will be asked to make the first payment. If you are not able to make it to the registration, contact Patti Lahey or Teddi Moorman and they will provide you the necessary information.

General Sessions are Coming!!

The BGSC will again offer general skating sessions. Two separate general session series will be offered again this year: Monday 6:40 - 8:40 PM beginning October 23rd and Wednesday 6:30 - 7:45 PM beginning October 25th. You may register for either or both series. There will be several changes in this year's General sessions.

- As stated above, the Monday session is now 6:40 - 8:40 (it was formerly 6:30 - 8:30).
- **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO CONTRACT FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!** The sessions will be broken into 3 periods with each approximately 8 sessions. (October-December, January-February and March-April).
- **There will be a minimum number of skaters required per session.** If we do not meet the minimum requirement with

contracted skaters, the session will be cancelled.

- **The first hour of the Monday night series will now be for skaters Basic 8 or higher** (it was formerly for skaters at the Pre-Preliminary MIF level or higher). The Wednesday session will continue being for skaters Basic 8 or higher.
- You will have the option of contracting for one or both hours on the Monday sessions.

The costs for the sessions will be \$10 per hour for those who have contracted for the entire season and \$12 per hour for walk-ons. Both series will end in April. These sessions are on a **first come-first served basis.** Registration forms will be available shortly.

REMINDER - All past due club fees must be paid before you can sign up for these sessions.

Skating Summer Camp

Bowling Green State University was selected as the host rink for one of three week long skating camps for Dan Hollander Productions. The other two sites selected for this year's summer camps were Hoffman Estates, IL and Houston, TX. The Bowling Green camp ran from June 26 thru June 29.

Skaters from several different states and clubs attended the camp as well as skaters from our own BGSC. Skaters had the opportunity to pick roommates and stay in the University dorm rooms or commute daily. Thirty skaters in all had a great time fine-tuning their existing skills, learning new ones and making lots of new friends.

The on-ice coaches for this year's camp were Gene Heffron, co-coach for 2006 Olympic skater Matt Savoie. Yuka Sato, 1994 Ladies World Champion and two-time Olympian. Dan Hollander, two-time world team member and cast member for Champions on Ice. Jason Dungjen, two-time national pair champion, Olympic team member and Technical Specialist

with the ISU. Brooke Sloan, National, International and World Synchronized coach. Marcia Little, Canadian double Gold Medallist and toured with Disney on Ice for 6 seasons.

While on-ice the skaters worked on edge jumps, toe jumps, combination jumps, one position spins, combination spins, flying spins, stroking technique, edges, turns and steps, power stroking, footwork, and a theater/show performance skating class. While off-ice skaters participated in stretch class, flexibility, pre-competition warm-up, strength training, balance, extension, endurance, ballet, program performance, nutrition, sport psychology, motivation & focus, New Judging System, and a Q & A with parents invited. After each day's camp activities private lessons were available with all on-ice coaches.

If you didn't have the opportunity to attend any of the three summer camps offered by Dan Hollander Productions this year check his website for next summer's selected locations. www.danhproductions.com.

BGSC Graduate

Bowling Green Skating Club member Megan Bellman graduated from Liberty Benton High School in Findlay. She has been skating for 13 years and has passed her Senior Moves, Silver Dances and Junior Free Style tests. She has also passed ISI Free Style 9 test. In addition to her membership in the Bowling Green Skating Club, Megan is also a member of Silver Blades in Findlay. Megan will be attending Miami University in the fall and plans to be a member of their Synchronized Skating Team. Megan's favorite skating memory is playing Peter Pan in the last Ice Horizons. *Congratulations Megan!*

ICE HORIZONS IS COMING!!!!

Ice Horizons, the bi-annual ice show, will be April 20th and 21st, 2007. Veteran figure skating coach Betsy Dewitt assisted by coaches Stefanie Lopez and Kate Bresnan will direct it. Look for more information about Ice Horizons 2007 in the near future including a sign up sheet some time in November for those that are interested in skating in the chorus lines. Solo/Feature tryouts will be in January. Keep in mind those skaters interested in auditioning for a solo/feature must have passed their preliminary free skate test.

Survey Says...

