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WBISC NEWS



Skate hard, dream big and never give up

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Sammy's Holidays

Our team mascot Sammy the Seagull had very exiting holidays in the last couple of months. He traveled to Dundee, Sheffield and even over seas to Oberstdorf, Germany. He visited mountain Nebelhorn in the German Alps as well.



Reaching for the Stars

Well done to all of our skaters for bringing such joy back home from the recent competitions (Dundee Open, Sheffield BIS Open and Obersdorf Adults) and skills tests in the past two months.

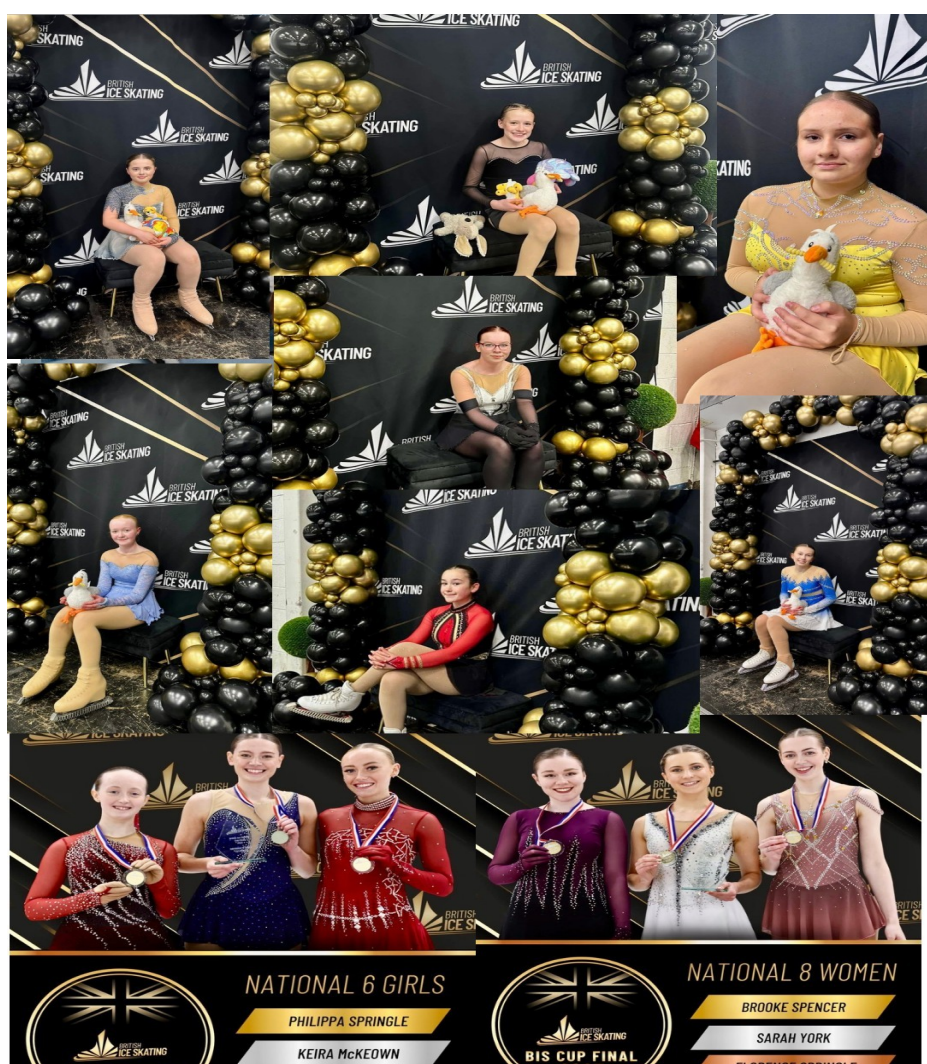
You always impress us with your sporting spirit and resilience. We like to celebrate all of your achievements no matter how big or small they are. Each step of your skating journey is important to us as a club, please keep sending your lovely photos to us.

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.

DUNDEE JUNE-2025 Well done to Tim, both programs in second place and qualifying for the British squad and Qualifier.

Well done to Kayla coming 4th place and preforming new elements in her program.





SHEFFIELD BIS OPEN- 2025 Well done to our podium winners Philippa 1st place in level 6 and her sister Florence 3rd place in level 8. Well done and thanks to everyone else who represented our club as well Phoebe, Lauren, Katy, Grace, Emily, Myla, Chloe, Mia, Leah, Sofia and Alice.

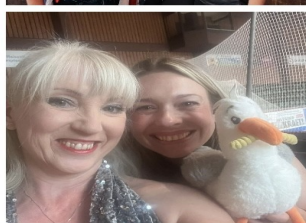
Special thanks to the best club supporter and friend David as well.



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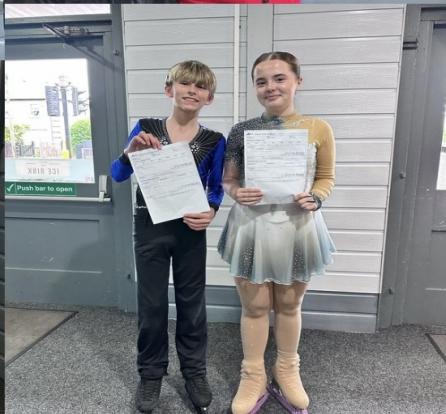
ADULTS—2025

Podium in artistic, 3rd place. Well done Racheal for representing Whitley Bay and Britain on international competition. We are all very proud of you!



