WBISC NEWS



Skate hard, dream big and never give up

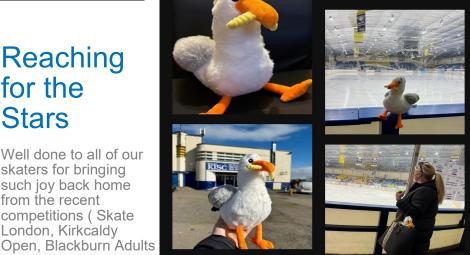
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Everyone Meet Sammy

Please welcome to our team mascot Sammy the Seagull. He had his very first holidays in Kirkcaldy, Blackburn and Aberdeen with some of you and successfully learned to fly while enjoying watching you all. He is wishing you all the best of luck in all your future competitions and can't wait to meet you all.



for the **Stars**

Well done to all of our skaters for bringing such joy back home from the recent competitions (Skate London, Kirkcaldy Open, Blackburn Adults and Aberdeen Open) and skills tests in the past two months.

You always impress us with your sporting spirit and resilience. We like to celebrate all of your achievements no matter how big or small they are. Each step of your skating journey is important to us as a club, please keep sending your lovely photos to us.

Here are some photos from those recent competitions. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram to be able to keep up to date with our posts and celebrations in real time.

SKATE LONDON- APRIL 2025







KIRKCALDY OPEN -MAY 2025





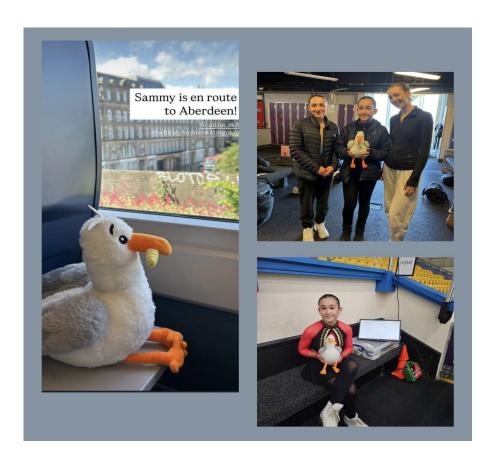
BLACKBURN ADULTS MAY 2025

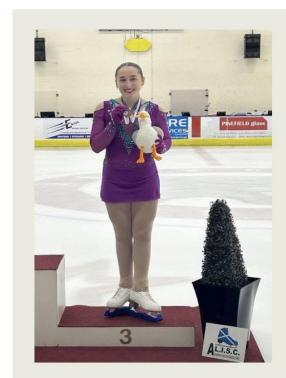






ABERDEEN OPENS -MAY 2025







Once again congratulations to all our podium winners and for all who took part in those events and represented our club. We are very proud of all of you!

SKILLS TESTS APRIL AND MAY

Well done to all the skaters who took tests in the past two months. All your hard work is paying off. Keep going and drive for excellence.

Test passes **Grace Howley** Molly McDonald Leah Smith **Emily Lin** Lauren Brown Chloe Newton Kailum Whaley Mia Rose Williamson Alice English Mia Robson





Tim Xie Phillipa Springle Kayla Barnes Benn Ruby Stephenson Debbie Foreman Marianne Lyne Manaog Megan Roberts Lauren Brown









APRIL 2025 SIMULATION

Thanks to all skaters who took part in our spring simulation. All of our skaters showed a very high quality of skating and we are very proud of all of you.









We had another very successful skating camp this spring. Big thank you to Joy, Karen, John and to our special guest Jeranjak Ipakjan.



Spring Camp 2025 with guest coach Jeranjak Ipakjan







Susan's story

My daughter Stef is suffering from this cancer for a second time. She bears it cheerfully. Alan and I would like to raise money to support this charity in the hope of finding a cure in the future.

I would like to say a big thank you to the wonderful team at the Christie hospital.

I'm supporting Sarcoma UK, a national charity that funds vital research, offers support for anyone affected by sarcoma cancer and campaigns for better treatments. Sarcoma is a type of cancer that develops in the bone and soft tissue. It is difficult to diagnose and one of the hardest to treat. By supporting me, we can help change this. Your donation will help researchers find answers, keep our Support Line open, and raise awareness to improve treatment and standards of care.

Thank you for your support.

To support Susan please go on our club website and Facebook to donate directly to justgiving.com

We had another very successful Mini Camp, thanks to our club coaches Karen, John and Joel. All the participants were very happy and everyone worked very hard on and off ice. Keep up the good work.



