

Reflections....October 2000 Rink Link by Bridgit Ryan

Looking back on my skating career, it's not the number of medals won but the life skills acquired through skating that stand out in my mind. That's right – skills for life!

Skaters learn along the way, hard work is the determining factor to success. And this philosophy continues even when the skating years end. I am fortunate to have learned these principles of hard work at a young age because of skating.

Skating not only taught me the meaning of hard work, it also required me to set goals. By setting goals, I have been able to improve personally and professionally. Setting goals is easy, accomplishing them is the challenge. The challenge is discipline – the discipline of sacrifices. Sacrifices of missing out on school dances and going to the mall with friends in exchange for hours at the rink perfecting a new jump. It's these sacrifices that contributed to my ethic of hard work and patience.

Skating not only has given me the determination but also the confidence to tackle any obstacle. I feel that with a bit of hard work I can accomplish almost anything. This attitude applies to school, work, and extracurricular activities.

Skating taught me I could be a national competitor and a gold medalist not only on the ice but also in life. I encourage you to step back and take a closer look at the sport of figure skating. Believe me, behind every turn, jump, and spin is hard work, determination and sacrifices.

Reflections....October 2000 Rink Link by Sara Kastner

"This is (insert your name here), and did you know she's/he's a figure skater?" If you are reading this, no doubt you have heard this introduction before. It is an attribute I am very proud to have associated with my name. When I was young, it was exciting to share my skating accomplishments with classmates. In college it was the perfect source for many papers and projects. Today, as I enter the "real world", it is a unique quality that has helped me design my resume, get through tough interviews, and strike up conversations with co-workers and important "client types."

Often when people meet me, they want to know about my skating - if I can do a salchow, a triple axel, and if I know Michelle Kwan! To these I can say yes, NO, and funny you should ask, I competed with her at Nationals when she was just a little girl.

Be proud of who you are as a person and as a figure skater. No matter what you achieve as a skater, know you are blessed with a talent that will teach you many things and give you great opportunities as a performer, or perhaps as a coach or a judge, and definitely as a member of the workforce. Treat the sport with dignity and respect and there is no telling what it can do for you. When I was little I never would thought I would hear – "and this is Sara, she used to be a figure skater and now she's a judge." Has a nice ring to it, don't you think?

2016 Twin City Figure Skating Association Annual Recognition Dinner



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September 25, 2016

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Welcome

Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club

Recognition of Minnesota Officials

Introduction: Julie Mattson Ostrow

Special Recognition of Officials

Shirley Hage, 40 Year Judging Award

Jennifer Marker Johnson, 25 Year Judging Award

Lisa Venne, 25 Year Judging Award

Recognition of 2017 Minnesota State Champions

Presentation of the Wakefield Team Trophy

Presentation of the Marlys Larson Award

Presentation of the

Bette Snuggerud Scholastic & Skating Award

Presentation of the

James Disbrow Scholastic & Skating Award

Presentation of the

Minnesota Skating Scholarship

Presentation of the Champion for Skating Award

Closing Remarks

Twin City Figure Skating Association

Member clubs working together to encourage and promote the sport of figure skating in the Twin City area.

Bringing International and National events to the Upper Midwest

2016 U. S. Figure Skating Championships
2010 U. S. Synchronized Skating Championships
2008 U. S. Figure Skating Championships
2000 World Synchronized Skating Championships
1991, 1973 National Figure Skating Championships
Annual Minnesota Skating Championships
1998 World Championships
1996 Midwesterns
1992 Olympic Festival
1985 Skate America
Snowflake International
Minnesota Ice Symphony

Member Clubs:

Figure Skating Club of Bloomington
Braemar City of Lakes Figure Skating Club
Burnsville Minnesota Valley Figure Skating Club
Chaska Figure Skating Club
Eagan Ice Crystal Figure Skating Club
Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club
Elk River Figure Skating Club
Lake Minnetonka Figure Skating Club
Maplewood Figure Skating Club
Heritage Figure Skating Club
Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis
Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis
New Prague Area Figure Skating Club
Northern Blades Figure Skating Club
Rochester Figure Skating Club
Roseville Figure Skating Club
St. Cloud Figure Skating Club
St. Paul Figure Skating Club
Starlight Ice Dance Club
Three Rivers Figure Skating Club
Woodbury Figure Skating Club

The Champion For Skating Award

Marlys Larson
Bette Snuggerud
Bev Arneson
Janet Allen
Lexie Kastner
Merry Fragomeni
1998 Worlds Volunteers
Sylvia Olson
Jimmy Disbrow
Linda Hubbard
Anne Klein
Carolyn Marker
Chip Rauth
Pat St. Peter
Shirley Hage
Nancy Kaufmann
Lori Rothmund
Tamie Campbell
Arnie & Michelle Schmidt
Jane Lincoln
Gretchen Wilson
Janet Mattson
Herb Morgenthaler
Mike Itzin

MEMBER OF U. S. FIGURE SKATING

MINNESOTA'S OFFICIALS

The Champion For Skating Award:

The Champion for Skating Award was created to recognize sustained, selfless service to the sport of figure skating. It is awarded to the individual who promotes, supports, encourages and fosters the sport of figure skating among all Twin Cities area clubs and throughout the Twin Cities area.

