



Rink Link

October/November 2011

2011 Annual Twin City Figure Skating Association Recognition Dinner September 11 ~ Town & Country Club, St. Paul ~ hosted by the Burnsville MN Valley FSC



2012 Minnesota State Champions

Back Row: Adult Gold - Rebecca Johnson, St. Paul FSC; **Adult Intermediate/Novice Masters** - Elaine Walin, St Paul FSC; **Adult Bronze** - Janey Stringer, St. Paul FSC; **Adult Junior/Senior Masters** - Amber Van Wyk, Starlight ICD; **Senior Ladies** - Kate Charbonneau, FSC of Bloomington; **Adult Silver** - Jenna Nelson, New Prague FSC; **Novice Men** - Daniel Kulenkamp, St Paul FSC;
Front Row: Juvenile Ladies - Emma Enebak, FSC of Bloomington; **Preliminary Girls** - Silvia Hugec, Woodbury FSC; **Pre Preliminary Girls:** Wren Warne-Jacobsen, Bemidji FSC; **Intermediate Ladies** - Joanna Liu, St Paul FSC; **Pre Juvenile Girls** - Eva White, St Paul FSC; **Novice Ladies** - Elizabeth Ploumidis, St Paul FSC; **Junior Ladies** - Hailey Bork, St Paul FSC; **Open Juvenile Girls** - Cassidy Murray, FSC of Bloomington; Not pictured: **Open Pre Juvenile Girls:** Kim Doerr, Woodbury FSC

Special Minnesota State Trophies & Presentations



Wakefield Trophy
St Paul FSC
TCFSA Club with the most placement points



Marlys Larson Award
Team Braemar
Junior Team
highest qualifying competition placement



TCFSA presented a \$4,000 donation to **Minnesota Skating Scholarship** President Herb Morgenthaler



Bette Snuggerud Award
Shannon Brakke
Rochester FSC
senior lady - most academic & championship points



James Disbrow Award
Ryan Santee
Rochester FSC
high school male skater - most academic & championship points

USFS President Pat St Peter presents Awards for years of Judging to:

Marlys
Larson
for
25
years



Jane
Lincoln
for
62
years



Bette
Snuggerud
for
40
years



The Champion For Skating Award ~ 2011 Winner ~ Jane Lincoln ***Presentation Comments by Lynda Lubratt***

Michelle and Arnie Schmidt, the recipients of last year's award, were unable to attend tonight due to a family wedding in Boston. They asked me to offer their apologies and pass on the message that they were so impressed with the nominations this year. I am very pleased to present this year's Champion for Skating Award to a very well deserving member of our skating community.

It is important for us to start at the beginning of our recipient's skating career. Passing the Preliminary Figure Test in March of 1945 and then completing the Eighth Figure/Free Test in March of 1951, was quite an accomplishment over a fairly short period of time. Testing at that time consisted of a combination of figures and free skating on the higher tests. You had to pass the figure test in order to do the free skate test on the same day and at that time all judges had to be in agreement.

Our recipient's amateur skating career really took hold when in 1948; she entered the Novice Ladies division of the USFS's Midwestern Championships that were being held in Rochester, Minnesota. Her Dad drove her and her two skating friends to Rochester for the competition. Her two friends were Janet Carpenter and Shirley Hage, who also competed, and they are both here tonight. At the end of the competition she had earned the title "Novice Ladies National Champion", which has remained one of her competitive highlights.

Our recipient learned early on that volunteering her time for a sport she loved was very important. Her father set a good example as he volunteered as test chair for the FSC of Minneapolis and was the one who advised her to become a judge. She earned her appointment as soon as her age would allow. She moved through the judging levels quickly. Her first assignment as a Nationals' judge was for the 1958 Nationals held in Minneapolis, and in 1962 was appointed ISU test judge.

This individual was a member of the LOC for the 1973 US National Championships held at the old Met Center. Her husband was involved as well. This event was the impetus to form the Twin City Figure Skating Association and look where we are today!

During her judging and volunteering career the balance between being a nurse, raising 7 children, and volunteering for skating, became quite a challenge. Eventually she chose to focus her volunteer hours to judging test sessions as the 7 children soon became 10 grandchildren and her life was very, very full.

Three of her granddaughters are currently skating with the FSC of Minneapolis and I asked them to comment on having their grandmother's support and encouragement.

Ping, age 9, says "My Grandma is awesome. She comes to my shows, competitions and practices. I really like it when she comes and watches me skate."

Lily age 11: My grandmother comes to competitions and shows her support and that she cares. We used to go and watch other competitions and the skaters were really good. It made me want to work harder on the ice.

Louisa age 15: I couldn't be more proud when I am recognized as the granddaughter of such a wonderful individual. Not only has my grandma been present at nearly every skating event I've participated in, but she also gives me wonderful feedback and tips, as well as congratulatory notes in the mail when I pass a test or have a competition. She is the best cheerleader I could have, and I'm so proud to carry on her legacy.

