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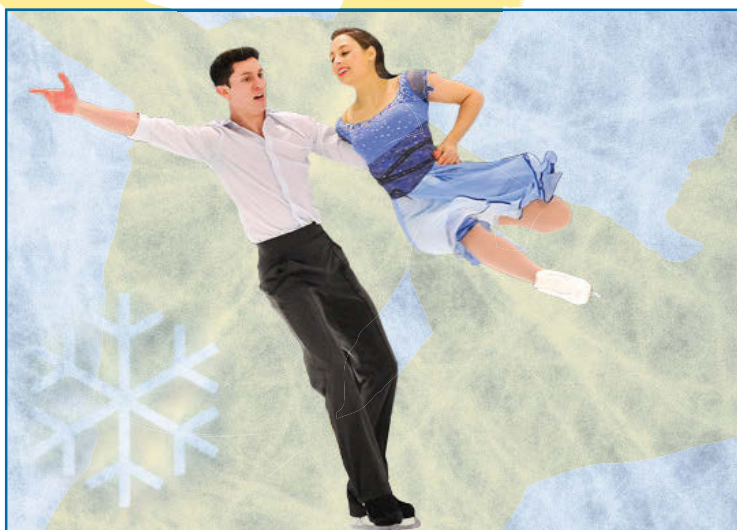


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The 2016 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships take place this month in Saint Paul, Minnesota, at the Xcel Energy Center. All of the 2015 U.S. champions are back to defend their crowns (l-r) Ashley Wagner, Evan Bates and Madison Chock, Christopher Knierim and Alexa Scimeca, and Jason Brown. A preview story and a list of all the qualifiers begins on page 22. Enjoy!

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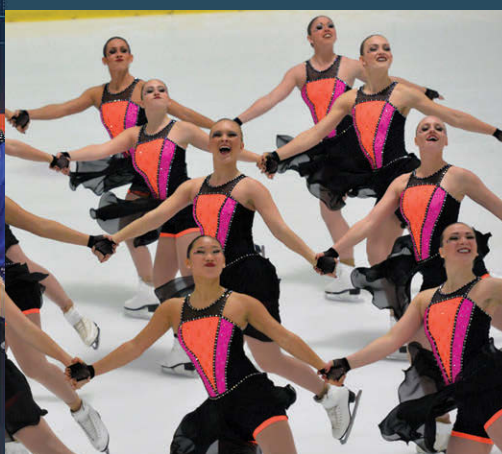
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## Collins, '76 Olympic Team to be feted in Saint Paul

One of the behind-the-scenes gatherings at the 2016 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships promises to be extra special as U.S. Figure Skating's Athletes Advisory Committee honors one of skating's most beloved figures, longtime Minnesota resident Tom "Tommy" Collins, as well as members of the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team.

Collins, the man behind the Champions on Ice tour, is still adored and appreciated today by generations of elite skaters who performed in his wildly popular, exhibition-style ice shows that toured from 1969 to 2006.

The best skaters on the planet, both amateur and professional, entertained packed major arenas from coast to coast, and Collins was committed to taking care of his incredible talent. There were chartered flights, Broadway shows and healthy paychecks, because Collins wanted to make sure that the only thing the skaters had to worry about was putting on a great performance.

"Tom Collins isn't just the most successful skating entrepreneur and promoter in history," *USA Today* sports columnist Christine Brennan said. "He's also skating's nicest guy. Tom not only paid the salaries of countless skaters for decades, he also made sure that they and their families had food, clothing and supplies — especially those from other countries who came to America with nothing. Tom Collins' generosity, insight and enthusiasm forever changed the sport of figure skating for the better."

Names of stars such as Brian Boitano, Michelle Kwan, Scott Hamilton, Debi Thomas, Katarina Witt, Nancy Kerrigan, Alexei Yagudin, Elvis Stojko and Dorothy Hamill lit up marquees during the height of figure skating's popularity. Friendships were forged between skaters from different countries and a tight-knit fraternity was created that still exists today.

"I've got memories that will last a lifetime," Collins, a member of the U.S., Canadian and World Halls of Fame, said. "What I've been through in my life with skating has just been unbelievable. People say I'm famous; well hell, the skaters made me. Without the skaters I wouldn't be anything."

Kwan said Collins was like a father to her and all of the skaters.

"Every skater was his child and he wanted to care for them," Kwan said. "And it wasn't just on the tour, but throughout the competitive season he would stay in touch with everyone. I was 13 when I started on the tour. I was the baby, the rookie. He and the whole Collins family took me under their wing. They made sure I had friends to hang out with and they took care of my mom, who was traveling with me."

"Tommy loves figure skating and he treated the tour as a passion, but he made sure we had fun, too. It was a labor of love for him."

Collins, who grew up in a small gold mining town 400 miles north of Toronto, loved ice skating as a child and performed with Holiday on Ice as a young man before going on to work in the entertainment industry with such musical greats as Neil Diamond, John Denver and Bob Dylan. That's where he learned how to market entertainers, promote rock 'n' roll shows and, most notably, how to take care of his talent.

"Why do we love Tommy?" Boitano said. "One of the many reasons is that Tommy is a skater first and foremost and he never forgot what it was like to be one."

For his first two decades, Collins' shows toured right after the World Championships and included all the champions and medalists from the World and Olympic Winter Games. His Champions on Ice tour became an annual event due to the sport's growing popularity after the 1988 Calgary Olympic Games that featured champions and medalists such as Boitano, Witt, Debi Thomas, Kitty and Peter Carruthers, and Elizabeth Manley.

The tour's popularity, though, reached its highest point in 1994 following the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan scandal.

"It [the tour] blew the roof off all the buildings in America," Collins said. "We would do two and three shows in a town. It was just unbelievable. Nothing could be bigger than 1994."

Several members of the 1976 Olympic Team, who will share in this special reception in Saint Paul, were also big names on the Collins tours, including four-time U.S. champion Linda Fratianne.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the 1976 U.S. Olympic Team, and Jim Millns, who with ice dance partner Colleen O'Connor earned the bronze medal, is excited to see many of his former teammates.

"As monumental of an event [1976 Olympics] as that was, you get caught up in life and you kind of forget about some of that stuff," Millns said. "But then you go back and start to reminisce and memories just flood out, all of the good stuff comes out. I'm excited about that."

"Even though I've crossed paths with virtually everyone from the team intermittently, it's been so many years and I'm so anxious just to sit and visit with these people."

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## Kansas City to host 2017 U.S. Championships

Jazz, barbecue and figure skating will be on the menu next January when Kansas City, Missouri, hosts the 2017 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

"We are thrilled to host such a prestigious event," said Kathy Nelson, a member of the Kansas City Host Committee and President/CEO of Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation. Joining the Host Committee are Visit K.C. and the Sprint Center.

Two venues less than 10 miles apart will house the U.S. Championships Jan. 14-22, 2017. All senior and junior events will be at the downtown Sprint Center. Silverstein Eye Centers Arena in Independence will host all juvenile, intermediate and novice events.

Outside the venues, Kansas City won't disappoint. With two large and distinct entertainment areas — the Power & Light District and the Country Club Plaza — there will be plenty of dining, shopping and fun to be had.

If you're a foodie, you'll enjoy exploring what *Saveur* magazine calls "America's next great culinary destination." For those seeking some nightlife, there are 40 live jazz clubs. And history buffs certainly won't want to miss the National World War I Museum.

In between figure skating sessions, sports fans can take in The College Basketball Experience, conveniently located inside the Sprint Center.

Nelson and the Host Committee are excited to share the U.S. Championships with this sports-minded region.

"Part of our mission is to bring events to Kansas City that provide opportunities for our community to engage in sport, either through participation or spectating," she said. "We believe once fans watch this sport in person, they may be then tempted to participate, which could then help grow the sport of figure skating even more in our community."

All-event tickets for the 2017 Championships go on sale Jan. 19. For more information, stop by the U.S. Championships booth on the concourse or go to [www.2017uschampionships.com](http://www.2017uschampionships.com).

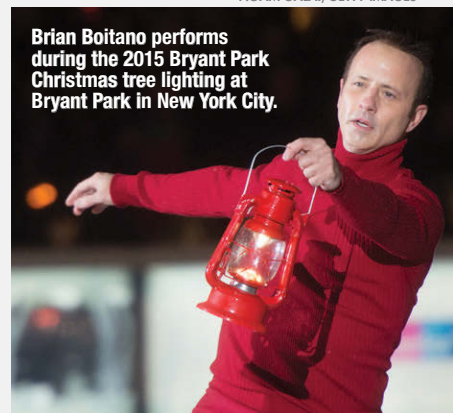
## Olympic champs among performers at tree lighting

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The lighting of the Christmas tree in Bryant Park has become a holiday tradition not only for residents of New York City, but for everyone watching on NBC nationwide. On Dec. 1, the annual celebration kicked off with the Tree Lighting Skate-Tacular, a first-ever performance of an original theatrical ice production, starring Olympians Nancy Kerrigan and Johnny Weir, Olympic champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White and Brian Boitano, and the U.S. synchronized champion Haydenettes.

Narrated by actor Danny Aiello at the Bank of America Winter Village at Bryant Park in New York City, the show featured music from *Big Band Holidays*, a new album by the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, and a holiday tale about a special family on the night before Christmas, written for Bryant Park by New York playwright Jon Caren. The event concluded with the lighting of the famous 55-foot tree, followed by public skating at The Rink at Rockefeller Center to live music curated by Jazz at Lincoln Center.

**Brian Boitano performs during the 2015 Bryant Park Christmas tree lighting at Bryant Park in New York City.**





Pueblo County, left, and Cheyenne Mountain hockey teams joined U.S. Figure Skating's Jordan Moeller, left, coach Erik Schulz and Jason Brown for a tribute and moment of silence in honor of fallen police officer and former skater Garrett Swasey.

PHOTO BY KATHLEEN MCCANN

## Skating community honors fallen officer

Police officer Garrett Swasey, the 1992 U.S. junior ice dance champion, was laid to rest Dec. 4 after a memorial service attended by an estimated 5,000 people in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Swasey, 44, died in the line of duty Nov. 27 while responding to a live shooter at a Planned Parenthood office in Colorado Springs. Police officers and other first responders from across the nation filled the chapel of New Life Church.

The figure skating community also paid its respects. Childhood friend and two-time Olympic medalist Nancy Kerrigan, dance partner Christine Fowler-Binder and Olympic silver medalist Paul Wylie flew to Colorado Springs to honor Swasey. They were joined by friends from the Broadmoor Skating Club and U.S. Figure Skating staff. Up until his death, Swasey was coaching ice dance at the city's Sertich Ice Center.

Swasey and Fowler-Binder moved to Colorado Springs in 1991 to train under coach Sandra Hess. After his competitive career, he coached in Wisconsin and Colorado. In 2009, he became a police officer at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

On Dec. 11, Cheyenne Mountain High School's hockey team paid tribute to Swasey before its game with Pueblo County. As both teams lined up at their blue lines, Broadmoor SC coach Erik Schulz, who trained with Swasey in the early 1990s, skated to center ice and placed a bouquet of white flowers on the ice. U.S. champion Jason Brown and 2014 U.S. junior silver medalist Jordan Moeller then skated out in tribute and faced the crowd for a moment of silence. Schulz is a UCCS graduate; Brown and Moeller attend UCCS, where Swasey served.

Swasey's wife, Rachel, requested that money donated during Brown and Moeller's "pass the skate" be given to the U.S. Figure Skating Memorial Fund, which supported Swasey as a competitor. Cheyenne Mountain donated the game's ticket revenue to the fund as well.



## Sladky featured in *People* magazine

In November, Judy Sladky was recognized for more than just her five U.S. ice dance titles and four World medals with partner James Sladky. The now-65-year-old Indiana native was recently featured by *People* magazine for her work as Snoopy — a character she has played for nearly four decades after being handpicked for the role by Charles Schulz, aka "Sparky," at the Redwood Empire Ice Arena, which is also known as Snoopy's Home Ice.

"I am 4-foot-10 and Sparky said, 'You are Snoopy, you act like him, you make me laugh, you're it,'" Sladky told *People*. "I never auditioned. He just called me and said, 'We are doing a TV special, 'Snoopy's Musical on Ice,' and will you be my Snoopy?' I have been [playing him] ever since."

After 37 years and 175 appearances last year alone, Sladky shows no signs of slowing down, even after skating in countless shows, throwing out numerous first pitches at Major League Baseball games, flying in zero gravity, doing backflips on trampolines, performing on a flying trapeze, and promoting the 2015 full-length feature *The Peanuts Movie*. When the magazine asked how long she intended to play the role, she responded with "Forever!" without missing a beat. "I have to make it to the Oscars."

PHOTO BY MIMI MCKINNIS



1984 Olympic champion Scott Hamilton shares a smile with the Saturday morning news team at KARE, the official local broadcasting partner for the 2016 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

## Hamilton spreads U.S. Championships excitement

Scott Hamilton, a U.S., World and Olympic champion, traveled to Saint Paul, Minnesota, December 3–5 to spread the word about the 2016 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

"When things like this roll around, you always hear people say, 'Oh, if only we'd known,'" Hamilton said in a radio interview with KS95 radio's morning show. "Well now you've got one month!"

Hamilton filmed spots for local news programs and shot event promotions while local skaters showed off their skills in the background at both Pleasant Arena and downtown Saint Paul's Wells Fargo WinterSkate outdoor rink.

Over the day and a half in Minnesota, Hamilton appeared on local news programs for KMSP (FOX), WCCO (CBS), and KARE (NBC), sat down with hosts on Twin Cities Live and talked figure skating on 1500 ESPN, KS95, My-Talk 107.1 and WCCO radio shows, in addition to meet-and-greet Q & As with fans at the *Star Tribune* headquarters and two Cub Foods locations.



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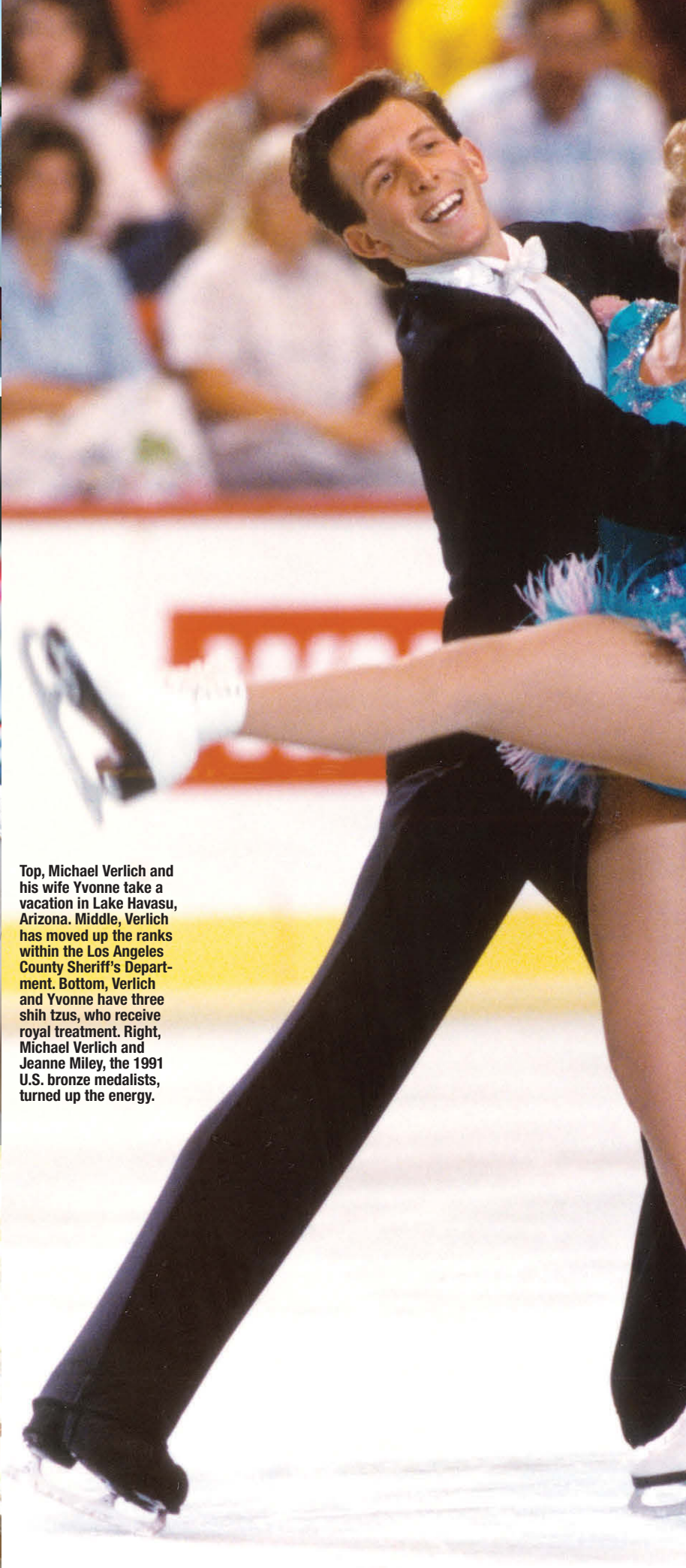
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Top, Michael Verlich and his wife Yvonne take a vacation in Lake Havasu, Arizona. Middle, Verlich has moved up the ranks within the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Bottom, Verlich and Yvonne have three shih tzus, who receive royal treatment. Right, Michael Verlich and Jeanne Miley, the 1991 U.S. bronze medalists, turned up the energy.



