



Rink Link

June 2008



The Mankato Figure Skating Club is hosting the 2009 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships on Friday, August 22 to Sunday August 24, 2008. The competition will be held at the All Seasons Arena, 1251 Monks Ave, Mankato MN 56001. Forms are available at <http://mankatofsc.org/championship.php> Postmark deadline in July 7, 2008.

One of the goals of the Minnesota State Championships is to prepare skaters for the upcoming qualifying competition season. To accomplish this, Minnesota State is run like a Regional competition. It includes such special features as 6 minute warm-ups for Juvenile and above, Regional-size skating groups, and posting of marks for all events. Additionally, this event will use the Mini System and the International Judging System (IJS) for Juvenile through Senior divisions. This competition is great preparation for the officials as well!

At the competition, our new Minnesota State Champions will be crowned. Besides securing their place in Minnesota skating history, these champions will also be celebrated at the annual Twin City Figure Skating Association banquet on Sunday September 14, 2008 at the Minneapolis Golf Club.

Additionally, the Minnesota State Champions will be featured along with our Sectional, National and International competitors at the "Celebration of Champions" on Sunday February 15, 2008.



Congratulations to area officials elected at Governing Council!

Midwestern Vice President

Pat St. Peter

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Tamie Campbell

2009-2010 Nominating Committee

Dann Krueger

Ben Miller named Chair of the Athlete Development Committee

The Athlete Development Committee develops recommendations for programs to bring identified athletes to their full potential consistent with the spirit of the rules, regulations and goals of US Figure Skating. The Committee is also responsible for consolidating the various athlete developmental programs into one overall plan for the greatest utilization of financial and human resources and ranks these programs in order of importance and works with the treasurer in determining budgets for all of the programs.

Congratulations to area skaters named to US Figure Skating Reserve Team!

Eliot Halverson

St. Paul FSC

Alex Johnson,

Braemar City of Lakes FSC

Team Braemar

Braemar City of Lakes FSC

National Showcase 2008

A Competition in Theatrical Skating



August 6-10, 2008

Rochester Figure Skating Club
Rochester Recreation Center
Rochester, Minnesota

A Competition in Theatrical Skating Showcase fuses artistic creativity with figure skating for single skaters, duets, small ensembles of three to seven and production numbers of eight to thirty. National Showcase offers the categories of light entertainment, dramatic entertainment and extemporaneous improvisation to singles skaters. Many who have observed National Showcase have remarked on the uniqueness and variety of the programs. National Showcase is both a festival of inspiration and a spectacular show!

The sixth annual National Showcase is coming soon! The host club for National Showcase 2008 is the Rochester Figure Skating Club of Minnesota.

Visit <http://www.rochsports.org/showcase> for more information. Entry deadline is June 23rd, 2008. Only singles skaters must qualify by placing 1-4 in a contested and sanctioned USFS artistic competition. All other disciplines are Open competition.



Results

Championship Masters Ladies

Colleen McCarter Bloom, Roseville FSC – 11th

Championship Gold Men

Keith Newcombe, Starlight Ice Dance Club – 1st

Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis – 2nd

The Champion for Skating Award Nomination Form



*The Champion For Skating Award, created in 1993 to recognize sustained, selfless service to the sport of eligible figure skating in Minnesota, is an inclusive award and has been bestowed on officials, organizers, parents, skating enthusiasts and combinations thereof.
The most important qualification is a demonstrated devotion to service.*

Anybody meeting the following criteria can be nominated. Everybody can nominate!

- Person with eligible status
- Directly or indirectly involved with own club, TCFSA or any other amateur USFSA sanctioned/affiliated activity for a minimum of five years.
- Minnesota resident
- Mixture of "high visibility" and sustained "low profile" involvement in figure skating activities
- Volunteer characteristics to include: Time devoted, Talents contributed, Demonstrated leadership, Spirit of cooperation

This is your chance to honor your favorite champion for skating! Submit a nomination form today.

Nominee _____

Address _____

City/State Zip _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____ **Email** _____

Years Involved in Skating _____ **Nominee's TCFSA Club** _____

Past activities connected with figure skating (be specific about positions held):

Present activities (be specific about positions held):

Why I feel this candidate should receive the TCFSA Trophy:

(Please use another sheet if more room is needed.)

Return to: Nancy Kaufmann, 430 Peavey Lane, Wayzata MN 55391



GOLD IST

Lauren Walker

Lake Minnetonka FSC

Lauren Walker, a Junior at Minnetonka High School, passed the US Figure Skating Gold Freeskating Test. Lauren is coached by Carol Timm.

Besides skating, Lauren also runs cross country and works part time at the General Store of Minnetonka. Her love of, and involvement in, missions both around Minnesota and internationally will take her to Peru this summer. College is definitely a part of her after high school plan with hopes of a major in Spanish and international business or relations.

