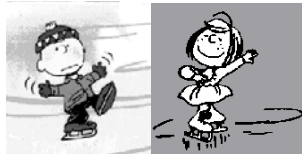




# Rink Link

June 2003



## 2004 Minnesota State August 22-24, 2003

By Dann Krueger

The Rochester Figure Skating Club is hosting the 2004 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships on Friday, August 22 to Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003. The competition will be held at the Rochester Recreation Center, 21 Elton Hills Drive NW, Rochester.

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 in September. Additionally, the Minnesota State Champions will be featured along with our Sectional, National and International competitors at the "Celebration of Champions" in February 2004.

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



## Supporting Minnesota Skaters since 1991

*...especially nice to have this year when I will need new skates and new competition dresses....your support of my skating means a lot to me....I will be using it to pay for clinic with Alexei Mishin to improve my jump technique....your gift will help tremendously towards meeting the expenses of additional coaching time and new music....so nice to know that there are people like you, who believe in kids like me....*

Just a few quotes from the heartfelt thank you notes received from recipients of the awards from Minnesota Skating Scholarship. Funds are raised through donations and special fundraising events.



Look for raffles of special skating memorabilia items at Skate St. Paul (Richfield Ice Arena, July 18-20), National Collegiate Championships (The Depot Rink, August 7-9), Minnesota State Championships (Rochester Recreation Center, August 22-24).



Make your reservations now for tickets to the 2004 Champions On Ice Tour and Minnesota Skating Scholarship Buffet/Reception with Skaters. Send your name, address and number attending with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

### Minnesota Skating Scholarship

Herb Morgenthaler

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Minneapolis MN 55410-1040

*The Minnesota Skating Scholarship gratefully acknowledges the following contribution -  
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## The Champion For Skating Award

By Sylvia Olson

*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.**



## The Champion for Skating Award Nomination Form

**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):**

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**Present activities (be specific about positions held):**

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**Why I feel this candidate should receive the TCFSA Trophy:**

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

**Return to: Anne Klein, 2002 Recipient, 6135 Creek Line Drive, Minnetonka MN 55345**



# Club Leadership and Business Management School

## Saturday September 13 & Sunday September 14

### Radisson South Hotel in Bloomington

The Twin Cities area is very lucky to be playing host to one of the USFSA's Club Leadership and Management Schools this September and we can't encourage the local clubs enough about attending this outstanding seminar.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Club Presidents, Treasurers, Membership Chairs, Test Chairs, Board Members and anyone interested in the future success of your club. Contact your club's TCFSA representative for more information.

## Club Education Seminars

Reprinted from [www.usfsa.org](http://www.usfsa.org)

### Club Leadership and Business Management School Topics:

- Team building
- Examining club mission/philosophy
- How to recruit and retain volunteers
- Fiscal management
- Risk management
- Working with parents
- Building strong partnerships
- Communication
- Governance
- Long-range planning

### What they're saying about the Club leadership and Business Management School ...

- This has been the best USFSA sponsored program I have attended. *Boston, MA*
- Enjoyed the interaction with other clubs. *Cleveland, OH*
- It was nice to learn about different personalities and how to work off each other to get a job done. *Cleveland, OH*
- I came here with the hopes of finding out new information. I feel I got that and much more. *Boston, MA*
- Thank you for all the hard work and thought put into this seminar. The information is invaluable. *Seattle, WA*

- This program should be mandatory for all existing board members, future board members and new members. *Cleveland, OH*
- Great time! Great Food! Go Rose! Go to all those who helped put this on! *Colorado Springs, CO*
- This has been the most useful seminar I have been to. *Boston, MA*

We also wanted to share a letter sent in by Ben Wright to John LeFevre. Ben is currently a club officer for the Skating Club of Boston and a past president of the USFSA.

Dear John,

I attended the subject school in Boston last weekend. We had some 65 Club officers and Board members from 19 clubs present. The school was very well organized and run under the leadership of Rose Snyder, who is a wonderful facilitator and discussion leader. All those present, including this old timer, learned a great deal and received much useful information which can be used in managing our clubs.

This is a vital and important program which will materially strengthen the base of the "pyramid". Included was a presentation by Pat Kelleher of STAR, which was also very useful, especially to a club like Boston which owns its own rink.

Please convey to Rose and her team the thanks of all the participants for a great school.

Sincerely,  
Ben (Wright)

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**OFFICIAL UPDATE  
USFSA APPOINTMENTS**

**International Dance Test Judge**

Lynda Lubratt  
Anne Marie Murphy

**National Singles & Pairs  
Competition Judge**

Dann Krueger

**Novice Synchronized Team  
Competition Judge**

Elizabeth Harty



**OFFICIAL UPDATE  
TEAM SELECTIONS**

**TEAM C**  
Ben Miller



The Figure Skating Club of Bloomington and the Burnsville - Minnesota Valley Figure Skating Club are co-hosting the 2004 Upper Great Lakes Championships.

The competition will be held October 12-18, 2003, at the Bloomington Ice Garden.

Lisa Venne & Elizabeth Harty are co-chairs for the competition.

Dann Krueger will serve as the Chief Referee.

There will also be a non-qualifying competition in conjunction with Uppers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Sally Burmeister (651-454-6986) or Tracy Alpern (952-894-2291).

For more information, check out the Uppers website at [www.UpperGreatLakes2004.org](http://www.UpperGreatLakes2004.org)



**Ann Arbor MI, April 9-12, 2003**

**Championship Gold Ladies**

Lisa Schurch 6<sup>th</sup>

**Championship Gold Men**

Christopher Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>

Nicholas Kopp 10<sup>th</sup>

**Gold Men I**

Nicholas Kopp 5<sup>th</sup>

**Gold Ladies II**

Lisa Schurch 7<sup>th</sup>

**Gold Men II**

Christopher Williams 1<sup>st</sup>

**Gold Ladies III**

Catherine Richardson 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Silver Ladies I - QR B**

Stacy Jacobson 12<sup>th</sup>

**Silver Men II**

Fred Stevens 6<sup>th</sup>

**Bronze Ladies II**

Yvonne Bruderer - QR B-1<sup>st</sup>, Final - 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Masters Junior Ladies I**

Jill Rumstick 1<sup>st</sup>

**Bronze Dance**

Margaret & Jim Bloemendal - 3,3,3,3

**Pre Bronze Dance**

Diane & Glen Geving - 5,5,5,5