



Rink Link

June 2006

MINNESOTA ²⁰07
STATE
FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
August 25-27, 2006

By Dann Krueger

The Bloomington Figure Skating Club is hosting the 2007 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships on Friday, August 25 to Sunday August 27, 2006. The competition will be held at the Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 West 98th Street in Bloomington.

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 International Judging System (IJS) for Novice, Junior and 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 17.

Additionally, the Minnesota State Champions will be featured along with our Sectional, National and International competitors at the "Celebration of Champions" in February 2007. I look forward to seeing all skaters, and their families, friends and fans at Minnesota State.



Judges School

By Nancy Kaufmann
Judges School Chair

The TCFSA Test Judges School, held June 10th at Bloomington Ice Gardens, was attended by 37 judges, 12 prospective judges, 43 coaches and 3 parents. Thanks to USFSA Judges Education and Training Committee member Tamie Campbell and her assistant JET Bridgit Ryan Wallace for their sharing their judging expertise; to on ice coaches Ted Engelking, Joan Orvis and Loni Keenen for their outstanding leadership; to Chip Rauth for his expert technical help with the sound system, and to the Arena staff at Bloomington Ice Gardens for their help in setting up the arena.

Special thanks to all the skaters who took time out from ACT tests, graduation parties and their training to demonstrate: Oliva Jernberg, Chelsea Jernberg, Claire Lively, Lydia Pineault, Kyriel Pineault, Gwen Bone, Shelby Hagadorn, Katlin Meyers (Braemar City of Lakes FSC), Lauren Telander, Onia Gelecinskyj, Kristen Olson, Katie Pennington, Colleen Barber (FSC of Bloomington), Daniel Kulenkamp, KayCee Nelson (St. Paul FSC), Sonja Fischer (Roseville FSC) Sophie Stillman, Caroline Palleschi, Katherine Foy, Jenny McHenry, Leslie Engel (Lake Minnetonka FSC), Lauren Parr (FSC of Minneapolis), Kim Kirby (Eden Prairie FSC), Erin Swanson (Chaska FSC), Karenthen Rouw (Fergus Falls FSC).

And thank you to Coryl Jeske (Maplewood FSC) for help with registration, and to Louise Engel (Lake Minnetonka FSC), Penny Jernberg and Doris Johnson (Braemar City of Lakes FSC) for furnishing the food

TCFSA has the best volunteers, my thanks to all of you!



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):

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: Pat St. Peter, 1908 Humboldt Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55403

2007 Adult Midwestern Sectionals March 16-18, 2007

(Braemar-McCandless Open has been moved to June 2007)

Braemar City Of Lakes Figure Skating Club, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Qualifying and non-qualifying events for adult skaters age 21 & up!

Qualifying Events	Non-Qualifying Events
Championship Gold Ladies & Men	• Freestyle Events
Championship Masters Ladies & Men	(Pre-Bronze thru Senior Levels)
Championship Pairs	• Solo Dance Events
Championship Dance	(Pre-Bronze & up)
	• Artistic Events
	• Compulsory Events
	• Pair Events
	• Dance Events

*Non-qualifying events may be combined at the discretion of the referee

Interested in volunteering or need more information? Contact Lisa Schurch @lmschurch@msn.com or by phone at (952) 882-1630.
Sanctioned by United States Figure Skating



March 29th - April 1st 2006

Adult Bronze Dance

Diane Geving & Glen Geving
(2,3,4,4 - 3rd overall)

Starlight Ice Dance Club

Adult Bronze Ladies Class III Final Round

Lisa Veith, FSC of Minneapolis - 9

Adult Bronze Ladies Class III Group A (QR)

Lisa Veith, FSC of Minneapolis - 6

Adult Gold Men Class III & IV

Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis

Nicholas Kopp, FSC of Minneapolis - 7

Adult Masters Pairs

Lynne Kuechle, Roseville FSC &

Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis - 3

Adult Pre-Bronze Dance

Erin Westphal & Nicholas Kopp

(5,3,3,2 - 3rd)

FSC of Minneapolis

Adult Silver Dance

Margaret Bloemendal & Jim Bloemendal

(6,4,7,7 - 7th)

Starlight Ice Dance Club

Championship Adult Gold Men

Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis - 4

Nicholas Kopp, FSC of Minneapolis - 9

Championship Masters Ladies

Jill Rumstick, Rochester FSC - 9

Championship Masters Men

Benjamin Bagocius, Starlight ID Club - 4

Masters Junior Ladies Class I & II

Jill Rumstick, Rochester FSC - 2

Masters Junior Ladies Class III

Colleen Bloom, Roseville FSC - 2

Masters Novice Ladies Class I & II

Amber Sass, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC - 3



October 17-21,
2006 ~ Richfield
MN

Both qualifying and non qualifying Upper Great Lakes forms will

be available at Skate St. Paul Competition at the Richfield Arena, July 13-16. Registration on line is encouraged for qualifying competitors.

