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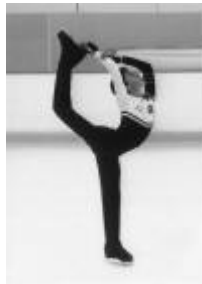


**Young U.S. Skaters in  
Slovenia for  
2005 Triglav Trophy  
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Eliot Halverson,  
St. Paul FSC, named to  
U. S Figure Skating  
Team C**

The 2004-05 U.S. Figure Skating international season came to a close as 10 U.S. athletes competed one last time under the 6.0 judging system in Jesenice, Slovenia at the 2005 Triglav Trophy, April 14-17. A local skater, Eliot Halverson of the St. Paul FSC, competed in novice men and won the Gold Medal, placing first in both Short Program and Freeskating. The 14-year-old finished fourth as a novice at the 2005 U.S. Championships and is the 2004 U.S. intermediate champion.

At the 2004 event the U.S. Team won four gold medals, one silver and two bronze, an impressive feat. The 2005 team was certainly up to the challenge to better that record, winning five gold medals, two silver and one bronze! Former Triglav Trophy champions include 2004 U.S. Collegiate champion Alissa Czisny (2001, junior, 1st), 2005 State Farm U.S. Figure Skating Championships fifth-place finisher Beatrisa Liang (2000, novice, 1st) and 2005 World bronze medalist Evan Lysacek (2002, junior, 1st).

Eliot has also been named to US Figure Skating 2005-2006 Team C Envelope consisting of athletes who have excelled primarily on the national level. The criteria used for Team C was skaters who qualify for the Junior Grand Prix Final (non-medalists), Medalists (top 3) at ISU junior and senior international competitions, Singles, pairs and dance at U. S. Championships (seniors places 5-7, junior places 2-5, novice places 1-3), consideration for top 8 in the U.S. ranking system after Worlds, and consideration for skaters placing lower at the U.S. Championships in senior, junior or novice where the event was very strong or results very close.



**Local Skater,  
Kirsten Olsen,  
FSC of Bloomington,  
Makes acting debut in  
Disney's Ice Princess**

*Kirsten was selected from over 1200 girls from around the US and Canada who auditioned for a part in the movie. Here's Kristen's story:*

I was so excited to get called along with about 20 other girls to fly to Los Angeles to read and skate for the Producers and Director. During the auditions I met a girl from Boston, Juliana Cannarozzo and we hit it off right away. Once the auditions were done, Juliana and I were asked to stay another day to read some more and skate with Michelle Trachtenberg. About a week later we were both offered parts in the movie. I was really glad that my new friend was going to be going to Toronto too!

I had the chance to work with famous actresses like Michelle Trachtenberg, Joan Cusack, Kim Cattrall, and Hayden Panettiere. Besides that I got to skate and practice my movie routines with Jennifer Robinson (5 time Canadian National Champion), Lauren Wilson (Canadian Junior Champion), Daniel Kahle (US National competitor) and of course Juliana. I also got to meet with Michelle Kwan and Brian Boitano when they were there to do their scenes. The acting was a lot of hard work. I thought you rehearsed your lines, then did them and if everyone got them right that scene was done. I was so wrong! We had to do each scene right probably 10 or 12 times before we were done. Each time the camera was focused on a different actor and then on the whole group and then from different angles. It took a lot longer than I thought. We filmed for over 3 months and the movie is 92 minutes long.

The last and best highlight was the premiere in Hollywood. I was picked up in a stretch limousine and driven to the red carpet in front of the El Capitan Theater on Hollywood Boulevard. When I got out of the limousine, my name was announced and I was escorted to the carpet. The red carpet was about 120 feet long. The first 30 feet was filled with photographers all yelling my name and trying to get me to turn or look at them. The rest of the way down it was people with microphones and video cameras wanting to interview me. It took 40 minutes to walk the 120 feet! The theater was very old and beautiful and the screen was huge! After the show there was a party for all of the guests. There were some actors and actresses like Jody Foster and Don Johnson who came with their kids and alot of the Disney Channel Kids. I even got to meet Pedro from Napoleon Dynamite! There were also many famous skaters that came to the movie - Brian Boitano, Dorothy Hamill, Linda Fratianne, Scott Hamilton and Kristi Yamaguchi to name a few. The biggest thrill was when Kristi introduced me to her husband and wanted to get her picture taken with me!



## Young International Competitions

The Young International Competition program helps publicize European nonqualifying-type competitions to U.S. Figure Skating members and offers members the chance to experience international competition in a friendly atmosphere. Most of these competitions are only open to skaters 13 years of age or younger, although some competitions will accept older skaters. Skaters over 13 may apply, but realize that the availability of appropriate competitions may be limited. These competitions generally are only for singles, so at present U.S. Figure Skating is only accepting applications from singles skaters. The following criteria apply:

- All applicants must be able to skate at least an intermediate short program and free skate.
- For each competition, the Program Development Committee selects between 4-6 skaters.
- Competitions generally take place sometime between February and April.
- The invitations come in sporadically, so there is no roster at the beginning of each year for the competitions available. It all depends on who invites the U.S.; as such, applications are evaluated on a rolling basis, and flexibility on the part of applicants is very important.
- All expenses are the responsibility of the skater, including the entry fee. Thus, this experience is only for you if the expense is not too burdensome. The cost generally runs around \$1,000 per skater including airfare.