SKILLS TESTS JULY

Well done to all the skaters who took the test. All your hard work is paying off. Keep going and drive for excellence.



Some of our skaters took part in the Disney on Ice training this summer as well. They all enjoyed the training and learned a lot.



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



Whitley Bay 2025 Summer Camp



SUMMER 2025 FUN EVENT

We would like to thank all our members, families and friends of our club for supporting our summer treasure hunt event and raising money for the club. I hope everyone had fun and good memories to share. Some of our competitors had better idea then others and preference for ice cream and drinks. Well done to the winning team of Sassy Sisters (Elise, Kayla, Eve and Daisy with an expertise of Detective Sergeant Wray). Thanks once again to Karen and Lee for organising the trail .





Fun time 🌟



HAPPY 70 BIRTHDAY TO OUR RINK

What a lovely event and what a spectacular show we all witnessed this summer, to mark the big birthday of our rink. For most of our skaters the journey began here and no matter how long or short this journey is, we believe it's very special .









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 on 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

Club Annual Competition 10 August at 4-9pm (get your spectator tickets on line now).

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

Halloween Event / Cash for kids 25 October– save the date (more details to follow).

Mini camp 27 October (level 4 and above) and 28 October(level 3 and below) from 9-11am - save the date (note the dates are changed from the last announcement).

Club Simulation 23 November at 6-9am– save the date (note the date is changed from the last announcement).

More events coming soon, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay informed. Please subscribe to our website as well.

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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Special well done to Edward (singles) and Isla and Joel (pairs) for receiving the John Hayward's Athlete Support Fund, that was introduced since 2024. Your hard work and passion to the sport been noticed on national level and we hope that you will be able to reach your full potential with these funds.



Junior Men's podium 2024 British Figure Skating Championships: Edward Solovyov (centre) with Lloyd Thomson (left) and Jack Donovan (right)



Isla Shenton with partner Joel Kirby (right) following their British Championships win, with silver medallists Leah Coley and Jacob Casey.



WELL DONE SOFLA

The National Ice Centre in Nottingham ran an online competition to win a family pass for 4 for their grand opening of their summer ice arena. The Torvill and Dean skate challenge was to do a social media post with your best Torvill and Dean pose and moves. Sofia posted a video of her doing the Bolero a few years ago at our Festival Trophy competition where she skated as half Torvill and half Dean. She won the National Ice Centre competition and asked them if she could donate the prize to Nottingham Child and Family Services so a family who may not be otherwise able to afford it, could have her prize. They were happy to do this and tripled the prize, which was gratefully received by a Children's Social Worker from Nottingham Child and Family Services.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR MORE OF YOUR STORIES AND INDIVIDUAL JOURNEY, PLEASE KEEP SENDING THEM TO US . WE BELIEVE ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ARE UNIQUE AND SPECIAL, SO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CELEBRATE ALL OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS.

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 appreciate 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

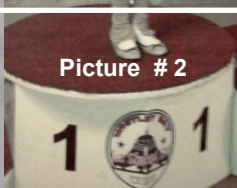
THANK YOU

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

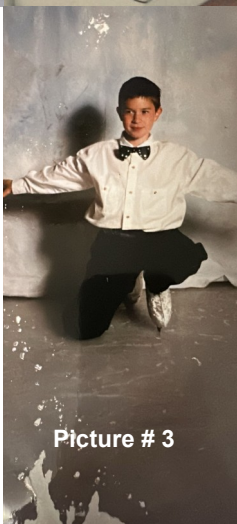
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Please don't forget to subscribe on our website, to avoid missing club information.



Picture #1

Picture # 2



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 later on Facebook.

Guess Who?

I started skating and joined polar club at 6 years old after going to a friend's birthday party, fell in love with the sport. My sister began skating at the same time in ice bears. I competed my first national competition in Bradford at 9 years old and moved through the national levels to completing my first senior season last year. I participated in many shows including The Creative Sprit of John Curry, as well as Whitley Bay's Christmas shows, and have been involved in organising Whitley Bay's Ice Hockey cheerleaders given me experience in the sport outside of skating.

Recently qualified as a coach, I have began to pass my knowledge and experience onto the next generation of skaters.

I started skating at the age of 10 and joined poler club with no intention of becoming a figure skater, I was more interested in learning to skate and start ice hockey but it didn't quite work out that way and was competing in open comp fairly soon.

I competed up to level 8 in solo skating and somewhere along to the way started skating pairs.

I stopped competing in solo skating in 2009 to focus on pairs and got second place in advanced novice at the British championships.

My ice skating journey began many years ago in a Latvian city called Daugavpils. We didn't have any ice rinks in my hometown until 1999. Coincidentally, the grand opening took place on the same day as my birthday, so I like to think it was a sign. I had just turned 12, which was a bit late for a professional skating career, but thanks to my enthusiasm and strong athletic background (in gymnastics and ballroom dancing), I managed to catch up quickly.

My best achievements include 5th place at the Junior Nationals and several top 3 at international competitions. I'm very proud of that! I wouldn't call myself a very competitive skater. I was more of a show girl. You could probably tell by my obsession with red lipstick and the gems on my coach's jacket ,hahaha.

I moved to Newcastle in 2011. The reason was love ☐ but that's a long story ,I'll tell you more next time. "The North" has been very kind to me. I fell in love with the place and the people, and here you go, so many years later, I'm still here!

MEET SAMMY'S MUM *What a pleasure to meet Sammy's mum. Let's see if we can spot more of Sammy's friends and family around. Please keep sending us pictures if you meet them.*