# ON THE BEAT

Former ice dance medalist thriving in law enforcement career

by LOIS ELFMAN

Although he hasn't been involved in skating for more than a decade, Michael Verlich still has an idea for an ice dance program he wants to choreograph. A medalist in ice dance at the U.S. Championships at both the junior and senior levels, he worked as a coach and choreographer for nearly a decade, but turned his attention to another profession in the late 1990s.

"I have a program idea in my mind," said Verlich, 49, a sergeant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. "I still wish that someday possibly I would be able to choreograph this program to 'Funeral for a Friend' by Elton John for a team. I have this whole concept for it."

As competitive skaters, Verlich and partner Jeanne Miley were known for their high-energy free dances and incredible audience rapport. The two teamed up midseason when his then-partner quit; he and Miley were already attracting attention by the time the U.S. Championships rolled around.

Verlich's late mother was a skater and took him and his brother to the rink. Around age 9, he met coach Darlene Gilbert and began ice dance. When he started competing at the national level in the mid-1980s, there were few teams from the West Coast, and sometimes he felt underappreciated. He and partner Jill Heiser won bronze in junior dance at the 1985 U.S. Championships. They competed in seniors for a couple of years, until she quit and he teamed with Miley. There was so little time to prepare for their first nationals, Miley just slotted into the programs that were already choreographed. Right from the start, their chemistry was obvious.

"I can actually think back to the days of when we first started skating together," Verlich said. "We tried out and did some stroking laps and circles. In my mind I can feel what she feels like to hold on to going round in the circles even to this day."

A special memory is the 1991 Olympic Festival in Los Angeles, because he loved the multisport format. They competed through the 1992 season and then Miley retired. Verlich teamed with Jennifer Nocito for about a year and a half and then he too was ready to move on.

When the rules opened up allowing competitors to coach, Verlich started doing some coaching. After ending his competitive days, he turned his attention to coaching and choreography full time. He was traveling all over the U.S., working with various coaches, including Igor Shpilband.

"I did choreography for singles," Verlich said. "I did a lot of stroking and power classes to build up endurance. My primary thing was dance. I partnered a number of people through tests."

He said he'd have to look at old notes for names, but he thinks he worked with some of the prominent names in the sport when they were starting out in ice dance.

In 1997, the opportunity arose to do police work and he joined the Compton, California, police force. When that department disbanded and the city of Compton contracted with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office in September 2000, he left coaching to go into law enforcement full time.

Today, Verlich's job entails supervising about 100 people, ranging from uniformed sheriffs to security assistants. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department oversees anything that involves transit, including metropolitan buses and trains, from San Diego to Malibu and beyond.

"We deploy along the Southern California railways, freeways and everything like that," Verlich said. "If you're on a bus or train and a crime occurs, one of our guys is going to take care of you."

His job entails both an administrative component — handling evaluations and complaints — and fieldwork. There are offices in downtown Los Angeles at Union Station and in Watts. A third office will be opening shortly.

While some people may wonder how he made his way from the ice to law enforcement, Verlich said police work was the only thing other than skating that really captured his attention. As much as he loved choreography and coaching, being self-employed had frustrations. He appreciates a job that comes with retirement benefits. His training and focus as a competitive athlete still come into play.

"The dedication to a competitive sport such as skating, your body's pretty conditioned," he said. "Even now, my body responds really well to any type of rigorous thing that I will put it through. It's muscle memory and a lot of things that 20-some-odd years of skating provided."

"In skating, there are so many details that you have to think about," he continued. "You have to be an extremely detailed thinker based on technique, musicality, athleticism and everything like that. The ability to multitask is one of the most valuable things that came with me from my upbringing in skating."

"When you're in police work, there are a lot of different factors that you have to take into consideration. There's officer safety. There's the situation that you're in tactically — where you're going to be, what type of cover you're going to use, how big is the opponent that you're against. All of these things have to come into your thought process. That ability to multitask is hugely important as far as keeping safe out here."

It wasn't easy to go from being semifamous, traveling the world to compete and being asked for autographs, to chasing perpetrators, but he discovered he thrived on the work.

He found a life partner in Yvonne, his wife of six years. Verlich was diagnosed with cancer in 2011 and had a tumor removed from his lower intestine. Unsure whether children are possible after chemotherapy, they've started trying and are letting nature take its course. In the meantime, they dote on their three shih tzus.

Verlich remains close with Gilbert and they see each other fairly frequently. He keeps in touch with skating friends via Facebook and tries to see people in the Southern California area in person when he gets the chance.

He doesn't follow skating closely, but he took great pleasure in seeing Meryl Davis and Charlie White win Olympic gold in Sochi.

"It was well-deserved," he said. "We competed internationally — not just my partner and I, but we as in the American ice dance teams — a long time and let's face it, those Eastern bloc judges were not giving any support. It was a struggle just to get recognized on the international circuit, let alone at the World-medal level."

"Credit a lot of people like Igor Shpilband that really brought life to the ice dance program," he added. "You get people into it at a young age and you can produce champions."

It's a decisive 'No' as to whether he'd ever considering competing in adult dance, but thanks to YouTube the past remains vibrant.

"Every year at holiday time when people start putting up holiday decorations, my videos resurface," he said. "Someone pulls them up and throws one up in the middle of a briefing. I have to explain to the new employees that I'm supervising that I used to do this."



# 'THE WAITRESS AND THE TRUCK DRIVER'

excelled in underdog role

by KAMA KORVELA

A great story has all of the essential elements: charismatic characters, obstacles to overcome and the ability to stand the test of time. Sports, particularly figure skating, have no shortage of compelling stories to share with their audiences. One storyline that continues to resonate with nearly every fan is the one of "The Waitress and the Truck Driver."

The story of Calla Urbanski-Petka and Rocky Marval, the two-time U.S. pairs champions and 1992 Olympians, is full of twists and turns, and their journey to success was anything but a straight path.

Both started skating when they were young — Marval at age 6 and Urbanski-Petka as a toddler. Urbanski-Petka didn't take up pairs skating until she was in her 20s — a relatively late age. And though it's been widely reported that she paired up with Marval in 1990, it was actually four years earlier that they first skated together.

"I believe it was for the junior pairs test, but we broke up before we went to regionals that same year," Urbanski-Petka said.

In 1990, they came back together. Coached by Ron Ludington, they rapidly climbed the U.S. and international ranks.

"We had quick success after skating together for a short amount of time," Marval said. "We were second at nationals in 1991 and made the World Team that year. We won Skate America in the fall and medaled at the NHK Trophy. It came very quickly for us."

Ric LaCivita, a producer for CBS Sports, met the dynamic duo in early 1991. LaCivita was overseeing figure skating coverage for the network at the time. Though he was a skating novice, he knew immediately that Marval and Urbanski-Petka weren't the average "cookie-cutter" figure

skaters.

"They were very different people," LaCivita said. "Calla was so charismatic — tough, a street fighter and, no doubt in my mind, she was beyond determined. She was 30 or 31 (at the time) so she was old for a skater. She didn't fit the mold but to me she was so very real and so very different than what I, as a newcomer, had seen in the world of skating. Rocky was quiet but also had an inner resolve. There was a strength behind his puppy dog eyes."

As different as they were in personality, they did share some common ground.

"They had similar backgrounds — blue collar, two young athletes who had pulled themselves by their bootstraps," LaCivita said.

To pay for skating expenses, Urbanski-Petka worked as a waitress, while Marval co-owned a small trucking company.

"'The Waitress and the Truck Driver' was a headline that would resonate with any audience," he said. "Calla and Rocky were the 'every person.' They represented the hard-working, assembly line, unionized laborers. They represented the stay-at-home moms who had dreams, and the ladies out there on their feet for 12 hours pulling down minimum wages and hoping for a good day in tips. Rocky was the guy driving the truck 20 hours a day, hauling goods across the U.S. of A."

It wasn't long before TV audiences across the globe knew the team's story. "We loved it; it made us household names," Marval said.

Urbanski-Petka and Marval finished 10th at the 1992 Winter Olympics. They continued to train and won their second U.S. title in 1993. But soon after, they parted ways.

Urbanski-Petka and Marval perform in New Jersey at the 2010 Caesars Tribute: A Salute to the Golden Age of American Skating.





"The partnership was successful on the ice, but we butted heads," Marval admitted. "It wasn't always a smooth training environment."

They each found a new partner and worked toward making the 1994 U.S. Olympic Team. Marval and his partner, Natasha Kuchiki, finished fourth at that year's U.S. Championships, while Urbanski-Petka and Joseph Mero placed seventh.

But a few months later, with the encouragement of their choreographer Phillip Mills, Urbanski-Petka and Marval were a team once again.

"He was instrumental in bringing us back together," Urbanski-Petka said.

Mills, who first worked with the team in 1992, knew they had something special together.

"Although Calla and Rocky were so talented and capable, and they could skate with anyone, I really felt that the magic was in them together as the powerhouse pairs team they had always been," Mills said.

The team competed one last time in amateur competition, at the 1994 Goodwill Games in St. Petersburg, Russia, before moving on to their professional careers. Marval spent 10 years working as a sports agent and Urbanski-Petka coached. They have performed together occasionally since that time, most recently in late 2010.

"The last time Calla and I skated together was for the Caesars event (The Caesars Tribute: A Salute to the Golden Age of American Skating, in Atlantic City, New Jersey) in December 2010," Marval said. "We only practiced together about four times before we skated in the show. It was the first time in 10 years we had skated together."

Today, they are still closely connected to the skating world. Marval is the general manager and skating director at The Igloo in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. Urbanski-Petka now lives in Florida

and is a coach at the Palm Beach Skate Zone, as well as the president of the Palm Beach Figure Skating Club.

"What I learned at the Skating Club of Wilmington and at the University of Delaware (where Urbanski-Petka trained for several years), I'm passing the traditions on to the new generations here," she said.

In addition, Urbanski-Petka is continuing her education in the sport.

"I'm working on my masters rating now, trying to put a stamp on this part of my career," she said.

Family is a focus for both skaters as well. Urbanski-Petka has been married to her husband Ed for 13 years, and has a 7-year-old daughter, Olivia. Marval and his wife, two-time Olympic bronze medalist Isabelle Brasseur, have a daughter as well. Gabriella Marvaldi is a rising pairs skater on the junior circuit with her partner Cody Dolkiewicz.

Urbanski-Petka and Marval's contribution to figure skating has not been forgotten, Mills said.

"I think what made Calla and Rocky special was the fact they were great ambassadors for our country," he said. "They worked harder than anyone and never expected anything handed to them that they did not earn. They are two of the finest people I have ever worked with."

And 20-something years later, they continue to inspire others.

"I believe Calla and Rocky embodied the very best of the American athlete," LaCivita said. "They overcame every obstacle put in their way to climb to the very top of their sport in this country. They put in the work, the effort, and paid the painful price of pushing their skills toward excellence. They were the underdogs who did not know the word *quit*."



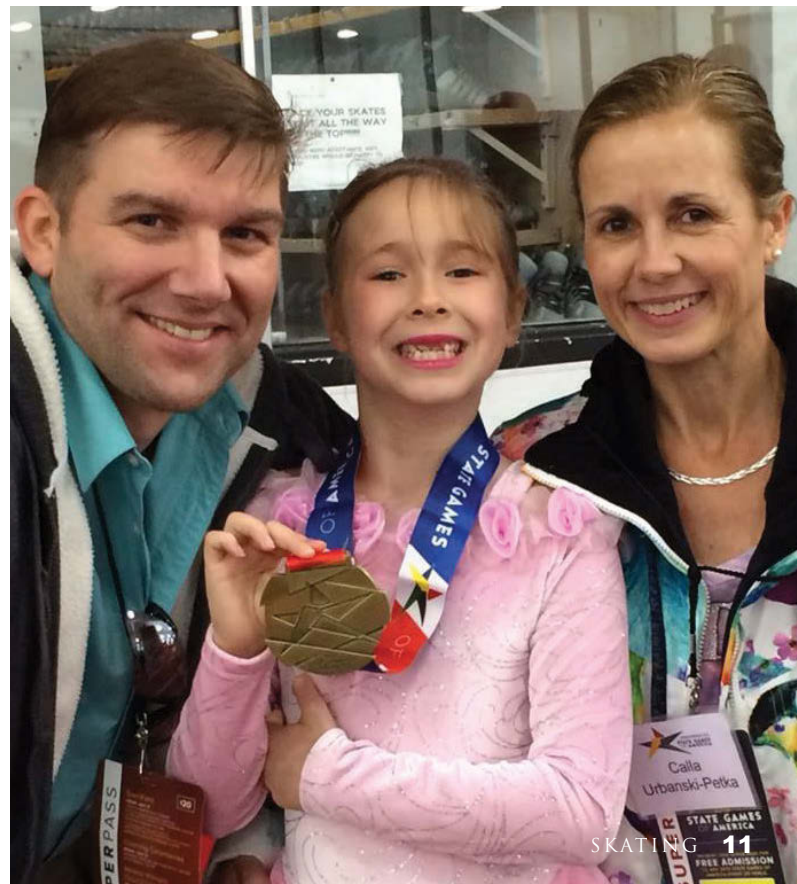
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Calla Urbanski and Rocky Marval capture their second consecutive pairs title at the 1993 U.S. Championships in Phoenix.

Rocky Marval, his wife Isabelle Brasseur and their daughter Gabriella Marvaldi enjoy some family time at home.



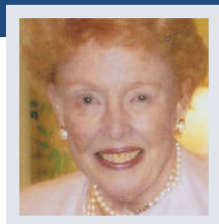
Urbanski-Petka, right, and her husband, Ed, celebrate with their daughter, Olivia, at the State Games of America.



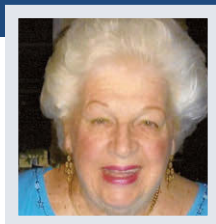
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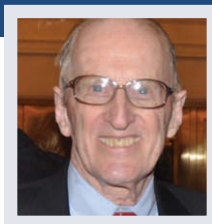
The following individuals celebrated anniversaries in 2015 marking the number of years since their first appointments.



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MARILYN GUILFOYLE



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## JUDGES

### [1950] 65 Years

Patricia Cahill, Timonium, Md.  
Marilyn Guilfoyle, Manchester, N.J.

### [1955] 60 Years

Susan Johnson, Atlanta, Ga.  
Claire Ferguson, Jamestown, R.I.

### [1960] 55 Years

Arthur Dammkoehler, Clyde Hill, Wash.  
Patricia French, Mitchellville, Md.  
Mary Knake, Shaker Hts, Ohio

### [1965] 50 Years

Harland Burge, Laguna Hills, Calif.  
Edwin Cossitt, Water Mill, N.Y.  
Janet Gerhauser Carpenter, Minnetonka, Minn.

Barbara Holland, Columbus, Ohio  
Shirley Kreppel, Williamsville, N.Y.  
Laurel Pietsch, Chandler, Ariz.

### [1970] 45 Years

Robert Boroughs, Wichita, Kan.  
Donna Cerami, Erie, Pa.  
Shirley Holdsworth, Temple, N.H.  
Jane Reno, Doylestown, Pa.  
Gale Tanger, Wauwatosa, Wis.

### [1975] 40 Years

Susan Adamson, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Mary Cook, Mount Horeb, Wis.  
Joan Gordon, Ames, Iowa  
Linda Leaver, Salt Lake City, Utah  
Janet Mattson, Rochester, Minn.  
Sandra Sipkin, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Carol Weier, Cedarville, Ill.  
Sharon Wright, Waukesha, Wis.

### [1980] 35 Years

Samuel Auxier, Glen Ellyn, Ill.  
Alice Bohr, Northville, Mich.  
Barbara Bradley, Colorado Spgs, Colo.  
Carolyn Clausius, Sun Prairie, Wis.  
Patricia Cook, Maurice, La.  
Kim Cozean, Lake Forest, Calif.  
Beverly Davis, Franklin, Tenn.  
Kathleen Doramus, La Verne, Calif.  
Grace Duggan, Buffalo, N.Y.  
Judith Edmunds, W Yarmouth, Mass.  
Laurie Gazzale, Basking Ridge, N.J.  
Chris Godfrey, Southlake, Texas  
Deborah Hagenauer, Allentown, Pa.  
Kathleen Harmon, Liberty Lake, Wash.  
Susan Haugh, Livonia, N.Y.

