MSFSC

Mississippi Skates

May 2009

ANOTHER POSSIBLE ICE OPTION?

I got home from Detroit and found emails questioning a new arena. After searching the internet, talking to Dodie, and emailing Thorne Butler of MISI I compiled the following:

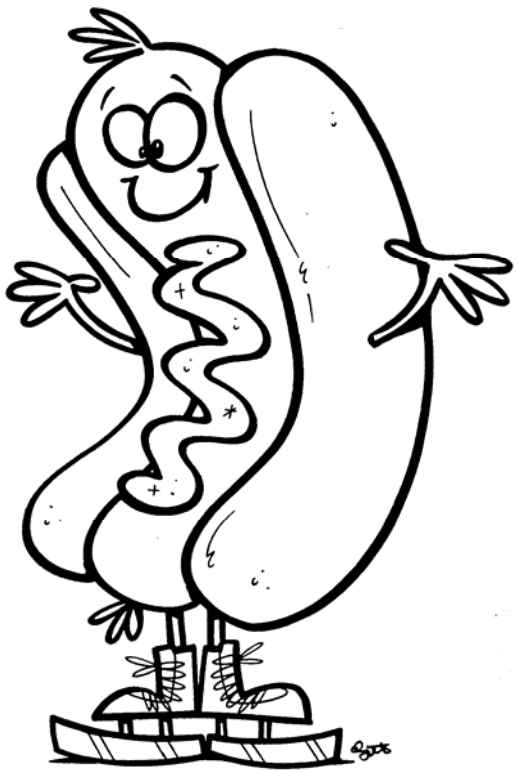
"The Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) has prepared a Request for Qualifications/Proposals for A Sports Arena to be located in downtown Jackson, Mississippi. The Request for Proposal Committee (RFPC) will review submissions, and the RFPC is composed of the Downtown Jackson Partners, the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, the Hinds County Economic Development District, and the Central MS Planning and Development District. The study area for this RFQ/RFP includes the City of Jackson and the surrounding metropolitan area. The selected consultant will enter into an agreement with the Downtown Jackson Partners to provide a Marketing Analysis, Feasibility Study, and Economic Impact Analysis for the development of a Sports Arena to be located in the downtown area of the City of Jackson."

http://www.downtown-jackson.com/index.php/news/full-story/3823/
http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20090410/BIZ/904100337/-1/archive

Quote from Thorne Butler: "I have spoken to Ben Allen and I asked to be included on the committee to review the feasibility study. "

In essence, we have a positive ice presence on the committee. There is nothing definite, but I like the idea of another option for ice returning to the Jackson area.

ANNUAL BANQUET



ANNOUNCING:

The Annual banquet this year is a BBQ at Dodie's House on June 7th at 2pm. RSVP Deanna at deanna.cooley@gmail.com or Ruby at ruby.pierce@att.net. USFS test badges will be handed out and recognition for event participation.

See you there!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Events for consideration. Let me know if you are participating.

•ISI 50th Anniversary Competition
Orlando, FL…May 23-25
•USFS test in June in Birmingham
•USFS Ice Dance Weekend in Atlanta in July

Let me know if you are participating in any upcoming USFS or ISI events so I can mention them in the newsletter and help with publicity.

MSFSC Membership Renewal:
It took 2 years to gain the MSFSC alliance with USFS. We would like to maintain this club membership while MISI and now Downtown Jackson Partners continue to explore bringing ice back to Jackson. The annual rate will remain the same at last year. **$40 for skaters and $25 for Non-Skating Members** to cover our dues to USFS. Please support the MSFSC and renew your memberships now or at the banquet.

The Baton Rouge ice rink is now closed for the summer. They plan to reopen in the fall. They did install additional insulation last year, but more is still needed to enable them to be open year-round in the future. The Louisiana FSC (ISI) is still active at the Lafayette, LA rink until Leo's reopens. College Hockey continues to be the main source of revenue to keep this rink going.

"New skates are the worst!...breaking them in takes about 3 weeks – and the first week is *awful*. I get blisters all over my feet."
~ Tara Lipinski, 1998 US Olympic Gold Medalist

Left: Shawn, Dodie & Karan

Right: Shawn & Karan

CONGRATULATIONS SKATERS!
Cajun Open Results

Karan Chinn
1st Bronze Freestyle
1st Similar Couple Dance 4 Swing
1st Couples Med Lt Ent Spotlight

Shawn Barrick
1st Figures 1
1st Freestyle 3 Free skate
1st Solo Dance 4 Cha-Cha
1st Similar Couple Dance 4 Swing
1st Couples Med Lt Ent Spotlight

***Special Thanks to Dodie & Shawn for judging!**

MAY BIRTHDAYS
13th Margaret Ann Lawson
22nd Kyla Gray
22nd David Fowler

*Note: Linah was unable to compete in Blades of Decatur due to Angelia's broken arm.

HAVE A GREAT MEMORIAL DAY

The MSFSC would like to wish Angelia Chism a speedy recovery from her broken arm, Kirsten a speedy recovery from her broken arm, and good luck to Dodie who will be getting a partial knee replacement in July.

Good luck to

Heather Van Horn

and

Kristina Van Horn

who will be competing in the ISI 50th Anniversary Competition in Orlando, FL on May 23rd

PUBLICITY

- Sent Shawn and Karan's Cajun Open results to the newspapers
- Sent Shawn's USFS test results to the newspapers

EXTRAS FOR SALE!

Club Jacket $100
size: Adult XS

Club Pants $50
sizes: Adult XS, Adult M
pants run small

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