

SHIRTS FOR SALE: With help from Sara Bont, we swapped shirts with other skaters from around the world at the WORLDS in Denver last month. We have some for sale still. The only person absolutely unwilling to swap was Laurent Daignault (World champion Canadian Guy Daignault's brother). I think he thought we were going to wait until he had his shirt over his head, and then grab his camera and run. Suddenly, he was eyeing us critically and unable to speak English. ("Really! I DO know your brother...")

Most shirts go for \$12 each. I have one beautiful Paul Marchese sweatshirt for \$25 or to the highest bidder. GGSS has lots of club shirts in various sizes, for \$10-15 each. Talk to Paul Albert.

ICE BOX, NOT SAND BOX Take a look at the ice at Fashion Island, Sundays 6-7:15 pm. Bonnie and Gabe spoke to manager Glen about improving the condition of the ice. It had gotten dangerous with troughs and patches of sand. We aren't dumping as much sand out of our boots as we used to, thanks to the rink employees who dug out most of the sand, and also found and fixed the leak in the refrigeration pipes. Hey, it does stay frozen that way! It still may be tee-shirt weather, but leave your shovel and pail at home.

INCORPORATION UPDATE

Mary's new hobby consists of filling in all the neat clean forms the nice people at the IRS were so thoughtful to provide. We will have corporate status this summer, and then the sleek, mean, paper-moving machine, (the US govt.) will move the papers from the Secretary of State's office over to the Tax Board, where they will OK our tax-exempt charitable organization status. Then, it's on to the Post Office! More speedskater stamps! More speedskater stamps!

NEW ASSOCIATION, NEW LOGO! Sheryl Chapman designed a "smashing" new logo for the NCSA. We needed something to put at the top of the article we submit to the national publication, the "RACING BLADE". Thanks to her skills as an artist and some computer graphics wizardry, our new logo blasts right off the page!

Coming soon to a newsletter near you.....

- NCSA and ASU membership forms
- Dryland training information
- Candidates for NCSA and GGSS office and election info
- ACEP seminar update

ON THE EDGE and NCSA News

This newsletter is brought to you in spite of our fumbling attempts at learning "Word for Windows."

This first article is a condensed version of the GGSS meeting minutes, courtesy Bonnie Crater. Additional information appears in *italics*.

• Also enclosed in this newsletter is information about the August coaches training camp, training session information from Southern Cal. coach Jerry Search, and additional information first made available through a newsletter handed out at the last three sessions in May.

Mary Wong, Editor

Golden Gate Speed Skaters Club Meeting April 26, 1992

Hi Folks - Many thanks to all of you who attended the club meeting this evening at Pizza Chalet. I believe it was very productive and I'm looking forward to a fun summer of Saturday workouts with Ferd, an occasional Saturday skating session, and our Sunday night workouts at Fashion Island. Ok, here's a summary of what we decided in between the hard rock tunes on the juke box.

ATTENDEES: Cornelia Bagg, Mr. and Mrs. Bagg, Bonnie Crater, Chris Buja, Greg Wong, Mary Wong, Carleen, Sally Schirber, Ron Hemelsek, Gordon Marshall, Suzie Hartman, Jim Minami, Ferd Shaffer.

SUMMER ICE? Yes, we voted to put together a 6 week program starting the end of June, ending in August. Fourteen people signed up for the session, each committing \$60 in advance for the six weeks. We need 15 to break even. If we get more than 15, we'll put the rest of the money in the bank.

Here's who signed up:

Garth Alton, Chris Buja, Bonnie Crater, Gabe Kingsley, Travis Hartman and Ron Heemskerck(1/2 share or 3 weeks), Gordon Marshall, Jim Minami, Sally Schirber, Ferd Shaffer, Anna Stubbs, Suzie Tignor, Greg Wong, Mary Wong

Any additional takers? No Scrip Cards; No pay-as-you-go. The money has to be up front for this to work. *(More to be announced in the next newsletter. The times haven't been arranged with the rink yet.)*

TREASURY REPORT

Bonnie reported GGSS has \$50 in the bank. Anybody who owes the club money should start writing checks ASAP. Bonnie pitched in \$50 for shirts sold at the Worlds. Mary said she owed some for pins traded at the Worlds.

NCSA DUES Since we're going to be our own

association, we now need to charge dues to pay Association membership to the ASU (\$300), to send a representative to the convention (~\$500), and to pay for postage (~\$200) and wonderful newsletters (\$200?). Information about amount per skater and family will be in the registration forms coming out in the next newsletter. Remember, this membership will be tax deductible!

NEW OFFICERS. This year we'll need seven officers to help run things -- A President and Secretary/Treasurer for the Golden Gate Speed Skaters and a President, Racing VP, Membership VP, Treasurer, and Secretary for the NCSA. Gabe Kingsley was asked to head the nomination committee. How about it Gabe? If you're on the nominating committee you're ensured you don't have to hold an office! Bonnie was the Membership VP for Southern California, and has offered to take care of that job.

FUND RAISER. Since GGSS is almost broke, it was proposed that we have another Skate-a-thon. We made over \$1200 in the last one. We had initially planned to do the Skate-athon at the end of May on the 31st. **(Moved to August 30, 1992, to also serve as Racing**

Season kick-off.) Bonnie will make pledge forms available. Skaters are encouraged to line up donors right away. (Not blood donors!) Start training!

Editor's Note: Please don't be shy about volunteering for anything to help the club! This is your club and all help is welcome!

Best, Bonnie Crater

(End of meeting minutes)

COACHING CLINIC-ACEP CERTIFICATION

I spoke to Don Kangas of Michigan this week. He runs the ACEP program as part of his Coaching Coordinating job with the ASU. ACEP stands for American Coaching Effectiveness Program.

He and Larry Ralston will be out here in August running a three-day program for everyone who does any type of coaching, not just speedskating. See page 27 of the June Racing Blade for more information. Don asked me to ask everyone who is interested to please send in the \$40 fee by July 15. They need some lead time to purchase and ship the ACEP supplies.

In this newsletter is a registration form. Notice, the money gets sent directly to Don. The seminar starts at 6 pm Friday evening, and ends at noon Sunday. Ferd Shaffer can tell more about the actual content. He attended a seminar in Illinois three years ago.

ASU COACHING CERTIFICATION SEMINAR

1992 REGISTRATION

San Francisco Bay Area, Aug. 21,22,23

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (evening) _____

Club: _____

Association: _____

Send with \$40 check made out to ASU Coaching Seminar, to:
Don Kangas, 5112 Nurmi Dr., Midland, MI 48640-2437.