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THE 2006 BAY STATE WINTER GAMES COME TO A CLOSE

Another successful year in the Northern Berkshires

WILLIAMSTOWN, MA-The 2006 Bay State Winter Games came to a close today with the final day of Masters Ice Hockey and Figure Skating. The Berkshires have played host to the Olympic-style competition put on by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation for the past 21 years. Just as in years past, the 2006 Winter Games brought together some of the best amateur sport talent that Massachusetts has to offer.

Four groups of USFSA Pre-Preliminary skaters and five groups of USFSA Preliminary girls competed today at the Williams College Rink in Williamstown, MA. All three Pre Preliminary competitions were won by skaters from Western MA. Hannah Sears (Longmeadow, MA) began the trend for the region skating to first place for group 3, Kaleigh McKenna (Hadley, MA) received the Gold for group 4, and Hannah Tessler (Amherst, MA) was the champion of group 5. Following the success of Western MA, local skater Ian Hill (Adams, MA) came up with the Gold for the Pre-Preliminary boys.

In Preliminary girls action, Nicole Eckert (Sherborn, MA) placed first for Group A 1 and Anne Thompson (Andover, MA) for Group A 2. Group B 1 was won by Heidi Munger (Worcester, MA), Group B 2 saw Lindsay Fieter (Scituate, MA) win the Gold, and Group B 3's title was won by Desiree Carpenter (Berkley, MA).

ISI Figure Skating highlights included 2005 Bay State Games Gold medalist Georgina Oliveira (Ludlow, MA) finding herself draped in Gold once again, winning the Freestyle Level 3 for girls ages 11-13. Freestyle Level 3 for girls ages 15-16 was swept by Franklin Blades Skating School with Jenna Bissonnette (Blackstone, MA) taking first, Jessica DeBriac (Milford, MA) in second, and Molly McDermott (Franklin, MA) received the Bronze medal.

At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Skating Arena in North Adams, MA, The 50+ Gold medal game was battled between the CT Old T's and Teddy Bear Pools. The game ended with CT Old T's coming up with a 3-2 win. Next up was the 40+ Gold medal game with the Geri Hatricks also beating Teddy Bear Pools by a score of 6-1.

The Bay State Games would like to thank all of the athletes, volunteers, staff members, and parents who made the 21st annual Bay State Winter Games such a remarkable success. For complete result information from Figure Skating, Alpine Skiing, and Masters Ice Hockey, please go to www.baystategames.org/winter and click on Results.

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