



Rink Link

June 2012

2012 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships The Edge Ice Arena, Bensenville Illinois ~ April 10-14



Masters Intermediate Ladies I
Maya Edwards, Elaine Walin,
Lynn Pudlo, Holly Nudelbacher

The [2012 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships](#), hosted by the Skating Council of Illinois, took place April 10-14 at The Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, Ill. The U.S. Adult Championships, which have been held annually for 18 years, featured 485 skaters competing in more than 174 events on two sheets of ice. Competition began Wednesday morning and concluded Saturday evening.



Championship Masters Intermediate Novice Men
Burton Powley, Michael Rubke,
Mark Stanford, Christopher Williams

Competitors at the U.S. Adult Championships are divided into five age groups (21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61+) and two tracks (masters and

adults). Events are held in singles, pairs, ice dancing and interpretive. Skaters qualify for the championship and championship gold events by placing in the top four at one of three sectional championships, which were held in February.



Local skaters on !

Elaine Walin and Rebecca Johnson fight off the chill with their "penguin blankets". They know a thing or two about the cold - they are from the St. Paul FSC!

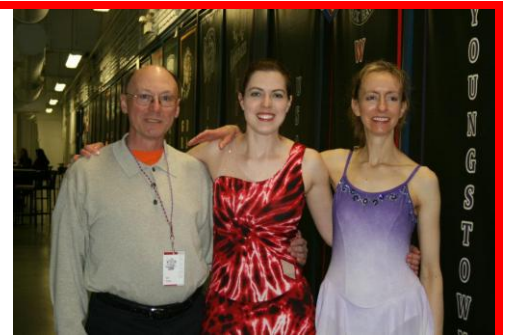
Lisa Becker and coach Sandy Wittmann hold up a "Flat Val" to honor Becker's choreographer, Val Matzke. Becker, who finished eighth in Silver Ladies III Final, said she was thrilled with simply qualifying. "I've always missed by one spot," she said. "This is a gold medal for me!"



Their smiles say "a good time was had by all!"

Rochester FSC Linda Gunderson, competitor, and Ellen Sendelbach, Music volunteer!

Jon Koser Starlight IDC, Michelle Brezinski, FSC of Bloomington and Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis.





Championship Masters
Intermediate Novice Men Free Skate
4 - Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis

Championship Masters
Intermediate Novice Ladies Free Skate
5 - Elaine Walin, St. Paul FSC

Masters Intermediate Ladies I Free Skate
1 - Elaine Walin, St. Paul FSC

Masters Intermediate Men III, IV Free Skate
2 - Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis

Gold Ladies I Free Skate
9 - Rebecca Johnson, St. Paul FSC

Silver Ladies 3 FS Group A
4 - Lisa Becker, St. Paul FSC

Silver Ladies 3 FS Final Round
8 - Lisa Becker, St. Paul FSC

Silver Ladies 4 FS
7 - Cathy McNeill, St. Paul FSC

Bronze Ladies 2 FS
13 - Michelle Brezinski, FSC of Bloomington

Bronze Ladies 4 FS
1 - Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC

Centennial Dance
(8,9,9 Final 9)
Diane Geving & Glen Geving,
Starlight IDC

Pre Gold Dance
(1,1,2 Final 1)
Josephine Lee & Jim Kamin, Starlight IDC

Bronze Dance
(3,1,3,1 Final 2)
Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis
& Jon Koser, Starlight IDC

Bronze Solo Dance Group A
4 - Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis

Masters Ladies Dramatic Skate 1
1 - Elaine Walin, St Paul FSC

Gold Ladies Dramatic Skate 1
6 - Rebecca Johnson, St Paul FSC

Silver Ladies Dramatic 3 Group A
5 - Lisa Becker, St. Paul FSC

Silver Ladies Dramatic Skate 4
5 - Cathy McNeill, St Paul FSC

Bronze Ladies Dramatic Skate 4
2 - Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC

Masters Ladies Light Entertainment 1
2 - Elaine Walin, St Paul FSC

Masters Men Light Entertainment 1
3 - Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis



RECENT OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS

Gold Dance Test Judge: Gretchen Wilson, Rochester FSC

Sectional Ice Dance Technical Specialist: Stephanie Zastrow, St Paul FSC

Non Qualifying Singles/Pairs Technical Specialist: Tara Stamm, St Paul FSC

2012-2013 TEAM USA SELECTIONS

Synchronized Team B: Team Braemar Junior, Braemar City of Lakes FSC



Don't miss the 34th Annual
Great Minnesota State Skate Together!
2013 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships
Hosted by FSC of Bloomington
Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 West 98th Street
Bloomington MN 55431
August 17, 18 and 19, 2012



Entry deadline: **Sunday, July 1, 2012 - 11:59 PM (US/Central)**

[On-line Registration](#)

[Mail-in Registration](#)

The Bette Snuggerud and James Disbrow Scholastic and Skating Award Requirements

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD CONTRIBUTES TO TCFSA

In recognition of one of their employees, Jennifer Gillespie's, commitment to the community and for her outstanding service, Blue Cross and Blue shield of Minnesota has contributed \$250 to TCFSA on Jennifer's behalf as part of the Dollars for Doers program for Blue Cross employees.

Jennifer serves on the board of TCFSA as second vice president. She is a USFS judge who judges tests and competitions four to six times a month. Jennifer has donated countless volunteer hours to TCFSA as a judge, a board member, and a volunteer at the recent synchronized skating national competition and the annual Minnesota State Competition.

