

MEETING NOTICE IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE GIVE YOUR PROXY TO SALLY SHIRBER: 415-572-0258 BY APRIL 19, 1991 !!!

Dear Speed Skater:

4/15/91

Golden Gate Speed Skaters has an opportunity to start holding our regular training sessions at the Golden Gate Ice Arena in Redwood City starting May 4, 1991 at 4 p.m. We are considering whether to take this ice time, and whether to set up a novice program with the Fashion Island Ice Capades Chalet.

If you have an opinion, please make yourself heard!

Be at Sally's Saturday, April 20, 1991 at 9:30 a.m. or call and give her your proxy. "Yes, to move" or "No, to keep things the way they are." She has an answering machine, OR call her for directions to her house.

GGSS would sign a contract with Golden Gate Arena for \$150 per hour. (Keep that under your helmet!) Their ice is fantastic and they take pride in it. Their management wants speed skaters. Their rink is clean. The time they are offering is **prime** time. Sessions would be run similarly to what we do now at Fashion Island on Sundays. Can you tell what I want?

Monthly dues would remain at \$30 per adult/\$15 student for the Golden Gate Ice Arena session only as long as enough skaters pay, obviously. We are currently paying \$125 per hour for the ice at Fashion Island.

The Ice Capades Chalet management is working with Bonnie Crater and Gabe Kingsley in developing a novice speed skating program sponsored by Ice Capades and operated by GGSS. People interested in skating this session would pay through the door. It would not be covered by the monthly ice fees we pay. Details are still being worked out, ie: who instructs and what equipment would be available, and how we all keep our amateur status.

More news will appear soon in an Association Newsletter. Please read it for an announcement on GGSS's home in May.

In other news: Barbara Brown and the Marketing classes at San Jose State want to thank everyone who responded to their survey, and those of us who went to their class to speak. Their presentations start April 25. They welcome GGSS'ers who want to attend. For more details, get Barbara's phone number from me, see below.

Thankyou for your attention!
Very truly yours,

MARY WONG 415-886-0565
Executive Secretary
Southern California Speed Skating Association

SPEED SESSIONS!! IN BERKELEY????!!!!!!

Here is your chance to skate some great ice. The track will be the same as the 111m track we know and love from Fashion Island, but it just seems so much bigger on Berkeley's Olympic rink. Jim Minami has made arrangements for a speed session February 16, 1991 from 5:30 to 6:30. Get there early and you can help set up pads. We will have our own survey crew (Gabe, have you considered another line of work? Cal Trans could use guys like you to hold those little signs that say "STOP", "SLOW".) on the ice at 5:15 marking a track. The manager will be charging GGSS for only the time we use to skate. Berkeley is a lot colder than Fashion Island, but not as much as Belmont.

Please let Greg or Mary Wong, or Jim Minami know if you will be there. Jim has paid for the ice and we will be splitting the cost among those who show up. Jim pointed out that if we get alot of bodies out there we can show the Berkeley management the great interest there is in speed skating. We have our last race up here on Feb. 23, this is a great opportunity for training. It will be a drive for you south bay people, but worth it! Expect Jim to ask some of you to help transport pads.

SKATE-ATHON

Bonnie is still working out the details, but start thinking about who you will be hitting up for donations. Who has asked you to buy cookies or candy bars; do you need to contact Grandma and tell her to save her Reno money for a worthier cause?

BUSINESS CARD BLITZ

HUH? I got a phone call from Tim Quinn of Ohio, chairman of this fundraiser for the ASU. They have people mailing in business cards with a ten dollar donation in order to enter a drawing for two airfares to anywhere in the continental USA. This was kicked off at the convention in May and as of Jan. 15, when he called, they had a grand total of forty cards. That is only \$400 dollars. They were hoping for one card from each memeber of the ASU, or \$25,000. Pretty sad, but then again pretty typical. I printed up a some letters and sent them out to businesses I deal with all the time in my community, ie: the insurance agent, the video store, the cleaners, the bicycle store, the rollerskate supply people, the auto mechanic, etc. Need I go on? How much business do

they get from us? Hey Paul, go hit up those nice people at the pizza parlor!! These are people we support and to whom we send even more business. The ASU didn't expect money from the skaters this time, that is why they called it the business card blitz. Of course, if you want to get in on those great odds, you are certainly welcome to enter. Call me for more information or check your Dec. issue of the Racing Blade.

