

Breaking Ice News

Dishing out the hot news from the cold ice

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The club committee wishes you a very Happy New Year and a brilliant skating season!!!

We are now reaching the mid-term of our skating season and a lot of things have or are changing and you should know about them!

But first let us take a quick look back in time:

The club successfully held its traditional St Nicolas Gala, where all our skaters, from Skaties to competition skaters, had a chance to show their skills on the ice.



And of course the main character wasn't missing, the Kleeschen came with goodies for everyone.

Some of our skaters had a chance to perform in a little show on the mobile ice rink at the Knuedler in the city in November and in Remich in December, the weather was not really wintery, but the shows certainly were a hit! Thank you, girls!



Our coaches put a Christmas touch in the last training on the 23rd of December, after a very exciting race between two strong teams (that ended miraculously in a tie) the competition skaters had fun playing badminton on ice, hilarious!



Competition Group:

We would like to introduce our competition skaters to you, many of them are known (as they practically live at the rink), but as there are changes all the time, we thought it would be a good idea to update you on these. And yes, we are working on posting pictures of them on our website.

Group Or:

Chloé, age 17
Mara, age 17
Ana, age 15
Katerini, age 15
Gemma, age 13
Tereza, age 11

Group Argent:

Eleanor, age 12
Anna, age 10
Maély, age 10
Lillian, age 10

Group Espoir:

Clémence, age 10
Ella, age 9
Susanna, age 9
Elli, age 8
Dita, age 8

Sadly Paula from the Argent group has left us to go back to Germany, we wish her all the best and successful skating there!

But we have good news, too, Maély made the change from the Espoir group to Argent through hard work and dedication. Congratulations, that's the spirit!

From the beginning of the season up to now 12 competition skaters participated in six competitions, announcements and results are published in our showcase at the rink.

The highlights sure were Mara at her first Junior Grand Prix in Spain and Tereza's first ISU competition in Dortmund. We are sure that our combined good wishes helped with their excellent results, but we all know how hard Mara, Tereza and Cornelia have worked for that!



Congratulations to all our competitors for their great results! You all can be proud of your achievements.

Upcoming competitions: Kempen Trophy in Turnhout (Belgium) with 4 participants, Challenge NPCA in Troyes (France) with 6 of our skaters, both on Jan 30th and 31st, Stars on Ice in Zoetermeer (Netherlands) with 6 participants on Feb 13th and 14th and Heiko Fischer Pokal in Stuttgart (Germany) with 7 of our competitors on Feb 26th and 27th.

We wish you all good luck and don't forget to enjoy yourselves!

Good things to know:

- **Training** resumes following our **regular schedule** from Saturday, January 2nd.
- **Skaties** will be having their big **test** on miscellaneous days in January, where they can show what they have learned. Please note that only **licenced** skaters can participate. If you have questions about the licences, please contact us at skating.luxembourg@gmail.com.
- The next "**Learn to Skate**" event will be held from Feb 9th to Feb 12th, every day from 9 am to 10 am. Please visit our website www.skating.lu for more information and inscription.
- The black **Club Jackets** are now available for ordering to everyone, licenced members can get theirs for Euro 60, the price for a second jacket or for non-licenced members is Euro 70.
We are very proud to be able to offer such a good-looking, great quality jacket for this price!



Please send a mail to skating.luxembourg@gmail.com, stating your name (as registered) and the desired size of the jacket, please ask if in doubt, we can provide the sizing chart. We will then send an invoice to you and as soon as the money is on our account and we have a few requests together, we will order them for you.

- Our annual **summer camp** for Competition, Avenir and Formation skaters will be held again in Anglet (Southwest of France) from August 8th to August 20th 2016. We received sufficient claims of interest, so we will be sending out a detailed email soon. We hope to see as many of you as possible at this wonderful location.
- We are working on a new solution for our **lockers** at the rink, the idea being to provide a rental locker to all our competition skaters. As soon as we have a finalized plan it will have to be approved by the rink admin. We will keep you posted.
- Please come to watch and cheer for all the international skaters who will come to compete at our ISU competition, **Coupe du Printemps**, Friday, March 11th to Sunday, March 13th. Four (!) of our competition skaters, Chloé, Mara, Gemma and Tereza will participate and would appreciate your cheering support!
Note that due to this fantastic competition there will be **no training** on that weekend, so no excuses not to come, it sure is worth it!

Please don't be shy and send us your thoughts on this newsletter to skating.luxembourg@gmail.com. We count on your ideas and questions to make this a regular means of communication which will improve the understanding between committee, coaches, skaters and parents. Thank you!