

*Newsletter*

*June 2011*



**Houston Starz Theatre on Ice**  
**Junior National Champions**  
**and**  
**Junior International Pewter**  
**Medalists**

By Gretel Neff

WOW is the only word to describe this team of 24 young ladies. A true team, look the word up in the dictionary and their picture should be there. Not only did they wow the audience and judges in Cape Code but they presented themselves as great American competitors and represented The Aerodrome and Houston, Texas with charm and professionalism, whether in the ice rink, hotel or local establishments.

The first day of The Nations Cup competition started with the Choreography event. There were 12 teams in the junior division. 3 American, 2 Spanish, 3 French, 1 Russian, 1 Australian, 1 Ukraine. The Starz of Houston finished the day in 9<sup>th</sup> place. A surprise to say the least for this very impartial person. The chance of being able to come back from 9<sup>th</sup> to be in medal contention felt like you might have a better chance of winning the lottery. Well on Friday there was a group of girls and coaches from Texas that were going to show the world what they were made of and oh my did they ever.

The team performed in what I and all in the stands would consider pure perfection. Tears were streaming down faces; some were people who did not even know us. The Houston Starz scored the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest score for their long program in the Junior division. The highest score of the American teams. A combination of the two scores gave the team a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish and the Pewter Medal in the Awards ceremony for the International competition. The next two days were for the National Competition. The first day finished with the team winning the gold. They were wonderful. For the second day nerves were high big shoes to fill after being so amazing in the Nations Cup. No problem they were great to top off a perfect competition the girls were awarded first place from every judge. A clean sweep.

In addition to all this the Team was awarded **2011 National Best Visual Effects Award!!** [Watch the video!](#)

To sum this competition up WOW!! Lots of hard work and lots of reward!

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**\*\* Please Renew Your Membership Today! \*\***

Current memberships expire on June 30, 2011.

Please complete the [membership form](#) located on our website by clicking on the link or typing.

Along with other fundraising and program information, included in your membership packet is a Kroger letter. By scanning the letter the next time you shop at Kroger with your Kroger Card, the club will be granted a donation based on your purchase- at no expense to you! This is an easy way for you to support your club. Please consider participating in this program. The letter must be scanned annually to be effective. Also included is a form for a similar program for Randall's grocery stores.

**NOTE:** Membership must be renewed by June 30 in order to compete in any post July 1 competition or test session. A late fee will be charged for all renewals past August 30, 2011.

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## **\*\* Looking for Volunteers! \*\***

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Your Club is run exclusively by volunteers and somehow each year we keep making it work. However, we continue to need help with test sessions, competitions, dress sales, board meetings etc. If you have any ability to assist, let us know. Just a few hours here and there can be very rewarding and make a huge difference! Please send an email to me, your club president, at [president@starzofhoustonfsc.org](mailto:president@starzofhoustonfsc.org), and we can discuss at your convenience.

Thanks for your continued support.  
Russ Howell

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Our Dress Sale was a huge success!  
Special thank you to volunteers Gretel Neff and Michelle Slagle for organizing the event.

Sellers' checks are now available in the Pro Shop at the rink. When picking up your check, please sign and date by your name on the Contact [a board member](#) if you have questions.

## Back 2 School Basic Skills Competition



August 27, 2011

Check back for more info.

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Building renovations continue at the Aerodrome Willowbrook. Thank you to the rink for continuing to improve our home!

**Reminder:** The summer ice schedule is now posted. Stay updated by checking the [schedule frequently](#).

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## **Do you like to shop?**

**Don't know what to do with that old cell phone or printer cartridge?**

**Did you know that we have some easy ongoing fundraising opportunities?**

Check out some of our ongoing [fundraising opportunities!](#)

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Note-- You can now put your test applications, membership applications, or any other club correspondence in our new drop box. It is located beside the skate rental window and is a secure way to submit paperwork.

For more info or to contact [a board member](#) - check out our website!

[www.starzofhoustonfsc.org](http://www.starzofhoustonfsc.org)