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## SAN ANTONIO FIGURE SKATING CLUB NEWSLETTER



### Important Dates

DEADLINE	DATE	CONTACT/RESOURCE
Cannon Texas Open	07/09-12/2020*	<a href="https://www.skatelonestar.org/post/27th-annual-cannon-texas-open">https://www.skatelonestar.org/post/27th-annual-cannon-texas-open</a>
SAFSC Annual Meeting	06/18/2020	<a href="mailto:skate@safsc.org">skate@safsc.org</a>
SAFSC Skate Banquet	TBD*	<a href="mailto:skate@safsc.org">skate@safsc.org</a>
Memorial Trophy	07/30-08/02/2020	<a href="#">Not yet available</a>



## SAN ANTONIO FIGURE SKATING CLUB NOTICE OF ANNUAL CLUB MEETING

DUE TO THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT WITH THE COVID-19 CRISIS, AND ITS ASSOCIATED RULES, REGULATIONS, ORDERS AND REQUIREMENTS, THE ANNUAL CLUB MEETING OF THE SAN ANTONIO FIGURE SKATING CLUB MAY NOT BE CONDUCTED VIS-A-VIS AN IN PERSON GATHERING. AS A RESULT, THE ANNUAL CLUB MEETING OF THE SAN ANTONIO FIGURE SKATING CLUB WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 18, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M., VIRTUALLY THROUGH AN ONLINE PROCESS FOR BOTH THE MEETING AND VOTING IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING. THE MEETING AGENDA INCLUDES A PRESENTATION TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR 2019-2020 YEAR-END REVIEW (FINANCIALS, GENERAL STATUS, ETC.), AN ELECTION OF THE 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND VOTING ON THE 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET AND NEW SAN ANTONIO FIGURE SKATING CLUB LOGO. DETAILED MODIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR HOLDING OUR ELECTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS WE NEAR THE TIME OF THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING WINDOW. MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING MAY APPOINT A PROXY BY SIGNING AND RETURNING, BY EMAIL TO [skate@safsc.org](mailto:skate@safsc.org), THE PROXY FORM WHICH WILL BE EMAILED TO THE MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL CLUB MEETING, AND WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SAN ANTONIO FIGURE SKATING CLUB WEBSITE. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US AT [skate@safsc.org](mailto:skate@safsc.org).

\*Due to COVID-19, the occurrence of all items marked TBD or \* will be based upon the recommendations and mandates of the United States and Local Governments, as well as the recommendations and mandates of U.S. Figure Skating, and the availability of the location of the activity. Due to COVID-19, Club Ice and SAFSC Activity Dates will be released once we are able to schedule dates with the rink, and once COVID-19 restrictions have expired. Upon such determination, SAFSC will issue a calendar of scheduled dates for any Club Ice and SAFSC Activities.

## President's Corner: President's Message

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear SAFSC Members,

With 2020 not even half-way over, this year has taught me a lot already! I've learned to be more patient and slow down, I've learned to be an educator on more subjects than I had any idea I knew anything about, I'm learning to accept disorganization (this may take a while, not sure how your homes look, but mine seems to be a workout space in every room), and I'm learning to accept changes life throws at me with little or no warning. 2020 is certainly proving to be an interesting and educational year! Though we've been faced with nearly everything in our lives coming to a screeching halt for 2 months now, my heart truly goes out to all of you who have looked forward to parties and celebrations with friends and families this time of year-yet have seen them evolve into something quite different. These weren't just any celebrations, they were life changing celebrations and milestones that those affected will never have the opportunity to turn the back the clock for. There were proms, weddings, milestone birthdays, and even our children's end of year accomplishments that so deserved to be applauded. For me, the ones that seem to sting the most are the traditional high school and college graduations that our students look forward to for so many years. We have several skaters who have earned this recognition this year, each is spotlighted in our newsletter below. To our SAFSC High School Graduates Carolinna Robles, Hailie Smock and Grace Taylor and our Collegiate Graduates Isabella Meador and Amanda Rensch, we celebrate each of you for your grand accomplishments and wish you the very best as you enter a new chapter of your lives! We raise you up in our hearts and know you each will go on to do wonderful things!

By now I'm sure you all have heard that Northwoods re-opened on May 18<sup>th</sup> and life may just begin to get back to normal. I don't know about all of you, but I have to admit I'm a little apprehensive. I'm sure our skaters will all be safe and extremely happy to be back to what they love, but I've gotten a little comfortable living inside my bubble where I know I can control my environment. I look forward to seeing everyone again and catching up on lost time, but I do hope you will each take every precaution necessary to keep your families and our skaters safe and healthy. Only time will tell when this will all be over. May you all have peace with your decision on when the time is right for your family to resume more normal activities.