The skating professionals are grateful for her gift of time and enthusiasm. She remains an upbeat spirit to the Twin City skating community. They see her enthusiasm for the sport not only in her interaction with the skaters at the rink, but also as a super supporting fan.

No organization can possibly run efficiently without quality volunteers. That is the foundation of the Twin City Figure Skating Association. She has not only been one of our most dedicated volunteers, but is also one of our number one fans in the stands. She sets an example for our young skaters by continuing to share her knowledge of skating.

The unusual aspect of our recipient's volunteerism over the years is her quiet demeanor and unassuming nature. She never looks for or expects recognition.

How fortunate the Twin City Figure Skating community has been to have the benefit of her wisdom, sense of fairness, an eye for beauty, and the expertise and warm spirit of camaraderie.

Please help me in recognizing the 2011 Champion for Skating Award honoree.....she is truly a champion in our eyes.....Jane Lincoln.





I am very honored to receive this award. Thank you to all involved.

Dear figure skaters and parents, one of the finest rewards, in my mind, of figure skating through the teen years is developing a fine athletic body. It's a great start to a healthy active life style that you can enjoy the rest of your life.

After learning figure skating, bicycling, bicycle camping, XC skiing, even downhill skiing are SO easy to learn. All are life time sports. The Twin Cities area is considered the prime location for its vast recreational and commuter bike trails. We also have groomed XC ski trails in almost all large parks. I took a few lessons in downhill skiing but the rest I learned by watching others.

I was not a gifted athlete but loved figure skating and competition. It was natural to start judging as soon as it was allowed. I didn't really think I would be doing it for 62 years. For many years my athletic endeavors were involved in child care. About the time we began all our fun life time sports, Jim was working long hours and I returned to nursing. Our kids were starting college. We bought cross country skis after seeing a demonstration at Theodore Wirth Park. We had taken many camping and canoe trips with and without the kids, skated outdoors, played some tennis, but now was a time for something completely new.

I can't tell you how many ski races Jim and I did all over Minnesota and Wisconsin. These were citizen races with hundreds and sometimes thousands of participants. I liked it much better than Jim. Great exercise, great outdoors, great fun, great friends. Some races lasted a couple of hours. One American Birkebeiner took me over eight hours. More fun than races--was just going out, on as many nice days as possible, XC skiing in the parks all winter.

A few years after buying XC skis, we bought bicycles. I heard about a 450 mile bicycle-camping trip with Jim Klobuchar who wrote for the Star Tribune. Jim Lincoln didn't go the first year. Later he rarely missed one for over twenty years. We have bicycle camped all over Minnesota, Wisconsin, with some trips to Michigan, Wyoming, Arizona, California, and Vermont. We had a few more luxurious bicycle trips to Italy, France and the Czech Republic. I have over 800 miles on my bicycle this year.

That's my plug for a healthy fit life style.

Skaters--There is a whole world out there to enjoy when your competitive skating years are behind you. You can use your skills all your life. I also encourage you to become a judge. You have all the knowledge--you know what is beautiful You can help others and have a good time doing it. Keep all your good friends. I frequently see my old skating friends.

Everyone has a story. Thank you for celebrating mine.



*Twin City Figure Skating
Association
presents
Celebration
of
Champions*



*Sunday, February 19, 2012 ~ 11:45 am
featuring
Minnesota State Champions
Sectional, National
& International Competitors
Tickets available at the door*

*Bloomington Ice Garden
3600 West 98th Street, Bloomington MN*

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October 14-18, 2011 Results

Qualifying Round

<p>Novice Ladies Group A 1st - Hanna Johnson, FSC of Bloomington</p> <p>Novice Ladies Group B 10th - Lauren Muench, Eden Prairie FSC 12th - Lane Nicolay, Rochester FSC</p> <p>Novice Ladies Group C 3rd - Elizabeth Ploumidis, St. Paul FSC 14th - Caitlyn Schaeffer, Three Rivers FSC</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Group A 3rd - Michelle Hedges, FSC of Bloomington 4th - Joanna Liu, St Paul FSC 7th - Hailey Kauls, Eden Prairie FSC 9th - Cassidy Murray, FSC of Bloomington 12th - Mikaela Potaracke, Rochester FSC</p>	<p>Intermediate Ladies Group B 6th - Cailyn Johnson, Rochester FSC 10th - Hailey Walker, Braemar City of Lakes FSC 12th - Karlee Stennes, St Paul FSC 14th - Kacy Ineson, St Paul FSC</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Group C 6th - Juliana Welter, Braemar City of Lakes FSC 7th - Michaela Heuckendorf, FSC of Minneapolis</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Group D 4th - Coco Kaminski, Braemar City of Lakes FSC 5th - Grace Hoger, FSC of Bloomington 11th - Kennis Knapp, Rochester FSC</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Group E 2nd - Sarah Santee, Rochester FSC 3rd - Patrice Martineau, Burnsville-MN Valley FSC 7th - Kirsten Horsemann, FSC of Bloomington 9th - Katie Yockey, Lake Minnetonka FSC 12th - Chanel Asuncion, St Paul FSC 14th - Riley Shore, St Paul FSC 17th - Stacie Hopper, Three Rivers FSC</p>	<p>Juvenile Girls Group A 7th - Janet King, Eden Prairie FSC 16th - Marissa Chamberlin, St Paul FSC</p> <p>Juvenile Girls Group B 6th - Rachel Kamer, St. Paul FSC 14th - Molly Burmeister, Burnsville-MN Valley FSC</p> <p>Juvenile Girls Group C 6th - Jessica Heazlett, FSC of Bloomington 18th - Davis Collison, St Paul FSC</p> <p>Juvenile Girls Group D 5th - Faustine Micheyl, St Paul FSC 10th - Julia Hussian, Starlight Ice Dance Club</p>
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Championship Rounds

