



MIDWESTERN CHAMPIONS

Left to right: Charlene Adams, Senior and Silver Dance; Lee Carroll Owen, Silver Dance; Barlow Nelson, Senior; Robert James, Junior; Sandy Elaine Culbertson, Junior; Gail Kizer & Roy Speeg, Bronze Dance; Janet Harley & Roy Pringle, Junior Pair; Donna Abbott, Novice; Tommy DeBaca, Novice; Douglas Ramsay, Juvenile; Carol Ann Springman, Juvenile. Photo by Banbury Studios, Minneapolis.

MIDWESTERNS

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THE FIGURE SKATING CLUB of Minneapolis had the honor of being host to the 24th Annual Midwestern Championships, on February 17-19. This was a new experience for a great many members of the Minneapolis Club since it was the first major championship event held in Minneapolis since the Nationals in 1944. The Board of Directors and their wives, as well as the Junior Board members, spent many hours to make the Championships a pleasant and successful one for the 114 contestants.

The Judges and Officials' dinner was held at the Minneapolis Club on Wednesday evening preceding the competition. Many thanks to the officials: H. Kendall Kelley, George B. Jenkinson, Harry N. Keighley and the nine judges who contributed so much to the smooth operation

of the various events. Our thanks also to Dr. Robert R. Kierland of Rochester for the many hours he spent in the accounting room.

The St. Paul Figure Skating Club was host to the directors of both clubs and their wives, officials and judges at a cocktail party and dinner on Thursday evening between events.

In the free skating, the little girls and the young ladies with pigtails and pony tails, all dressed up like someone you read about or see in pictures, gave performances that only Hollywood adjectives could adequately describe. The boys and young men, while less colorful in attire, were not to be outdone in the difficulty, variety or harmonious composition of their free skating programs. To try and single out one, two or three skaters who were outstanding in each event was the herculean task of the judges. It was not easy, but was well taken care of.

It takes more than one skater to make a competition. At this point the writer would like to pay tribute to those who

placed in the lower brackets. Because of these skaters we have championships, and also because of these skaters the champions are truly champions. No event in the Midwesterns this year was a walkaway for anyone.

The competition opened with the Novice Men's figures with five contestants entered. At the end of the figures John Hendrickson was in first place, followed by Tommy DeBaca. After the free skating Tommy placed first and John, second. The final marks in the Juvenile Boys' event found Douglas Ramsay in first place, Monroe Meier in second position, and Dixon Perry-Smith, Jr., third.

In the Novice Ladies' class Donna Abbott placed first in both figures and free skating. Vicky Fisher came from behind in figures to place second. In the Junior Men's Championship Robert James was ahead all the way. Tommy Weinreich placed second after having finished fourth in figures. A new trophy in the Midwesterns this year, gift of Mrs. Mary Louise Premer Wright in memory of her father, Frederick W. Premer, was presented to the new Junior Champion by Mrs. Premer.

In the Junior Pairs, Roy Pringle and Janet Harley placed ahead of Karl Freed and Gayle Benvie, who were second, and Jane and John G. Horsman, Jr., who were third.

The new Senior Men's Champion is Barlow Nelson; he received the unanimous decision of the judges in both figures and free skating to outplace his only competitor, Lee Carroll Owen.

In the Bronze Dance, Gail Kizer and Roy Speeg outdanced Mary Pat Ryan and Patrick Rance, runners-up, and Karl Freed and Gayle Benvie, third-place couple. In the Juvenile Girls' event, Carol Ann Springman placed first after having been third in figures. Blair Bacon came up from sixth in figures to take second place. Third place went to Ruth Hayes.

The new Midwestern Senior Ladies' Champion is Charlene Adams. Gladys Irene Jacobs placed second, and Carol Keyes, third. Charlene Adams and Lee Carroll Owen took first honors in the Silver Dance over Carol Miller and Arnold

Schroeder, and Gladys Irene Jacobs and Arthur Dammkoehler.

A supper party, held in the Cardinal Room of the Curtis Hotel after the final event, dissipated all the tension of the competition.

