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As I'm sitting here typing this newsletter, in early March, it seems hard for me to imagine that by the time this appears in the magazine we will have already had our first show at Hopedale. I'm sure we all had a great time renewing our friendships while we try to get ourselves acclimated to the busy schedule of POA shows once again. I have a lot of exciting news so lets get started.

Cody Cannon had an outstanding wrestling season this year and finished second during the regionals. He moved onto sectionals and we should know how he did there by the time I write the next newsletter. Either way, Cody, congratulations on a fantastic wrestling season, and now you can concentrate on showing.

I understand that Jessica Goble has been working hard this winter taking ice-skating tests in order to pass to the next levels. She is now at the Juvenile Field Moves level and will soon test at the Intermediate Level. She has also passed ice dance tests through the Bronze Level and her Free Style 6, which requires a double Salchow, Axel and reverse sit spins. She will be skating with an ice dance partner this summer. She will also take tests and compete in ice dancing and pre-Juvenile solos, all while pursuing a busy POA show schedule. Savannah Stamann has also been busy on the ice. She has been working hard to pass her Free Style 3 and preparing to take her first field moves test. Both of these girls will be competing twice in March and we wish them well. Their mom and grandma have been busy sewing new skating dresses, as well as making new show outfits for them and others. Their family went to the POA Convention and both Jessica and Savannah and their pony CN Silver Leprechaun, A.K.A. Patrick, received many awards. Two of the big ones were Grand Champion Halter Medium Gelding, for the second year in a row. Patrick also received his Supreme Champion award. He is the first Silver Kid baby to achieve this award. Their mom, Stefanie, told me that they now have three "Silver" babies at their barn. The girls are anxious to start showing this year and have been riding in between all the skating. Hailey has been talking about the "next" show for months. They have not decided if Mackenzie will ride this year or not, but I'm sure it won't be long before we see her in the saddle.

Sarah Boxer and her mom also attended the POA Convention. Sarah received a 1st place in Trial and got the 9-12 Equation Traveling trophy. She is pictured here with Kelly Cannon. Kelly works with Sarah during the shows and with this kind of success I'm sure Sarah will be listening very closely to what Kelly has to say in the future.



I understand that many of our Illinois kids received awards at the convention. Don't hesitate to let me know who you are and how you're doing. I hope this newsletter finds you all in great health and full of excitement for our next show.

To everyone looking for a great place to show this summer, come to Illinois! We always have a lot of fun and encourage you to join us.

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