The Bowling Green Skating Club survey results are in. We would like to express our appreciation to all that completed and returned the survey. The results assist the Board in reviewing each program and services so that we may continue to improve the quality of the Bowling Green Skating Club. It is our plan to continue to provide opportunities for feedback and improved communication. We look forward to the 2006-2007 season. A summary of the Survey Results can be found below. Complete survey results can be found on the Club website.

General Sessions

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Not in a high enough badge/level
- Time offered didn't fit into our schedule

Suggestions/Comments:

- Divide the sessions (Wed) into two
- Too many skaters on Monday night

Power skating

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Conflicted with other things
- Not at the proper skill level yet
- Wasn't interested

Free style clinic

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Too expensive
- Not the proper skill level yet
- Conflicting schedules
- Busy, too intense for skaters level and goals as of now

- I'm not a freestyle skater, more interested in dace and moves

Suggestions/Comments:

- Would like to see synchro clinic

Test Session

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Only competed once last year, still new to the sport
- Not high enough level
- Do not have a full understanding of how the test sessions work

Jr club

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Skater above jr club skills, we tried dance though which would have helped.
- Don't particularly like the 2 hour time slot on Saturday mornings. I like it when she skated twice a week for an hour each time
- Needed higher level groups. Like the idea of offering Dance at the end but was just unable to fit it in our schedule

Suggestions/Comments:

- Very poor communication from coaches, coaches (one in particular) not "kid friendly", advancement to new levels and testing crammed into last week or two of the season. Progress reports needed so kids can get extra help with private lessons when necessary.

More Survey Comments

Synchronized

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Not interested
- Cost/travel/small team size
- Not ready for synchro yet
- Skater not old enough. Planning to join for 2006 season if there is a 10 & under team
- Intimidating
- Couldn't commit to time, practices
- Interested in single competition only
- Want teen level

Adult club

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Not appropriate
- Time element
- Not an adult skater
- I can barley go backwards
- Time, it sounds like fun!

Suggestions/Comments:

- Lana and Marianne were great!
- Would like time to be earlier

Used skate sale

Reasons for Not Participating:

- I can't get to "BG except Thurs evenings
- Conflict schedule
- Not convenient we live in Toledo
- Date was bad in the spring, not aware of the other dates. I plan on participating this year
- Nothing to sell and didn't need to purchase anything

Fundraisers

Reasons for Not Participating:

- Don't like to ask people to buy things
- Time element
- Not aware

- Not local
- Too many fundraisers are required with other sports so if it's optional we opt out

Comments/Suggestions:

- Carruth came out too late, unorganized, poinsettia sale not "handy" for people in BG
- Carruth is good need to get organized and out sooner
- Not enough notice and information
- Offer various fundraisers throughout the season, so you can participate in all or those that interest you. Do a better job of publicizing fundraisers. Like the idea that skaters earn money for their accounts.
- Possible fundraisers - Candy bars, home interiors

Newsletter

Comments/Suggestions:

- Would like to see communication form coaches, maybe feature articles on coaches, skaters, volunteers, etc
- Well done!
- Pictures, birthdays, member profile each month
- I also check the website for info or check the boards at the rink
- More jr. club
- Board meeting dates, Board minutes
- Calendar with upcoming events, month ahead

Website

Comments/Suggestions:

- Could use more current updates for events
- I can never print the USFSA registration form
- Update coaching staff bio's

