

The Edge

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Winners Edge Skating Academy, Inc (WESA) is a developmental skating organization that strives to develop skaters at all levels and disciplines for improving competition results as individuals or as a team.

WESA strives to provide adult professional staff. Youth coaches can then have an opportunity to skate, develop and learn from adult pros without feeling the pressure that comes along with coaching.

Website information:

You can find all of the latest and greatest information on our academy at www.weskatingacademy.com . With the website, you are able to register and pay (Using PayPal) online for any of the programs that WESA offers. Feel free to continue using the US Postal Services as well if you wish. If you have problems accessing the website, feel free to contact any of the board members and let them know.

Annual Membership meeting:

WESA's annual membership meeting was held at the Northwest Sports Complex on Monday April 28, 2008. This was a great meeting to hear more about WESA and the programs that we offer. The only way to run a successful organization is with continued communication and information. This was also a great way to meet the other people within our organization. Elections were held. Lorna Margenau, Kevin Sohn, Karen Sohn, Kristine Bissen, Cindy Cummings and Pam Gannon were elected to the Board.

Current and Future Programs :

WESA enjoyed significant growth with the Clinics offered by Tamarah Hooper, Sarah Ernest, Sheila Thelen and Jeff Crapp. Everyone who attended said that the clinics enhanced their development through the on and off-ice sessions. Watch for additional clinics in the future.

With the ice coming off in Spooner (Northwest Sports Complex), WESA is continuing to offer our Off-Ice programs. On Monday evenings from 5:45-8pm, we are currently offering Pilates, Stretching/Flexibility/Strength, and Ballet. We are exploring the possibility of offering more Off-Ice programs if the interest is there. Off-Ice development is a great way to stay focused and ahead of the competition. Remember when you put your skates on for the first time in the Summer or Fall and you hadn't worked on any skating related exercises or development programs? It took a while to get back into the swing of things. Feel free to take advantage of these opportunities. This is a great way to enhance your hockey or figure skating development.

WESA is currently putting together their summer ice schedule. If you would like to have a voice in summer ice dates and times or in any of the summer programs that WESA will be offering, please contact Kevin Sohn at kevins@weskingacademy.com .

Contracts:

Please get your session contracts in. Postmark them no later than the 20th of the month prior to the one that you are contracting for. For example: Send your June session contracts by May 20th. If you have any questions regarding contracts, please contact Kevin Sohn.

Jackets and Apparel:

Did everyone get a chance to look at the Fleece Jackets with the WESA logo on them. Several of our members ordered them and they look sharp. If you are interested in ordering one, please let Kevin Sohn know.

Skate-A-Thon, Garage Sale and Clifton Skate:

The Garage Sale and Skate-A-Thon were successful. There were quite a few volunteers. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT HELPED.

The Skate-A-Thon was successful. The skaters in attendance had 2 hours of fun and games on the ice. The skater who earned the most for WESA was Katy Gannon. Her efforts earned her one of the WESA fleece jackets. THANK YOU KATY.

NFSC Festival on Ice:

There were plenty of WESA skaters at the Northwoods Figure Skating Club's Festival on Ice. Congratulations to all that showed them your Winners Edge. Skating in three shows is tough for anyone. There were a lot of compliments being thrown around by the public. The Spooner Advocate was there to take pictures and had a really nice article on the shows.

Northwest Sports Complex Ice:

The Northwest Sports Complex ice has been taken out for April and May. As soon as the ice goes on, you will be informed so we can start skating locally. Keep in mind that we continue to offer the Off-Ice programs.

WESA Approved Coaching Staff:

Please see our website www.weskatingacademy.com and peruse the bios for our staff.

Peter Biver-

Tamarah Hooper- Contact Kevin Sohn for availability

Sheila Thelen- Contact Kevin Sohn for availability

Alison Kending-Wade

Laurie Rubesch- 635-2411-Adult lessons-Not Privates

Sarah Ernest-

Jeff Crapp-

715-614-8724 -Hockey lessons and Private hockey instruction

Tessa Wald- 715-218-0120 - Privates

Kelly Quick-Hanson-736-0214-Synchro Team-Not Privates

Beth Marincel (nee LeVan)-715-296-6430 -Privates

WESA Board Members

President-**Lorna Margenau** 635-9697

Secretary-**Kristine Bissen** 736-2151

Board Member-**Cindy Cummings** 635-9580

Vice President-**Kevin Sohn** 635-9485

Treasurer-**Karen Sohn** 635-9485

Board Member-**Pam Gannon** 234-3822

Volunteering:

If you see any of our volunteers, tell them THANK YOU, as without dedicated parents and volunteers, WESA would not be able to offer the programs that they do for the development of your skater(s).