<p>Senior Ladies Kiri Baga, FSC of Bloomington (1,1,1) Marina Kalina, Starlight Ice Dance Club (6,7,4) McKenna Wilson, Elk River FSC (5,11,8) Hailey Bork, St Paul FSC (8,9,10) Victoria Wahluquist, St Paul FSC (20,20,20)</p> <p>Junior Ladies Sophie Stillman, Lake Minnetonka FSC (7,9,7)</p>	<p>Junior Men Cale Ambroz, FSC of Bloomington (1,3,2)</p> <p>Novice Men Ryan Santee, Rochester FSC (4,3,4) Ben Jalovick, FSC of Bloomington (8,5,6) Daniel Kulenkamp, St Paul FSC (7,9,9) Cale Bergerson, Duluth FSC (12,12,12)</p>	<p>Novice Ladies Elizabeth Ploumidis, St Paul FSC (7,6,7) Hanna Johnson, FSC of Bloomington (5,8,8)</p> <p>Intermediate Ladies Coco Kaminski, Braemar City of Lakes FSC (7,3,4) Michelle Hedges, FSC of Bloomington (8,5,6) Joanna Liu, St Paul FSC (9,10,8) Patrice Martineau, Burnsville MN Valley FSC (16,16,17) Sarah Santee, Rochester FSC (17,18,19)</p>
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2012 Regional Championships U.S. Figure Skating Special Achievement Award Recipients

U.S. Figure Skating is excited to announce that Special Achievement Award pins will be awarded to athletes meeting the performance related criteria set by Athlete Development Committee!

Special Achievement Awards pins will be awarded in all qualifying round free skate events and all final round free skate events for:

- The skater in each group who receives the most total points for spins. (In the case of a tie, all skaters with the highest number of points will receive the award)
- Every skater in the group who achieves one or more + 2 or + 3 GOEs for any element.

Most Points for Spins:

Kiri Baga, FSC of Bloomington - Senior CR
Rachel Kamer, St Paul FSC - Juvenile QR B

+2 or +3 GOE for any element:

<p>Kiri Baga, FSC of Bloomington - Senior CR Maria Kalina, Starlight IDC - Senior CR Hanna Johnson, FSC of Bloomington - Novice QR A Lane Nicolay, Rochester FSC - Novice QR B Ben Jalovick, FSC of Bloomington - Novice Men CR Daniel Kulenkamp, St Paul FSC - Novice Men CR Ryan Santee, Rochester FSC - Novice Men CR Michelle Hedges, FSC of Bloomington - Intermediate CR Coco Kaminski, Braemar City of Lakes FSC - Intermediate CR</p>	<p>Joanna Liu, St Paul FSC - Intermediate CR Michelle Hedges, FSC of Bloomington - Intermediate QR A Cailyn Johnson, Rochester FSC - Intermediate QR B Coco Kaminski, Braemar City of Lakes FSC - Intermediate QR D Kirsten Horsemann, FSC of Bloomington - Intermediate QR E Patrice Martineau, Burnsville MN Valley FSC - Intermediate QR E Sarah Santee, Rochester FSC - Intermediate QR E Rachel Kamer, St Paul FSC - Juvenile QR B Faustine Micheyl, St Paul FSC - Juvenile QR D</p>
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Midwesterns Results



Senior Ladies
Kiri Baga, FSC of Bloomington (3,3,3)
Maria Kalina, Starlight IDC (12,12,12)

Junior Men
Cale Ambroz, FSC of Bloomington (6,7,6)

Novice Men
Ryan Santee, Rochester FSC (7,9,9)

Advancing to Junior Nationals



December 9 - 13, 2011
Intermediate Ladies
Coco Kaminski
Braemar City of Lakes FSC
Michelle Hedges
FSC of Bloomington

Advancing to Nationals



January 22-29, 2012
Senior Ladies
Kiri Baga
FSC of Bloomington

Non Qualifying Upper Great Lakes Results

Test Track Senior Ladies CR

- 1 - Erin Hannan, Eden Prairie FSC
- 2 - Emily Halvorson, Elk River FSC
- 4 - Ashlee Hidde, Elk River FSC