Visit

www.bgskateclub.com

for all of the latest club info

Additional Survey Comments

- The board is fantastic; they put in so many hours! Please get Marianne to continue instructing adult club. Her experience is invaluable. I like it that adult club alternated Dace/moves/freestyle in our lesson time. Ideally I'd like to have more dance weekends not testing or competitions. Are there any adults who are interested in doing skate fitness?
- The board's willingness to listen to parent's complaints, suggestion was appreciated. The board members gave prompt attention to solve the issues ASAP. I would like to see Jr club offered in shorter segments. Possibly, 6-10wk. Sessions several times a year. This would give new skaters the opportunity to join at the beginning of a session. Also, improved communication between coaches and parents would be appreciated. Have an information sheet with pertinent skating info. Helpful info might include fitting and sharpening skates-who, where, how often. Where to buy skating apparel and accessories, good skating websites and general skating info. This would be especially helpful for newer skaters.
- I really don't have any complaints at all. The only thing I would like to say and I know the club doesn't have this control but more figure skating ice time available throughout school year. This past year general session was a life saver. The other thing is it would be great to host on a consistent basis a competition for all levels in BG Overall I commend the board members for their dedication
- Would like to see a member directory including parents' names, addresses, and phone numbers
- Would like to see a Kathy Casey, Sandy Lamb, or Dance seminar
- I plan to participate more this year. As a new comer last year it was more learning about USFSA rules
- Dance partners. Don't cancel test sessions
- I tried to take part in things that would help me understand the club better but didn't seem to ever grasp any of the concepts. I felt lost as a parent work and relied on the website for much of it. I was very disappointed with the use of the big ice. I felt there was lots of down time, playing games, and disorganized lessons. I was very happy with Thursday's instruction. They worked very hard on the Studio ice. AS a teacher, I feel the kids are not given instruction as much as they could have. It felt like an old club not welcoming new member. There needs to be an information portal for people to go to weekly
- Should have a board member that represents each group involved in BGSC. Jr club needs to have board representation and needs more communication especially for new members. Put the results and suggestions, follow up, etc of this survey to the BGSC members so we know that you actually read and plan to get this club back on track.

USED SKATE SALE

On **Saturday September 9th** there will be a **USED SKATE AND APPAREL SALE** at the rink during Jr. club and Adult club registration. The sale will run from 9:00 until 10:30. You can start dropping things off at 8:45.

Sellers - Please have all items marked with the name of the seller and the cost of the item and bring a business-sized envelope with the list of items you are selling. Also denote on the envelope if you will accept checks and please put your name on the envelope. All items must be picked up by

10:45. Anything not picked up by then will be placed in room 164A at the arena. We cannot be responsible for anything left in that room as many people have access to it.

Buyers - Please bring small bills as we will not have enough change for everyone's \$20s. Also, please do not carry an item around for the entire sale and then decide not to buy it. Someone else might be interested. We will answer questions about the used skates the best we can but we are not experts.

The **Upcoming Test Sessions** are November 12th (applications due October 30), January 15th (applications due January 5) and March 4th (applications due February 19).

Bowling Green Skating Club Survey Results 2005-2006 Evaluation

Evaluation was calculated on a 4 point scale.

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| Strongly Agree | 4.0 |
| Agree | 3.0 |
| Neutral | 2.0 |
| Disagree | 1.0 |
| Strongly Disagree | 0.0 |

General Sessions

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I was satisfied with the days of General Sessions. | 3.6 |
| * I was satisfied with the time of day that General Sessions were offered. | 3.6 |
| * I felt the cost of General Sessions was reasonable. | 3.4 |

Seminars

Power Skating Clinic

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I was satisfied with the clinic instructor. | 3.3 |
| * I was satisfied with the off ice Pilates class instructor. | 3.4 |
| * I was satisfied with the off ice session with the US Figure Skating judges. | 2.5 |
| * My skaters' skills improved as a result of the clinic. | 1.8 |
| * I was satisfied with the dates of the seminar. | 3.0 |
| * I felt that the cost of the seminar was reasonable. | 2.7 |
| * I would like the club to offer more programs like this in the future. | 2.3 |

Seminars

Free Style Clinic

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I was satisfied with the clinic instructors. | 4.0 |
| * I was satisfied with the off-ice instructors. | 4.0 |
| * My skaters' skills improved as a result of the clinic. | 3.5 |
| * I was satisfied with the dates of the clinic. | 3.5 |
| * I felt that the cost of the seminar was reasonable. | 3.5 |
| * I was satisfied with the registration process. | 3.5 |
| * Would you like the club to offer more programs like this in the future? | 4.0 |

Test Sessions

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I was satisfied with the application process. | 3.3 |
| * I was satisfied with the amount test sessions offered. | 3.0 |
| * I felt that the cost of test sessions was reasonable. | 2.9 |
| * I was satisfied with the judges at the test sessions. | 3.1 |

Jr. Club

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I was satisfied with my skaters' instructor. | 2.4 |
| * I was satisfied with my skaters' progress. | 2.4 |
| * My skater enjoyed the varied of skills learned during Club sessions i.e.: Movers, Dance, and Freestyle. | 2.7 |
| * I felt the coaches were skilled and qualified. | 3.0 |
| * I felt the cost was reasonable. | 2.5 |
| * I was satisfied with the days of Jr. Club. | 3.1 |
| * I was satisfied with the times Jr. Club was offered. | 3.3 |
| * I felt that I received adequate communication from the coaches. | 1.6 |