May 2025 Mini Camp



MORE NEWS

- Our membership cards are ready and you will be getting them very soon. Please keep your card safe as at any point you can be asked to show your card. Idea for safe keeping is to take a photograph of your card and keep it in your phone.
- -We would like to make this year the best year for fundraising for our club, to be able to give you more opportunities and support. We are looking for tombola and raffle prizes. We would appreciated if you could donate your unwanted gift sets, good quality teddies/soft toys, toiletries/ perfumes, vouchers, good condition skating clothes/ dresses, wine/spirits, chocolates and many more all of this can be passed to a committee member or coach Karen Brannen
- -Flexibility classes with Kathrine are for all age groups (children and adults) with all abilities. For more info please contact coach Karen Brannen

For most of you the story began here at our rink, let's celebrate together on Sunday 8th June 4:30-7pm. Tickets are available on Whitley Bay Ice Rink website. See you all there.





Sponsorships opportunity

As a small club we are looking for sponsors who can help us to support our skaters' development and enable them to progress through such difficult sport. We have a variety of sponsorship packages available for Whitley Bay Ice Skating Club (WBISC). Our packages range from £100 to £2,000 depending how much involvement and the size and scope of the event or needs of the skater you are interested in sponsoring.

Examples of package options are below:

- 1. Display your company logo on all marketing for the competition across WBISC social networks and social media.
- 2. Mentioned in every WBISC email bulletin, press release, web story and blog related to the event.
- 3. Tagged in related social media images and/or posts.
- 4. Promotional video/blog featured on our website page for members
- 5. Your logo on the front page of our website and potentially on our club jackets and merchandise utilised throughout the UK and globally at competitions attended.
- 6. Utilise WBISC logo on your material for 2025
- 7. Free entry at all WBISC events

Please get in touch and email us on **whitleybayisc@gmail.com** if you are interested or you know someone who is interested to become a sponsor.

Dates for your 2025 diary

Treasure Hunt Event 13 July at 2-5 pm.— save the date (more details to follow)

Sponsored Roller Skate 27 July 1:30– 3:30pm.– save the date (more details to follow soon)

Summer Camp 28-30 July at 6-12 noon— can be booked now

Club Annual Competition 10 August at 4-9pm- save the date

Mystery Murder Night (adults only event) 13 September—save the date (more details to follow)

Club Simulation 28 September at 6-9am- save the date

Halloween Event 25 October– save the date (more details to follow)

Mini camp 28October (level 4 and above) and 29 October (level 3 and bellow) from 9-11am - provisional date

Fundraising events- details coming soon

All can be booked via our website: wbisc.org.uk

Jeranjak Ipakjan

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28-30 JULY
WHITLEY BAY ICE
RINK SUMMER
CAMP 2025
(WITH GUEST COACH
JERANJAK IPAKJAN)



Open to all skaters with good edge work and capable of single jumps and above.

The 3 day camp

6am -12 noon includes:

- -On ice edges & skills class
- -Jump techniques
- -Spin (basic positions /features within spins
- Off ice (sport specific
- Classroom worl
- -Refreshments (water, juice, fruit, cereal bars and yogurt)

Price £ 180

Closing date

14 July

All skaters need their coach's permission before applying to the camp

Skan QR code or visit https://www.cognitoforms.com/ WhitleyBaySkatingCamps/Whitle yBayIceRinkSummerCamp2025

THANK YOU

We are a very small club and all of our committee members in the club are volunteers, therefore we always rely on your feedback and genuine support. Supporting each other creates stronger bonds and deeper connections with those around you because it builds trust and respect. We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for your ongoing support and understanding at times when little mistakes happen. Together with you, we can achieve more and provide the best to all our club members. We always look to improve, to help us please don't hesitate to write or talk to us, as only then can we make a difference.

Stay connected

You can always follow us on Facebook, Instagram or check our website, for more personal inquiries please don't hesitate to email us: whitleybayisc@gmail.com







Picture # 3

Guess who is on the picture

The rules of the game

We will be posting pictures of people you might already know, for you to guess. With each picture you will also get an little info to help you with your guesses. We wonder how many of you will get the correct answer? The answer will be posted a week late

Guess Who?

One of the skaters began skating at age 7 and became British Novice Singles Champion by 11. The skater went on to compete in British Senior Pairs with a sibling, representing Great Britain at the St. Gervais International at age12. Later toured internationally as a professional skater with the renowned show *Holiday on Ice*

One of them started skating in Liverpool in September 1980 after seeing Robin Cousins winning the Olympics. Moved to Deeside around 1983 as started to train much more seriously. Although started much older , the skater managed to qualify for British Junior and then Senior Championship and some international competitions.

One of them started skating at Whitley Bay Ice Rink at 11yrs old. A few people told them that was a little too late for that skater but their ambition was to represent Great Britain. This skater worked hard and by the time was 17yrs old passed the inter-gold figures and free test. They did really well at lots of competitions, but never achieved their goal!! Then they became a coach and that's where they achieved everything they ever dreamt of. This skater has travelled the world with their pupils, attending squad caps, internationals, including Youth Olympics, Junior Worlds, Europeans and World Championships. Their advice to all the skaters is "Never give up, work hard, and I'm proof that dreams do come true. I am back here we're it all started....helping to make other skaters/coaches dreams come true".



Love is in the air, when Sammy met Sally