Cards are to be sent to Amateur Skating Union, c/o Huntington National Bank, 29095 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, Ohio, 44070. Drawing to be held March 24, 1991 at the Short-Track Nationals in Worcester, Mass.

LONG TRACK VICTORY

GGSS's own Nancy Weber won the Master's division in Butte, Montana.

OK, OK, it was a small division. But her name goes on the records books all the same. Look for Nancy's picture on the cover of the ASU handbook; see the hat just above Diane Holum's arm? That's her. Thankyou to Bob Stewart for sponsoring the trophy for Nancy's division. Is this nepotism?

RACE RESULTS FOR GOLD RUSH II ENCLOSED

We are working on statewide point totals. People have changed divisions through the season and we are making sure we are aligned with Southern CA. Hopefully it will all be straightened out by the Feb. 9 association meeting in L.A. after the race. In case you are wondering, it looks like Gordon Marshall has the most points.

ENTRY FORMS FOR GOLD RUSH III DUE IN SOON!!!

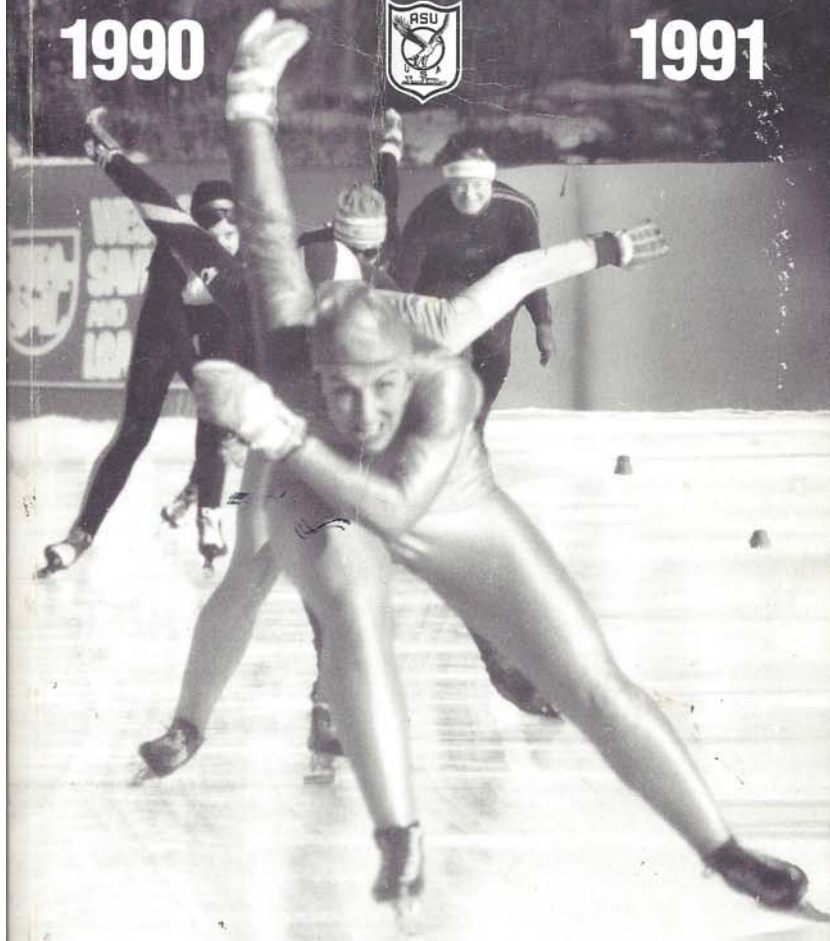
Enclosed are the entry forms. Please notice where they say due back by Feb. 15. There is a late fee charged for this one. It is really hard for the race directors to figure out who will be on the starting line for each heat. We are usually able to guess about who will show up, but if we all get a little better organized, it makes a tough job a little easier. Then we can have race numbers ready in advance when you sign in at the registration table Feb. 23. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. Families can put all their racers on one form. Call Sally for more information.

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