



# New Year's Meet

**January 4, 1997**

San Jose Ice Centre, 10th and Alma St.

**San Jose, California**

(near San Jose State college)

7:15 to 9:45 pm., Check--in: 6:00 pm.

*Distances skated: Seniors and Masters 1,500m, 500m, 1,000m  
3,000 and/or relay, time permitting.*

*Juniors, Novices and Midgets 777m, 500m, 333m*

*Helmets, gloves and long sleeves required*

**\$20 - entry fee, pre-registered (with ASU or NCSA membership),**

**\$10 - Skaters 17 years and under (with ASU or NCSA membership)**

**\$25 - non ASU or NCSA membership**

**Late fee: \$5**

**Entries must be received by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the race, or the late fee will apply.**

Send entries to the race czar: Bob Payne, 11112 Firethorne Dr. Cupertino, CA 95014 408-773-1854

## Entry and Release Form

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry in the above event, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Golden Gate Speed Skaters, San Jose Ice Centre, the Northern California Speedskating Association, and any of their members, for any and all injuries suffered by me as a result of my participation in said event. This also releases in advance the promoters and sponsors from and against any and all liability arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in said event.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day:

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian if < 18 years \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

500m time \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(if new only)

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Home phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Association/Club \_\_\_\_\_

ASU # \_\_\_\_\_

**For director only:** Helmet # \_\_\_\_\_

Current NCSA or ASU member? \_\_\_\_\_

PAID- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# On The Edge



August/September 1996

## NEW TIMES, NEW BERKELEY SESSIONS!

**B**erkeley Iceland is the new home for Sunday speed sessions.

Golden Gate Speed Skaters held the last speed session at the San Mateo rink August 25, 1996. They called the "sand box" at Ice Chalet, their home rink for eight years.

Now, bay area skaters will be able to take advantage of training on both of the big 30x60 meter rinks in this area.

Oakland sessions are Saturday 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. Berkeley sessions are Sundays from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m.

Kimon Papahadjopoulos, Mark

Schechter, Ron Gonzalvez and Ruggy Holloway pursued keeping the Oakland club active in the Oakland rink, and contracting with Berkeley for time they had available. Berkeley is agreeing to let us have sessions there for 10 months, starting in September.

Those of us who have been training at Ice Chalet since 1988 have always dreamed of being able to train at a big rink like Berkeley. We could never get a regular session there due to the dominance of hockey and figure clubs.

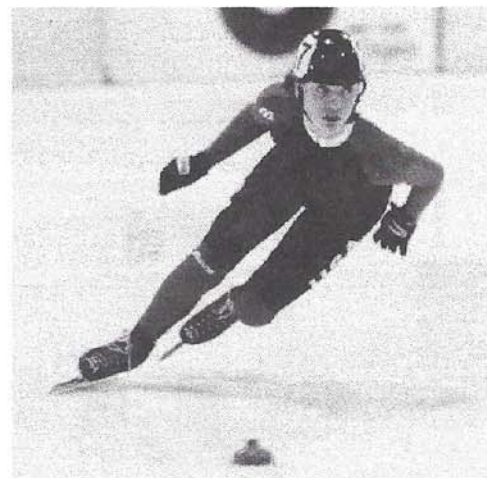
With the availability of the ice in Oakland, Berkeley's schedule had an open one-hour slot. Very importantly, with the new skaters coming from the Oakland club, it was possible to agree to the financial responsibility of running two sessions.

Berkeley's ice is actually only slightly more expensive than Ice Chalet. The Golden Gate club pads will be used at the Berkeley sessions.

LAST FASHION ISLAND  
SAN MATEO SESSION WAS  
AUGUST 25!

OAKLAND: SATURDAYS  
8:15 A.M. TO 9:45 A.M.

BERKELEY: SUNDAYS  
6:45 P.M. TO 7:45 P.M.



*Sarah Elliot of Wisconsin  
executes turn with left hip way in,  
shoulders aligned with hips.*

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## Core Skaters Group Supports Two Sessions

So, how do you top a story like the move to Berkeley? Well, this next bit came to the editors over e-mail while we were still recovering from the tea-cups ride in Disneyland. The brain child of Kimon P. and Mark Schechter was that if enough skaters shared the burden of paying for two sessions a week, year-round, it might not be too expensive, and that maybe there were enough skaters who would agree to this to make it work. So, the Core Skaters Group was formed. Please see pages 3 and 4 for more information.

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# Core Skaters Agreement Promoted

by Mark Schecter

To All Bay Area Speedskaters:

Members of Golden Gate Speedskaters and Oakland Ice Center Speedskaters have developed an innovative means of securing and paying for ice time: We are cooperating! A core group of stalwarts has pledged to underwrite the cost of ice year round. Of course, the larger the group, the smaller the payments, so we want to be sure everyone knows about what we're doing.

We invite your participation and welcome you to join with us for the good of our sport.

To summarize, we have committed to two sessions per week, all year, one at Oakland U.S. Ice Center, and one at Berkeley Iceland. We total the ice cost, divide by the number of core skaters, and divide that by 12. That's the monthly baseline, which is the maximum a core member would have to pay.