The Champion For Skating Award Recipients

2016: Phil & Louise Engel	2003: Carolyn J. Marker
2015: Mike Itzin	2002: Anne L. Klein
2014: Herb Morgenthaler	2002: Lynda Lubratt
2013: Janet Mattson	2001: James Disbrow
2012: Gretchen Wilson	2000: Sylvia Olson
2011: Jane F. Lincoln	1998: Merry Fragomeni & World Volunteers
2010: Michelle & Arnold Schmidt	1997: Lexie Kastner
2009: Tamie K. Campbell	1996: Janet (Allen) Carpenter
2008: Lori Rothmund	1995: Beverly J. Arneson
2007: Nancy M. Kaufmann	1994: Bette Snuggerud
2006: Shirley M. Hage	1993: Marlys Larson
2005: Patricia St. Peter	
2004: William "Chip" Rauth	

Judges

Janice L. Anderson
Kristin Arneson Cutler
Rebecca A. Bates
Nancy H. Bizzano
Tamie K. Campbell
Janet Gerhauser Carpenter
Terry L. Crabtree
Jill L. Cummings
Lee Gardner
Onia Gelecinskyj
Jennifer L. Gillespie
Shirley M. Hage
Thomas E. Hagen, Sr.
Elizabeth Harty
Marcia M. Homer
Barbara Houts-Swanson
James D. Hoyer
Mike Itzin
Jill A. Johnson
Nancy M. Kaufmann
Linda D. Kieffer
Anne L. Klein
Dann F. Krueger
Jennifer J. Kurtz
Kathryn (Kate) Lambert
Jane F. Lincoln
Lynda Lubratt
Lynne Maker Kuechle
Cheryl L. Marker
Jennifer Marker Johnson
Janet Mattson
Julie Mattson Ostrow
Betty Meck
Wendy Meck
Anne Marie Murphy
Anne Pappas-Owen
Stephanie A. Pusch

Judges (continued)

Gregory R. Rouw
Julie Schulte
Jennie K. Soucheray
Jody Laursen Sperduto
Patricia St. Peter
Vanessa Szalapski
Lisa Anne Venne
Bridgit K. Wallace
Gretchen P. Wilson
April Zak

Accountants

Kathy M. Anderson
Lexie Kastner
Gay Ann Louiselle
Carolyn J. Marker
Joe Pope

Technical Specialists

Lorie Charbonneau
Carolyn Drzewiecki
Ann Harschutz-Stiff
Trudy Oltmanns
Kenneth C. Reily
Carol Rossignol

Music & Announcers

Thomas Barnett
Daniel Digre
Stephen B. Masten
William "Chip" Rauth
Ellen Sendelbach
Andrew Warne-Jacobsen
Michael K. Wittmann
Mary Zastrow

2017 MINNESOTA STATE CHAMPIONS

Masters Junior/Senior	Ari Pressman
Masters Intermediate/ Novice Ladies	Colleen Bloom
Adult Silver Ladies	Bonnie Goranowski
Adult Bronze Ladies	Sarah Klosterbuer
Adult Gold Ladies	Rebecca Johnson
Pre-Preliminary Girls	Madeline Manion
Pre-Preliminary Boys	Andrew Bai
Preliminary Girls	Carla Gupilan
Open Pre-Juvenile Girls	Emma Voigt
Pre-Juvenile Girls	Lily Podgorak
Open Juvenile Girls	Susan Van Amber
Juvenile Girls	Jessica Martinelli
Intermediate Ladies	Sunny Choi
Intermediate Men	Jim Wang
Novice Ladies	Wren Warne-Jacobsen
Novice Men	Jonathon Yang
Junior Ladies	Madalyn Moree
Junior Men	Colton Johnson
Senior Ladies	Coco Kaminski

Lyman & Louise Wakefield Team Trophy:
In memory of their contributions to figure skating in the Twin Cities, to recognize the club earning the most placement points overall.

Marlys Larson Award:
The Marlys Larson Award was established in 2000 recognizing her as Co-Chair of the first World Synchronized Team Skating Championships. It is given to a Minnesota synchronized skating team that has placed the highest at a qualifying competition.

Bette Snuggerud Scholastic and Skating Award:
The Bette Snuggerud Award was established in 1998 in honor of Bette as Co-Chair of the 1998 World Figure Skating Championships. It is awarded to the Senior Lady with the best combined placement at Minnesota State and their academic record for the past school year.

James Disbrow Scholastic and Skating Award:
The James Disbrow Award was established in 1998 in honor of James as Co-Chair of the 1998 World Figure Skating Championships. It is awarded to the highest-level male skater in 10th, 11th or 12th grade and is based on their combined placement score of marks received at Minnesota State and their academic record for the previous school year.