Jane Heintz, Radnor, Pa.  
Elizabeth Jackson, Woodbridge, Va.  
David Kaumeyer, Plymouth, Mich.  
Susan Keogh, Hilton Head, S.C.  
Larry Kriwanek, Murrieta, Calif.  
Elaine Lavigne, Milton, Vt.  
Norman Lesser, Alden, N.Y.  
Phyllis Little, Eastpointe, Mich.  
Patricia Lynch, Glen Ridge, N.J.  
Anne Malacrea, Marietta, Ga.  
Linda May, Plymouth, Mich.  
Lois Miskoe, Rocky River, Ohio  
Marcia Ouellette, Columbus, Ohio  
Joanne Schillinger, Marquette, Mich.  
C. Jack Searle, Murray, Utah  
Kathy Slack, Troy, Ohio  
Carole Wolf, Hicksville, N.Y.

### [1985] 30 Years

Charlotte Canida, San Francisco, Calif.  
Deborah Currie, Erie, Pa.  
Kathleen Cutone, Reading, Mass.  
Joyce Fintak, Muskego, Wis.  
Cynthia Flynn, Churchville, N.Y.  
Melissa Hall-Cohn, Chesterfield, Mo.  
Lolly Jensen, Lawrenceville, N.J.  
Melissa Kent, Bend, Ore.  
Marie LaRocca, Newport, R.I.  
Molly Marron, Phoenix, Ariz.  
Hannelore Murphy, Almont, Mich.  
Barbara Price, Chautauqua, N.Y.  
George Rossano, Lk Arrowhead, Calif.  
RoseMary Santee, Park Ridge, Ill.  
Henry Son, Braintree, Mass.  
Hallie Wilson, Midland, Mich.  
Roberta Young, San Diego, Calif.

### [1990] 25 Years

Kathleen Blum, Houston, Texas  
Elisa Boyer, Harvest, Ala.  
Sandra Burkons, Shaker Hts, Ohio  
Jessica Bussgang, Wellesley, Mass.  
Donald Conrad, Saint Louis, Mo.  
Myra Dria, Houston, Texas  
David Freiman, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Lynn Goldman, Austin, Texas  
Carolyn Grinditch, Vero Beach, Fla.  
Stephen Kawalko, Torrance, Calif.  
Warren King, Lebanon, Ohio  
Caren Kirsch, Lynnwood, Wash.  
Kathleen Krieger, Arlington Hts, Ill.  
Charles LeClair, Peru, N.Y.  
John Millier, Atlanta, Ga.

Kirsten Novak, Palo Alto, Calif.  
Karen Raines, Sammamish, Wash.  
Shawn Rettstatt, New York, N.Y.  
Earl Roberts, Stuart, Fla.  
Charlotte Schermerhorn, Pompano Beach, Fla.  
Mary Jo Spellman, Raymore, Mo.  
Robert Wagner, Orlando, Fla.  
Deborah Weidman, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Cheryl Wood, Long Neck, Del.

## REFEREES

### [1950] 65 Years

Benjamin Wright, Lexington, Mass.

### [1980] 35 Years

William Beharrell, Bristol, N.H.

### [1985] 30 Years

Elisabeth Vaughn, Richardson, Texas

### [1990] 25 Years

Kristin Arneson Cutler, Plymouth, Minn.  
Todd Bromley, Carrollton, Texas  
Tamie Campbell, Edina, Minn.  
Gregory Cannon, Lake Worth, Fla.  
Eleanor Curtis, Albuquerque, N.M.  
Roger Glenn, Appleton, Wis.  
Kathleen Harmon, Liberty Lake, Wash.  
Dorothy Jamison, Hancock, Mich.  
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Wendy Melland, Kansas City, MO  
Colleen Parke, Bothell, Wash.  
Richard Perez, Mountain View, Calif.  
Margery Schleh, Sacramento, Calif.  
C. Jack Searle, Murray, Utah  
Kathy Slack, Troy, Ohio  
Kennard Taylor, N Hollywood, Calif.  
David Thompson, Aventura, Fla.  
Bette Todd, Edwards, Colo.  
James Webb, Toluca Lake, Calif.  
Woody Weier, Cedarville, Ill.  
Steve Winkler, Palm Springs, Calif.

## ACCOUNTANTS

### [1980] 35 Years

Joan Bergdorf, Priest River, Idaho  
Esther Winslow, Chatham, Mass.

### [1990] 25 Years

Rena Krane, Everett, Mass.  
Robb Steinheider, Crossville, Tenn.  
Esther Stephens, Sarasota, Fla.





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# A SILVER LINING

## CHOCK AND BATES REPEAT AS MEDALISTS IN BARCELONA

Madison Chock and Evan Bates bask in the moment following their silver-medal achievement in Barcelona.

Ice dancers Madison Chock and Evan Bates emerged with the only medal for the United States — a silver — at the 2015 ISU Grand Prix Final, Dec. 10–13, in Barcelona. Two ladies, one pairs team and three ice dance teams represented the country at the event.

The Michigan-based team, silver medalists at the 2014 Grand Prix Final, also in Barcelona, placed second in the short dance but had to fight through their recently revamped free dance and placed third in that segment.

“We pretty much rechoreographed about half of this program in the last three weeks,” Bates said. “It was a new challenge. To come to the Grand Prix Final, where you’re expected to be in tip-top shape, with a program that feels new, is difficult. Considering the circumstances, we did well.”

The 2015 U.S. champions and World silver medalists, Chock and Bates finished with 177.55 points. Canada’s Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje defended their title with a score of 182.66, while Italy’s Anna Cappellini and Luca Lanotte secured the bronze medal with 176.37 points.

Chock and Bates’ coach and choreographer, Igor Shpilband, began rechoreographing their free dance to “Concerto No. 2” by Rachmaninoff following the team’s silver-medal performance in early November at Cup of China.

“These were changes we felt we needed to make,” Chock said. “We need more time to train the movement and the nuances of the program.

We really want to make the most of it and give it all we’ve got.”

Team USA’s Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani fought their own battle, as Alex became ill before the team’s free dance.

“All today he’s been extremely sick,” Maia said after the event. “At practice this morning we weren’t able to do much. He really decided from the beginning that he wanted to fight through it. For me, that was so emotional because he’s not just my partner, he’s my brother, he’s family.”

The Shibutanis, who train in Michigan under Marina Zoueva, qualified for the Grand Prix Final with the top overall score of the Grand Prix Series, which they earned at NHK Trophy two weeks before the Grand Prix Final.

Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue finished sixth with 163.20 points after Donohue fell in the free dance.

“It took us by surprise,” Hubbell said. “It was one of those things, a fluke. We’re proud of how far we’ve come this season and the GOEs we’re getting on elements now, as well as pretty good levels. We’re looking forward to getting more training heading into nationals.”

### WAGNER, GOLD FINISH OFF PODIUM

Ashley Wagner and Gracie Gold, who train in California, struggled at times en route to fourth- and fifth-place finishes, respectively.

Wagner, the three-time and reigning U.S.

champion, placed sixth in the short program before rallying with the third-best free skate, setting a personal-best score by more than eight points. She finished with a score of 199.81.

“Part of my problem is that I don’t have an exact explanation as to why I skate one way or the other,” Wagner said. “That’s going to be my biggest challenge yet. This competition shows that I’m human and I make mistakes, but that under pressure, if I get myself into the right mentality, I can keep it together.”

Wagner has qualified for four consecutive Grand Prix Finals, winning silver in 2012 and bronze in 2013 and 2014. Last year, she also finished sixth after the short program and third in the free skate, but ended up on the podium.

“The long program is a little bit less daunting, because there is room for error and there’s room to make up points,” Wagner said. “This sport isn’t about being a long program or short program skater, it’s about being the whole package. That’s my mission.”

Gold, the U.S. silver medalist, placed fifth in both of her programs. Gold qualified for the Grand Prix Final last year, but had to withdraw due to a stress fracture in her left foot.

“It’s a good program, but a program is only as good as the skater,” Gold said of her mistake-filled free skate to Stravinsky’s *Firebird*. “I had had a second and part of a first place in my Grand Prix this year, but Japan Open was the





Chock and Bates light up the ice with their short dance to a sophisticated foxtrot.

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## MCNAMARA AND CARPENTER, CHEN WIN FIRST JGP FINAL TITLES

(l-r) Nathan Chen, Quinn Carpenter and Lorraine McNamara, Rachel Parsons and Michael Parsons

Two-time U.S. junior men's champion Nathan Chen and U.S. junior ice dance champions Lorraine McNamara and Quinn Carpenter each won their first Junior Grand Prix (JGP) Final titles Dec. 9–13 in Barcelona, Spain, after competing in the JGP Series since 2012.

Chen, who trains in California, stayed undefeated in his 2015 JGP Series campaign, winning both segments in Barcelona in spite of two falls in his free skate.

"I'm very happy that I won this year; it's always been a goal of mine," Chen said after his free skate. "I want to clean everything up before nationals. I hope to skate better than I did today. I can do a lot better and that is not the skate I want to put out."

Chen ultimately won the title by 13.82 points, and he attempted three quadruple jumps, two successfully, in his free skate. He finished with 225.04 points, ahead of silver medalist Dmitri Aliev of Russia (211.22) and Sota Yamamoto of Japan (205.31).

Vincent Zhou, the 2013 U.S. junior champion, finished fourth after missing the 2014–15 season due to injury. Zhou earned a pair of silver medals to punch his first ticket to the JGP Final, finishing less than a point from the podium with 204.56 points.

McNamara and Carpenter, who won both of their JGP assignments in September, topped the podium by nearly eight points, despite falling short of the international-best scores they set earlier this season.

"Lorraine and I have had a long time since our JGPs," Carpenter said. "Maybe our scores weren't quite as good but you can't attribute that to our progress in general. I think score variation throughout the season is to be expected."

The Rockville, Maryland-based team finished with 158.26 points. The silver medal went to Alla Loboda and Pavel Drozd of Russia with 150.86, while McNamara and Carpenter's compatriots and training mates, Rachel and Michael Parsons, won the bronze medal. The sibling duo and U.S. junior silver medalists earned their highest-ever JGP Final finish with 144.41 points.

Russians Polina Tsurskaya and Maria Sotskova won gold and silver in the ladies event, scoring 195.28 and 184.01 points, respectively. The bronze went to Japan's Marin Honda with 178.64. Russia won its second title of the event in the pairs competition, where Ekaterina Borisova and Dmitry Sopot took top honors with 171.86 points. Their teammates Amina Atakhanova and Ilia Spiridinov won bronze with 162.00. The silver went to Anna Duskova and Martin Bidar of the Czech Republic with 162.33 points.

Team USA was not represented in the ladies or pairs events.

same result (fifth place). Japan Open definitely took some of the wind out of my sails. The Grand Prix events were OK, but I haven't been able to get back to the standard that's required at this level."

Looking forward, Gold said her coaching team will need to re-evaluate the jump content in her programs.

"I've only done one clean program this season," she said. "At this point, you should be skating clean programs. I'm pretty far behind in that regard and my consistency is lacking."

Still, Gold said the U.S. Championships provide great motivation to improve, with her goal of winning the title and a medal at Worlds still intact.

Russia's Evgenia Medvedeva won gold with 222.54 points. Japan's Satoko Miyahara took the silver medal with 208.85 points. Russia's Elena Radionova claimed the bronze with 201.13 points.

### SCIMECA AND KNIERIM CHALK ONE UP TO EXPERIENCE

Alexa Scimeca and Christopher Knierim, the first U.S. pairs team to earn a Grand Prix Final berth since 2007, placed seventh with 177.42 points.

The Colorado Springs-based team hit a tough stretch in their free skate, including problems with their opening quad twist and side-by-side triple Salchows.

"There wasn't any pressure put on us to do well here, but I think it weighed a little that it's been a long drought since an American team was here for pairs," Scimeca said. "Deep down, we wanted to stand at the top. There was a little bit of that going on subconsciously. That's what happens when you want to be the best."

Russia's Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov earned the gold medal with 229.44 points. Canada's Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford secured silver with 216.67 points, while Russia's Yuko Kavaguti and Alexander Smirnov collected the bronze medal with 206.59 points.

### HANYU SHATTERS RECORDS

Olympic champion Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan destroyed the record book with an overall score of 330.43 points. His record-breaking free skate included three quads, including one in combination with a triple toe. He also landed two triple Axels in combination.

His training mate, Javier Fernandez of Spain, won the silver medal with a score of 292.95, while Japan's Shomo Uno claimed the bronze with 276.79 points.

# SHIBUTANIS RETURN TO TOP OF PODIUM; U.S. EARNS FOUR MEDALS

The 2015 ISU Grand Prix of Figure Skating Series made its final stop Nov. 27–29 at NHK Trophy in Nagano, Japan, where Team USA brought home four medals and punched four tickets to the 2015 Grand Prix Final.

U.S. silver medalists Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani won the ice dance title by more than five points, not only returning to the top of the Grand Prix podium for the first time in four years, but doing so by earning the highest overall score for ice dance in the 2015 Series. The siblings qualified for their third-career and second-consecutive Grand Prix Final with 174.43 points.

“Last time we won a Grand Prix was back in 2011, and that was also NHK Trophy, so today was just really special,” Maia said. “It is a great way for us to continue our season and we’re excited to go back to Barcelona for the Final.”

Winning the bronze medal, Team USA’s Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue set personal-best marks across the board en route to an overall score of 167.49 and their first trip to the Grand Prix Final.

Russia’s Ekaterina Bobrova and Dmitri Soloviev won the silver medal (169.33), while Americans Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin McManus finished sixth (138.41).

U.S. pairs champions Alexa Scimeca and Chris Knierim added a bronze to their collection of Grand Prix Series medals following a second-place finish at Skate America a month earlier. The duo generated 190.66 points and became the first American pairs team to qualify for the Final since 2007.

“Compared to Skate America this (free skate) program had some improvements in the jumping passes and the throw Salchow, but we lost a lot points on the twist and the spins,” Scimeca said. “Our goal for the next event would be to combine the strengths from our first and second Grand Prix to make a solid program.”

Canadians Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford won gold with 202.72 points, while China’s Xiaoyu Yu and Yang Jin claimed silver with 191.02 points. Team USA’s Jessica Calalang and Zack Sidhu finished seventh with a score of 150.26.

2013 U.S. pewter medalist Courtney Hicks recorded her highest-ever Grand Prix finish, earning personal-best scores in the short program and overall to win the silver medal. She finished with 183.12 points.

“It was the most complete skate I’ve done on the Grand Prix and it’s the best long I’ve done in the past couple of years,” Hicks said. “It just felt good to skate the way I have practiced.”

Team USA’s Ashley Wagner fought through her performances in Japan, settling for fourth place with 179.33 points. Wagner won her first assignment at Skate Canada, giving the three-time U.S. champion enough points to qualify for the Final. The feat marks the first time any U.S. lady has ever qualified for the event in four consecutive seasons.

Japan’s Satoko Miyahara and Mao Asada won gold and bronze, respectively, with 203.11 and 182.99 points. American Mirai Nagasu placed fifth with 175.64 points.

Japan’s Yuzuru Hanyu secured the men’s event with the highest score in ISU history — 322.40. China’s Boyang Jin grabbed silver with 266.43 points, and Hanyu’s teammate Takahito Mura won bronze with 242.21 points. Team USA’s Grant Hochstein finished fourth with a score of 235.63, while Richard Dornbush placed eighth with 217.50 points.

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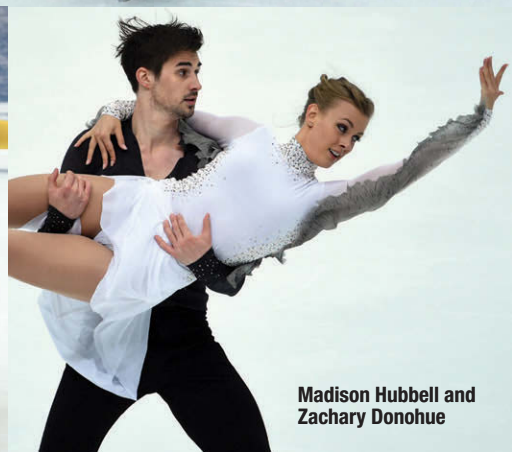
Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani



Alexa Scimeca and Christopher Knierim



Courtney Hicks



Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue





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# MINER RALLIES TO WIN BRONZE

Ross Miner stood on a Grand Prix podium for the first time in three seasons at Rostelecom Cup, the fifth of six stops in the ISU Grand Prix Series.

Miner, a three-time U.S. medalist, set personal-best scores across the board to win the bronze medal with a score of 248.92. He finished behind World champion Javier Fernandez of Spain (271.43) and 2014 World Junior silver medalist Adian Pitkeev of Russia (250.47).

"I went out there and I stayed calm, which is something I struggled with in the past," Miner said.

The medal marks Miner's first in the Series since placing third at 2012 NHK Trophy.

U.S. silver medalist Adam Rippon came back from a sixth-place short program with the second-best free skate, missing the podium by less than a point. Rippon earned a personal-best score of 169.86 points in the second segment, en route to a combined 248.63 points.

Polina Edmunds, the 2014 U.S. silver medalist, led Team USA's efforts in the ladies event, finishing just behind a home-country podium sweep by World bronze medalist Elena Radionova (211.32), Skate America champion Evgenia Medvedeva (206.76) and Olympic champion Adelina Sotnikova (185.11).