In order to do this, skaters must access the members only page of the USFSA website using their password. To obtain a password, go to:

<https://www.usfsaonline.org/IntraLock/Login.asp?targetpath=%2FDefault%2Easp>

St. Paul FSC invites you "behind the scenes" at Uppers ~ volunteers are ALWAYS needed! Contact Lexie at lekastner@aol.com if you're interested.



**2006 U.S. Collegiate Championships
August 2-6, 2006 ~ Anaheim CA**

Announcement / entry forms are available on the USFSA website at http://www.usfigureskating.org/event_details.asp?id=31815

U.S. Figure Skating will be sending two singles athletes (one lady and one man), to the 2007 World University Games, in Torino, Italy, in late January 2007. The primary selection event will be senior events at the 2006 U.S. Collegiate Championships. More information will be published on U.S. Figure Skating Online as it becomes available.



**GOLD ♀ IST
Jodi Buckentine**

St. Paul Figure Skating Club

Jodi Buckentine, a Junior at North High School in North St. Paul, passed the US Figure Skating Gold Freestyle test in January 2006. Jodi began skating at the age of 3 and has participated in many local and regional competitions and has performed as a soloist since age 7 in the White Bear Spring Fling ice show.

Jodi is first in her junior class maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence, a member of the National Honor Society and a state finalist in Deca. Jodi teaches class lessons and enjoys giving private lessons to her two cousins, Jocelynn and Justene. Jodi plays tournament team softball, enjoys reading and playing the piano, and is college bound - somewhere out west.

Jodi wants to especially thank her coach and aunt, Sandy Wittmann for her dedication, love and continuing belief in her. Thanks also to coach Val Matzke, Grandma Nancy, mom Kari for their support and encouragement over the years. In addition Jodi wants to express her thanks to Lexie Kastner, Carolyn Marker, Ann Eidson and Ted Engelking for their support and encouragement and for making St. Paul FSC the training facility it is today. Jodi feels skating has taught her many valuable life lessons including the importance of commitment, discipline, having dreams, setting goals, working hard and going the extra mile to achieve those dreams and goals.



**GOLD ♀ IST
Ally Shaw**

FSC of Bloomington

Ally Shaw, a 15 year old sophomore at Kennedy High School, passed the U.S. Figure Skating Gold Freeskating Test on March 9, 2006. Ally is currently coached by Tracy Keefer; her former coach was Missy McCandless Servin.

Ally started skating when she was 5 years old and values the lessons skating taught her - perseverance, hard work, and determination - which enabled her to achieve her goals.

Skating is not her only athletic activity; Ally is also on Kennedy's track and cross-county teams. In addition, she plays the violin, is fluent in French, holds a second-degree black belt and is an excellent swimmer.

Ally plans on continuing to skate during her high school years both as a single skater and with the FSC of Bloomington's Butterflies.



**GOLD ♀ IST
Stephanie Zastrow**

St. Paul Figure Skating Club

Stephanie Zastrow, a junior at Forest Lake Area High School, passed the U.S. Figure Skating Gold Freeskating Test on April 5, 2006. Stephanie began skating at the age of six in ISI group lessons, passed the USFS senior moves in the field at age 12, and on August 4, 2004 at ISI Worlds, she passed ISI Freestyle 10. She would like to thank Valerie Matzke and Ted Engelking for helping her achieve these and other accomplishments.

Stephanie is a five time Minnesota State Champion, the 2003 Novice Ladies Upper Great Lakes Regional Champion and the 2006 Junior Bronze medalist, twice a Midwest Sectional competitor and a first alternate to the US Nationals. In her first international competition, representing the United States, she won the Bronze medal.

Stephanie is a straight "A" student and is a member of National Honor Society. She is also a member of the 2006 State Farm Scholastic Honors Team and was presented an award and a scholarship check at the 2006 USFS Nationals in St. Louis in January.

In addition to skating, she enjoys reading, being with friends, does non-skating volunteer work and she coaches basic skills

classes, edge classes, ISI group lessons and is beginning to trial judge.

Stephanie's skating goals throughout high school and college include competing at US nationals and international competitions and to become a USFSA skating judge and/or technical caller.

After high school, Stephanie plans on attending a four-year college or university and majoring in either bio-medical engineering or pre-dentistry.



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In Memoriam Art Peterson

The skating community lost a longtime enthusiast and buddy with the death of Art Peterson. His spirit of fun, friendship and camaraderie will be deeply missed.

Art started skating as a child on Minnehaha Creek using hand-me-down skates. He loved skating and became a competitive racer, an official of the Minnesota Speed Skating Association and then a "skating father". His five children skated and his granddaughter is now competing nationally.

For the last 25 years his love was ice dancing. He became a gold level ice dancer and was working for that last medal. He enjoyed learning about his favorite sport.....taking a lesson every week. He skated in the dance number in two ice shows at the end of April. Art was a longtime member of the Starlight Ice Dance Club.