Test Track Junior Ladies CR

- 1 - Allison Hansen, Elk River FSC
- 3 - Ari Pressman, St. Paul FSC
- 4 - Haley Voltz, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
- 5 - Karina Johnson, Rochester FSC
- 9 - Allison Steen, Eden Prairie FSC
- 10 - Anna Cron, Eden Prairie FSC
- 11 - Lindsay Karner, Eden Prairie FSC

Test Track Novice Ladies CR

- 2 - Marissa Mark, Lake Minnetonka FSC
- 3 - Maggie McGill, Lake Minnetonka FSC
- 4 - Emily Ostrow, St. Paul FSC
- 8 - Maddy Kennedy, Eden Prairie FSC

Test Track Intermediate Ladies CR

- 1 - Annelise Kruse, Elk River FSC
- 2 - Rebecca Sultany, Elk River FSC
- 3 - Alicen Whiting, Elk River FSC
- 8 - Alexa Goodman, Rochester FSC
- 10 - Sarah Arndt, Rochester FSC
- 11 - Madison Okuno, Rochester FSC
- 12 - April Bockin, Eden Prairie FSC
- 13 - Morgan Olsen, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 14 - Allison McLain, Elk River FSC
- 16 - Rachel Larson, Eden Prairie FSC
- 17 - Shiloh Walker, Eden Prairie FSC

Test Track Juvenile Girls CR

- 1 - Noelle Nelson, Rochester FSC
- 2 - Rachel Retterath, FSC of Bloomington
- 5 - Meghan Patel, Rochester FSC
- 6 - Megan Viozzi, Rochester FSC
- 7 - Christianna Danielson, St. Paul FSC

Test Track Juvenile Girls QR Group A

- 1 - Noelle Nelson, Rochester FSC
- 2 - Meghan Patel, Rochester FSC
- 8 - Abby Boedigheimer, Eden Prairie FSC
- 9 - Eve Thompson, St. Paul FSC
- 10 - Katie Hansen, Rochester FSC
- 11 - Karlie Vetsch, Rochester FSC

Test Track Juvenile Girls QR Group B

- 1 - Rachel Retterath, FSC of Bloomington
- 2 - Megan Viozzi, Rochester FSC
- 6 - Christianna Danielson, St. Paul FSC
- 7 - Nicole Roof, Elk River FSC
- 9 - Emily Adrian, St. Paul FSC
- 10 - Jenna Fromm, Elk River FSC

Open Juvenile Girls CR

- 1 - Shannon Terhaar, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 10 - Linnea Peterson, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC

Open Juvenile Girls QR Group A

- 1 - Shannon Terhaar, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 6 - Ali Way, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 8 - Rachel Ann Cramer, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 9 - Sydney Botz, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC

Open Juvenile Girls QR Group B

- 1 - Linnea Peterson, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 9 - Alissa Dahle-Koch, Lake Minnetonka FSC

Open Juvenile Girls QR Group C

- 10 - Alicia Catton, Elk River FSC
- 12 - Rachael Eisenreich, FSC of Bloomington

Pre-Juvenile Girls CFR

- 2 - Kelly Medd, St. Paul FSC
- 7 - Laura Zhang, FSC of Bloomington

Pre-Juvenile Girls CIR Group A

- 1 - Kelly Medd, St. Paul FSC
- 7 - Eva White, St. Paul FSC
- 10 - Shannon Zhou, Woodbury FSC
- 13 - Emma Cobian, Woodbury FSC

Pre-Juvenile Girls CIR Group B

- 5 - Laura Zhang, FSC of Bloomington
- 13 - Kelly Jiang, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 14 - Michelle Nguyen, St. Paul FSC

Pre-Juvenile Girls QR Group A

- 4 - Laura Zhang, FSC of Bloomington

Pre-Juvenile Girls QR Group B

- 6 - Makenna Leik, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 7 - Delaney Chough, Lake Minnetonka FSC
- 8 - Olivia O'Connor, St. Paul FSC

Pre-Juvenile Girls QR Group C

- 1 - Eva White, St. Paul FSC
- 7 - Elisabeth Oberlin, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 9 - Morgan Munion, FSC of Minneapolis
- 14 - Colette Danielski, Eden Prairie FSC

Pre-Juvenile Girls QR Group D

- 8 - Lauren Kuchenmeister, St. Paul FSC
- 10 - Lauren Suszko, St. Paul FSC
- 12 - Ava Vuillaume, St. Paul FSC

Pre-Juvenile Girls QR Group E

- 1 - Kelly Medd, St. Paul FSC
- 6 - Marissa Manteufel, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 7 - Michelle A Nguyen, Eden Prairie FSC
- 8 - Madelaine Hugo, Rochester FSC
- 9 - Sophia Rothenberger, Starlight Ice Dance Club

Pre-Juvenile Girls QR Group F

- 1 - Kelly Jiang, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 4 - Shannon Zhou, Woodbury FSC
- 5 - Abbie Kowalke, Three Rivers FSC
- 6 - Hannah Beck, Three Rivers FSC