"I was excited to go to Moscow because I have native roots in Russia," Edmunds said. "I was happy to meet my relatives and friends there while representing the United States. My short program was great and I was happy to finally see my points rise. My free skate also went well. Last season I made mistakes in my short programs early in the season and this season I skated my programs more confidently in the Grand Prix."

Edmunds earned a personal-best score of 65.29 for her short program and finished the event with 183.20 points. Her teammate, Hannah Miller, finished 11th with 145.21 points.

U.S. pairs bronze medalists Tarah Kayne and Danny O'Shea finished fourth with 181.23 points.

"We are happy with our progress, and despite a slow start with a flawed short program, we rallied with a strong free skate," O'Shea said. "We are pleased to have moved up after the long, and feel that overall this program was an improvement from Skate America."

The segment score of 122.45 they earned for their free skate was an international personal best, while their overall standing marks the team's highest-ever Grand Prix finish.

Russians stood on the top two steps of the podium with Olympic silver medalists Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov taking gold (214.70) and Yuko Kavaguti and Alexander Smirnov winning silver (208.02). China's Cheng Peng and Hao Zhang won bronze (193.04).

Team USA didn't have any ice dance entries. The top step of the podium belonged to Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje of Canada (173.58). They edged Italy's 2014 World champions Anna Cappellini and Luca Lanotte (171.61) and Russia's Victoria Sinitsina and Nikita Katsalapov (167.40).

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Ross Miner performs his short program to "New York State of Mind" by Billy Joel.

(l-r) Adian Pitkeev, Javier Fernandez, Ross Miner





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# TRAGEDY FORCES AN END TO COMPETITION

Trophée Eric Bompard in Bordeaux, France, the fourth stop in the 2015 ISU Grand Prix Series, will be remembered for what happened off the ice.

Following the short program on the evening of Friday, Nov. 13, the host country was brought to its knees as reports of terrorism in Paris began spreading throughout the world. Coordinated attacks took place in six locations throughout the capital city, killing 130 people and leaving more than 350 wounded.

In the wake of the attacks, France declared a state of emergency, leaving the status of Saturday's events in question. Although the city of Bordeaux is situated approximately 360 miles south of Paris, and the ISU originally expressed its intention to carry on with the event as planned, at noon local time on Saturday, Nov. 14, the remaining segments of competition were cancelled.

"First and foremost, our thoughts and concerns are with those affected by this senseless tragedy in Paris," U.S. Figure Skating's High Performance Director Mitch Moyer said, following the announcement. "All Team USA athletes, coaches and support staff are safe and will begin the process of traveling from Bordeaux back to the United States. While the cancellation of Trophée Bompard is unprecedented, we fully support and respect the decision made by the French government. Today, our focus is on supporting the French, not the results of a sports competition."

After the short program, Team USA was poised to take home hardware, sitting atop the standings in both ladies and ice dance. Gracie Gold, the 2014 U.S. champion, earned a personal-best 73.32 points for an outstanding performance to "El Choclo" by Ángel Villoldo, and U.S. bronze medalists Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue scored 64.45 for their efforts to k.d. lang's "Hallelujah."

Gold was joined by Angela Wang, who placed eighth with 53.60 points. Max Aaron earned 72.91 points to finish seventh, while Marissa Castelli and Mervin Tran sat sixth in pairs with a personal-best score of 62.63.

On Nov. 23, the ISU announced that the results of the short program would count as the final result.

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Gracie Gold demonstrates her athleticism en route to a personal-best score in the short program.

Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue perform their event-best short dance to k.d. lang's "Hallelujah."





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# A WARM RECEPTION

## TOP SKATERS PRIMED TO LEAVE THEIR MARK IN SAINT PAUL

by LYNN RUTHERFORD, TROY SCHWINDT AND MIMI MCKINNIS

January temperatures in Saint Paul, Minnesota, drop well below the freezing mark, but figure skating fans will stay warm watching the hot storylines set to play out at the state capital's Xcel Energy Center Jan. 15–24.

There's Ashley Wagner versus Gracie Gold, a face-off of contrasting styles and high drama. Both earned spots at the Grand Prix Final in Barcelona this fall, where they placed fourth and fifth, respectively. Which athlete — polished entertainer or stylish technical powerhouse — will come out on top this time? Can a dark horse emerge and shake things up?

On the men's side, showman Jason Brown puts his exuberant performance quality up against charismatic Adam Rippon, while Max Aaron's quadruple jumping firepower may trump them both. Young guns, including Junior Grand Prix Final champion Nathan Chen, lurk in the wings.

Ice dance will be a feast for the eyes, with World silver medalists Madison Chock and Evan Bates squaring off against Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani, each team showcasing its own brand of musicality and choreography. And Alexa Scimeca and Chris Knierim, the first U.S. pair to qualify for the Grand Prix Final since 2007, just might hit the Xcel Center rafters with their soaring quadruple twist.

So buckle down and bundle up. With trips to the 2016 World Figure Skating Championships in Boston on the line, it's going to be a wild ride.

### A rivalry for our time

Utter their names, and dramatically different profiles pop into the mind.

Ashley: gutsy, outspoken, determined to stay on top. Gracie: cool, sophisticated, with untapped depths of feeling. Their diverse styles create the defining rivalry of our era, and there are no signs it will end any time soon.

Many thought the 20-year-old Gold, with big triple-triple jump combinations and powerful, long-limbed elegance, would be firmly ensconced as leading U.S. lady by 2016. But Wagner, at age 24, refuses to stop improving. This fall, the three-time and defending U.S. champion performed her best international short program ever to win Skate Canada. Her fourth-place finish at NHK Trophy had a few stumbles, but she qualified for her fourth straight Grand Prix Final, the only U.S. lady to ever do so. There, after a disappointing short, she skated a lights-

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Ashley Wagner

out free program including a flawless triple flip-triple toe loop.

"Going into competition, I need to get myself to a place where I let myself do the job, stop thinking so much and let muscle memory take over," Wagner said. "That's usually for me a recipe for success."

"I like the way Ashley looks right now," Rafael Arutunian, who has coached Wagner since 2013, said. "She has really improved herself these last few years with me. She is right in there competing with all of the other top girls. She can do clean triple-triples; she has proved that."

Gold, the 2014 U.S. champion who placed second to Wagner last season, could be unstoppable — if she can, as her coach Frank Carroll has said, "get out of her own mind." Too often, a botched spin or miss on a usually reliable jump has marred an otherwise superb program, as at 2015 Progressive Skate America, when a mistake on a triple flip very likely cost the gold medal.

"I often can psych myself out and it's been a mental game for me, but I'm getting on top of that," Gold said. "I really want to be at the top in everything I do this year."

If anyone other than Wagner or Gold wins in Saint Paul, it will be a huge upset. Still, ice is slippery and talent abounds. Speedy powerhouse Courtney Hicks won the silver medal at NHK, defeating Wagner along the way. Reigning U.S. bronze medalist Karen Chen has shrugged off months-long boot issues, and with her first-ever international senior medal at Golden Spin of Zagreb in November, may be rounding into form at just the right time. No one should count out 2014 Olympian Polina Edmunds, the willowy teen with creative programs, challenging elements and competitive fire.

### Brown hopes to deliver again

Defending champion Jason Brown arrives having competed an abbreviated Grand Prix season due to a back strain incurred during training.

The bronze medalist at Skate America in late October, Brown withdrew in late November from NHK Trophy in Japan. The Chicago-area skater trained with restrictions through much of December, and with guarded optimism, remained hopeful of resuming his normal practice regimen toward the end of the month.

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Jason Brown

When properly trained and healthy, Brown has proven he can captivate an audience with his unequaled performance qualities and effortless athleticism.

"Both of my programs are extremely challenging and portray characters I've yet to explore thus far in my career, so it's been fun channeling different sides of choreography," he said. "Every year my choreographer (Roehne Ward) pushes the boundaries of my transitions and choreography, and I feel that this shows in my two programs this year."

If Brown is to repeat as champion, he may have to successfully land a quad jump in his free skate. The 2014 Olympian integrated a quad toe into his free program for the first time at Skate America, but fell on the attempt.

Brown figures to be pushed by several proven performers, including Max Aaron, whose career has enjoyed a resurrection this season. The 2013 U.S. champion won Skate America with personal-best international scores across the board. In addition to his outstanding jumping ability, the Arizona native has significantly improved his mental approach and performance side.

"It's a performance, it's not all about jumping," Aaron said. "I was continuing to do that and it doesn't get you very far. Having a performance and enjoying it, listening to the music the entire time ... It feels good to do that."

Adam Rippon, the 2015 U.S. silver medalist, and Ross Miner, the bronze medalist at 2015 Rostelecom Cup in Russia, figure to challenge for their first U.S. title. Rippon set a U.S. record for his free skate at the 2015 U.S. Championships, and this fall recorded the second-best free skate at Rostelecom Cup. Miner, who hails from Boston, won his first Grand Prix Series medal in three years in Moscow.

Other challengers for the crown and a spot on the podium include former U.S. junior champions Nathan Chen and Vincent Zhou. Both teens impressed at the Junior Grand Prix Final, where the 16-year-old Chen included three quads in his free skate, landing a perfect quadruple toe combination. Zhou, just 15, tried two quads himself, and although he didn't land them, executed a solid triple Axel-triple toe.

Also on the rise is Grant Hochstein, who enjoyed a strong Grand Prix campaign with a pair of

fourth-place finishes. Hochstein is a veteran skater, having competed at six U.S. Championships in the senior division.

## Scimeca and Knierim prepared to repeat

Alexa Scimeca and Christopher Knierim plan to marry this summer, but the defending pairs champions have a title to defend first.

The Colorado Springs-based team enjoyed a productive Grand Prix season, taking silver at Skate America and claiming the bronze medal at NHK Trophy in Japan. Their efforts earned them a spot at the Grand Prix Final, where they placed seventh.

"Although we haven't peaked yet this season, we feel more prepared heading into Saint Paul than we have in the past," Scimeca said. "Being together for our fourth season has really proven that commitment and longevity will assist in us gelling as a team more naturally."

Their short program to music from the heavy metal band Metallica has been a big hit with judges and fans.

"Metallica ('Nothing Else Matters') is a raw and edgy piece of music," Knierim said. "The strength behind the music brings us alive during the footwork sequence. It's the most empowered we've ever felt on the ice."

Tarah Kayne and Daniel O'Shea, the 2015 U.S. bronze medalists, built momentum during the Grand Prix campaign, finishing sixth at Skate America in October and fourth at Rostelecom Cup in November.

The Florida-based team attempted a throw quad Salchow in their free skate at Skate America, but in Saint Paul, their goal is to skate two clean, stylish programs, including a new short to Irish singer Hozier's soulful "Take Me to Church."

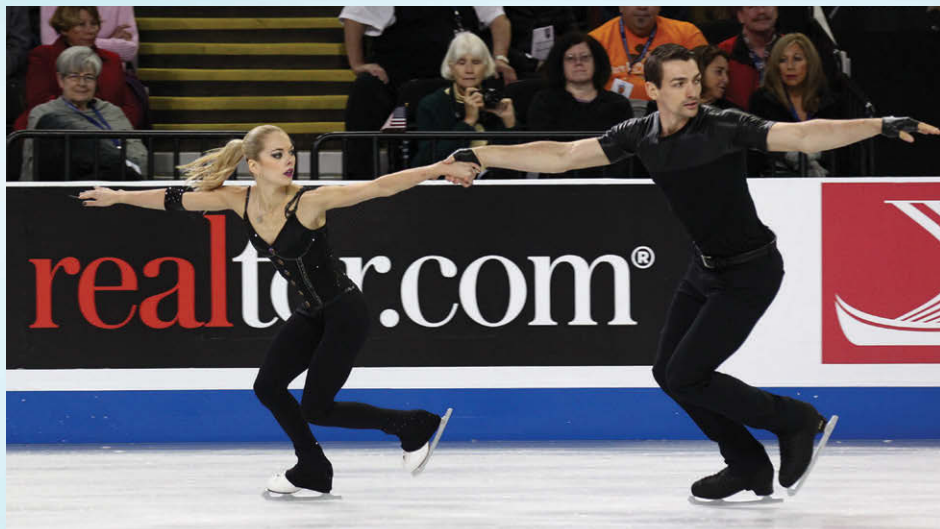
"We're excited about the music, it really makes us want to move out there," O'Shea said. "Our focus in Saint Paul is to do all of our elements — side-by-side triples, triple throws and the twist — bigger and better."

Also expected to challenge for the title are the teams of Marissa Castelli and Mervin Tran, and Gretchen Donlan and Nathan Bartholomay.

Castelli, a two-time U.S. champion and Olympian with former partner Simon Shnapir, teamed up with Tran before last season. Tran won the 2012 World bronze medal with Narumi Takahashi while competing for Japan. Their chemistry and individual experience could lift this Montreal-based team to the top of the podium.

Donlan and Bartholomay debuted at the 2015 U.S. Championships, where they placed seventh. The Florida-based team missed competing at Skate America this fall when Donlan came down with an acute viral illness. Both have great experience, with Bartholomay having qualified for and competed at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games with former partner Felicia Zhang.

Other teams to watch include 2014 U.S.



**Alexa Scimeca and Christopher Knierim**

junior champions Madeline Aaron and Max Settlage, who placed fourth last year; 2015 U.S. junior champions Caitlin Fields and Ernie Utah Stevens; and Jessica Calalang and Zack Sidhu, who placed fifth at the 2015 U.S. Championships. New pair Jessica Pfund and Joshua Santillan could also shake things up with their consistent triple jumps and throws.

## Ice dance field loaded with talent

This fall, the U.S. became the first country to ever field three ice dance teams at the Grand Prix Final, proving the discipline's depth not only internationally, but at home as well. As the nation's best ice dancers descend on Saint Paul, fans will see how some of the world's top teams stack up against each other for the chance to compete at the World Championships on home soil.

Madison Chock and Evan Bates claimed their first U.S. title last season. After winning the silver medal at the 2015 World Figure Skating Championships, they appeared to be taking over where six-time U.S. and two-time World champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White left off.

This season, Chock and Bates repeated as Skate America champions before settling for second place at Cup of China and a second consecutive silver medal at the Final. Together with coach Igor Shpilband, the Novi, Michigan-based duo have worked tirelessly to perfect their free dance, set to Rachmaninoff's "Piano Concerto No. 2."

"Through this program's four minutes, we want to show what path life takes you on and how you deal with it," Chock said. "There are downfalls, there are happy moments, there are sad moments, there are tough moments. That's what we're trying to evoke."

Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani, who have stood on the senior podium each of the last four years, will challenge Chock and Bates for

their first U.S. title. The "ShibSibs," who train near their rivals in Canton, Michigan, placed second at Skate Canada before earning the highest total score of any team during the 2015 Grand Prix season to win Japan's NHK Trophy, their first Grand

Prix Series title since 2011. They placed fourth in Barcelona, earning a standing ovation for their free dance to Coldplay's "Fix You."

"Alex and I are growing up; we have more of a sense of who we are as a team and as individuals," Maia said. "That's showing through in our skating and programs."

Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue made the leap from Michigan to Montreal, Quebec, this spring to train under two-time World silver medalists Patrice Lauzon and Marie-France Dubreuil. It's proving to be a good move. The team won Trophée Bompard in France, took bronze at NHK, and earned their first-ever berth in the Final, where they placed sixth.

Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-Luc Baker also have their eyes on a medal. The 2014 World Junior champions, fourth in the U.S. last season, placed fourth at Skate America before withdrawing from their second Grand Prix assignment due to illness. Most recently, they earned the silver medal at Golden Spin of Zagreb. Delaware-based Anastasia Cannuscio and Colin McManus, fifth in the U.S. last season, earned their highest international scores ever this fall and hope to crash the medal party.



