



Rink Link

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By Dann Krueger

The Brooklyn Park Figure Skating Club is hosting the 2002 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championship on Friday, September 7th, 2001 to Sunday September 9th, 2001. The competition will be held at the Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center.

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, open marking for Junior and Senior events, and posting of marks for all events. 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 23. Additionally, the Minnesota State Champions will be

featured along with our Sectional, National and International competitors at the "Celebration of Champions" in February 2002.

I look forward to seeing all skaters, and their families, friends and fans at Minnesota State.



SURF THE NET – REGISTER TO COMPETE AT REGIONALS!

The St. Paul FSC is the host club for the 2002 Upper Great Lakes Championship at the Richfield Ice Arena October 7-13, 2001. Qualifying events are tentatively scheduled to begin Wednesday October 10 and end Saturday night October 13. Announcement and entry form packages will be sent to all clubs in the Upper Great Lakes region in July. Forms will also be available online at www.usfsa.org.

As of August 1, qualifying competitors will be

able to register for Upper Great Lakes online at the USFSA website - www.usfsa.org USFSA test level and membership status will be instantaneously verified making a club officer's signature unnecessary. The following credit cards will be accepted: Visa, Mastercard, or American Express. Internet access is available through most local public libraries.

Non qualifying events (Pre Juvenile, Open Juvenile and Adults) are tentatively scheduled for Sunday October 7. Entry forms for non-qualifying events are to be sent directly to the host club, St. Paul FSC.



Skate 2002

*A Skater's Skating Party
after the final events of
Upper Great Lakes
Championships*

*Bring your skates and dancing
shoes to the Depot Rink, 300
Washington Ave, Minneapolis
Saturday October 13*

7:30-11:00 pm

*Watch for details on your club
bulletin board and at
www.stpaulfsc.org*



VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM

As many of you know, there are hundreds of volunteer hours that go into running a competition. We have talked with a number of people from figure skating clubs in the region who expressed an interest in volunteering their time to help make the 2002 Upper Great Lakes Regional Championships a well-run event. We need your expertise and assistance. If you have time to give, please complete and return this form. We are especially in need of weekday, daytime hours. We will have the appropriate chairperson contact you. Your assistance as a volunteer will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for your help in making the 2002 Upper Great Lakes Championships a great success!

Volunteer name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Any area

<input type="checkbox"/> Accounting	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice monitor	<input type="checkbox"/> Setup/Teardown
<input type="checkbox"/> Announcer	<input type="checkbox"/> Music Player	<input type="checkbox"/> Skaters Locker room
<input type="checkbox"/> Awards	<input type="checkbox"/> Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Snack bar
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Security	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation

Note: shift times will vary slightly depending on competition schedule

Circle location on the day and time you are volunteering

Any or **R** for Richfield Arena or **A** for Augsburg Arena or **D** for Milwaukee Depot

Day	Morning (6:00-10:00 am)	Midday (10:00-2:00 pm)	Afternoon (2:00-6:00 pm)	Evening (6:00-10:00 pm)
Saturday Oct. 6	Any - R - D	Any - R - D	Any - R - D	Any - R - D
Sunday Oct. 7	Any - R - D	Any - R - D	Any - R - D	Any - R - D
Monday Oct. 8	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D
Tuesday Oct. 9	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D
Wednesday Oct. 10	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D
Thursday Oct. 11	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D	Any - R - A - D
Friday Oct. 12	Any - R - D	Any - R - D	Any - R - D	Any - R - D
Saturday Oct. 13	Any - R - D	Any - R - D	Any - R - D	Any - R - D

Please complete and mail this form by September 1, 2001 to:

2002 Upper Great Lakes Championships
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Lujean Frick, Margaret Nordstog, Bette Snuggerud – The Heights FSC*



In the Spotlight...

Nancy Bizzano

by Sara Kastner

"Skating is like a business," she says. If you look beyond the ice, the spins, the jumps, and the graceful movements, she's exactly right, skating is just like a business. As outgoing USFSA Midwestern Vice President, Nancy Bizzano played a very important role in helping skating move in a better business direction. By traveling to various events and meeting with many people from all parts of the world, Nancy has played a part in shaping USFSA policy.