"Each year Blue Cross employees donate thousands of volunteer hours to making their communities a better place to live," said Marsha Shotley, vice president of Board and Community Relations. "Through the Dollars for Doers program, our employees can make an even greater impact on their communities. Blue Cross is pleased to support their efforts."

As part of the Blue Cross Dollars for Doers program, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota awards \$250 to eligible nonprofit organizations for which a Blue Cross employee volunteers 40 hours or more per calendar year.

TCFSA offers a special thanks to Blue Cross and to Jennifer Gillespie for her dedicated service!



The Champion For Skating Award

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. Previous winners are:

Marlys Larson
Bette Snuggerud
Bev Arneson
Janet Allen
Lexie Kastner

Merry Fragomeni &
1998 Worlds Volunteers
Sylvia Olson
Jimmy Disbrow
Lynda Lubratt

Anne Klein
Carolyn Marker
Chip Rauth
Pat St. Peter
Shirley Hage

Nancy Kaufmann
Lori Rothmund
Tamie Campbell
Arnie & Michelle Schmidt
Jane Lincoln

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 nominate your favorite champion for skating!
Print, complete and return 2012 TCFSA nomination form to Jane Lincoln.**



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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.)

Submission Deadline: August 1, 2012

Return to: Jane Lincoln, 5125 Ewing Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55410-2032

**Minnesota Ice Theatre Junior Team will represent
Minnesota at the 2012 National Theatre On Ice Competition!**

Come and see "Zombie Ball"

MN Ice Theatre Freeskate Program Final dress rehearsal

Tuesday, June 19, 8 pm

Pleasant Arena, 848 Pleasant Ave, St Paul MN 55102



Theatre On Ice is a new program of US Figure Skating which combines the grace of figure skating with the excitement of theater and dance.

The Minnesota Theatre on Ice Junior Team is made up of 17 skaters, ages 9 -17, who are members of US Figure Skating clubs throughout the Twin Cities. The team will compete at the National Theatre On Ice Competition, June 22 and 23 in Strongsville, OH.

Learn more about US Figure Skating's Theatre on Ice Program at <http://usfsa.org/Programs.asp?id=49>
View a Theatre On Ice performance on You Tube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUvdiUFXofA>.

Minnesota Ice Theatre Summer Workshops

Minnesota Ice Theatre will be holding summer workshops on Tuesdays from July 11- August 14, 7:10 - 8:10 pm at Pleasant Arena, 848 Pleasant Ave, St. Paul. All USFS skaters are welcome to drop in and skate. Single sessions are \$20 or \$75 for all 5 sessions.

2012-13 Season

Tryouts for the upcoming 2012-13 season will be held August 21 and 28 at Pleasant Arena from 7:10-8:10 pm.

For more information contact Julie Mattson Ostrow at jmostrow@msn.com or 612-386-1688

US Figure Skating is very unique for an organization of its size in that it is largely comprised of and run by volunteers - who either grew up skating themselves or loved watching their children skate. The love of skating continues to inspire them to remain active in the association to help provide figure skating opportunities for upcoming generations. St Paul FSC finds itself in a unique position to give those interested a glimpse of what it takes to be a volunteer official in US Figure Skating.

US Figure Skating has not only approved 2012 Skate St Paul as a non-qualifying competition for trial judges but has also selected it as the Midwest competition to implement a JETS (Judges Education & Training Subcommittee) pilot program! In conjunction with these activities, St. Paul FSC is offering mini seminars on judging for Novice & above skaters over 16, and mini seminars on the scoring tabulation and music coordination for anyone over 16 interested in working towards appointments as US Figure Skating Accountants or Music Coordinators

The Judging mini seminar will give participants the opportunity to learn about both 6.0 and IJS judging systems including the certification process for Technical Specialists and Controllers. They will trial judge an event and meet with members of the event judging panel afterwards to discuss the results. Participants will receive an email after the event containing links to online information about what to do next and where to get more detailed information.

The mini seminar for prospective Accountants will give participants the opportunity to talk with National level Accountants to learn about how scores are determined using the 6.0 system and the IJS system and to learn about the process of becoming an Accountant. Participants will receive an email after the event containing links to online information about becoming a US Figure Skating Accountant..

The mini seminar for prospective Music Coordinators will give participants the opportunity to talk with National level Music coordinators to learn about the duties and learn about the process of becoming a Music Coordinator. Participants will receive an email after the event containing links to online information about becoming a US Figure Skating Music Coordinator.

Note that limited space is available. Cost is \$15 to cover expenses. Deadline for signing up is June 30.

[Mini seminar online registration.](#) The availability of so many national level officials on hand creates a great opportunity to hold these seminars.

Reflections.....

Words Worth Sharing! WORDS TO LIVE BY.....

Accept differences **B**e kind **C**ount your blessings **D**ream
Express thanks **F**orgive **G**ive freely **H**arm no one
Imagine more **J**ettison anger **K**eep confidences **L**ove truly
Master something **N**urture hope **O**pen your mind
Pack lightly **Q**uell rumors **R**eciprocate **S**eek wisdom
Touch hearts **U**nderstand **V**alue truth **W**in graciously
Xeriscape **Y**earn for peace **Z**ealously support a worthy cause