

PUGET SOUND SPEED SKATING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

September 7, 2026



Dear Skaters, Parents, and Families,

A new school year has begun, and September marks the start of another exciting competitive speed skating season! We are looking forward to seeing all of our skaters train hard, improve their skills, support one another, and achieve their goals throughout the 2026–2027 season.

🎓 Congratulations to Our Club Graduates!

We are extremely proud to share some wonderful news about three outstanding athletes from our club who are beginning their college journeys.

🏆 Marley Soldan — Harvard University

Marley, a former team captain of our club, represented the United States at the 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games and won a bronze medal at the World Junior Short Track Speed Skating Championships. She began her studies at Harvard University in late August. We are incredibly proud of everything she has accomplished and excited to see what the future holds for her.



🎓 **Leah Choi — Stanford University (2026 Jr. World Championship competitor)**

Audrey Han — Carleton College (2026 US National Championship Medalist)

Leah, who served as our club captain during the 2025–2026 season, and Audrey have officially begun their freshman year after celebrating with our skaters and parents at our graduation party and completing their final club training sessions.

Marley, Leah, and Audrey — we wish you good health, success in your studies, and a happy, fulfilling college life. We will always be cheering you on!

🏆 **Pacific Northwest Short Track Open**



Sunday, October 4, 2026
9 am – 3 pm

We encourage as many of our skaters as possible to participate! This event is open to skaters of all ages and levels—from beginners and competitive athletes to adults. Every participant will receive a medal and a commemorative gift.

- **Volunteers Needed:** We kindly ask parent volunteers to help us run a smooth and exciting event.
- **Registration:** Sign up via the [Pacific Northwest Short Track Open Registration](#) page.

 Welcome to Our New Members! (2026–2027 Season)

We are thrilled to welcome over 18 new skaters to our club this season, bringing our total registration to around 50 skaters! Please take a moment to welcome our newest members and their families:

Skater Name (Age)	Dad	Mom
Michael Chan (11)	Roy Chan	Shuang Yu
Nathanel Kang (8)	Christopher Kang	Sunny Kang
Hannah Rhee (12)	Joon Rhee	Hyun J Lee
Kaleb Rhee (11)	—	—
Joshua Rhee (7)	—	—
Nuur Orakzai (9)	Raza Orakzai	Malvina Orakzai
Ellie Cho (8)	Shawn Cho	Annie Cho
Miles Cho (7)	—	—
Shawn Cho (Master)	—	—
Devyn Lee (7)	Adrian Lee	—
Laura Lee (15)	Yangxin Liu	Huiying Li

Skater Name (Age)	Dad	Mom
Michael Liu (12)	—	—
Jinwoo Dong (8)	Evan Dong	Yuran Gwak
Evan Dong (Master)	—	—
Theo Ahn (8)	Damien Ahn	Jessica Ahn
Benji Ahn (6)	—	—
Charlotte Kim (6)	Chaeles Kim	Cathenne Lee
Terran Hu (8)	Xinyang Hu	Yan Ma

Welcome to the Puget Sound Speed Skating Club family! 🎉

Skate Equipment & Blade Sharpening Group Order

For skaters planning to train long-term, purchasing personal equipment is highly recommended. We are organizing a group order this week to secure discount pricing:

- **Skate Boots:** [CBC Onyx Short Track Boot \(\\$249\)](#) | [CBC Element Short Track Boot \(\\$379\)](#)
- **Blades:** [EHS Control ST Blade \(\\$359\)](#)
- **Sharpening Frame Jig :** [CBC Pro Sharpening Jig \(\\$399\)](#)
- **Sharpening Stone:** Details and selection assistance will be provided soon by Coach Lee.

Please notify Coach Lee by the end of this week if you wish to join the group order. Once equipment arrives, we will hold a blade-sharpening instructional session.

Skate Hard. Stay Healthy. Have Fun. And Keep Improving! 🏆🛼

Best wishes to all of our skaters and families,

Coach Lee

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