Synchronized Skating

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I was satisfied with the coaching staff. | 4.0 |
| * My skaters skills improved while participating in the Synchronized team. | 3.8 |
| * I felt that the cost was reasonable. | 3.4 |
| * I was satisfied with the fundraisers. | 2.5 |

Adult Club

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I was satisfied with the instructors | 3.5 |
| * I was satisfied with my progress. | 3.0 |
| * My skater enjoyed the varied of skills learned during Club sessions i.e.: Movers, Dance, and Freestyle. | 3.5 |
| * I felt the coaches were skilled and qualified. | 3.5 |
| * I felt the cost was reasonable. | 3.5 |
| * I was satisfied with the days of Adult Club. | 3.5 |
| * I was satisfied with the times Adult Club was offered. | 3.0 |

Used Skate Sale

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I felt that the items were reasonably priced. | 3.0 |
| * I was satisfied with the number of sales offered. | 3.0 |
| * I received advanced notice of sale dates. | 2.8 |

Fundraisers

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I was satisfied with the fundraisers | 2.2 |
| * I would like to see additional fundraisers | 1.9 |
| * I would prefer to pay a fundraising fee instead of participating in fundraisers | 1.5 |

Newsletter

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I feel the information provided was beneficial. | 3.0 |
| * I receive the information in a timely fashion. | 2.7 |
| * I feel that the newsletter is an effective way to Communicate club information. | 3.5 |

Website

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I find the sited to be user friendly. | 3.0 |
| * I am satisfied with the information found on the website. | 3.0 |

BGSC Board

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| Participants who responded | |
| * I am satisfied with the performance of the 2005 board. | 2.9 |
| * I feel the board is accessible and open to my suggestions. | 2.9 |

Competition and Testing Results

| Grand Rapids Open 2006 / Jun 22-24 2006 | | | |
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| Last | First | Place | Event |
| Laughlin | Emily | 7 | Intermediate SP - B |
| Laughlin | Emily | 6 | Intermediate FS - B |
| Laughlin | Melanie | 4 | Preliminary FS - A |

| Troy Summer Competition 2006 / Jul 6-9 2006 | | | |
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| Last | First | Place | Event |
| Caragiu | Alyxia | 3 | Pre-Juvenile Girls FS |
| Dempsey | Miranda | 2 | Beginner Spins |
| Dempsey | Miranda | 3 | Beginner II CM |
| Ingraham | Megan | 2 | Pre-Preliminary CM |
| Ingraham | Megan | 7 | Pre-Preliminary A Girls FS |
| Jackson | Taylor | 5 | Preliminary B Girls FS |
| Kerr | Molly | 4 | Beginner II Girls FS |
| Kerr | Molly | 6 | Pre-Preliminary CM |
| Leck | Larissa | 4 | Beginner II Girls FS |
| Leck | Larissa | 6 | Pre-Preliminary CM |
| Peterson | Taylor | 5 | Open Juvenile Ladies Short |
| Peterson | Taylor | 5 | Pre-Juvenile Girls FS |
| Roberts | Ashley | 2 | Beginner II Girls FS |
| Roberts | Ashley | 5 | Pre-Preliminary CM |
| Rose | Megan | 4 | Basic 8 |
| Rubick | Reagan | 5 | Basic 2 - Group A |
| Rybak | Erica | 1 | Beginner II Girls FS |
| Rybak | Erica | 1 | Pre-Preliminary Spins |
| Salloukh | Isabella | 3 | Basic 1 |
| Salloukh | Sydney | 5 | Freestyle 2 |
| Scherreik | Emily | 1 | Freestyle 2 |
| Smith | Sabrina | 4 | Freestyle 2 |
| VanHorn | Courtney | 6 | Juvenile Girls Short |
| VanHorn | Courtney | 9 | Juvenile Girls FS |
| Wenner | Scott | 1 | Basic 8 |

| Novi Basic Skills 2006 / July 15 2006 | | | |
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| Last | First | Place | Event |
| Erskine | Sophie | 2 | Basic Program C - B |
| Erskine | Sophie | 5 | Basic 6 CM |

