BANQUET 2006

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Ice Skating is a sport that is geared toward individual performances. It is the skater and a lonely sheet of ice. The rewards for these pursuits are elusive. The dedication of an ice skater eclipses any other sport. These important reasons are why we have a banquet to celebrate our skaters and their accomplishments.

The parents, friends, and coaches wanted a night to celebrate our skater's individual accomplishments and to rejoice as a group. Another outstanding year where the individuals triumphed as well as the whole group.

The banquet was held at the beautiful Ironwood County Club and it exhibited what a group coming together can do. From the party room **(special thanks to the Liu family)**, to the food, the numerous auction items and the karaoke, everything was top notch!

Special moments that come to mind are: Each and every skater was introduced allowing them a moment to shine. The slideshow was tremendous and brings back wonderful memories of the past years. The tape of Alexei and his partner skating as Pairs Champions was terrific to see and inspiring to all of our skaters.

Many received awards for their accomplishments for last season. **Special thanks to the Feddin family** for cash contributions which allowed us to reward the skaters with trophies and other gifts. The trophies were quite striking. The favorite time for our skaters was the singing and dancing that capped off the evening. We have many American Idol candidates in our club. If that does not work out, Solid Gold Dancing is an option! It is such fun to see our hardworking kids enjoying themselves and coming together as a group.

Ice skating seasons come and go and the relationships and friendships forged in this club will last forever. Thanks to all of you that worked so hard to give us a night to kick up our heels and to sing and celebrate what we all are most proud of, **OUR SKATERS!**

Awards:

Perseverance Award 2004 - Irene Pullum; 2005 - Shadi Feddin
Miss Elegance - Shadi Feddin
Rookie Coach of the Year 2005 - David Leatherwood
Miss Congeniality 2005 - Jessica Liu
Mr. Congeniality 2004 - Misha Mitrofanov
Most Athletic Skater 2004 - Harper Lundgren; 2005 - Jennifer Leatherwood
Hardest worker 2004 - Makayla Caumeran; 2005 - Rachel Stanley
Best Attendance 2004 - Ashlie Griffith; 2005 - Christine Hsu
Rookie of the Year 2004 - Shea Lundgren; 2005 - Laura Leatherwood, Jim Albright
Most Artistic Skater 2004 - Katya Cope, 2005 - Sarah Annis
Most Improved Skater 2004 - David Leatherwood; 2005 - Christine Hsu
Skater of the Year 2004 and 2005 - Dasha Kabanova

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