Pre-Juvenile Girls QR Group G

- 1 - Emma Cobian, Woodbury FSC
- 2 - Michelle Nguyen, St. Paul FSC
- 7 - Aurora Wiseman, Three Rivers FSC
- 13 - Brooke Halvorson, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 15 - Kacie Larkowski, St. Paul FSC
- 17 - Krista Rekstad, St. Paul FSC

Pre-Juvenile Boys CR

- 1 - Blake Eisenach, Rochester FSC
- 2 - David Kaufmann, Rochester FSC

Preliminary Girls CR

- 2 - Hwey Kim, St. Paul FSC
- 3 - Olivia Pope, St. Paul FSC
- 4 - Abby Richardson, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 6 - Gracie Bryant, St. Paul FSC
- 8 - Kirby Goodman, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 9 - Laurel Smalley, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
- 12 - Brianna Bulman, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 14 - Courtney Freund, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC

Preliminary Girls QR Group A

- 3 - Hwey Kim, St. Paul FSC
- 6 - Isabel Gorowsky, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 10 - Jessica Santee, Rochester FSC

Preliminary Girls QR Group B

- 1 - Olivia Pope, St. Paul FSC
- 2 - Gracie Bryant, St. Paul FSC
- 8 - Amy Wang, Eden Prairie FSC
- 10 - Valora Hart, St. Paul FSC
- 12 - Elizabeth Mattson, Three Rivers FSC
- 14 - Sarah Kjome, Three Rivers FSC

Preliminary Girls QR Group C

- 1 - Kirby Goodman, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 2 - Courtney Freund, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 3 - Laurel Smalley, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
- 4 - Brianna Bulman, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 5 - Abby Richardson, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 6 - Nicole Jenn, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 7 - Rayna Lucas, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 9 - Shelby Marrs, FSC of Bloomington
- 10 - Nicole Peterson, FSC of Bloomington
- 11 - Camryn Buelow, St. Paul FSC
- 13 - Caitlin Diedrich, Elk River FSC
- 14 - Maggie Guo, Eden Prairie FSC

Pre-Preliminary Girls CR

- 1 - Isabelle Chapman, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 2 - Berit Cummings, Lake Minnetonka FSC
- 5 - Sophie Chez, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
- 6 - Sydney Berrier, St. Paul FSC
- 1 - Sydney Ullman, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 11 - Amanda Peterson, FSC of Bloomington
- 12 - Kylie Gibson, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 13 - Julia Molenaar, Lake Minnetonka FSC
- 15 - Logan Mahoney, FSC of Bloomington
- 16 - Sophie Olson, St. Paul FSC

Pre-Preliminary Girls QR Group A

- 4 - Berit Cummings, Lake Minnetonka FSC
- 5 - Georgia Van Offeren, St. Paul FSC
- 6 - Caroline Bercaw, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 7 - Annie Givens, Elk River FSC
- 9 - Jamie Yuan, Eden Prairie FSC
- 12 - Victoria Kulack, Rochester FSC
- 13 - Emma Schroeder, Rochester FSC
- 14 - Allison Pasdo, Starlight Ice Dance Club

Pre-Preliminary Girls QR Group B

- 1 - Logan Mahoney, FSC of Bloomington
- 3 - Julia Molenaar, Lake Minnetonka FSC
- 4 - Sophie Chez, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
- 6 - Emily Considine, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 7 - Katelyn Boche, St. Paul FSC
- 10 - Emmy Fiek, Rochester FSC
- 11 - Haley Jostes, St. Paul FSC
- 13 - Julia Olson, Elk River FSC
- 15 - Alexis Fotopoulos, Woodbury FSC
- 16 - Christine Farnberg, Rochester FSC

Pre-Preliminary Girls QR Group C

- 1 - Sydney Berrier, St. Paul FSC
- 3 - Kylie Gibson, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 5 - Maryn Hetzel, St. Paul FSC
- 6 - Bailey Pekar, Burnsville MN-Valley FSC
- 7 - Jocelynn Wittmann, St. Paul FSC
- 8 - Isabel Bercaw, Starlight Ice Dance Club
- 9 - Ellington Nichols, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 10 - Sophie Leither, Elk River FSC
- 15 - Caleigh Beltz, St. Paul FSC
- 16 - Sophia Pearson, Lake Minnetonka FSC
- 17 - Savanna Gray, Woodbury FSC

Pre-Preliminary Girls QR Group D

- 1 - Isabelle Chapman, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
- 2 - Sydney Ullman, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 3 - Amanda Peterson, FSC of Bloomington
- 4 - Sophie Olson, St. Paul FSC
- 5 - Nicole Hoffman, Three Rivers FSC
- 6 - Claire Desautels, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
- 7 - Rayna Fordahl, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
- 9 - Alexandria Kingsley, Northern Blades NSC FSC
- 10 - Ella Daniels, Rochester FSC
- 11 - Sydney Kalina, Rochester FSC
- 12 - Olivia Bretzman, St. Paul FSC
- 14 - Julia Eckberg, Braemar City of Lakes FSC



Appointments

Gold Singles/Pairs Test Judge ~ Jill Cummings, Lake Minnetonka FSC

Regional Music Coordinator ~ Mary Zastrow, St Paul FSC



2011 HarrisCollins Awards Applications ~ Supporting Minnesota Skaters since 1991

Since 1991, Minnesota Skating Scholarship has distributed \$200,000 to deserving Minnesota skaters in need of financial assistance. We are most grateful to all who have supported our efforts as are the skaters who received assistance. In these stressful economic times, the Minnesota Skating Scholarship needs your tax-deductible support. Any donation will be greatly appreciated but perhaps you would like to honor someone by making a contribution in his or her name to celebrate a special event such as a birthday, holiday gift or a personal accomplishment. You and your honoree will receive a personal note from us and will be acknowledged in the Twin City Figure Skating Association newsletter.