| BGSC Test Session / July 16 2006 | | | |
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| Last | First | Test Passed | |
| Alexander | Kelli | MIF | Intermediate |
| Bellman | Megan | FS | Senior |
| Haylett | Charity | FS | Preliminary |
| Ingraham | Megan | FS | PrePreliminary |
| Kerr | Molly | FS | PrePreliminary |
| Kerr | Molly | MIF | PrePreliminary |
| Kruse | Savannah | FS | PrePreliminary |
| Laughlin | Emily | Dance | Silver - Silver Tango |
| Leck | Larissa | Dance | Preliminary - Dutch Waltz |
| Leck | Larissa | Dance | Preliminary - Rhythm Blues |
| Rabb | Michelle | Dance | Bronze - Ten Fox |
| Roberts | Ashley | MIF | Preliminary |
| Rose | Marissa | Dance | Silver - Silver Tango |
| Rybak | Erica | Dance | Bronze - Willow Waltz |

| Skate Detroit 2006 / July 26-29 2006 | | | |
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| Last | First | Place | Event |
| Kruse | Savannah | 5 | PrePrelim CM - B |
| Kruse | Savannah | 3 | PrePrelim B FS - B |
| Lahey | Kelsey | 9 | PreJuv FS - C |
| Lahey | Kelsey | 2 | PreJuv CM - B |
| Peterson | Taylor | 5 | PreJuv FS - E |
| Peterson | Taylor | 10 | Open Juvenile SP - B |
| VanHorn | Courtney | 7 | Juvenile SP - B |
| VanHorn | Courtney | 12 | Juvenile FS - C |

| Bowling Green Basic Skills 2006 / Aug 5 2006 | | | |
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| Last | First | Place | Event |
| Barman | Larissa | 2 | FS 3 CP |
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| Batey | Allison | 2 | Basic 4 FS Program |
| Buckingham | Katie | 5 | Beginner FS |
| Czubinski | Emily | 3 | Beginner CP |
| Czubinski | Emily | 3 | Ltd Beginner FS |
| Erskine | Sophie | 2 | Basic 6 Elements |
| Erskine | Sophie | 3 | Basic 6 FS Program |
| Kerr | Molly | 1 | PrePrelim CP - B |
| Kerr | Molly | 1 | Beginner FS |
| Kruse | Savannah | 1 | PrePrelim CP - A |
| Kruse | Savannah | 1 | PrePrelim FS |
| Leck | Larissa | 2 | PrePrelim CP - A |
| Leck | Larissa | 4 | Beginner FS |
| Moorman | Tegan | 2 | Ltd Beginner FS |
| Neumann | Annie | 2 | Beginner CP |
| Neumann | Annie | 2 | Beginner FS |
| Roberts | Ashley | 3 | PrePrelim CP - A |
| Roberts | Ashley | 3 | Beginner FS |
| Rubick | Reagan | 3 | Basic 2 FS Program |
| Scherreik | Emily | 1 | FS 3 CP |
| Scherreik | Emily | 1 | FS 3 FS |
| Venis | Maggie | 1 | Beginner CP |
| Venis | Maggie | 1 | Ltd Beginner FS |
| Wenner | Scott | 1 | FS 1 FS |
| Wenner | Scott | 1 | Free Skating Level 1 CP |

| BGSC Test Session / August 19 2006 | | | |
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| Last | First | Test Passed | |
| Black | Johanna | Dance | Bronze - Willow Waltz |
| Black | Johanna | Dance | Bronze - Hickory |
| Cheung | Morgan | FS | Intermediate |
| Cheung | Morgan | MIF | Intermediate |
| Haylett | Corie | FS | Adult Pre-Bronze |
| Jackson | Taylor | Dance | Silver - Rocker Foxtrot |
| Jackson | Taylor | MIF | Intermediate |
| Kruse | Savannah | MIF | PreJuvenile |
| Lahey | Kelsey | Dance | PreSilver - Fourteenstep |
| Lahey | Kelsey | FS | PreJuvenile |
| Laughlin | Emily | MIF | Junior |
| Mian | Natasha | MIF | Novice |
| Peterson | Drew | MIF | PrePreliminary |
| Rabb | Michelle | Dance | PreSilver - Fourteenstep |
| VanHorn | Courtney | FS | Juvenile |