**Madison Chock and Evan Bates**



# SENIOR QUALIFIERS

## LADIES

### EASTERN

Ashley Cain  
Franchesca Chiera  
Katie McBeath  
Heidi Munger

### MIDWESTERN

Christina Cleveland  
Avery Kurtz  
Alexie Mieskoski  
Bradie Tennell

### PACIFIC COAST

Alexis Gagnon  
Carly Gold  
Elena Pulkinen  
Maria Yang

### BYE

Mariah Bell  
Karen Chen  
Polina Edmunds  
Gracie Gold  
Courtney Hicks  
Hannah Miller  
Mirai Nagasu  
Tyler Pierce  
Ashley Wagner  
Angela Wang

## MEN

### EASTERN

Ben Jalovick  
Jimmy Ma  
Curran Oi  
Emmanuel Savary

### MIDWESTERN

Alexander Johnson  
Jordan Moeller  
Sebastien Payannet  
Robert Przepioski

### PACIFIC COAST

Scott Dyer  
Daniel Kulenkamp  
Shotaro Omori  
Sean Rabbitt

### BYE

Max Aaron  
Jason Brown  
Nathan Chen  
Timothy Dolensky  
Richard Dornbush  
Grant Hochstein  
Ross Miner  
Adam Rippon  
Vincent Zhou

## PAIRS

### EASTERN

Gretchen Donlan/  
Nathan Bartholomay

Cali Fujimoto/  
Nicholas Barsi-Rhyne

Jessica Pfund/  
Joshua Santillan

Alexandria Shaughnessy/  
James Morgan

### MIDWESTERN

Brianna de la Mora/  
Maxim Kurdukov

Caitlin Fields/  
Ernie Utah Stevens

Chelsea Liu/  
Brian Johnson

Alyssa McDougal/  
Paul Schatz

### PACIFIC COAST

Erika Smith/  
AJ Reiss

Elizaveta Usmanseva/  
Matej Silecky

### BYE

Madeline Aaron/  
Max Settlage

Jessica Calalang/  
Zack Sidhu

Marissa Castelli/  
Mervin Tran

Tarah Kayne/  
Daniel O'Shea

Alexa Scimeca/  
Chris Knierim

## ICE DANCE

### EASTERN

Charlotte Maxwell/  
Ryan Devereaux

Gabriela Morrell Zucker/  
Andrejs Sitiks

Elicia Reynolds/  
Stephen Reynolds

### MIDWESTERN

Alexandra Aldridge/  
Matthew Blackmer

Danielle Thomas/  
Daniel Eaton

### PACIFIC COAST

Allissandra Aronow/  
Collin Brubaker

Karina Manta/  
Joseph Johnson

Tory Patsis/  
Nathaniel Fast

Kseniya Ponomaryova/  
Oleg Altukhov

### BYE

Anastasia Cannuscio/  
Colin McManus

Madison Chock/  
Evan Bates

Kaitlin Hawayek/  
Jean-Luc Baker

Madison Hubbell/  
Zachary Donohue

Maia Shibutani/  
Alex Shibutani

# JUNIOR & NOVICE QUALIFIERS

## JUNIOR LADIES

### EASTERN

Carly Berrios  
Brynne McIsaac  
Rebecca Peng  
Megan Wessenberg

### MIDWESTERN

Emily Chan  
Vivian Le  
Shannon Porter  
Paige Rydberg

### PACIFIC COAST

Anna Grace Davidson  
Vanna Giang  
Akari Nakahara  
Alice Yang

## JUNIOR PAIRS

### EASTERN

Kay Bergdolt/  
Miles Addison  
  
Gabriella Marvaldi/  
Cody Dolkiewicz  
  
Joy Weinberg/  
Maximiliano Fernandez  
  
Cirinia Gillett/  
Jason Pacini

Sarah Rose/  
Joseph Goodpaster

### MIDWESTERN

Meiryla Findley/  
Austin Hale  
  
Madeleine Gallagher/  
Justin Highgate-Brutman  
  
Jacquelyn Green/  
Rique Newby-Estrella  
  
Linde LaChance/  
Kenneth Anderson  
  
Lindsay Weinstein/  
Jacob Simon

### PACIFIC COAST

Megan Griffin/  
Andrew Civiello  
  
Jessica Lee/  
Brandon Kozlowski  
  
Ai Setoyama/  
David-Alexandre Paradis

## JUNIOR MEN

### EASTERN

Tony Lu  
Oleksiy Melnyk  
Yamato Rowe  
Kevin Shum  
  
Chase Belmontes  
Anthony Boucher  
Tomoki Hiwatashi  
Aleksei Krasnozhan

### PACIFIC COAST

Paolo Borromeo  
Sean Conlon  
Justin Ly  
Camden Pulkinen

## JUNIOR DANCE

### EASTERN

Gigi Becker/  
Luca Becker  
  
Julia Biechler/  
Damian Dodge  
  
Lydia Erdman/  
Alexey Shchepetov  
  
Rebecca Lucas/  
Jacob Schedl

### MIDWESTERN

Eliana Gropman/  
Ian Somerville  
  
Katherine Grosul/  
Cameron Colucci  
  
Elliana Pogrebinsky/  
Alex Benoit  
  
Aya Takai/  
Alexander Martin  
  
Elizabeth Addas/  
Jonathan Schultz  
  
Christina Carreira/  
Anthony Ponomarenko

### PACIFIC COAST

Alina Efimova/  
Kyle MacMillan  
  
Chloe Lewis/  
Logan Bye  
  
**BYE**  
  
Lorraine McNamara/  
Quinn Carpenter  
  
Rachel Parsons/  
Michael Parsons

## NOVICE LADIES

### EASTERN

Haley Beavers  
Gabriella Izzo  
Mary-Katherine Mulera  
Alexia Paganini

### MIDWESTERN

Meiryla Findley  
Ashley Lin  
Kaitlyn Nguyen  
Gabrielle Noullet

### PACIFIC COAST

Starr Andrews  
Marina Capatina  
Nhi Do  
Sierra Venetta

## NOVICE PAIRS

### EASTERN

Elli Kopmar/  
Jonah Barrett  
  
Sabrina Piliero/  
Nathaniel Dennler  
  
Katherina Frantz/  
Nicolas Frantz  
  
Annabel Kim/  
Jonathan Kim

### MIDWESTERN

Joanna Hubbard/  
William Hubbard  
  
Laiken Lockley/  
Keenan Prochnow  
  
Ashlee Raymond/  
Misha Mitrofanov  
  
Ainsley Peterson/  
Kristofer Ogen

### PACIFIC COAST

Emma Coppess/  
Robert Hennings  
  
Nica Digerness/  
Danny Neudecker  
  
Isabella Gamez/  
Griffin Schwab  
  
Sapphire Jaeckel/  
Matthew Scoralie

## NOVICE MEN

### EASTERN

Ryan Dunk  
Peter Liu  
Maxim Naumov  
Ryan Van Doren

### MIDWESTERN

Jun-Hong Chen  
William Hubbard  
Sasha Lunin  
Derek Wagner

### PACIFIC COAST

Max Lake  
Mark Sadusky  
Eric Sjoberg  
Paul Yeung

## NOVICE DANCE

### EASTERN

Molly Cesanek/  
Edward Jahoda  
  
Rachel Gart/  
Lance Stanley  
  
Caroline Green/  
Gordon Green  
  
Emma Gunter/  
Caleb Wein

### MIDWESTERN

Sophia Elder/  
Christopher Elder  
  
Allie Rose/  
Spencer Emerson  
  
Leah Krauskopf/  
Caleb Niva  
  
Claire Purnell/  
Lucas Purnell

### PACIFIC COAST

Gianna Buckley/  
J.T. Michel  
  
Cherri Chen/  
YuanShi Jin  
  
Amanda Miller/  
Nikolay Usanov  
  
Jillian Moyer/  
Jarred Druzynski



# INTERMEDIATE & JUVENILE QUALIFIERS

## INTERMEDIATE LADIES

### EASTERN

Nikolett Albrechtovics  
Sophia Chouinard  
Paxton James  
Ilana Sherman

### MIDWESTERN

Angelina Huang  
Audrey Lu  
Alyssa Rich  
Wren Warne-Jacobsen

### PACIFIC COAST

Vanessa Chen  
Jacqueline Lee  
Alysa Liu  
Isabella Miller

## INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

### EASTERN

Julia Choi/  
Aidan Brown  
Katrina Copeland/  
Tyler Copeland  
Jade Esposito/  
Nathan Rensing  
Zoe Larson/  
Jim Garbutt  
Paige Ruggeri/  
Steven Rossi

### MIDWESTERN

Berit Cummings/  
Jabe Roberts  
Isabelle Goldstein/  
Keyton Bearinger  
Eliana Secunda/  
Blake Eisenach  
Kristin Lyle George/  
Jake Pagano  
Anika Olson/  
Mitchel Markkanen

### PACIFIC COAST

Jasmine Fendi/  
Joshua Fendi  
Alice Sollazo/  
Paul Yeung  
Cecilia Wright/  
William Wright

## INTERMEDIATE MEN

### EASTERN

Lucas Altieri  
Jordan Evans  
Maxwell Gart  
Joseph Kang

### MIDWESTERN

Daniel Argueta  
Dylan Hylander  
Alex Wellman  
Jonathan Yang

### PACIFIC COAST

Joshua Fendi  
Henry Privett-Mendoza  
Joshua Simkin  
Max Wang

## INTERMEDIATE DANCE

### EASTERN

Avonley Nguyen/  
Maxwell Gart  
Morgan Sletten/  
Jordan Lin  
Elizabeth Tkachenko/  
Alexei Kiliakov  
Angeline Turczyn/  
James Koszuta

### MIDWESTERN

Isabella Amoia/  
Cory Fraiman  
Isabel Blahunka/  
Will Shawver  
Katarina Wolfkostin/  
John Carlson  
Sara Zhao/  
Howard Zhao

### PACIFIC COAST

Tia Gore/  
Benjamin Klusewitz  
Rebecca Schapira/  
Palmer Middlekauff  
Juliette Shadid/  
Lucas Shadid  
Reena Wu/  
Leon Wu

## JUVENILE GIRLS

### EASTERN

Alexa Binder  
Jill Heiner  
Laura Jacobson  
Reagan Scott

### MIDWESTERN

Stephanie Ciarochi  
Katarina DelCamp  
Hannah Harrell  
Zoe Parrilli

### PACIFIC COAST

Alena Budko  
Karen Lee  
Christina Lin  
Savannah Stroyke

## JUVENILE PAIRS

### EASTERN

Julia Curran/  
Franz-Peter Jerosch  
Cate Fleming/  
Jedidiah Isbell  
Jenna Gordon/  
Ian Meyh  
Taylor Nordquist/  
Timmy Chapman

### MIDWESTERN

Isabelle Martins/  
Ryan Bedard  
Aleksandra Prudsky/  
Enoch Chen  
Kathleen Moser/  
Chase Finster  
Sydney Flaum/  
Daniel Tioumentsev

### PACIFIC COAST

Ashley Fletcher/  
Cayden McKenzie-Cook  
Ella-Grace Judd/  
Ben Spiers  
Katie Luong/  
Nathan Luong  
Erin Song/  
Eric Song

## JUVENILE BOYS

### EASTERN

Philip Baker  
Nicholas Hsieh  
Ilia Malinin  
Zachary Yaninek

### MIDWESTERN

Trevor Bucek  
Levon Davis  
Daniel Tioumentsev  
Maxim Zharkov

### PACIFIC COAST

Goku Endo  
Samir Mallya  
Samuel Mindra  
Baltazar Poling

## JUVENILE DANCE

### EASTERN

Claire Cain/  
Andrei Davydov  
Olivia Sebastiani/  
Dillon Berry  
Nastia Efimova/  
Jonathan Zhao  
Maria Soldatova/  
Faddey Soldatov

### MIDWESTERN

Paulina Brykalova/  
Daniel Brykalov  
Shin Lei Case/  
Maxim Zharkov  
Katarina DelCamp/  
Dylan Hylander  
Valerie Sroka/  
Samuel Hodman

### PACIFIC COAST

Ashley Cohen/  
Camden Rider  
Layla Karnes/  
Jeffrey Chen  
Alice Serbin/  
Kenan Slevira  
Ambrosia Vaske/  
Davis Ortonward

# 'I HAD NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED'

**LYSACEK AND WEIR DUELED TO EPIC FINISH IN SAINT PAUL**

by AMY ROSEWATER

Considering all the decimals involved with the international judging system and the numerous factors that go into computing a figure skater's score, it seems almost unfathomable that there could ever be a tie.

Yet that's exactly what happened in 2008, the last time the U.S. Figure Skating Championships were held in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Making things all the more quirky were the two athletes involved: Johnny Weir and Evan Lysacek — rivals on the ice and admittedly not friends off of it.

In the run-up to these championships, NBC fueled the drama by focusing on Weir and Lysacek's differences. Weir, an artistic skater training in gritty New Jersey, spoke openly of his personal dislike of his rival. Lysacek, an athletic skater training in sunny L.A., would not be baited into unbecoming banter, simply stating, "It's war."

How fitting, then, that the three-time champion from the East Coast would meet the reigning champion from the West Coast in the Midwest city of Saint Paul. The battle lines were drawn.

Weir won the first round, edging Lysacek by 1.35 points in the short program. But that slim margin meant the title was up for grabs. Would Weir hold on to earn his fourth U.S. title, or would Lysacek become a repeat champion?

Skating to Puccini's opera, *Tosca*, Lysacek two-footed his opening quad toe-triple toe combination and didn't showcase strong triple Axels. But in the second half of the program, Lysacek reeled in fans with his engaging footwork.

Weir, the last to skate, performed an emotional routine to "Love is War." Like Lysacek, it wasn't his best performance; he committed relatively minor mistakes near the end of the program, but the crowd loved it.

"The audience was standing before I had finished my program," Weir said, reflecting on that moment more than seven years

ago. "I thought I had won. I certainly felt the energy, having won three titles before. I knew what it would take to win."

As Weir skated to the kiss and cry, all eyes were on the scoreboard. In just its third year of use at the U.S. Championships, the IJS was hard for athletes, fans and broadcasters to wrap their heads around. As the scores popped up, Weir squinted into the monitor and then shrugged to his coach, Galina Zmievskaya.

Weir and Lysacek had tied with 244.77 total points.

A murmur rippled through the arena. NBC's

Bob Costas, Scott Hamilton and Dick Button debated what would happen. But in a short time, it was understood. The IJS tiebreaker awarded the title to the man with the most points in the free skate. And that man was Lysacek, whose 162.72 points were 1.35 points higher than Weir's free skate score.

"I had no idea what happened," Weir recalled. "All of a sudden, I had lost. Looking back on it, it's hysterical. But at the time, it wasn't so funny. Even Viktor Petrenko, an Olympic champion who was one

Lysacek lands one of his big jumps in his *Tosca* free skate



Weir, up last in Saint Paul, performs his "Love is War" free skate.



"IT WAS THE FIRST TIME PEOPLE STARTED TO VILLAINIZE ONE OF US OVER THE OTHER, REALLY WHEN PEOPLE STARTED TO CHOOSE SIDES."

— JOHNNY WEIR

of my coaches in the kiss and cry, said, 'I'm a technical specialist and even I don't know how this works.'"

Weir famously broke down, laying his head in Zmievskaya's lap.

"My attitude after I lost was not so lovely," Weir said.

Weir, now a skating broadcaster for NBC, said the tie was "made for television."

"I think that was when our rivalry really took form," Weir said. "It was the first time people started to villainize one of us over the other, really when people started to choose sides."

Adding fuel to the rivalry flame, they both planned to skate to "Ave Maria" in the exhibition. Lysacek opted to skate his short program from Zorro. Weir skated "Ave Maria."

"Being a broadcaster now, I would love for that to happen again," Weir said. "It would be so much fun."

As Lysacek told reporters then, "If you were scripting this whole deal, you probably couldn't have done any better job than this."

For Lysacek, the experience in Saint Paul was mostly of relief. He had won his first U.S. senior title the previous year in Spokane, Washington. In Saint Paul, Lysacek had the pressure of defending that crown. When NBC's Andrea Joyce asked Lysacek if he expected the result to be as close as it was, he said, "I absolutely expected it to be just this close. Johnny Weir is an amazing competitor, and he's pushed me along the years, and I think I've pushed him as well. Defending this title has been the toughest thing I had done in my life."

While Weir didn't regain the title, 2008 proved to be a "major make-or-break moment." After finishing third in 2007, he left his longtime coach, Priscilla Hill, in Delaware to train with Zmievskaya in New Jersey.

"I really gave up everything that year to do what I did in Saint Paul," Weir said. "That season was so special. I won two Grand Prix and was the best American at Worlds. One year earlier at nationals was a real disaster and I was mocked all over the Internet for crying."

Had he not skated well in Saint Paul, Weir said he might not have earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic Team in Vancouver.

"I needed that performance in Saint Paul," Weir said. "The next year, I didn't qualify for the World Team. I was very ill. So I don't know if I even would have been consid-



Top, NBC's Andrea Joyce interviews Lysacek at the end of the competition. Bottom, Weir is swarmed by reporters after his epic battle with Lysacek.

ered for the Olympic Team in 2010 if I didn't skate like I did in 2008."

While Lysacek and Weir both represented the United States at the 2010 Olympics, the Vancouver Games belonged to Lysacek, as he became the first American man since Brian Boitano in 1988 to win the Olympic gold medal. Weir placed sixth.

Today, the two stars have lives outside of the rink (although Lysacek tours some). Lysacek works for the Vera Wang Group as the department head of digital content and social media, visual displays and licensed product development in New York City.

Weir has teamed with Olympic champion Tara Lipinski and Terry Gannon as part of NBC's figure skating broadcast team. Which begs the question: Will Weir discuss that 2008 tiebreaking and heartbreaking moment at this year's U.S. Championships in Saint Paul?

"Tara and I are both very conscious about talking about ourselves too much," Weir said. "Yes, we get to wear amazing clothes, but we make a concerted effort to make our broadcasts about the people we're watching."

Let's hope he veers off script.