SENIOR LADIES

(Chicago Figure Skating Club Trophy)

1. Charlene Adams, *Chicago FSC*
2. Gladys Irene Jacobs, *Chicago FSC*
3. Carol Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
4. Marilyn Prickman, *Rochester FSC*
5. Carole Anne Carlson, *Broadmoor SC*
6. Susan Sebo, *Duluth FSC*
7. Tonny Hoonhout, *Lansing SC*
8. Joanne Hendrickson, *FSC of Minneapolis*
9. Betsy Lohn, *FSC of Minneapolis*
10. Joan Schroeder, *FSC of Omaha*
11. Dawn MacKay, *Detroit SC*
12. Mary Lohn, *FSC of Minneapolis*
13. Idelle Biddie Bruer, *FSC of Minneapolis*
14. Carol Miller, *Detroit SC*

SENIOR MEN

(Cleveland Skating Club Trophy)

1. Barlow Nelson, *Broadmoor SC*
2. Lee Carroll Owen, *Individual Member USFSA*

JUNIOR LADIES

(Donald A. Raymond Cup)

1. Sandy Elaine Culbertson, *Chicago FSC*
2. Dixie Lee Burns, *Broadmoor SC*
3. Stephanie Westerfeld, *Broadmoor SC*
4. Dorothy Ann Nelson, *Chicago FSC*
5. Diana Lapp, *Broadmoor SC*
6. Judy Kay Boner, *FSC of Omaha*
7. Judy Peterson, *Rochester FSC*
8. Regina Kaufman, *Broadmoor SC*
9. Carole Banbury, *FSC of Minneapolis*
10. Mary Jane Watson, *Wauwatosa FSC*
11. Sally Ann Bruer, *FSC of Minneapolis*
12. Margaret Jurmo, *Detroit SC*
13. Sally Wells, *Detroit SC*
14. Suzanne Samberg, *Detroit SC*
15. Jane Gage, *Detroit SC*
16. Judy Gossenberger, *Denver FSC*
17. Judy Ballard, *FSC of Minneapolis*
18. Susan Slater, *Wauwatosa FSC*
19. Jacqueline Benson, *FSC of Minneapolis*

JUNIOR MEN

(Frederick William Premer Memorial Trophy)

1. Robert James, *Chicago FSC*
2. Tommy Weinreich, *Broadmoor SC*
3. Richard Vraa, *Fargo-Moorhead WC*
4. Edwin Zschau, *FSC of Omaha*
5. David Shulman, *Lansing SC*

NOVICE LADIES

(Fargo-Moorhead Winter Club Trophy)

1. Donna Abbott, *Broadmoor SC*
2. Vicky Fisher, *Cleveland SC*
3. Susan Bass, *Denver FSC*
4. Lawrence Alice Pratt, *Detroit SC*
5. Charlotte Springman, *FSC of Omaha*
6. Pat Podas, *FSC of Minneapolis*
7. Joan Schillinger, *Chicago FSC*
8. Shirley Marie Carlson, *Denver FSC*
9. Penny Ann Moore, *Detroit SC*
10. Joan Nicholson, *FSC of Minneapolis*
11. Marjorie Cram, *Cleveland SC*
12. Elizabeth Jane Odel, *Rochester FSC*
13. Patricia Wentz, *Broadmoor SC*
14. Jacqueline Koukal, *FSC of Minneapolis*
15. Sharon Kulenkamp, *St. Paul FSC*
16. Pauline Schreck, *Wauwatosa FSC*
17. Vivian Rose Hayes, *Sioux City FSC*
18. Kay Nicholson, *FSC of Minneapolis*
19. Emilie Ann Jason, *Wauwatosa FSC*

NOVICE MEN

1. Tommy DeBaca, *Broadmoor SC*
2. John Hendrickson, *Duluth FSC*
3. Paul Allen, *Fargo-Moorhead WC*
4. Thomas Shaw, *Cleveland SC*
5. Pieter Kollen, *Detroit SC*

JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Carol Ann Springman, *FSC of Omaha*
2. Blair Bacon, *Chicago FSC*
3. Ruth Hayes, *Sioux City FSC*
4. Louise Strudwick, *FSC of Minneapolis*
5. Jane Daugherty, *Rochester FSC*
6. Vicki Solberg, *Rochester FSC*
7. Barbara Jean Hemmerling, *Duluth FSC*
8. Patti Creed, *Detroit SC*
9. Junée Rodriguez, *Denver FSC*
10. Marilyn Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
11. Gretchen Ann Paullin, *Rochester FSC*
12. Karen Patricia Dicke, *Chicago FSC*
13. Paula Donald, *FSC of Minneapolis*
14. Pamela Anne Thatcher, *Broadmoor SC*
15. Marion Payne, *Duluth FSC*
16. Pamela Zekman, *Chicago FSC*
17. Susan Jones, *FSC of Minneapolis*
18. Nancy Hartman, *FSC of Minneapolis*
19. Adrienne Abbott, *Broadmoor SC*
20. Anne Wakefield, *FSC of Minneapolis*
21. Janice Ann Moll, *Duluth FSC*
22. Arlene Hildebrandt, *Duluth FSC*

JUNIOR PAIRS

(B. H. Metternich Trophy)

1. Janet Harley & Roy Pringle, *Detroit SC*
2. Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed, *Individual Members USFSA*
3. Jane & John G. Horsman, Jr., *FSC of Cincinnati*
4. Vivian Rose Hayes & Bo Bergeson, *Sioux City FSC*

SILVER DANCE

(Harry E. Radix Trophy)

1. Charlene Adams, *Chicago FSC*, & Lee Carroll Owen, *Individual Member USFSA*
2. Carol Miller & Arnold Schroeder, *Detroit SC*
3. Gladys Irene Jacobs & Arthur Dammkoehler, *Chicago FSC*

BRONZE DANCE

(Rochester Figure Skating Club Trophy)

1. Gail Kizer & Roy Speeg, *FSC of Cincinnati*
2. Mary Pat Ryan & Patrick Rance, *FSC of Omaha*
3. Gayle Benvie & Karl Freed, *Individual Members USFSA*
4. Barbara Jean Hemmerling & John Hendrickson, *Duluth FSC*
5. Catherine Rathnow & Harry LaFriske, *Chicago FSC*
6. Janet Harley & Roy Pringle, *Detroit SC*
7. Suzanne Samberg & Pieter Kollen, *Detroit SC*
8. Alice Wagner & Harold Quigley, *Chicago FSC*

CLEVELAND MEMORIAL TROPHY (TEAM)

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| 1. Chicago FSC | 96 |
| 2. Broadmoor SC | 65 |
| 3. Detroit SC | 30 |

(13 Clubs)



THE CALENDAR OF

Coming Events

March

- 24-27 The SC of Boston Carnival
- 25 St. Lawrence FSC Carnival
- 25-26 Port Hope FSC Carnival
- 25-26 North Bay FSC Carnival
- 25-26 Brant FSC Carnival
- 25-26 Town of Mount Royal FSC Carnival
- 25-26 Dundas FSC Carnival
- 26 Detroit SC Carnival
- 26 Moose Jaw FSC Carnival
- 30-Apr. 2 U. S. Championships at Broadmoor SC, Colorado Springs
- 31 British Junior Championships at Richmond

April

- 1- 2 Stratford FSC Carnival
- 2 Hiawatha SC Carnival
- 2- 4 Clinton FSC Carnival
- 3 North Shore SC Carnival
- 11-12 The SC of New York Carnival
- 14-16 East York FSC Carnival
- 14-16 Minto SC Carnival
- 22-24 Butte FSC Carnival
- 28-30 Cleveland SC Carnival

May

- 7- 8 USFSA Spring Meeting at Buffalo

June

- 8-11 ISU Congress at Lausanne, Switzerland

New Skating Stamps

THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT has issued two skating stamps on the occasion of the European Figure Skating Championships in Budapest last January. One shows two men racing, with a domed building in the background; the other (probably taken from a picture of the Nagys) is a pair picture against a cathedral. They both are most artistically printed in red and blue against a soft greyish background.—TWB.