**Janine Sauer**

## FRIENDS OF ALAMO SKATE

Thank you

### GOLD

*John & Barbara DeLoach*

*Chuck & Courtney Floyd*

*Rich & Christy Smock*

*David Spurway*

### SILVER

*The Borjas-Ewell Family*

*Sonja Hedstrom*

*Dan & Rachel Miller*

### BRONZE

*Don & Tammy Kulka*

*Paul & Caye Lankford*

*James Sauer*

### PEWTER

*Allison Arbizu*

*Cody Moy*

*Micki Peterson*

*Christian & Bianca Petrescu*

## At the Boards – Testing Corner



Pursuant to recommendations and mandates of the United States and local government, as well as the recommendations of US Figure Skating, in light of COVID-19 and the time needed to prepare ALL LEVELS of skaters for the test session, the SAFSC Test Session for June 28, 2020 has been cancelled. Once a new testing date has been established, we will notify all Members.

## Northwoods: Rink Re-Opening Policies



**CUTTING EDGE  
CLASSES RESUME FOR  
MAKE-UP SESSIONS ON  
MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FOR 3 WEEKS**

### **NORTHWOODS FREESTYLE POLICIES**

The Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods has issued the following rink re-opening policy for Freestyle Sessions. Please stay-tuned for any changes in policies or procedures. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Standifer at the Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods.

- Anyone who enters the building must have a mask on at all times. Masks are optional for on the ice, but you must put it back on once you leave the ice.
- Skaters must arrive dressed and ready to get on the ice.
- No lingering or socializing while on the ice. You will be asked to leave if you do not follow these rules.
- No Loitering. Skates will have a 15 minute grace period to put on your skates before your session, and 15 minutes to leave the building.
- Please only 1 spectator per skater in the building.
- Spectators must view from the lobby area only.
- Only Northwoods employees, coaches and skaters are allowed in the ice rink area.
- Skaters must exit the ice immediately at the end of session.
- Please practice the 6 foot social distancing as best as possible while in the building, on the ice and on the benches.
- All warm ups must be done outside the building.
- The mezzanine upstairs and downstairs locker rooms are closed.
- Coaches must stand by the wall and may not follow skaters or have any physical contact with the skater.
- Skaters/Coaches will use their own equipment (phone or iPod) to play their music, and must sanitize before and after each use.
- The harness will be unavailable for use.
- Skaters may bring one skate bag in the building, and must take it with them to the ice (store on benches). All items must fit into the one bag. No items are to be left in the lobby.

## At the Boards: Competition Corner!



### **39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SKATE DALLAS**

Skate Dallas, hosted by the Dallas Figure Skating Club has been CANCELLED.



### **EXCEL NATIONAL FESTIVAL**

As a reminder, the 2020 Excel National Festival is currently slated to take place June 18-21, 2020. However, USFS has advised that the Excel National Festival competition will not be held as originally planned. Instead, USFS will offer exclusive virtual access to a variety of USFS online programs to those who had previously registered for the Excel Qualifying Series. It is anticipated that online access will be available during the dates for which the festival was scheduled to occur.



### **29<sup>TH</sup> CANNON TEXAS OPEN**

The Cannon Texas Open, hosted by the Lone Star Figure Skating Club, is currently scheduled to take place at Stars Center – Farmers Branch, July 9-12, 2020. The event is anticipated to include well balanced, excel, pairs, compulsory, jumps, spins and showcase. The opening of registration is not yet listed, stay tuned to the LSFSC website for details. *We cannot foreclose on the possibility that the event may eventually be postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19 isolation and quarantine requirements.*



### **MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The Memorial Trophy, hosted by the Memorial Figure Skating Club, is scheduled to take place in Houston, July 30-August 2, 2020. The event is anticipated to include well balanced, excel, pairs, compulsory, jumps, spins and showcase. The opening of registration is not yet listed, stay tuned to the LSFSC website for details. *We cannot foreclose on the possibility that the event may eventually be postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19 isolation and quarantine requirements.*



# JB JUNIOR BOARD

## What's the Word?

class of 2020

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Carolinna Robles



What is your favorite skating move? **Flying camel.**

What college are you attending? **Saint Mary's College.**

What is your intended major? **Marketing.**

Who is your favorite skater? **Mariah Bell, Evgenia Medvedeva and Alena Kostornaia.**

What is your favorite thing about skating? **The feeling you get after your accomplish something you have been working hard and a long time for.**

What are you most excited about for college? **Meeting new people.**

What is your best academic achievement in high school? **Graduating Summa Cum Laude.**

What will you miss most from high school? **My friends and community as a whole.**

### Hailie Smock



What is your favorite skating move? **Cannon ball spin.**

What college are you attending? **Angelo State University.**

What is your intended major? **Sports Marketing.**

Who is your favorite skater? **Mariah Bell.**

What is your favorite thing about skating? **Being with my friends and family.**

What are you most excited about for college? **To be able to start new chapter in my life.**