# EVENT SCHEDULE

(All times Central)

## BLOOMINGTON ICE GARDEN

### Saturday, Jan. 16

- 8:10 a.m. | Juvenile pattern dance #1
- 9:30 a.m. | Juvenile pattern dance #2
- 10:40 a.m. | Intermediate ladies short program
- 12:05 p.m. | Intermediate pattern dance #1
- 1:30 p.m. | Intermediate pattern dance #2
- 2:45 p.m. | Intermediate men's short program
- 4:25 p.m. | Intermediate pairs short program
- 6:05 p.m. | Juvenile boys free skate
- 7:30 p.m. | Juvenile girls free skate
- 8:55 p.m. | Juvenile pairs free skate

### Sunday, Jan. 17

- 9:30 a.m. | Juvenile free dance
- 11 a.m. | Intermediate ladies free skate
- 12:30 p.m. | Intermediate free dance
- 2:40 p.m. | Intermediate men free skate
- 4:30 p.m. | Intermediate pairs free skate

## XCEL ENERGY CENTER

### Sunday, Jan. 17

- 10 a.m. | Novice ladies short program
- 11:35 a.m. | Novice men's short program
- 1:10 p.m. | Novice pairs short program
- 4:15 p.m. | Novice pattern dance #1
- 5:45 p.m. | Novice pattern dance #2

### Monday, Jan. 18

- 2 p.m. | Novice men's free skate
- 3:50 p.m. | Novice ladies free skate
- 9:25 p.m. | Novice pairs free skate

### Tuesday, Jan. 19

- 9:15 a.m. | Novice free dance
- 3:25 p.m. | Junior ladies short program
- 5:05 p.m. | Junior men's short program
- 8:40 p.m. | Junior pairs short program

### Wednesday, Jan. 20

- 11:20 a.m. | Junior short dance
- 1:20 p.m. | Junior pairs free skate

- 7 p.m. | Junior men's free skate
- 9 p.m. | Junior ladies free skate

### Thursday, Jan. 21

- 2:45 p.m. | Senior pairs short program
- 8 p.m. | Senior ladies short program

### Friday, Jan. 22

- 9 a.m. | Junior free dance
- 2:30 p.m. | Senior short dance
- 7:30 p.m. | Senior men's short program

### Saturday, Jan. 23

- 9 a.m. | Senior pairs free skate (groups 1 & 2)
- 10:45 a.m. | Senior free dance (groups 1 & 2)
- 1:30 p.m. | Senior pairs free skate (groups 3 & 4)
- 3:25 p.m. | Senior free dance (groups 3 & 4)
- 6 p.m. | Senior ladies free skate

### Sunday, Jan. 24

- 1 p.m. | Senior men's free skate
- 7 p.m. | Smucker's Skating Spectacular

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# BEST



Gustave Lussi  
and Dick Button

LYSACEK, COHEN, BELBIN AND AGOSTO, LUSSI HEADLINE U.S. HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CLASS

# OF THE BEST

by LARRY MONDSCHNEIN,  
U.S. FIGURE SKATING HALL OF FAME NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

**T**he U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame Class of 2016 is among the most memorable in recent history.

Evan Lysacek, Sasha Cohen, Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto, and the late coach Gustave Lussi each contributed in a significant way to America's Olympic achievements in figure skating.

Lysacek demonstrated an exceptional level of skill, effortless movements and pure determination. In 2010 he became the first American man to win the Olympic gold medal in 22 years, defeating the reigning Olympic champion by skating two flawless performances at the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver. Upon his induction, Lysacek, the 2009 World champion, will join his coach, Frank Carroll, and choreographer, Lori Nichol, in the U.S. Hall of Fame.

Belbin and Agosto epitomized exceptional elegance, musicality and unison. The team elevated U.S. ice dance by winning the Olympic silver medal at the 2006 Games in Torino. This was only the second time a U.S. ice dance team earned a medal since the discipline was included in the Olympic Program in 1976. Along with their two World silver and two bronze medals, Belbin and Agosto dominated U.S. ice dance for nearly a decade, winning five consecutive U.S. titles, and inspiring a new generation of American ice dancers.

Cohen expressed sheer artistry, beauty and movement in her skating routines, which led to her winning the 2006 U.S. Championships, two World silver medals, countless international and Grand Prix Series titles and the silver medal at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Torino. Cohen's skating performances were known for portraying the character of the music which was embraced by her adoring fans.

Gustave Lussi transformed figure skating like no other coach in the history of the sport. Having taught Dick Button — the only American two-time Olympic figure skating champion — throughout his amateur skating career, Lussi brought athleticism and innovation to the ice that changed figure skating forever. Generations of skating coaches owe a debt of gratitude to this highly esteemed teacher of six Olympic and 16 World figure skating champions.

The Class of 2016 will be inducted into the U.S. Hall of Fame on Jan. 22 at the 2016 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

## OUTSTANDING COMPETITORS

*Outstanding competitor highlights include top-four finishes and all Olympic, World and Grand Prix Final finishes.*

### EVAN LYSACEK

Olympic champion Evan Lysacek captured the gold medal at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, the first American in 22 years to hold the men's title. Lysacek won 11 major titles including a World championship (2009), two U.S. championships (2007, 2008), the Grand Prix Final (2009), and two Four Continents championships (2005, 2007), making him the most-decorated U.S. male skater of the past two decades. In April 2012, Lysacek was appointed a sports envoy by the U.S. Department of State, a position under Sports and International Diplomacy. In 2010, Lysacek was runner-up on the 10th season of "Dancing with the Stars," named USOC Sportsman of the Year, was a Thurman Munson Award recipient and was the winner of the AAU Sullivan Award, recognizing the nation's best amateur athlete. Lysacek served as a spokesman for U.S. Figure Skating's highly acclaimed film *RISE*. In the years following the Olympic Games, Lysacek headlined two U.S. and one worldwide tour with Stars on Ice. In 2012, Lysacek announced his return to competitive figure skating with a goal of making the 2014 Olympic Winter Games, but a series of injuries and subsequent surgeries prevented him from competing. Lysacek continues to serve on the advisory board of Figure Skating in Harlem, which honored him for his contributions in 2015.

#### U.S. Championships

2010, Silver  
2009, Bronze  
2008, Gold

2007, Gold  
2006, Silver  
2005, Bronze  
**Olympics**  
2010, Gold  
2006, 4th  
**World Championships**  
2009, Gold  
2007, 5th  
2006, Bronze  
2005, Bronze  
**Grand Prix Final**  
2009, Gold  
2007, Bronze  
2006, WD  
**Four Continents**  
2009, Silver  
2008, Bronze  
2007, Gold  
2005, Gold  
2004, Bronze  
**Skate America**  
2009, Gold  
2008, Bronze  
2007, Silver  
2006, Silver  
2005, Silver

### TANITH BELBIN & BEN AGOSTO

Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto are Olympic silver medalists, four-time World medalists, three-time Grand Prix Final medalists and the winners of five consecutive U.S. titles, never finishing lower than second. From the start of the 2005–06 season up until the 2010 Olympics, they medaled at every event they finished with one exception — the 2008 World Championships (fourth). Their 2006 Olympic silver medal was the first U.S. Olympic ice dance medal in 30 years, and at the time was the highest finish by an American team. Despite finishing second at the 2002 U.S. Championships, they were unable to compete at the 2002 Olympics due to Belbin's Canadian citizenship; she became an American citizen on Dec. 31, 2005. Having lived in the Detroit area since 1998, she and Agosto competed for the U.S. and broke a 20-year





**Evan Lysacek**



**Tanith Belbin and Benjamin Agosto**



**Sasha Cohen**

American ice dance drought at the 2005 World Championships, earning silver. In 2005, Belbin and Agosto won the SKATING Magazine Readers' Choice Award. In 2013, Belbin won the PSA Sonja Henie Award. Today, Belbin is a broadcaster, having worked for NBC at the 2012 Olympic Games in London; 2014 Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia; and 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. She does broadcast work for NBC, the U.S. Olympic Committee and icenetwork and has coached dance and singles since 2010. Belbin is a Figure Skating in Harlem Advisory Board member. Agosto also is a broadcaster for icenetwork. He is the director of ice dance at the Ice Den in Scottsdale, Arizona, where he is also a coach and choreographer. He also works as the power skating coach for the rink's junior Coyotes travel hockey program.

#### **U.S. Championships**

2010, Silver  
2009, WD  
2008, Gold  
2007, Gold  
2006, Gold  
2005, Gold  
2004, Gold  
2003, Silver  
2002, Silver  
2001, Silver

#### **Olympics**

2010, 4th  
2006, Silver

#### **World Championships**

2009, Silver  
2008, 4th  
2007, Bronze  
2006, Bronze  
2005, Silver  
2004, 5th  
2003, 7th  
2002, 13th  
2001, 17th

#### **Grand Prix Final**

2008, WD  
2007, Silver  
2004, Silver  
2003, Bronze

#### **Four Continents**

2007, Silver  
2006, Gold  
2005, Gold  
2004, Gold  
2003, Silver  
2002, Silver

#### **Skate America**

2009, Gold  
2008, Silver  
2007, Gold  
2005, Gold  
2004, Gold  
2003, Gold  
2002, Silver

### **SASHA COHEN**

Sasha Cohen is an Olympic silver medalist, three-time World medalist, 2002 Grand Prix Final champion and the 2006 U.S. champion. After earning her second World silver medal, the USOC named Cohen its female Athlete of the Month (March 2005). Cohen took a four-year break after the 2006 Olympics to pursue other opportunities, including skating tours, modeling and acting. She returned to competitive skating in the 2009–10 season with a goal of making the 2010 U.S. Olympic Team but chose not to compete in the Grand Prix Series. Cohen only competed in the 2010 U.S. Championships and finished fourth. Cohen holds the second-highest international total score (197.60, 2003 Skate Canada) for a U.S. woman. She won the 2004 SKATING Magazine Readers' Choice Award. In 2002, she performed at the Golden Jubilee of Elizabeth II to celebrate the queen of England's 50-year reign. She has served on the Figure Skating in Harlem Advisory Board, appeared on several TV shows, was an "Inside Edition" correspondent at the Academy Awards and wrote an autobiography, *Fire On Ice*.

#### **U.S. Championships**

2010, 4th  
2006, Gold  
2005, Silver  
2004, Silver  
2003, Bronze  
2002, Silver  
2001, WD  
2000, Silver

#### **Olympics**

2006, Silver  
2002, 4th

#### **World Championships**

2006, Bronze  
2005, Silver  
2004, Silver  
2003, 4th  
2002, 4th

#### **Grand Prix Final**

2003, Silver  
2002, Gold  
Skate America  
2003, Gold

## **OUTSTANDING COACH**

### **GUSTAVE LUSSI**

Gustave Lussi coached six Olympic champions and 16 World champions, but his contributions to the sport are best exemplified by his most noted student, American Dick Button. The only U.S. figure skater to win two Olympic championships (1948, '52), Button was Lussi's student his entire nine-year amateur career. In his seven senior seasons, Button won two Olympic gold medals, five World titles, three North American crowns and even the European Championships, prompting the event to no longer invite North Americans. His seven consecutive U.S. titles are a men's record. In Button's entire career, he was beaten only once (at the 1947 World Championships by Switzerland's Hans Gerschwiler). Together, Lussi and Button transformed the sport by accentuating athleticism and developing elements such as the double Axel, the "Button camel" (a flying camel spin) and the first triple jump (the triple loop, performed at the 1952 Olympics). Lussi went on to coach U.S. Olympic champions Hayes Jenkins, David Jenkins and Dorothy Hamill at various stages of their careers. Lussi also coached Olympic champions Barbara Ann Scott (1948, Canada) and John Curry (1980, Great Britain). One of Lussi's final students was American Paul Wylie, who earned the 1992 Olympic silver medal. Lussi wrote the seminal work "Championship Figure Skating." He was inducted into the inaugural class of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame in 1976 and the PSA Hall of Fame in 2002.

# 'TRY SOMETHING NEW'

## PAIRS GREAT TELLS SKATERS TO KEEP THEIR OPTIONS OPEN

by KAMA KORVELA

It has been said that a team can accomplish much more than an individual. Pairs skating illustrates this assertion well. After all, a singles skater can't perform high-flying lifts, a death spiral or a split triple twist on his or her own.

One person who understands this is Kyoko Ina. Her list of accomplishments is long: five-time U.S. pairs champion (1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2002), 2002 World bronze medalist and three-time Olympian (1994, 1998, and 2002). Ina began her amateur career as a singles skater, representing Japan.

"I had competed as a singles skater for 14 years prior to trying pair skating," she said.

In the 1990s, Ina competed in both singles and pairs for the U.S. In 1995, she finished fourth in singles at the U.S. Championships. That same year, she won the silver medal in pairs with partner Jason Dungjen.

"At first I wasn't sure if pair skating was for me, so I continued to compete at both for several years before realizing I enjoyed the challenges and company pair skating presented to me," Ina said. "I realized I loved to be lifted and thrown as much as I loved to jump and spin on my own."

In an effort to promote pairs skating in the U.S., Ina participates in a mentoring program for pairs athletes and coaches. Her successful skating career, as well as longevity on the national and international scene, make her a great example for today's skaters to aspire to.

"The mentoring program is still in the planning stages," Ina said. "Our ultimate goal with the program is for U.S. skaters to win World and Olympic medals. We realize that it takes time to build up a great program. We're working toward the 2018 Olympics and will hopefully build upon those results in 2022."

In the late 1990s, Ina had the opportunity to work with legendary Russian pairs coach Tamara Moskvina. Moskvina's wealth of knowledge and respect in the skating world had a positive effect on Ina's skating.

"I was privileged to be the only non-Russian pair team lady ever coached by Tamara Moskvina, and though we have incredible coaches and talented athletes here in the U.S., there is something to be said about Tamara's consistent track record of producing champion after champion," Ina said.

Ina hopes to impart Moskvina's coaching ways and guidance to the new generation of skaters, she explained.

"Even after turning professional (in 2002), I still have a close relationship with her and she continues to advise me with skating and life," Ina said. "I know I am very fortunate to have had this opportunity and I am excited to be able to pass along what she has taught me through lessons and experiences."

The pairs culture in the U.S. hasn't been as strong as it is in other parts of the globe, and this

is why the work Ina is doing is vital in developing a deeper pairs program. Ina, who is coaching in the Albany and Saratoga Springs area of upstate New York, believes there are many challenges for pairs skaters in the U.S. to overcome.

"I think the biggest challenges are logistics and the opportunity for different options," she explained. "In the U.S., we have so many great training facilities that we think there is possibly something better offered somewhere else. There may be a better girl or boy at one facility, so one partner would have to make the sacrifice to relocate. Financially, it is a huge commitment, so if it doesn't work out in a quick period of time, it's hard to stay committed and look past the initial new partnership period."

Interpersonal issues may plague teams as well, Ina said.

"I have found in many cases we look for a different solution rather than work through difficulties," she said. "Pair skating is more than just



Kyoko Ina

Ina gives prospective pairs skaters some insight into the discipline.



PHOTO BY WAYNE TAKENAKA



having two people get together and skate. We try to make it look like a fairy tale partnership, but it takes a lot of work especially if you are putting two people together that are already set in their ways and have been brought up differently.”

Having a common ground, especially when it comes to goal-setting, can make or break a team, Ina said.

“The other challenge is when one partner may have different goals than the other,” she said. “Of course, goals will change; however, these are things that should be discussed from season to season with the skaters and the coaches. There should be a plan for short- and long-term goals.”

To be among the best pairs skaters in the world today, skaters are required to be well-rounded in their technical skills sets.

“Pairs skating has always been demanding mentally and physically,” Ina explained. “You had to be good at everything; now, you have to be *great* at everything. In the past, there was a stigma of ‘if you weren’t a good jumper, you went into pairs.’ Today, the teams at the World Championships are doing side-by-side triple Lutzes and triple-triple combinations, along with quad throws and quad twists. Don’t forget that they still have to lift, spin, and be able to skate well.”

Pairs skating may serve as an opening for some skaters to break into higher levels of the sport as well.

“There are many opportunities for good skaters, even at the regional and sectional levels,” she explained. “There are many skaters that end up just on the cusp of not making it to section-



Ina and Pairs Committee Chair Troy Goldstein demonstrate a pairs move at Chelsea Piers in New York.

als or nationals, and I realize it’s frustrating for them. I saw so many good skaters in the singles events at the recent Eastern Sectionals and I wish they would give pair skating a chance. Many of them had great short program skates and not the greatest free program. In pair skating, you don’t need to complete as many solo jumps – this may appeal to someone who cannot handle the multiple jumps in a free program.”

For skaters who keep their options open, it can serve them well.

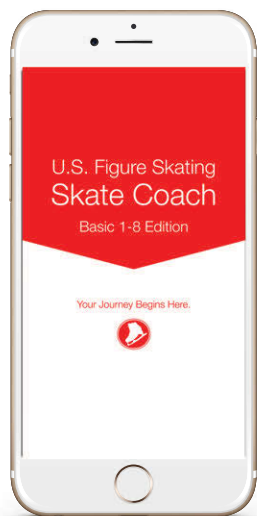
“If your goal is to make the Olympic team,

you have to give yourself the opportunity to do it,” she said. “There can only be so many singles skaters that make it to the Olympics. If you’re getting consistent results that you aren’t happy with, what’s the harm in trying another discipline?”