WESA welcomes comments or suggestions that will help in the successful operation of the Academy.

Champion Cords:

If you are interested in Champion Cords for training, please contact Kevin Sohn as Sheila Thelen has left us with some to sell. This is a great way to have them here instead of having to pay shipping for them.

5th Annual Winners Edge Development Camps for Figure Skaters:

If you are you interested in developing as a figure skater, these camps are for you. We offer a big time camp in a small town setting close to home. Winners Edge Development Camps provide high quality instruction in an all-inclusive camp. The price for these 3 day camps is \$425. The price includes: 3 days of group instruction with high level coaching, 3 meals on Monday and Tuesday, 2 meals on Wednesday, Dorm Room for three nights, an opportunity to get Private lessons at an additional cost with the highly accomplished coaching staff. We have linked the camps to our website www.weskatingacademy.com or you can visit the sports complex website www.nwsportscomplex.com to see the coaches' bios and also to register for these camps.

These camps fill up quickly, especially the Private lessons, as there are a limited number with each coach available. The camps and lessons are filled on a first come- first served basis.

NFSC & WESA Skaters have taken advantage of these camps every year. Last year we had 14 NFSC skaters attend the camps. Ask any of them if the camp met their expectations for development as a skater. I am sure they would be happy to talk to you about their experience. These camps are a great way to meet skaters from all over the country as well. Please feel free to pass this information to anyone who might be interested.

Coaching staff for 2008 include:

June 22-25, 2008- Steven Cousins, Natalie Seybold, Tamarah Hooper, Peter Biver

July 6-9, 2008- Audrey Weisiger, Sheila Thelen, Addy Hanson, Tamarah Hooper, Peter Biver

August 17-20, 2008- Kerry Leitch, Alison Smith, Caryn Kadavy, Tamarah Hooper, Peter Biver

If anyone has any questions, they can call or e-mail Kevin Sohn, Director Winners Edge Figure Skating Camps.

Winners Edge Development Hockey Camps:

If you are interested in developing your hockey skills, these camps are for you. Please visit the Sports Complex website for more information www.nwsportscomplex.com . They have several camps to choose from. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Scott Turnbull, Director of Winners Edge Hockey Camps. The Sports Complex phone number is 715-635-6144.

Upcoming Figure Skating Competitions & Test Dates:

May 8, 2008	Test Session sponsored by Duluth Figure Skating Club in Duluth, MN
May 15, 2008	Test Session sponsored by Roseville Figure Skating Club
May 16-18, 2008	2008 Roseville Competition-Sponsored by Roseville Figure Skating Club
June 20-22, 2008	2008 McCandless Competition-Sponsored by Braemar Figure Skating Club
July 17, 2008	Test Session sponsored by St. Paul Figure Skating Club
July 18-20, 2008	2008 Skate St. Paul Figure Skating Competition-Sponsored by St. Paul Figure Skating Club
August 6-7, 2008	Test Session sponsored by Greater Green Bay Figure Skating Club
August 8-10, 2008	2008 Skate Green Bay Competition sponsored by Greater Green Bay Figure Skating Club
August 23-24, 2008	2008 Minnesota State Competition-Mankato, MN
September 26-28, 2008	2008 Maplewood Fall Classic-Sponsored by Maplewood Figure Skating Club
October 14-18, 2008	2009 Upper Great Lakes Regional Championships-Sponsored by St. Paul Figure Skating Club
November 11-15, 2008	2009 Midwestern Sectional Championships-Sponsored by Houston Figure Skating Club
January 18-25, 2009	2009 US Figure Skating Championships-Sponsored by Cleveland Ohio
January 29-Feb 1, 2009	2009 Northland Competition-Sponsored by Duluth Figure Skating Club