Braemar City of Lakes member Christina-Maria Sperduto was selected to represent the United States at a Young International Competitions in Luxembourg, March 25-27. Maria and eleven other U S team members, along with skaters from fifteen countries competed in the Coupe du Printemps Novice through Senior level events. Maria placed 3rd in the Novice Short program and won



the long program to bring home the gold.



### GOLD IST

**Lisa Anderson**  
**Brooklyn Park FSC**

Lisa Anderson, a sophomore at Maple Grove High School, passed the US Figure Skating Senior Freeskating test on January 17, 2005. Lisa began to skate at age 5 in the Learn to Skate program at the Brooklyn Park ice arena. Now she is excited about passing on the love of skating to new skaters as an instructor in the Maple Grove LTS program.

Lisa plans to compete now at the senior level, and continue to work hard on her skating in general. Lisa enjoys singing in the school varsity choir, and also in a performing choir called Overtones. Lisa wishes to express her appreciation to the many coaches, judges, and parent volunteers who support the sport of figure skating, and to her coach, Karen Heng Olson, for helping her achieve this goal!



## 2006 Minnesota State Championships August 26-28, 2005

*By Dann Krueger*

The Burnsville-Minnesota Valley Figure Skating Club is hosting the 2006 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships on Friday, August 26 to Sunday August 28, 2005. The competition will be held at the Burnsville Ice Center, 251 Civic Center Drive in Burnsville.

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 11 at the Southview Country Club. Additionally, the Minnesota State Champions will be featured along with our Sectional, National and International competitors at the "Celebration of Champions" in February 2006.

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

### TCFSA Annual Recognition Dinner.

Southview Country Club,

239 East Mendota Road

West St. Paul Minnesota 55118

Sunday September 11

Social Hour from 5:00-6:00 pm - Dinner at 6:00 pm

The dinner has become a very special way for our local skating community to express our appreciation to Minnesota skating officials for all their hours of volunteering at local test sessions and competitions. Our skaters are very fortunate to have so many officials residing in the Twin Cities area who are not only active in our local events but also officiate at United States Figure Skating Association events throughout the country and International Skating Union events throughout the world. It is also the time to recognize the current Minnesota State Figure Skating Champions by presenting them with the Minnesota State Traveling trophies to display in their home rinks.

\$50 per dinner - cash bar.

Please make check payable to TCFSA & return with form below to:

Lori Rothmund, 1336 E County Rd C, Maplewood MN 55109.

Postmark deadline - Tuesday August 30, 2005

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#### Choice of Entrée

Stuffed Chicken Breast Minnesota

Tournedos of Beef Portobella

Baked Sole Amandine

Entrees include salad, oven roasted potatoes, rolls, vegetable, dessert & beverage.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

# of dinners \_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



# 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, TCFSFA 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 TCFSFA 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 TCFSFA Trophy:

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

Return to: Chip Rauth, 10608 Wyoming Road, Bloomington MN 55438



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## Minnesota Skating Scholarship

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An Evening with an  
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Sunday October 30, 2005



Van Dusen Mansion  
1900 LaSalle  
Minneapolis

5:00-8:00 pm

Cocktails, Silent Auction &

Skating Memorabilia

Flea Market

Buffet Dinner at 6:00

\$100 per person



Costumes are encouraged

For ticket information, send a self-addressed

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USFSA APPOINTMENTS & ASSIGNMENTS

**Silver Singles & Pairs**  
Lynda Lubratt, FSC of Minneapolis

**Regional Announcer**  
Mike Wittman, St. Paul FSC

**National Accountant**  
Lexie Kastner, St. Paul FSC

**2006 US Championships, St. Louis MO**  
Carolyn Marker ~ Alt. Accountant  
Tamie Campbell ~ Judge  
Janet Carpenter ~ Judge

**2006 US Adult FS Championships, Dallas TX**  
Steve Masten ~ Alt. Announcer  
Mike Wittman ~ Alt Announcer

**North American Challenge, Overland Park KS**  
Dann Krueger ~ Judge

**Nebelhorn Trophy, Oberstdorf Germany**  
Gretchen Wilson ~ Team Leader

**Junior Grand Prix, Canillo, Andorra**  
Tamie Campbell ~ Judge

**Karl Schafer Memorial, Vienna AUT**  
Nancy Bizzano ~ Team Leader

**Junior Grand Prix, Gdansk Poland**  
Sara Kastner ~ Team Leader

**Cup of China**  
Pat St. Peter ~ Team Leader

**Grand Prix Final**  
Tamie Campbell ~ Team Leader

**US Collegiate Championships, Honolulu HI**  
Jenni Marker-Johnson ~ Judge  
Chip Rauth ~ Music Coordinator

**2006 US Junior Championships, Westminster CO**  
Bridgit Wallace ~ Judge  
Cheryl Marker ~ Alt Judge

**Recognition of 15 years of Volunteer  
Service of Minnesota Judges**  
Stephen Hartley  
Freda Hill



**Annie's Edges  
Workshop  
Schedule**  
**Sunday~Monday  
Tuesday~Wednesday  
July 17-18-19-20, 2005**  
**Special Session for  
Adult Skaters  
Saturday July 16, 2005**

Hosted by the  
**St. Paul Figure Skating Club at:  
Pleasant Ave Arena  
848 Pleasant Ave  
St. Paul**

**At the intersection of  
35E & St. Clair Ave**

**For registration information,  
Go to  
[www.stpaulfsc.blogspot.com](http://www.stpaulfsc.blogspot.com)  
or**

**send a self addressed envelope to:  
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