

2007-2008 Skater's Report

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- Thank you to all of the coaches and volunteers who made this season possible. The skaters greatly appreciate the time and effort you put in to helping us achieve our goals and dreams.
- Good job on the notice board beside the equipment room. It was consistently up to date and recognized the accomplishments of club skaters, as well as spreading club news. Perhaps a section listing all of the PB's achieved at the previous competition by skaters could be added to give all an opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments.
- The "Pacer's dry-land day" last fall at Dulude Arena was very useful and a great success. The coaches organized seminars, testing and dry-land training for the skaters. Perhaps this could become a monthly event over the summer.
- The skaters would like mixed dressing rooms. As it is now, the dressing rooms are very crowded because two groups, for example advanced and intermediate have to share the same room. Having one group, like the advanced group, all in the same dressing room, would also give the coaches an opportunity to address the entire group before or after getting on the ice. If an individual feels uncomfortable changing in the same room as the other sex, they could use the stall at the end of the room to change.
- Some of the skaters suggested that we should have music in the dressing rooms. The club should invest in some cheap computer speakers, which could be hooked up to MP3 players.
- A single design should be chosen as the official club suit. This design should be posted and sent to everyone so that everyone is aware of this design. There are too many different suits worn by our skaters, which makes it difficult to recognize who is a Pacer in competition to cheer them on. Gloucester and Cambridge are good example of clubs, which have succeeded in having a standard club suit.
- All skaters need to be encouraged to try their hand at both long track and short track. Our club has a great tradition in both disciplines, which should be maintained.
- The club should attempt to revive some of the old trophies, which have fallen out of use. If the original intention of the award is no longer relevant today, the meaning of the award could be changed slightly. For example, I believe that there is an award given for club relay champion. Teams could be made from both the Pacers and the Concords and an informal race could be held.
- A book, similar to the recipe book, could be created for remembering the Rusty Blade stories. I will work on this project.