The Harris Collins Awards help skaters whose Home Club is in Minnesota and who are motivated, show promise and love skating, but need financial assistance to continue in our sport. Skaters who fit these guidelines and plan to continue to skate are encouraged to apply for Awards. The Awards are intended for the reimbursement of direct expenses incurred for figure skating education and skill development.

Please read the Application qualification requirements carefully. The qualification requirements are:

- Be an USFS member and be an USFS eligible skater,
- Be recommended by an official from his or her Minnesota Home Club,
- Have financial need (with complete supporting data shown on the Application),
- Have passed the USFS Intermediate Free, Bronze Dance, or Intermediate Pair Test by September 1, 2011,
- Have competed in USFS qualifying competitions detailed on the form, and
- Have your Application postmarked and mailed to Minnesota Skating Scholarship **by January 28, 2012.**

Race, color, creed, sex, religion, and ethnic background are not considered in the selection of recipients. The selection of recipients is made by the Minnesota Skating Scholarship Board of Directors, and the Scholarships are administered through the Minnesota Skating Scholarship Office. The continuation of Awards under this program depends entirely upon the amount of contributions to the Minnesota Skating Scholarship fund and funds on hand. Awards are for one year only, but Applicants may reapply every year. Other funds available to the Applicant will be considered by the Board.

We look forward to considering your Application and being able to further support Minnesota skaters. For further information, please telephone Herb Morgenthaler at (612) 926-9560, Anne Klein at (952) 906-3358, or Janet Carpenter at (952) 935-0814. The 2012 Harris Collins Award Application is posted on the TCFSA website.

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GOLD IST ~ Miriam Huettner ~ Rochester FSC

Miriam Huettner, a 16 year old member of Rochester FSC, completed her sophomore year of high school on June 10, and passed the Gold Free Skate Test on June 14, 2011. Two weeks later on June 29, she passed the GOLD Senior Ice Dance Test, making her a Triple Gold Medalist - one of very few to do this while still in high school! Miriam is coached by Jamie Lynn Santee (Free Skate) and Vikki Dalquist & Ari Lieb (Ice Dance).

Miriam began studying classical violin and ballet at age 4 and figure skating at age 5 when a friend asked her to join the Rochester Figure Skating Club. She began ice dance at age 8, and pointe in ballet at age 10. She was homeschooled until sixth grade. At age 7, Miriam began competing in free skate, and earned her first gold medal at the Pre-Preliminary level at age 7. Her favorite moves are the Biellmann spin and the Charlotte spiral. Miriam has competed and earned medals through the Junior level in free skate in various competitions throughout the area. She began testing in ice dance at age 8 and was a flower sweeper at the *2008 United States Figure Skating Championships* in St. Paul, Minnesota!

Miriam is a member of the *Rochester Dance Company*, and at age 13 was promoted to paid Pre-Professional. In 2010, Miriam was selected to attend *The Juilliard School* at Lincoln Center in New York City for a summer program where she studied classical partnering, contemporary partnering, ballet, pointe, ballroom and modern dance.

She has enjoyed incorporating her violin and ballet/dance training into the music of her figure skating programs. Her Senior Free Skate program is set to music from the *Swan Lake* ballet; performed excerpts from this ballet at *The Juilliard School* and with the *Rochester Dance Company*.

Figure skating competitions have taught Miriam to be efficient with her time, while ice dance has taught her how to skate with a partner. Both disciplines have taught her to set high goals and practice consistently to attain these goals.

This fall Miriam entered her junior year at Mayo High School in Rochester, Minnesota. Future plans include learning International dances and attending college/university after she graduates from high school in 2013, to study pre-medicine and possibly dance. She will also skate when possible.

Finally, Miriam would like to sincerely thank all of the coaches (free skate, ice dance and moves) who have trained her and given her a foundation on this journey since kindergarten!



GOLD IST ~ Hannah Barnlund ~ Mankato FSC

St Patrick's Day 2011 has a new meaning for Hannah Barnlund. It was the day she reached her skating dream and goal by passing her US Figure Skating Gold Freestyle Test.

Hannah has been skating since she was 16 months old and her love for skating continues to grow. She is coached by Carol Timm, and wants to combine her love for kids and passion for skating to be a coach. She has been an instructor with the All Seasons Arena Skating Program for 6 years and recently joined her two sisters as a coach for the Mankato Figure Skating Club.

