

# On the Edge

November 1992



## Athens to Atlanta

Three associates of the Golden Gate Speed Skaters attended the classic Athens to Atlanta rollerskating race. Two names are quite familiar in inlining circles. Eddy Matzger won the race with a time of 5 hours and 13 minutes. Sandy Snakenberg placed ninth with a time of 5 hours 33 minutes. The race was run in pouring rain (have you ever walked on the ice with your ice guards on?). The surprise of the race was Carrie Medved. Carrie is a student who works part time and likes to skate. Carrie managed a third place in the women's division with a time of 6 hours and 30 minutes! Look out for Carrie on the ice this year. She's strong, she's got good technique and as you can see, she's got endurance!

## Surprise Visitor

On October 18 after the regular Sunday session, Golden Gate-ers were treated to a special surprise visit by Kristi Yamaguchi. For those of you who don't know this, (have you been on another planet or something?), Kristi, who won the Gold medal in the Olympics for figure skating as well as the World Championships, was in town and just happened to have the time slot right after ours. Kristi very generously gave out autographs on slips of paper, speed skates and whatever else was available. Not having anything better to sign, I pulled off my beloved Olympic Festival tee-shirt and had it autographed. As I triumphantly walked away with my new prize, I realized that I would never be able to wash or wear my favorite tee-shirt again.

greg

## Pacific Northwest Open, October 24, 1992

Congratulations to the Lane County Speedskating Club on having a very successful meet. This exceptionally well run meet had about 30 skaters from Washington State, California and Oregon. GGSS got the "Farthest Traveled Competitors" award. We had seven of our skaters entered and all did extremely well. Congratulations to Cornelia, Piata, Ron, Cheryl, Derek and John.

Thanks to the Lane County Speedskating club for your hospitality, that was a great potluck!

Jim

Pacific Northwest Open, partial results GGSS skaters in bold type

Place	Advanced Children	Novice Men	Novice Women
1	Niya Farmer	Jeff Flesher	Heather Hansen
2	Ryan Ashby	Ron Stanley	<b>Cornelia Bagg</b>
3	Joey Fisher	Roger Mossman	Melanie Foster
4	Christina Curry	JJ Warfield	Crystal Ashby

Place	"A" Skaters	"B" Skaters	"C" Skaters
1	<b>John Diemont</b>	Michael Massey	<b>Sheryl Chapman</b>
2	Mark Wolfe	<b>Derrick Roberts</b>	Patty Quinlan
3	<b>Jim Minami</b>	Tim Wittmayer	Susan Lanza
4	Bill McConochie	Ben Strehele	<b>Ron Heemskerk</b>

## Schedule of Upcoming Meets

Date	Place	Meet
Sat Nov 7	LA	SoCal meet
Sun Nov 8	SM	Fashion Island Novice Race
Sat Nov 21, or 26 or 28	LA	Thanksgiving meet
Sun Dec 6	SM	NCSA Meet, TBA
Sat Dec 12	LA	Santa Claus meet (and Skate-A-Thon drawings)
Sat Jan 9	LA	DeMorra Sprints
Sun Jan 10	SM	NCSA Meet, TBA
Sat Feb 13	LA	California State meet
Sat Feb 27-28	LA	California Classic (may be moved to April)
Sat Mar 13	LA	Silver Skates meet
Mar 19-21	Mil	Nationals- Milwaukee
Mar 26-28	Ill	North Americans- Champaign
April 3-5,	Chn	Worlds- Beijing

## NCSA Meeting Minutes, October 18, 1992 at Go-Getters Pizza.

Minutes by Mary Wong

In attendance: Jim Minami, Greg and Mary Wong, Chris Buja, Bonnie Crater, Carleen Loveday, John Heemskirk, Cornelia Bagg, Paul Albert, Derek Roberts.

Diemont, Ron

**ASU business:** reimbursement from ASU for ice time of ACEP Coaching Clinic (was received Monday after the meeting.) Money goes to Golden Gate Club. A letter from Shirley Yates asks all clubs to get their membership information to her as soon as possible so she doesn't get an avalanche of applications just when racing season starts.

### Association business:

**President:** Mary Wong proposed need for committees for RACING and FINANCE. Group voted to form a racing committee to handle all aspects of putting on races, whether NCSA has only one club or more. This committee will be headed by Jim Minami. Formation of a finance committee was postponed at this time. Regarding NCSA incorporation; the Secretary of State's office returned the application, asking that a simple change be made on page 1, of the Articles of Incorporation. This was done and the package was returned for their approval. We are hoping that she likes page 2, and so on. (Editor's note: She didn't. Another correction was made and package sent back with a letter asking the document examiner to review the whole package before returning it for corrections.)

