The turnout for the April 2 speed session was very good. We have decided to book up a block of ice for the summer. Starting May 7th, we plan to have 1 hour speed sessions, from 5:15 PM until 6:15 PM. This will continue until August 27th or as long as the attendance holds up.

Some people have expressed an interest in a pre-session skating seminar. Anyone interested in this should come about 1/2 hour early to the May 7th session (4:45 PM). Bring exercise shoes if you have them. This weeks topic will be warming up before skating.

Some of the novice skaters have been asking about other good times and places to skate. Here is a list of some of the better public skating sessions that we know about. If anyone has any more suggestions, please let us know and we'll print it in our next newsletter.

Berkeley Iceland
Sunday Night , 8PM to 10PM (usually very empty for first 10 minutes )
Thursday Night 8PM to 10:30PM
Wednesday Night 8PM to 10:30PM

Fashion Island
Monday Night (adults only) 7:30PM - 9:30 PM
Every weekday 12PM to 1:30PM

Belmont Iceland
Thursday Nights 8PM to 10:30PM (lessons for first 1/2 hour)

We are thinking about buying protective mats for the walls to be used during the speed sessions (we don't want to damage the walls with our bodies!). At this time all we have been able to find are 2" foam army surplus bunk pads. The cost for these with their covers are about \$17. We would like to buy about 6 of these. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas on any other types of cushions for the walls please let us know. We will probably be ready to purchase sometime in May. Any donations to help pay for the mats would be greatly appreciated.

ATTENTION PEOPLE WITH EXTRA PAIRS OF SKATES! We have noticed that the rental speed skate selection at Belmont is not quite as extensive as we had hoped. Several of the novices have not been able to rent skates to use during the session. We would appreciate it if any of you can bring your old skates in for use as loaners during the speed sessions, until the rental selection improves.

1.	Did you enjoy the speed session? yes-	11	no-	0
2.	How did you find out about the session ?			
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3.	How often would you like be able to come to speed sessions?			
	The session will be on a weeklybasis starting in May.		her week-	9 2 0
4.	What is the most that you would pay to skate in a speed session?			
		\$4.00 - \$5.00 - \$7.00 -	2 2 1	
	This is the maximium cost/person If we don't get enough people to charge this amount.or less, the session will be cancelled.	\$7.50 - \$10.00 - \$15.00 - \$50.00 -	1 2 2 1	
5.	Should the sessions be longer than 1 hou	r?		
	The Board of Directors met to make an executive decision. The Probability Analyzer was utilized. It was heads. Sessions will be one hour until further notice.	yes - no -	5 5	
6.	Would you be interested in a short skati before each speed session?	ng seminar	?(15-20 mir	utes )
	The seminars start May 7th!>	yes - no -	7 3	
7.	Are you interested in racing?	yes - no -	3 7	

Results from the questionaire sent out in the last

newsletter. About 34 questionaires were sent out and we have received about 1/3 of them back.

8. Are you interested in dry land training?

We will try to start scheduling ----> yes - 5 some training sessions soon. no - 4

9. Is Belmont a convenient rink for you to go to?

The sessions will stay in Belmont ---> yes - 10 as long as they will tolerate us. no - 1

10. Would you object to have your name and address published in a directory of skaters. (for carpooling, etc.)

A list of names will not be published. yes - 2 Un-restricted names will be given out no - 8 on request.

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The following is the list of speed skate sources that we've compile so far.

Sportif Importer LTD 4711 West Lawrence Ave. Chicago, Illinois, 60630 (312) 685-0240 Inze Bonte (adjustables) 84 Washington St Bexley 2207, New South Wales Austrailia 011-612-587-9225

Fletcher's Speed Skating Shop 9239 Manchester St. Louis, Mo. (314) 961-0520 Raymond Laberge Enr. (adjustables)
1663 Place Chantelle
L'Ancienne-Lorette. Que. Canada G2E 3K3
(418) 872-2294

Belmont Iceland 815 Old County Rd. Belmont, Calif (415) 592-0533 Sports & Imports (Marty Hill)
316 East Seneca Turnpike
Syracuse, NY. 13205
(315) 492-6620
(brochures should be arriving in the mail soon)

Viking Schaatsen
Postbus 242
1990 AE Weesp
The Netherlands, Europe
( call greg or mary for photocopy
 of brochure )

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