Lauren began group skating lessons in first grade and individual lessons in fifth grade. She hopes to teach skating throughout college as a part time job.

Skating has taught Lauren how important goals can be in regards to the progress. Goals motivate her to get up early, stay focused on the ice, and take pride in the small improvements along the way. Skating has also taught her not only that it is OK to take a fall, but also that it's important to get up, and try it again... and again...and again!



GOLD IST

Erin Swanson

Chaska FSC

Erin Swanson passed the US Figure Skating Gold Freeskating test on Jan 11, 2008 at age 25! She was a National Merit Scholar, graduating in 2000 as valedictorian from Southwest Christian High School and graduated in 2004 summa cum laude from Bethel University with BA in mathematics. Erin is coached by Kristie Mithcell

She began skating as an 8 year old, at first skating only about 6 months out of the year with the community skate school. Erin became a charter member of the Chaska FSC when it was formed in 1994 and has been skating ever since. After passing her gold freeskating test, Erin began working on the solo dance tests. Her goal is to pass the Gold Dance test and also to compete as an adult skater.

Erin began coaching seven years ago, loves it and hopes to continue coaching for many more years. Besides coaching, she has a part time

job and is actively involved at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis in Six Sixteen, a Bible Study and ministry for singles group.

Erin feels skating has taught her many things, - hard work, determination, time management and most of all - never to give up on her dreams. Many skaters quit skating after high school, but if she had done that she never would have gotten farther than the Intermediate test level. Skating taught her the discipline and drive necessary to keep pursuing her goal even when it is difficult. Erin expresses her thanks to her coach Kristie and her mom for all of their support over the years. They believed in her even when she didn't believe in herself!



GOLD IST

Christina Maria Sperduto

St. Paul FSC

Maria Sperduto, a Junior at Orono High School, passed the US Figure Skating Gold Freeskating test on April 2, 2008. Maria is coached by Ann Eidson, Tom Incantalupo and Ben Miller.

Maria began skating when she was 4 years old. She took to the ice quickly but remembers getting frustrated with three-turns! Her love for skating however always helped her overcome the difficulties experienced throughout her skating career. Maria's current skating plans are to continue making daily improvements to achieve the class and style of a competitive Senior Lady. Her future skating goal is to take her skating as far as she can.

Being an active member of the National Honor Society, student senator of Orono High School, volunteer for Operation Snuggles and Feed My Starving Children are just some of the activities that keep Maria busy outside of skating. She is also the founder of Youth Energy Assistance, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping people in Minnesota who cannot heat their homes in the winter.

Maria's academic goals are to graduate from high school with honors and pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering.

Skating has taught Maria that in order to achieve something, you need to release ALL inhibitions. Skating has taught her to think in terms of possibilities instead of limitations. Through the process of getting the double Axel, she learned that even when you think you are trying as hard as you

can, there is always more you can give! She is so grateful to her coaches, Tom, Ben, and Ann who helped her understand that. They are incredibly wise and patient and they never gave up on her and continue to train her both physically and mentally to be the strongest skater she can be. Maria is also appreciative of the many other people whose influence has helped her achieve what she has in figure skating especially Kathleen Gazich, Joan Orvis, and Dede Disbrow for helping her realize her dream from such a young age.



GOLD IST

Katie Amys

Starlight Ice Dance Club

Katie Amys is a junior at Jefferson High School who passed the US Figure Skating Gold Freeskating Test on February 13, 2008 and is coached by Page Lipe.

Katie has been skating since she was 6 years old. Skating has always been a big part of her life and she can't imagine her life without it. Her future skating plans include competing at the Senior level, continuing to teach in Learn to Skate programs and continuing coaching - hoping to always keep skating as a part of her life.

Volunteer activities in Katie's life include being a member of the National Honor Society, of the ThinkPink Kids (breast cancer awareness group), and a leader in the volunteer group Positive Forces for Change. She is also Captain of the cross country running team. Katie plans to attend college and is currently undecided about her major but will likely minor in Spanish

She feels that skating has taught her many invaluable lessons such as: to be persistent, focused and hard-working; to never give up; to always believe in herself; and that it is definitely possible to have fun and enjoy yourself while working hard and accomplishing something. Skating has played a big part in making Katie the person she is today.

Katie thanks her family for all the support they've given her over the years. She also is so thankful for all the coaches she's had throughout the years, especially Page Lipe who has always been there for her through both the good and the bad days. Katie is so thankful for everything that Page has done for her and hopes to some day return the favor!

Order Form for Wonders on Ice ~ a history of Minnesota Skating!

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2009 Upper Great Lakes Volunteer Form

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 Return this form by Sept 15, 2008 to: Lexie Kastner, P O Box 296, Deerwood MN 56444

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