Hannah is 18 years old and a recent Mankato West High School graduate. She plans on attending Minnesota State University, Mankato in the fall to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Nursing, her ultimate goal to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

When asked what skating means to her, she immediately responded. "Figure skating means chasing your dreams, skating for yourself and not letting anyone or anything stand in your way. It has taught me if you work for your goals and dreams, you will succeed. However the most important lesson I have learned is to never give up, always keep trying and working towards your dreams wherever you may be, on or off the ice."

Hannah would like to thank all her friends and family for their support throughout the years, as well as her coaches who have helped her realize her dream.



GOLD IST ~ Jasmine Kirchner ~ Braemar City of Lakes FSC

Jasmine Kirchner, a Wayzata High School Senior, passed the US Figure Skating Gold Freestyle test on October 20. She began skating at the age of 4 in the ISI program at the Plymouth Figure Skating Club and was coached by Michelle Lacy Feiten. Her older sister and brother also skated so Jasmine spent a lot of time at the rink and at competitions. For the last 5 years, she has skated at Braemar with her current coach, Kathleen Gazich.

Last year, Jasmine joined Team Braemar Junior synchronized skating line, Team USA ~ and had a wonderful time as the Team had a very successful year, winning the French Cup, coming in 2nd at Nationals, and 3rd at the Junior World Challenge Cup in Switzerland! And the bonus is, the synchronized skating really helped with her edge quality, performance, and endurance which all carried over to her freestyle skating. Jasmine is continuing to skate on Team Braemar this season.

Jasmine will be graduating in the Spring and plans on attending Bethel University next fall. She is so grateful to have had the opportunity to be involved in such an amazing sport. Skating has been a big part of her life and it has given her confidence and has taught her the importance of commitment and determination.

Jasmine feels she couldn't have accomplished this goal alone and thanks Kathleen for being such a great coach and for constantly encouraging her, and her parents and family for their love, support, and encouragement.

Reflections.....

Words Worth Sharing! Elizabeth Lieske's College Admissions Essay

Prompt: Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its impact on you.

I will admit it: I am a perfectionist. I like to set what I view as worthy goals and promptly cross them off my to-do list. Yet, after ten years as a figure skater, I have realized that, while this trait comes in handy at times, there are other times when I just need to let go. Skating—and life—is about much more than rising through the ranks as quickly as possible, and focusing only on achieving some glorified picture of “success” is a surefire path to unhappiness.

Being a straight-A honors student accustomed to doing well in school, I used to believe that skating worked the same way: if I just did my homework, practicing each move a certain number of times per session, I would invariably reach my goals within my predetermined timelines. I discovered the cold truth during my sophomore year of high school: falling on every other Axel jump that I attempted, even though I had been working on it for nearly three years, and I was forced to retake my novice moves-in-the-field test (a high-level test, despite its deceiving name) three times. Most days, I left the skating rink in tears and was tempted to quit altogether. However, after many conversations with my mom and coach, I realized that there was no reason to make myself this unhappy. Every bit of improvement mattered, even if no level was passed or medal won; I only had to let it matter. Skating was supposed to be fun, anyway. I simply had to remember to find the joy in every moment, even if it was as ridiculous as laughing at some of the bizarre falls I took or as simple as relishing the freedom of gliding across the ice.

Embracing skating with this new attitude has not been easy, as it has required an almost 180-degree shift in the way I think. However, dropping the habit of beating up on myself over every little thing has been completely worth it—I not only enjoy skating more but also feel more motivated to work hard at it. Truthfully, the harder I work and the bigger risks I force myself to take, the more I appreciate finally passing a test or landing a jump. After passing my novice moves-in-the-field test the third time I took it, I trained hard for the next test, the junior level. Although I failed it four times and now have to learn new moves due to changes in the test structure, I do not view this as an utter failure or crushing setback. Rather, I see it as a chance to grow. I remind myself that when I eventually do pass the test, it will be all the more meaningful and a sign that I truly mastered the level and improved as a skater.

Looking at skating through this lens has encouraged me to view other areas of my life in much the same way. Whether it is a skating level passed or a grade earned in a class at school, in the end it is just words on a piece of paper. Ultimately, it is what those words represent—the hours of hard work, the growth and learning that occurred, the invaluable relationships and memories formed through the experience of achieving that goal—that matters most, that leaves the biggest mark and, essentially, shapes me into the person I am today.

Note from the Editor: When I read this essay written by a current skater, I was reminded of the Reflections editorials that were part of the RinkLink in the late 1990s/early 2000s. It may be a recurring feature in future issues if others have "Words Worth Sharing!"