And taking a risk may work in the skater’s favor, Ina said.

“It’s about opening the skaters’ eyes,” she said. “When you don’t make it to the top levels (of the sport), it can be discouraging. There may be more opportunities open to you if you’re willing to try something new.”

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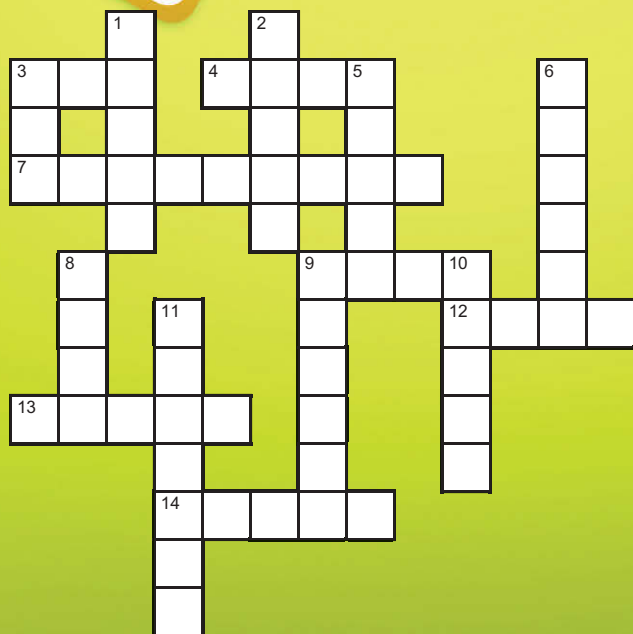


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## WORDS ON ICE

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S J J K Z E B T G J Y S A U A  
Y I O B I D O S R N A G Z A E  
L E G J Y N V O A G N K E D L  
L W X F N W S H A V B C E L P  
T P Q Y S S U N U H A P A U I  
J K C H M R I A P R E Y F T R  
J K D I U A S R G Q B J X Z T  
V Y N Z R M F J P A F P Z M R  
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S T P A U L M I N N E S O T A

Hi skaters! Try to find and circle the words listed below hidden in the box of letters. The words will appear in a straight line in any direction (up, down, forward, backward or diagonally), and some words may overlap and share letters. Find them all and you'll be on top of the medal podium!

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LAYBACK  
MIRAI NAGASU  
QUAD LUTZ  
RINK

ROSS MINER  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA  
TRIPLE AXEL  
US CHAMPIONSHIPS  
YUZURU HANYU

### ACROSS

- 3 Usually performed by ladies, the lay-back \_\_\_ Bauer glide is done with the toe picks facing away from each other, blades parallel and offset by a few inches, while arching the back.
- 4 \_\_\_ Miner of the U.S. set new personal-best scores and brought the men's bronze medal home from Russia's Rostelecom Cup in November.
- 7 Along with partner Madison Chock, \_\_\_ of the U.S. grabbed the silver ice dance medal at the Cup of China. (2 wds.)
- 9 The Biellmann \_\_\_ is done with the free leg pulled up behind the head, the foot held with one or two hands, while rotating in one spot.
- 12 Maia and \_\_\_ Shibutani now have two NHK Trophy ice dance golds. The first was won in 2011, the second in November in Nagano.
- 13 Judges assign each element in a skater's performance a \_\_\_ of execution (GOE). It can be anywhere between -3 (awful) and +3 (super!).
- 14 During the Trophée Bompard in Bordeaux, France, there was a national emergency, and the free skates and dances had to be canceled. It was then ruled that the \_\_\_ programs and dances would count as the total score.

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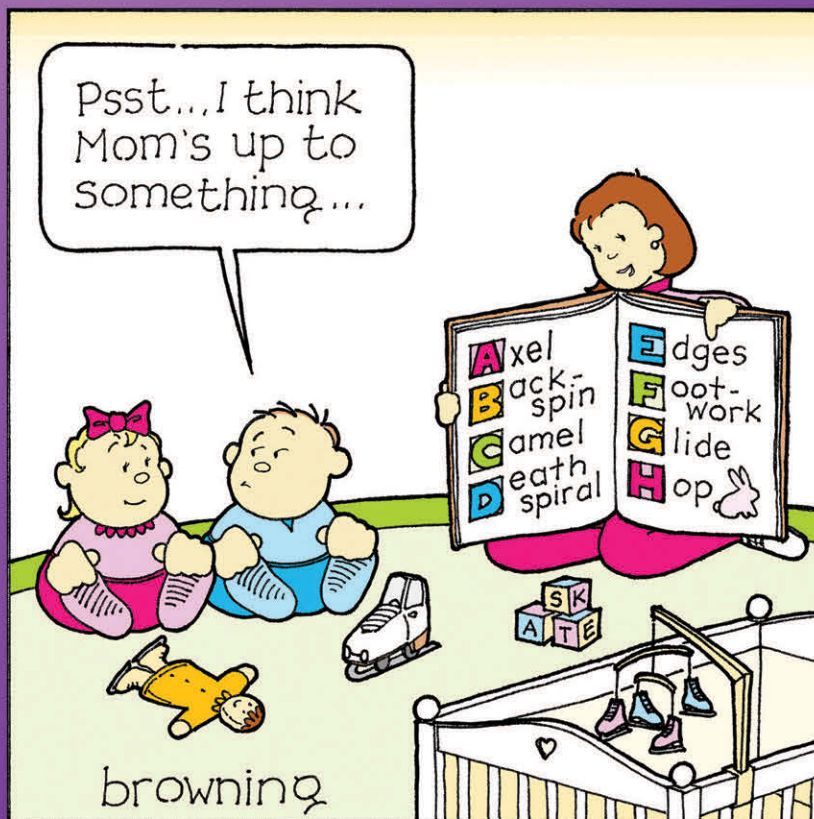
- 1 Yuzuru Hanyu flaunted his flexibility by including an 3-Across Bauer and 9-Across in his programs and won the NHK Trophy men's gold by an astonishing margin of 55.97 points over the

second-place finisher. Perhaps skating on home ice helped his efforts. What country is he from?

- 2 History was made at the NHK Trophy by Yuzuru Hanyu. He set a new record for the most short program points (106.33), most free skate points (216.07) and \_\_\_ score (322.40).
- 3 ABC ran a special in November and December titled "Pandora Holiday Celebrations on \_\_\_."
- 5 Three Russian ladies stood atop the medal podium in the gold, silver and bronze positions at the Rostelecom Cup. This rarity is known as a \_\_\_, even though there is no broom in sight!
- 6 After the ladies competition at Trophée Bompard, they awarded the U.S.'s \_\_\_ Gold gold.
- 8 Quadruple jumps have become quite common in men's skating, but only one woman has ever landed a quad at an ISU competition. Miki Ando of Japan rotated \_\_\_ times in the air at the 2002 Junior Grand Prix Final.
- 9 Courtney Hicks of the U.S. won her first Grand Prix medal at the NHK Trophy. What color was it?
- 10 During an interview after her performance at the NHK Trophy, Ashley Wagner said, "I'm a fighter. I'm tough as \_\_\_."
- 11 To go with their gold medal from Trophée Bompard, \_\_\_ Hubbell and Zach Donohue ice danced their way to the bronze medal at the NHK Trophy.

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# KIDS SPOTLIGHT



## ERIN HENCYE

**Age:** 11

**Hometown:**  
Bradenton, Florida

**Home club:** Southwest  
Florida FSC

**Level:** No Test

**I train:** 5–6 days on ice and five days off ice

**Coaches:** Morgan Boutwell, Nathan Bartholomay, Diane Takeuchi, Matt Eaton

**Favorite moves:** Thomson spin, flip

**Goals:** To land a consistent Axel

**Favorite skaters:** Tarah Kayne, Ashley Wagner, Polina Edmunds, Jason Brown

### MORE FAVORITES

**Movies:** *The Cutting Edge*, *Pitch Perfect*

**Hobbies:** Photography, art, riding my trike

**Food:** Strawberries, grapes, chicken, broccoli

**TV shows:** "Big Brother," "Jessie" and "Dog With a Blog"

**Singers:** Nicki Minaj, Nick Jonas, Jessie J

## DREW HENCYE

**Age:** 7

**Hometown:** Bradenton, Florida

**Home club:** Southwest Florida FSC

**Level:** Free skate 2 and pairs

**I train:** 5–6 days on ice and 2–3 days off ice

**Coaches:** Morgan Boutwell, Nathan Bartholomay, Daniel O'Shea, Lyndon Johnston, Matt Eaton

**Favorite moves:** Spread eagle, scratch spin

**Goals:** To be a great pairs skater

**Favorite skaters:** Mark Ladwig, Nathan Bartholomay, Joe Goodpaster

**How I got started:** My parents took my sister and I for Basic Skills lessons so we could skate when we went on vacation. I played hockey for a while before switching to figure skating.

### MORE FAVORITES

**Movies:** *Harry Potter* series, *Mr. Popper's Penguins*

**Hobbies:** Playing Minecraft

**Food:** Macaroni and cheese

**Singers:** Eminem, Vanilla Ice, Flo Rida



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# NATIONAL SKATING MONTH

## PARTICIPATING CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

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### Hosting club/program/facility, city, NSM event director

#### Alabama

Benton Wilcoxon Municipal Ice Complex, Huntsville, Tiffany Elix-Pressley  
Birmingham FSC, Pelham Civic Complex and Ice Arena, Pelham, Michelle Badgely  
Point Mallard FSC, Point Mallard Ice Complex, Decatur, Heidi Stephan

#### Alaska

Treadwell Arena, Douglas, Patty Collins

#### Arizona

AZ Ice-Peoria, Peoria, Bridget Kaus  
Coyotes SC of AZ, Ice Den, Scottsdale, Kim Krause  
Ice Den Scottsdale, Scottsdale, Dawn Piepenbrink-McCosh, Kim Krause  
Ice Den Chandler, Chandler, Danette Trett

#### Arkansas

Diamond Edge FSC, Little Rock, Dawn Doray  
Ozark FSC, The Jones Center, Springdale, Katie Sabo

#### California

East West Ice Palace, Artesia, Miriam Bradley  
FSC of So. California, Toyota Sports Center, El Segundo, Ann Jensen  
Ice in Paradise FSC, Goleta, Alison DeLorenzo Juricek  
LA Kings Icetown, Riverside, Melissa Knutson  
Santa Rosa FSC, Santa Rosa, Andrea Ewing  
Snoopy's Home Ice, Santa Rosa, Lisa Ellis  
St. Moritz ISC, Oakland Ice Center, Oakland, Jean Fahmie  
Vaca Valley FSC, Vacaville Ice Sports, Vacaville, Marc DeContreaus  
Paramount Iceland, Paramount, Darlene Sparks  
Pasadena FSC, Pasadena, Srivitta Kengskool  
The North County FSC, Ice-Plex Escondido, Escondido, Lisa Gorman

#### Colorado

Alpine Skating Club, Apex Ice Arena, Arvada, Carol Zeles  
Apex Ice Arena, Arvada, Patti Snyder  
Aspen SC, Aspen Ice Garden, Aspen, Teri Hooper  
Boulder Valley Ice at Superior, Superior, Leslye Burch  
Denver FSC, South Suburban Ice Arena, Littleton, Amy Schneider  
Fort Collins FSC, Epic, Ft. Collins, Denise Pozvek  
Honnen Ice Arena, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Linda Alexander  
Pueblo Ice Skating Academy, Pueblo Ice Arena, Pueblo, Daphne Artichoker  
Revolutions SC, Aspen Recreation Center, Aspen, Michelle Hocknell  
Rocky Mountain FSC, Ice Centre at the Promenade, Westminster, Brenda Bowers

#### Connecticut

Cassella Skating School, Stamford Twin Rinks, Stamford, Emily and Frank Cassella  
Laurel Ridge SC, The Rinks at Shelton, Shelton, Chris Hoelck  
Mays Odden Rinks - Taft School, Watertown, Donna Kasper  
Town of Westport Parks and Recreation, Westport PAL Rink at Longshore, Westport, Cyndi Palaia

Windy Hill SC, Dorothy Hamill Rink, Greenwich, Andrea Vaz  
Yale FSC, Ingalls Rink, New Haven, Nancy Brittingham

#### Washington, D.C.

Friends of Fort Dupont Ice Arena, Leticia Moreno-Enos  
Washington Harbour Skating School, Washington Harbour, Summer DaSilva

#### Delaware

SC of Wilmington, Wilmington, Dot Gualtieri  
University of Delaware, Newark, Sandy Shacklady-White

#### Florida

City of Palms FSC, Fort Myers, Laurie Follweiler  
Clearwater Ice Arena, Clearwater, Rob McDonald  
Daytona Beach FSC, Daytona International Skateway, South Daytona, Meg Pokorny  
Ellenton Ice, Ellenton, Shannon Raley  
Florida Everblades FSC, Germain Arena, Susan Geiger  
Germain Arena, Estero, Kandis Eckloff  
Panthers FSC, Panthers Ice Den, Coral Springs, Nancy Mariani  
Southwest Florida FSC, Ellenton Ice & Sports Complex, Ellenton, Dana Opsincs  
Palm Beach Ice Works, West Palm Beach, Martine de la Torre  
Palm Beach SkateZone, Lake Worth, Audra Leech  
Pines FSC and Pines Ice Arena, Pembroke Pines, Jennifer Houghton Morris  
Tampa Bay SA, Oldsmar, and Tampa Bay SA, Clearwater, Molly Roberts

#### Georgia

Columbus FSA, Columbus Ice Rink, Columbus, Breanne Brown  
IceForum Duluth, Duluth, Deena Bryant  
IceForum, Kennesaw, Mindy Sellers  
The Cooler, Alpharetta, Lori McGarigle

#### Hawaii

Hawaii FSC, Ice Palace Hawaii, Honolulu, Frank Godek

#### Idaho

City of Idaho Falls, LTS, Joe Marmo/Wayne Lehto Ice Arena, Yvonne Luther  
Idaho IceWorld Skating School, Idaho IceWorld, Boise, Jackie Woodland  
Idaho Falls FSC, Ammon, Camille Vosk  
Spokane FSC/Lake City FS, Frontier Ice Arena, Coeur d'Alene, Charmaine Wagner  
Sun Valley FSC, Sun Valley Idaho, Sun Valley, Jen Silva

#### Iowa

Ames FSC, Ames, Jenny Slack  
Central Iowa FSC, Buccaneers Arena, Urbandale, Elena Tobiasch  
Central Iowa FSC, Buccaneers Arena, Urbandale, Burton Powley  
Des Moines FSC, Metro Ice Sports Facility, Urbandale, Jennie Walsh  
FSC of the Quad Cities, The River's Edge, Davenport, Gena McCullough  
North Iowa Ice Arena, Mason City, Elizabeth Anderegg

#### Illinois

All Seasons Skate School, All Seasons Ice Rinks, Naperville, Vicki Revere  
Canlan Ice Sports, Romeoville, Megan MacLeod  
Carlson Ice Arena, Rockford, Trish Gaffney  
Centennial Ice Arena, Highland Park, Sheila Lonergan  
Crystal Ice House, Crystal Lake, Kim Johnson  
Elite Edge SA-Addison, Addison, Tiffany Sfikas  
Figure Skating School of Skokie, Skokie Skatium, Skokie, Kerry Murphy  
Figure Skate School of Glenview, Glenview Ice Center, Glenview, Dorie Cascio  
Glenwood FSC, Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena, Flossmoor, May Wiza  
Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena, Kankakee, Angela Pace-Tousignant  
Joliet Park District, Inwood Ice Arena, Joliet, Daniel Hinz  
Morgan Park Sports Center - BS, Morgan Park Sports Center, Chicago, Kathy Janik  
Niles Park District IceLand, Niles IceLand, Niles, Amy Forbes  
Oak Park SA, Oak Park, Catherine Brown  
Rockford Park District Skating Program, Loves Park, Erin Schopf  
Rolling Meadows Park District Skate School, Nelson Sports Complex, Rolling Meadows, Leanne Walsh  
Southport SC/Rink Side Ice Arena, Rink Side Ice Arena, Gurnee, Laura Baran  
Seven Bridges, Seven Bridges Ice Arena, Woodridge, Gerianne Johnson  
Springfield FSC, Nelson Center, Springfield, Marty Stricker

#### Indiana

Fishers FSC, Fuel Tank at Fishers, Matthew Mickels  
Fort Wayne ISC, Parkview Icehouse, Fort Wayne, Nancy Halaburda  
Greater Evansville FSC, Swonder Ice Arena, Evansville, Catherine Niemeier  
Irish FSC, The Ice Box Skating Rink, South Bend, Michelle Riccio-Mensik  
Ice Skating Club of Indianapolis, Carmel, Christina DePasquale  
Univ. of Notre Dame SA, Compton Family Ice Arena South, South Bend, Molly Mahoney  
Lincoln Center FSC, Hamilton Center Ice Arena, Columbus, Karen DeSanto