**Vice-president:** Bonnie Crater reported that NCSA currently has about 15 members. Membership sheets were made available at this meeting, and will be available at sessions. Membership cards were distributed. You are registered with the ASU and NCSA as soon as you send in your money, but you need your ASU card to race outside this association area. You should start receiving the RACING BLADE magazine soon after you are registered.

**Treasurer:** Carleen Loveday will open an association bank account. She is looking for one that will be free. Bonnie will also have a signature on file.

**Club announcements and business:** Jim Minami reported on efforts to secure GGSS club ice time at Fashion Island. Jim was trying to suggest to the rink ways to lower the ice cost. Glen considered Jim's proposal that Ice Capades sponsor GGSS, but ended up turning it down, saying they don't want to sponsor other groups. They will not allow GGSS skaters to pay "through the door" at this session, the way skaters now pay \$5 each on Sundays. Ice costs \$160/hr.+. GGSS would need a minimum of 16 skaters paying \$10 each per hour to pay for a private session. Jim maintains that a serious racing club needs more than one session per week. (Lane County club in Eugene, OR is running three sessions per week at their county-owned facility. LA is running three sessions per week.)



**Fund Raiser:** Ron Heemskerk brought sample **coupon checkbooks** that will be sold by club members for \$8 apiece. There are separate zones for the east bay, peninsula and the south bay. Ron says there is even a coupon for Ice Capades Chalet. GGSS can keep \$4 for each book sold. Skaters are encouraged to sign up to take a couple books for each zone to sell at their workplace as well as to family and friends. Bonnie, Chris, Greg and Mary each offered to take five books to start with. Books will be available at the sessions. **Skate-athon** date undecided while we wait for corporate status to be secured.

Mary end of minutes .....

**For Sale:** Norton stones, only one of each: IM2 combination- \$25; IM9 fine- \$20  
Mary Wong, 510-886-0565

## **Fashion Island Novice Race and Exhibition**

### **In cooperation with the Golden Gate Speed Skaters**

**Date:** Sunday November 9, 1992 5 pm check in.

**Place:** Ice Capades Chalet, San Mateo, California

**Information:** Call Greg Wong (510) 886-0565

**Cost:** No charge

This is a novice competition/exhibition intended for skaters with less than 2 years of racing experience. It is being run in conjunction with the power-skating class. This is not intended for advanced skaters. Advanced skaters are welcome to come and help with the meet, but there will be no events scheduled for them.

#### **Distances:**

Adult distances will be 500 meters and 777 meters.

Children's distances will be 222 meters and 500 meters.

#### **Equipment:**

Helmets, gloves and a long sleeved shirt will be required.

### Time Trial

During the last two Redwood City Speed Sessions, time trials were held. This was a very enlightening experience. I personally (greg) was not aware that the walls had been moved in to accommodate the added seating for the spectators during our practice session. Had I known this ahead of time, I'm sure that I would have been able to skate much faster!

### Flying Lap Times August 15, 1992

Garth Alton	15.63	14.96	14.67	14.97
Jim Minami	13.21	12.89	12.88	13.11
Mary Wong	13.96	13.74	13.56	13.61
Greg Wong	12.18	11.99	12.32	12.10

### Standing Start 2 Laps August 29, 1992

Greg Wong	25.2
Paul Albert	25.8
Bonnie Crater	27.1
Jim Minami	27.5
Ron Heemskerk	30.0
Chris Buja	31.4
Garth Alton	31.8
Carleen Loveday	34.4
Henry	35.2
Ken Buja	40.9
Kristen Corsaut	44.9



### ACEP Clinic

The following attendees of the ACEP clinic have been awarded the coveted NCSA award, "The Broken Shoelace" for having excelled in the following areas:

#### The Shoes on the Asphalt Award

Bill Cawthra

Bill was seen walking around on the asphalt with shoes on during the dry training portion of the clinic

#### Thunder Thighs Award

Sharon Cawthra

Sharon distinguished herself by single handedly breaking the blades off of her skates during the on-ice portion of the clinic. Honorable mention for walking off the ice without shoes on.

#### Best Navigator Award

Don Kangas/Larry Ralston

Don's feat was that he single-handedly was able to find his way to the Wong's house without having to use the phone to call for directions.

Larry's is commended for having chosen an inward spiraling route that passed through many scenic areas while in search of his hotel in San Francisco