What is your best academic achievement in high school? **Passing Algebra 2.**

What will you miss most from high school? **All of my friends.**

## Grace Taylor



What is your favorite skating move? **The loop jump.**

What college are you attending? **University of Utah.**

What is your intended major? **Writing and Rhetoric Studies.**

Who is your favorite skater? **Evgenia Medvedeva.**

What is your favorite thing about skating? **I love the way I can let loose when I'm skating and be myself.**

What are you most excited about for college? **I am excited to learn more about writing (in particular fiction novels).**

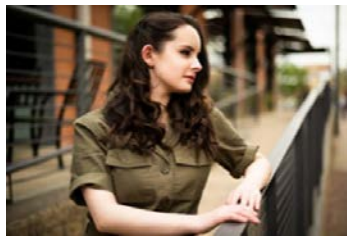
What is your best academic achievement in high school? **Being the first in my family to graduate with honors.**

What will you miss most from high school? **I am going to miss my high school GDB puppy raising club the most. They have become like family to me.**

## COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT



## Isabella Meador



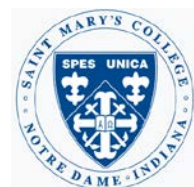
Isabella Meador will be graduating with a degree from the Department of Modern Languages and Literature at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Following graduation, Isabella plans to return to South Korea in the fall.



## Amanda Rensch



Amanda Rensch will be graduating Summa Cum Laude from Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana. Following graduation, Amanda will attend Marquette University to pursue a Masters of Science in Speech Pathology in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.





# ICECUBE



## Morning Freestyle Ice

IF THE RINK OFFERS MORNING FREESTYLES OVER THE SUMMER, PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER WITH NORTHWOODS FOR MORNING ICE **48 HOURS** BEFORE THE FIRST SESSION OF THE MONTH. WE WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING NORTHWOOD'S MORNING ICE PLANS WHEN THAT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.



## Club Ice

For now, Club Ice is **CANCELLED**. We are working with the rink to schedule dates to resume Club Ice. Once the dates are available, we will circulate the schedule. . As a reminder, skaters must register on Entryeeze.

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Membership/Welcome.aspx?cid=325>



## Afternoon Freestyle Ice

. Afternoon Freestyles are held held M—Th 3:15-4:00 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m., Friday Freestyles run from 3:15-4:15, 4:15-5:15 and 5:15-6:15 p.m.



Attention All Members! The Club Ice Policy has been revised to include the following:

“All skaters must purchase and pay the appropriate Club Ice Session Fee on the SAFSC Entryeeze Member website (under the Contract Ice Tab) prior to stepping on the ice for that session. If a Skater steps onto the Club Ice Session without paying, the Skater's Entryeeze account will be assessed the single session fee plus a \$5.00 late fee.”



# = SCHOLARSHIP =

The SAFSC Scholarship Application **Deadline is June 1, 2020**. For the SAFSC Policy on Skater Scholarships, please visit [www.safsc.org/scholarship-application](http://www.safsc.org/scholarship-application). Members must meet the qualifications to be eligible for scholarship consideration.

## MEMBERSHIP 2020 DRIVE

# JUNE 1

The SAFSC US Figure Skating Membership Drive and Renewal Registration period **begins on June 1, 2020** for the 2020-2021 Skating Year. Registration will be through Entryeeze and a registration link will be available under the Membership tab on the SAFSC website. If you have any questions about Membership, please reach out to the Membership Chair, Lizette Dahiya. We look forward to having all of our Members join us again for the 2020-2021 Skating Year!



**Join the board.**  
Together we can do amazing things.  
**CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS**

GET  
ON  
BOARD

It is that time of year....time to put your name in the hat for Board of Director nominations for the 2020-2021 Skating Year! SAFSC cannot be successful without its volunteers serving as Directors. We will have a number of positions available to fill, and look forward to having our Members serve. Our Nominating Committee has been hard at work soliciting nominees, should you wish to put your name on the ballot, please contact a SAFSC Director or email [skate@safsc.org](mailto:skate@safsc.org).

# ICEBREAKER

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**DUE TO COVID-19 WE HAVE NO CURRENT PHOTOS TO  
SHARE IN THIS ISSUE OF THE INSIDE EDGE**

**WE ARE GOING TO NEED YOUR PHOTO CONTRIBUTIONS!**



Members, we need your help to fill up our Ice Breaker section with photos of our AWESOME Members. Send photos to [skate@safsc.org](mailto:skate@safsc.org) or direct message them through Facebook for a feature in our newsletter and on SAFSC social media.



In honor of Rich Smock, and his love for all things SAFSC history, we are throwing it back with old photos from the SAFSC Glide. In recognition of our rink reopening after COVID-19, we will feature Glide photos from the first day of SAFSC on the ice at Northwoods many moons ago. Enjoy!