But wait! All walk-on skaters will pay on a per-visit basis, and every dollar they pay is a dollar the core members don't pay. So we expect monthly payments to probably always be less than the baseline. Further, we will apply load-balancing, to even out the payments so that summer costs are more like winter costs. The details of everything I have mentioned are spelled out in the text below. (See partial text on pg. 4 this newsletter. -ed.)

We already have about 20 Core Members, so we have already made it over the first big hump. From here on, it just gets easier for everybody.

Please read the Core Skaters Agreement. Let me know if you want more information and I'll send you the entire explanation and form in the mail. If you have any questions, you can, in order of preference:

1. email me, [schecter@netcom.com](mailto:schecter@netcom.com)
2. email Kimon Papahadjopoulos, [kimon@iat.com](mailto:kimon@iat.com)
3. phone me, Mark Schecter 510-530-8064

Review the information I send you, then fill it out and send a check for \$94. (ed: \$94 as of Sept. 96) As we gain members, this amount will change, so we will apply any excess to next month's fee, just as if it were walk-on fees. Until further notice, send it to: Kimon Papahadjopoulos, 2529 College Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704.

Thanks for your interest, and we'll see you on the ice!

-Mark

## NCSA Skaters Race at Roller Nationals in Nebraska

ASU Nationals in May wasn't the end of the season for NCSA skaters who also compete on wheels. Indoor "Roller" Nationals was in Nebraska August 18 through 21.

Sarah Sayasane set two national records in her division and claimed National Championship of the Juvenile Girls division.

Cindy Hsieh made it to finals and finished in the top six. Daniel Holloway, third fastest in his division after the heats, was over tired going into the semi's and was stopped there. Jeff Hsieh raced up through semi's in a very solid group of 27 racers. All of the finishes were very close; no stragglers in this group.

Racers at these Nationals faced heats, semi's and finals over three distances in the four days.

***Barbara Beth has moved to Calgary to train and skate short track full-time through the fall! Good Luck Barbara !!!***

## NCSA Women Pedal to NorCal Win

Heather Thompson and Suzie Marshall weren't relaxing in the sun this summer. Their cycling season culminated in the track cycling Championships for Northern California.

The final women's competition put Suzie and Heather head-to-head, or wheel-to-wheel. The winner would be the one to win two out of three races.

In the first two races, they each took one race from start to finish. In the final Heather got the jump at the start, but Suzie managed to pass in the first lap and held on for the win. The finish gave Suzie the championship and Heather second in the Open Women's Division. In each race they finished half a wheel-length from each other.

## Core Speedskater Member Agreement-partial text

Rev. 081796

This agreement describes how members of the Golden Gate Speedskaters and the Oakland Ice Center Speedskaters intend to cooperate to achieve the shared goal of ensuring the availability of regularly scheduled ice speedskating sessions.

By agreeing to share the burden of guaranteeing payment of ice fees, we assure ourselves of the opportunity to skate on quality ice year-round, at a price we can afford. A consequence of this cooperation is that skaters who do not commit to sharing the burden (walk-ons) nevertheless reap the benefit of ready availability of ice. However, their pay-per-use fees will be used as rebates to Core Members, to directly reduce their financial burden.

Therefore, everyone who skates at Core supported sessions contributes to our mutual success.

\* Core Membership is a solemn 12 month commitment. Anyone can join at the beginning of any month, but you must commit to making the Core Membership payments for 12 months whether you skate or not.

\* Core members pay a variable monthly fee to cover the cost of club ice sessions. The method for calculating this fee is outlined later in this document.

\* For the 1996-1997 season beginning in September 1996, club ice sessions will be:

\* **Saturday 8:15-9:30 AM at Oakland US Ice Center**

\* **Sunday 6:45-7:45 PM at Berkeley Iceland**

\* Session fees we must pay for the 1996-1997 season will be:

\* Oakland US Ice - \$250/1.25 hour speed session (\$200/hour).  
\* Berkeley Iceland - \$190/hour, unless prepaid (as we intend to do), in which case, \$180/hour.

\* **Total ice fees - \$430/week**

\* **Annual ice fees - 52 x \$430 = \$22,360.**

\* Monthly payments will not increase beyond the baseline without giving each member the opportunity to re-evaluate his or her commitment.

The table below shows the monthly baseline for several different numbers of Core Members. The amounts are based upon \$22,360 in projected annual fees.

| # Core Members | Annual CM Fees | Monthly Baseline |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 10             | \$2236         | \$ 186           |
| 15             | 1491           | 124              |
| 20             | 1118           | 93 <-- TARGET    |
| 25             | 894            | 75               |
| 30             | 745            | 62               |

\* Family Core Memberships are available for 1.5 times the price of an individual Core Membership. Any member of that immediate family is considered a Core Member.

\* **We expect the walk-on price to be approximately \$10.**

\* Oakland US Ice Center will provide up to 40 Core Member skaters with a pass good for all public sessions for the duration of our contract there. There is a one-time \$5 processing fee for each pass. Each individual skater must get his or her own pass.

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