Nancy began skating as a young girl at an outdoor rink near her home. She soon went on to take lessons at the St. Paul Auditorium, working with Robin Lee. She has fond memories of skating in the Summer Pop Concerts, a very special experience for all who took part or were lucky enough to attend.

After the birth of her first son, Nancy began trial judging. She's now a National judge and referee. She enjoys refereeing because it involves interaction with the skaters. Nancy especially enjoys watching young skaters rise to the top of their game at regional events.

When Nancy is not busy devoting 20+ hours a week to

skating, she spends time with her three horses. She rides two of them a day. She is also an avid gardener and a needlepoint master. Those who have been in a judges hospitality room with her have had the pleasure of seeing some of her beautiful creations!

Nancy has two successful sons, one of whom recently gave her a granddaughter. Her husband, Joe is a lawyer. He also loves skating and is very supportive of her days away and many phone calls.

Nancy is an active, energetic lady, committed to making the sport a better one. It is people like her that make this organization one of the best in the world.



**OFFICIAL UPDATE
USFSA APPOINTMENTS**

**Novice Synchronized
Competition Judge
Terryl Crabtree
Gold Test Judge
Lynne Maker Kuechle
National Synchronized
Competition Judge
Dann Krueger**

**MINNESOTA USFSA
OFFICIALS ON THE GO.....**

**National Collegiates
Colorado Springs CO
Jacquie Cassity – Judge
Sara Kastner – Judge
Carolyn Marker – Accountant
2002 US Junior Championships
Northbrook IL**

Tamie Campbell – Assistant Referee
Pat St. Peter – Judge
**2002 US National Championships
Los Angeles CA
Nancy Bizzano – Assistant Referee
Tamie Campbell – Judge
John Goggin – Assistant Music
Coordinator**

Shirley Hage – Judge
Gretchen Wilson – Alternate Judge
**2002 National Synchronized
Lake Placid NY**

Shirley Hage – Judge
Dann Krueger – Judge
**2003 US National Championships
Dallas TX**

Nancy Bizzano – Chief Referee
**North American Challenge Skate
Baltimore MD**

Sara Kastner – Judge
**North American Challenge Skate
Chicago IL**

Pat St. Peter – Referee
**Junior Grand Prix, Sofia BUL
Bette Snuggerud – Team Leader
Nebelhorn, Oberstdorf GER**

Nancy Bizzano – Team Leader
**Junior Grand Prix, Phoenix AZ
Carolyn Marker – Alternate Accountant
Junior Grand Prix, Gdansk POL**

Anne Klein – Team Leader
Skate America, Colorado Springs

Tamie Campbell – Judge
Chip Rauth – Music Coordinator
**Junior Grand Prix, The Hague NED
Nancy Bizzano – Team Leader
Trophee Lalique, Paris FRA**

Janet Allen – Judge
2002 Olympic Games, Salt Lake City
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Chip Rauth – Music Coordinator



**Triglav Trophy,
Jesenice, Slovenia
Junior Men
Rohene Ward (1,2,2)**



**2001 Synchro
Midwestern**

**Championship Results
Teen Introductory Group A**

Maplewood Highsteppers
Maplewood FSC 2nd
Addition to last edition

Teen Introductory Final
Maplewood Highsteppers
Maplewood FSC 3rd

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8th-Kellogg Middle School/ *12th-Century High School* *10th-Lourdes High School* *9th-Century High School* *9th-Century High School* *11th-Century High School*
Century High School

Congratulations High School Letter Award Winners

Inspired by the efforts of the Eden Prairie FSC, the Rochester FSC established a lettering program at their local high schools. Letterers met the following requirements between June 1, 2000 and May 31, 2001:

- ❖ Intermediate Freeskating or above by June 1, 2000 and a student at a Rochester High School
- ❖ Train a minimum of 150 hours on RFSC contract ice
- ❖ Attempt at least one USFSA test during the year (Seniors exempt)
- ❖ Participate in at least 3 public performances (one competition, one ice show, one skater's choice)

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