2012 TCFSA CALENDAR

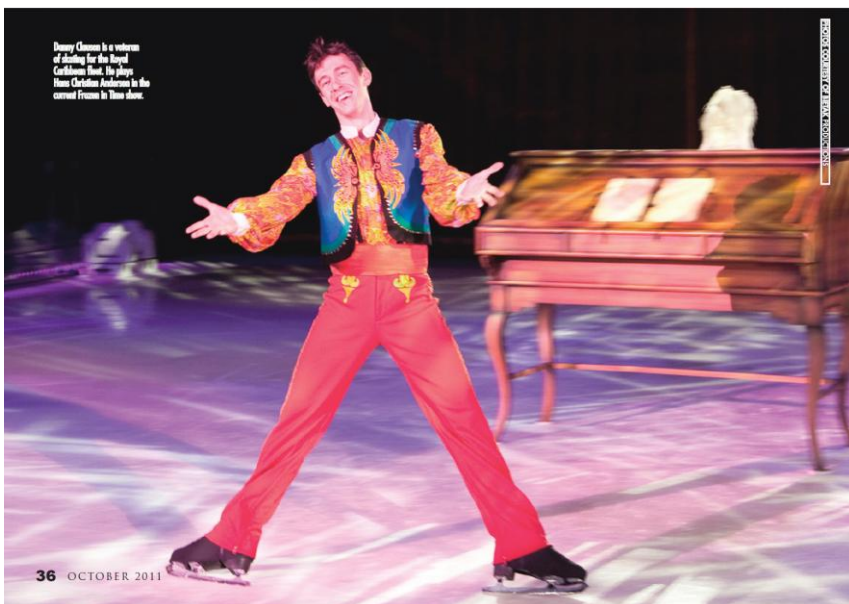
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Check this out ~ from October 2011 SKATING magazine ~ article shows skaters another career path for their skills!
 Danny skated with the St Paul FSC while he attended University of St Thomas in St Paul!

CRUISING ALONG

SKATERS LOVING LIFE ABOARD LUXURY LINERS

by JENNIFER MEULI



Danny Clausen is a veteran of skating for the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line who plays Heavy Christmas Auditions in the carnival shows in St. Paul, MN.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JENNIFER MEULI

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You've spent the last 10 years successfully maneuvering through U.S. Figure Skating's competitive pipeline. You've passed some tough tests and earned a pocketful of medals.

It's now time to reward yourself with a vacation unlike any other, full of fine cuisine, magnificent sightseeing and, best of all, a paycheck.

"When I came from competition, I had no idea what going into a show was going to be like," Clausen said. "I always had this less-than-positive view of anything in an ice show, to be quite honest. When I got to the rehearsal and I started to see [what] was being produced, and the level of skating that was required and maintained, I was thrilled, and impressed."

In some of the shows, Clausen has performed and trained with his competitors. They laugh together about how much fun their jobs are and appreciate the high level of talent on display through the performances.

"On the ships right now, some of the skaters are just incredible," Clausen said. "It's just really fun and cool to see that there's a lot of people out there who love to skate, are still good, and they're still skating."



SHOW AUDITION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY~ February 4, 2012 ~ 7:30 am-4:00 pm

Pleasant Arena, 848 Pleasant Ave, St. Paul, MN 55102

Hosted by the St. Paul Figure Skating Club

Open to all Pre Juvenile and above USFS Skaters, 11 years & older

Workshop Curriculum & Schedule

<p>7:30-7:50 am - Check in/stretch/skates on 7:50-9:50 am - On Ice 9:55-1:35 pm - Off Ice/Classroom/Lunch 1:40-3:40 pm - On Ice Off-Ice Parent and Skater Classroom: Professional Skater Resume, Professional Performance Opportunities, Contacts and Networking, Auditioning Process & Requirements, Parent Support - How to assist your skater in preparation for an audition, Skaters - How to prepare for a future in professional ice shows, Skaters & Parent Q & A</p>	<p>On-Ice Audition Workshop: Learn exactly what you would experience at a skating show audition ~ Skate with Pizzazz, <i>Edge Class Exercises</i>, Guiding, <i>Stage Directions (Upstage, Downstage, Stage Left, Stage Right)</i>, Sparkle and Shine steps, <i>Character Development Exercises</i>, Musicality, <i>Learn 10 counts of 8-show choreography - taught at the pace you would learn in a rehearsal</i>, Time to Shine! Learn to demonstrate Jumps, Spins, Signature moves to show off your flexibility & style</p>
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Workshop Presenter ~ Amanda Truax: Disney on Ice History & Experience

Cast member 1997-2005; Performed in Disney on Ice Shows-Hercules, Happily Ever After, Jungle Adventures & Monsters Inc.; Off-Ice Cast Ballet Instructor-appointed by Sarah Kawahara in 1997; Edge Class Instructor with Gig Siruno; Female Line Captain-knowledge and instructing steps and choreography patterns to new skaters; Audition Assistant to the P.D.-responsible for assisting the Performance Director in the audition process-demonstrating, and leading the auditions.; In-Show Audition Choreographer; Disney Jungle Adventures Show Pre-Production Choreography process with Barry Lather-Female Cast Line Captain.

Cost ~ \$75 ~ Click [here](#) to register on line

Please submit information/articles by the end of October, February and May for inclusion in the next issue of the Rink Link. Send by email to : mailto:lekastner@aol.com or by mail to: TCFSA Rink Link %Lexie Kastner P O Box 296 Deerwood MN 56444.