

# JR. BOARD

UNITING YOUNG SKATERS ONE FUN EVENT AT A TIME



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## Upcoming Events

By Madeleine Tran

### CANDY GRAMS

Jr. Board will be selling candy grams for the Christmas show:  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

Be sure to stop by to buy some for your favorite skaters!

## Flapjack Fun Follow Up

By Kate Liang

Thank you to everyone who came to the Flapjack Fun event! We really appreciate the support of our club members as well as their family and friends. We had almost 60 people show up for the breakfast and we can't wait to see you all next year!

If anyone is interested in becoming a coach for Special Skaters, please contact [tylerclan@juno.com](mailto:tylerclan@juno.com)

### *Birthdays of the Month*

Nov. 3: Nicki N.

Nov. 5: Erica N.

Nov. 6: Camden R.

Nov. 11: Ella R.

Nov. 13: Samantha T.

Nov. 13: Kelsey B.

Nov. 13: Dottie B.

Nov 18: Roberta C.

Nov. 22: Marissa H.

Nov. 25: Bianca M.

Nov. 26: Yui N.

Nov. 27: Allison P.

Nov. 29: Claire S.

# Grand Prix

By Kendall Garrett

The Grand Prix Season has kicked off, starting with Skate America in Chicago, Illinois, the weekend of October 25, 2014.

Starting with the ladies event, 15 year-old Elena Radionova of Russia took the gold with a score of 195.47. Gracie Gold of the United States took the bronze with a score of 179.38, followed by Samantha Cesario and Mirai Nagasu in fourth and sixth respectively.

In the mens event, Tatsuki Machida of Japan took the gold, followed by Jason Brown of the United States with the silver. Jeremy Abbott and Dougla Razzano, both men of team USA competed as well, both placing in the top ten.

Three pairs teams competed for Team USA: Haven Denney/Brandon Frazier, Alexa Scimeca/ Chris Knierim, and Madeline Aaron/ Max Settlege ending in second, fourth and fifth, respectively

Last, but not least, in the ice dance event, all three ice dance teams representing Team USA were extremely successful. Madison Chock/Evan Bates took the gold, with Maia Shibutani/Alex Shibutani, the silver medal. Anastasia Cannuscio/Colin Mcmanus came in a close fifth.

**Go Team USA!!!**



Some Grand Prix Events coming up in the future:

Trophee Eric Bompard- airing Sunday, November 23, 2014, 1-3pm PST on NBC

NHK Trophy-airing Sunday, November 30, 2014, 1-3pm PST on NBC

# Thanks for Giving

By Kate Liang

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This November, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we would like to give thanks to all of the families and businesses that have donated both time and resources to the San Diego Figure Skating Club Junior Board. We would not be able to do as much without your help.

## I'm Thankful for...

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Thanksgiving is a time of reflection and a time to see what we are thankful for. As the holiday season approaches we asked each of the Junior Board members just this.

**Rosalie Chen:** I'm thankful for everything.

**Kendall Garrett:** I'm thankful for all my friends, family and coaches who have always supported me.

**Madeleine Tran:** I'm thankful for everyone in the world, for they have all made me who I am today. I'm thankful for being granted to live in such a great place with all the amazing people surrounding me.

**Samantha Tran:** I'm thankful for everyone in my family, friends, and everyone around me. I wouldn't have gotten to be where I am today without your love and support.

## Trivia of the Month

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**Who was the first skater, man or woman, to ever land a triple loop-triple loop combination?**

The answer will be given in the next newsletter!

# Siblings of the Month

## SAMANTHA & MADELEINE TRAN

**What do you like the most about having a sibling that also skates?**

**S:** I have someone to practice with.

**M:** It's a lot more fun because you have someone who understands what you are going through, both in the rink and outside.

**What are some things that you had to share growing up?**

**S:** Everything.

**M:** We have always shared pretty much everything.

**How do you two inspire each other?**

**S:** She motivates me to work harder. She's my friendly competition.

**M:** I always look up to Sammy for everything. She is amazing at everything she does. It motivates me to be as good as her.

**What happened when you two had clashing interests or opinions?**

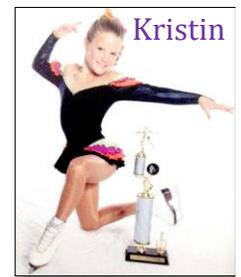
**S:** I forget about it the next day.

**M:** I normally get annoyed at her and try to ignore her, but I see her around so much that it normally only lasts an hour at most.

**Looking back, is there anything you wish you had known earlier?**

**S:** Not really, everything, even the mistakes I have made, have gotten me to where I am today.

**M:** I wish I had known how to be thankful for everything I have.



## KATY GRIFFITTS-HEWITT & KRISTIN GRIFFITTS

**What do you like the most about having a sibling that also skates?**

**Katy:** I like that Kristin and I share the same passion. Skating bonds us on a whole different level as sisters. We have so many memories growing up, training together, working with the same coaches and going to competitions together. It was always so nice to have someone who understood all of the pressures and was there to either celebrate with me or make me feel better.

**Kristin:** It was always nice having someone to go to the rink with for early morning practices and look up to on a daily basis.

**What are some things that you had to share growing up?**

**Katy:** I am 4 years older so we never really fought over things but I am sure when she was very young she always hated having to be at the rink for so long.

**Kristin:** We shared everything! We were pretty much inseparable.

**How do you two inspire each other?**

**Katy:** I always loved to watch Kristin skate. She was very creative and strong and I was so proud of her. Even now we have fun working on things like numbers for the Christmas show. She comes over to my house and we try to come up with ideas on the floor. It is always fun!

**Kristin:** We were always there for one another through the good and the bad. When we didn't have our best skates we were there to pick one another up and we were the first to congratulate one another when we performed well.

**What happened when you two had clashing interests or opinions?**

**Katy:** I'm the big sister so I win ;) We are pretty good, we rarely have any clashing opinions or interests.

**Kristin:** We have always supported one another whether we agreed or disagreed. That's what sisters are for!

**Looking back, is there anything you wish you had known earlier?**

**Katy:** I am not just saying this because I am a coach now, but I wish I would have been aware of what a huge impact my coaches would have on my life while I was working with them. Some I still see often because they are teaching at SDIA (Karen Weismier and Bob Pellaton) but a couple I have lost touch with and I wish I could have thanked them for all that they taught me not only in skating, but in life.

**Kristin:** Probably not, I would not have it any other way.