#### Kansas

Kansas City FSC, KC Ice Center, Shawnee, Lori Osborne  
Kansas City Ice Center Skate School, Shawnee, Kay Gentges  
Wichita Ice Center, Wichita, Jonathan Hayward  
Wichita FSC, Wichita Ice Center, Wichita, Jolene Taylor

#### Kentucky

Louisville SA, Iceland Sports Complex, Louisville, Rebecca Hatch-Purnell  
Thoroughbred FSC, LIC, Lexington, Crystal Dunn

#### Louisiana

Leo's Learn to Skate, Baton Rouge, Barbara Gai

#### Massachusetts

Burlington Hockey & SA, Burlington Ice Palace, Burlington, Danielle Mahoney  
Cape Cod SC, Hyannis Youth and Community Center, Hyannis, Mary Shearley  
Commonwealth FSC, Randolph, Milton, Kim Clark  
Commonwealth FSC, Ulin Rink, Milton, and Zapustas Rink, Randolph, Kim Clark  
Everett Basic Skills, Allied Veterans Memorial Rink, Everett, Maureen DiBiao  
Johnson Hockey Rink/Pingree School, Hamilton, Faye Greel  
Medford Rec Hockey Assoc., LoConte Rink, Medford, Roberta Bailey



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# NATIONAL SKATING MONTH PARTICIPATING CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

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New England SC, Norfolk Arena, Norfolk, Caryn Sylvestre  
Norfolk Frost, Norfolk Arena, Norfolk, Jessica Martley  
North Shore SC, Burbank Ice Arena, Reading, Suzi Sweezy  
Pilgrim SC, Pembroke, Sarah Elliot-Trant  
Silver Streaks SC, Peabody, Judi Sinclair  
SC of Amherst, Amherst, Nancy Asai

Shoreline SC, Dorothy M. Talbot Rink, Gloucester, Ann Buckley  
SC of Boston Skating Academy Various Campuses, Boston, Kiva Leibowitz  
The Bog Skating School, The Bog Ice Arena, Kingston, Joan V. Bunnell  
The Ice SA, Haverhill Veterans Memorial Rink, Haverhill, Jill Pignatiello  
Wilmington FSC, Ristuccia Memorial Arena, Wilmington, Karen Scalzi  
Yarmouth Ice Club, The Bog Arena, Kingston, Kara Moss

## **Maine**

Midcoast Recreation Center, Rockport, Molly Spindler Smith  
SA of Maine, The Ice Vault & Kennebec Ice Arena, Hallowell, Melissa Emerson  
York County Skating School, Biddeford Ice Arena, Biddeford, Diane Simpson Pye

## **Maryland**

Baltimore FSC, Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena, Baltimore, Jen Coyne  
Capital Clubhouse SA, Capital Clubhouse, Waldorf, Sigrid Berge  
Frederick FSC, Skate Frederick, Frederick, Suzie Fitzgerald  
Gardens FSC of Maryland, Chesapeake Skate School, Gardens Ice House, Laurel,  
Amy Bielski Lanier

North Atlantic FSC, Family Ice Center, Falmouth, Deb Coppinger  
SC of Brunswick, Watson Arena Brunswick, Brunswick, Linda Despres  
Wheaton Ice Arena, Wheaton, Kevin Sidwell

## **Michigan**

Ann Arbor FSC, Ann Arbor Ice Cube, Ann Arbor, Craig Forsyth  
Arctic Coliseum LTS, Arctic Coliseum, Chelsea, Kayleah Rowley  
Coliseum FSC of Michigan, Arctic Coliseum, Chelsea, Megan Gueli  
Farmington Hills FSC, Farmington Hills Ice Arena, Farmington Hills, Barb Miller  
Garden City FSC, Garden City Civic Arena, Garden City, Jolyn Sawyers  
Gladwin SC, Gladwin Community Arena, Gladwin, Melanie  
Greater Grand Rapids FSC, Patterson Ice Center, Grand Rapids, Jenifer VanZanten  
Greater Kalamazoo Skating Assoc., Wings West, Kalamazoo, Jennifer Heurlin-Brenne  
Iceland Competitive Edge FS, Flint Iceland Arenas, Flint Township, Hillary Rubin  
Ice House SA, Hartland, Heather Olson  
Ice Reflections FSC, Mountain View Ice Arena, Iron Mountain, Rebecca Pomroy  
Journey FSC, Monroe Multi-Sports Complex, Monroe, Louis Lombardo  
Lakeland SC, Lakeland Tri-Arena, Waterford, Lori Pudduck  
Little Traverse FSC, Griffin Arena, Petoskey, Anne Murray  
LTS Suburban Ice Farmington Hills, Farmington Hills, Ira Tull  
Mt. Pleasant FSC, Mount Pleasant, Michelle Morey  
Midland FSC, Midland Civic Arena, Midland, Steve Hartsell  
New Edge FSC, John Lindell Ice Arena, Royal Oak, Lisa Bonello  
Onyx Suburban SA, Onyx Ice Arena/Suburban Ice Macomb, Rochester, Daniel Palmeri  
Sk8 Bay FSC/LTS, Bay County Civic Arena, Bay City, Adrienne Gallagher  
St. Clair Shores FSC, St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, St. Clair Shores, Lindsay O'Donoghue  
SC of Southeastern Michigan, Taylor Sportsplex, Taylor, Anne Clark  
Suburban Ice Macomb, Macomb, Tracey Daniels  
Traverse City FSC, Traverse City, Heidi Masse  
The Skaters Edge, Arctic Edge, Canton, Theresa McKendry  
Trenton SC, Trenton Kennedy Recreation Center, Trenton, Robyn Zuk  
USA Hockey Arena, Plymouth, Jennifer DeJohn  
Wyandotte FSC, Benjamin F. Yack Recreation Center, Wyandotte, Mary Moss

## **Minnesota**

Albert Lea FSC, Albert Lea City Arena, Albert Lea, Carol Linde  
Alexandria FSC, Runestone Community Center, Alexandria, Kris Juettner  
Breezy Point FSC, Breezy Point Ice Arena, Breezy Point, Kristin Wallin  
Chaska FSC, Chaska Community Center, Chaska, Barbara Swanson  
Duluth FSC LTS, Mars Lakeview Arena, Duluth, Alyssa Reder  
Fergus Falls SC, Fergus Falls Community Arena, Fergus Falls, Heather Dirkman  
Greenway Emerald ISC, Hodgins Berado Arena, Coleraine, Audra Olson  
Maple Grove Skating School, Maple Grove, Mandy Pirich  
National Sports Center, Blaine, Tina Nicholls  
Owatonna FSC, Owatonna, Jennifer Anderson  
Park Rapids FSC, Ted O. Johnson Arena, Park Rapids, Min Klein  
River Lakes FSC, River Lakes Civic Arena, Richmond, Anne Kaluza  
Red River Valley FSC, Moorhead Sports Center, Moorhead, Jean Paseka  
Rochester FSC, Rochester Rec Center, Rochester, Anne Pappas-Owen  
St. Cloud FSC, Municipal Athletic Complex, St. Cloud, Jennifer Feldewerd

Twin City Figure Skating Assoc. (30 clubs), Minneapolis/St. Paul, Nancy Kaufmann  
Vacationland FSC, Essentia Health Center, Brainerd, Christina Wilson  
Windom FSC, Windom Arena, Windom, Brenda Muller  
Winona FSC, Bud King Ice Arena, Winona, Holly Jacobs

## **Mississippi**

FSC of Memphis, Mid-South Ice House, Olive Branch, Carla Bressler

## **Missouri**

Line Creek FSC, Line Creek Ice Arena, Kansas City, Amy Fankhouser  
Bode Ice Arena, St. Joseph, April Wyatt  
Heartland FSC, Independence, Maria Genaris  
Independence SA, Centerpoint Community Ice, Independence, Nick Kraft  
Jefferson City FSC, Washington Park Ice Arena, Jefferson City, Anna Penn

## **Montana**

Helena FSC, Helena Ice Arena, Helena, Crystal Ann Curry  
Hi-Line Skating Valley Event Center, Glasgow, Kimberley Girard  
Yellowstone Valley FSC, Lions Park Rink, Red Lodge, Cathy Goettel

## **Nebraska**

Blade & Edge FSC, Moylan Iceplex, Omaha, Roxanne Tyler  
FSC of Omaha, McLean Arena, Omaha, Andrea Kunz-Williamson  
John Breslow Ice Hockey Center, Lincoln, Chris Margiotta  
Moylan Iceplex, Omaha, Roxanne Tyler

## **Nevada**

Las Vegas FSC, Fiesta Rancho Ice Arena, Las Vegas, Camilla Nilsson

## **North Carolina**

Garner Ice House, Garner, Kristen Hemstreet  
Raleigh IcePlex Skating School, Raleigh IcePlex, Raleigh, Stephanie Bardykin  
The Greensboro Ice House, Greensboro, Nicole Gaboury  
Triangle FSC, Polar Ice House, Wake Forest, Scott Cudmore  
X-Ice Skating School, Indian Trail, Jenny Gwyn

## **New Jersey**

Atlantic City FSC, Flyers Skate Zone, Atlantic City, Jennie Ciabaton  
Flyers Skate Zone, Flyers Skate Zone at Atlantic City, Atlantic City, Jared Siganuk  
Holleydell FSC, Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, Karen Beatty

## **New Mexico**

Albuquerque FSC, Outpost Ice Arena, Albuquerque, Nina Kane  
Blades Multiplex Arenas LTS, Blades Multiplex Arena, Rio Rancho, Thomas V. Shaw  
Desert Ice FSC, Genoveva Chavez Community Center, Santa Fe, Mandy Edwards  
Genoveva Chavez Community Center, Santa Fe, Tom Miller  
Santa Fe SC, Genoveva Chavez Community Center, Santa Fe, Tammy Berendzen

## **New York**

Amherst SC, Northtown Center at Amherst, Williamsville, Lindsay Lessard-Glass  
Clayton FSC, Clayton Arena, Clayton, Cheryl Mayforth  
Cortland FSC, J.M. McDonald Sports Complex, Cortland, Jennifer MacKenzie  
Figure Skating in Harlem, Riverbank State Park, New York, Lisa Blue  
Great Neck FSC, Parkwood Sports Complex, Great Neck, Gigi Politoski  
Harborfront Park, Hauppauge/Bethpage/Port Jefferson, Cathryn Schwab  
Hessian Lake FSC, Bear Mountain Ice Rink, Bear Mountain, Orrin Getz  
IceWorks Skating Academy, Twin Rinks, East Meadow, Valerie Murray  
Knickerbacker FSC, Knickerbacker Ice Arena, Flushing, Laurie Sakhnovskiy  
Lakeshore Skating School, Rochester, Jeanne Epping  
Long Beach SA, Long Beach Ice Arena, Long Beach, Roberta Dunn  
Metropolitan FSC & Iceland, Iceland, New Hyde Park, Farah Gholamazad  
Oswego FSC, Oswego, Donna Herrmann  
Palisades Center Ice Rink, West Nyack, Christina Makris  
Rye FSC, Playland Ice Casino, Rye, Martha Downen  
SC of Central New York, Cicero, Carolyn Quinn  
Skate Great, Nike Base in Hamburg, Hamburg, Jessica Roswell-Lauria  
Thomas Creek Ice Arena, Fairport, Amanda Bortle  
The Rinx Total Skating Program at The Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center,  
Hauppauge, Cathryn Schwab

Uncle Sam FSC, Knickerbacker FSC, Troy, Linda Cowper  
Wollman Rink, Wollman Rink in Central Park, New York City, Elise Preston

## **New Hampshire**

Aspen Ice, Randolph, Linda Keane  
Central New Hampshire SA, Laconia Ice Arena, Laconia, Daniel Beauregard  
Flyers Skate Zone at Pennsauken, Pennsauken, Patricia Mudge  
Gate City FSC, Conway Arena, Nashua, Karen Simms  
Hollydell Ice Arena, Hollydell FSC, Sewell, Karen Beatty  
Jersey Coast FSC, Winding River, Toms River, Lynne Leger  
Jersey Coast FSC, Jersey Shore Arena, Wall, Gail Damiano

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Mt. Washington Valley SC, Ham Ice Arena, Conway, Elly Walker  
SC at Dartmouth, Hanover, Jacki Smith  
Southern New Hampshire SC, JFK Coliseum, Manchester, Teri Nordle  
Tri-Town, Hooksett, Jen Hurley  
Princeton SC, Princeton, Scott Polk  
Virtua Flyers Skate Zone, Voorhees, Pam Dreyer

## **North Dakota**

Magic City FSC, Maysa Arena, Minot, Shannon Holman

## **Ohio**

Bowling Green SC, Bowling Green State Univ. Ice Arena, Bowling Green, Pat Rabb  
Brooklyn Blades on Ice, John M. Coyne Recreation Center, Brooklyn,  
GraceAnn Demarest

City of Kettering, Kettering Recreation Center, Kettering, Lisa Reibly  
Cleveland Edges SC, North Olmsted Rec. Complex, North Olmsted, Jeff Marshall  
Cleveland SC, Shaker Heights, Lynn Rimmer

Columbus FSC, Ohio State University, Columbus, LeRae Nesbitt  
Forestwood SC, Ries Rink, Parma, Heather Galgas  
FSC Cincinnati, Sports Plus Ohio, Cincinnati, Cathy Brinkman

Gilmour Academy LTS, Gilmour Academy Ice Arena, Gates Mills, Alease Cameratta  
Ice Zone Basic Skills Program, The Ice Zone, Boardman, Matthew Mackall

Kent State University Ice Arena, Kent, Juliann Bontrager

Kent SC, Kent State University Ice Arena, Kent, Nicole Kappenhagen

LTS Program, Alice Noble Ice Arena, Wooster, Barbara A Di Scipio

Mentor FSC LTS, Mentor Civic Ice Arena, Mentor, Lisa Franz

Mentor Ice Arena, Mentor, Holly Maher

Pavilion SC of Cleveland Heights, Cleveland Heights, Cal Brown

South Metro Sports LTS, South Metro Sports, Centerville, Raya Mafazy

The Pond Ice Rink, Chagrin Falls, Elisa Nash

Troy SC, Hobart Arena, Troy, Leah Carlson

Winterhurst FSC, Serpentine Arena, Lakewood, Melanie Sassano

Winterhurst Serpentine Arena, Lakewood, Mary Kay Baxendale

Shaker FSC, Thornton Park, Shaker Heights, Rochelle Paley

Youngstown Phantoms FSC, The Ice Zone, Boardman, Kaari Wentz

## **Oklahoma**

Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa, Jessie Hudson

Tulsa FSC, Oilers Ice Center, Tulsa, Angie Simants

Sooner SC of Oklahoma, Blazer's Ice Centre, Oklahoma City, Donna Gaughan

## **Pennsylvania**

Beaver County FSC, Beaver County Ice Arena, Beaver Falls, Terri Miller

Bethlehem Skating School & Academy, Earl E. Schaffer Municipal Ice Rink,  
Bethlehem, Janet Tremmer

Carnegie Mellon University FSC, Pittsburgh, Cheyenne Bell

Central Pennsylvania FSC, Twin Ponds West, Mechanicsburg, Harrisburg, Becky Hilgers

Delaware County SC, Skatium, Havertown, Kristin Caparra

Flyers Skate Zone, Philadelphia, Amber Hartman

Hershey FSC, Giant Center, Hershey, Vicki Yingst

Ice & Blades of Western PA, Alpha Ice Complex, Pittsburgh, Joyce DiToppa

On the Ice Skating School, Klick Lewis Arena, Annville, Kathleen Kelly

Penn State FSC, Pegula Ice Arena, University Park, Beth Eckert

Philadelphia SC and Humane Society, Ardmore, Regina Barr

SC of Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Lebanon Recreation Center, Pittsburgh, Linda Nicolaus

Westminster FSC of Erie, Erie, Renee Kloecker

White Rose FSC, York Ice Arena, York, Leanne Abugov

Wissahickon SC, Philadelphia, Julie Cardinale

## **South Carolina**

Greenville FSC, Greenville, Kelli Pellerin

Palmetto Skate Club, Plex Indoor Sports, Irmo, Katie Zabinski

## **South Dakota**

Black Hills SA, Roosevelt Park Ice Arena, Rapid City, Erin Holmes

## **Tennessee**

Cool Sports SA, Cool Sports, Knoxville, Nikki Copeland-Ronayne

Ford Ice Center, Antioch, Bill Fauver

## **Texas**

Dallas Stars Hockey Academy, Dr Pepper StarCenters, Frisco, Richardson, Eules,  
McKenney, Plano, Aanya Montgomery

Chaparral Ice, Austin, Kathy Goeke

Spirit Ice Arena, College Station, Kim Williams

## **Utah**

Cottonwood Hts. LTS Program, Cottonwood Hts. Recreation Center,

Cottonwood Hts., Kathy Valburg

George S. Eccles Ice Center, Logan, Jakki Hansen

Murray Silver Blades FSC, Bountiful, Keith Munden

Peaks LTS, Peaks Ice Arena, Provo, Jacquelyn Packard

Salt Lake County Ice Center LTS, County Ice Center, Murray, Kiley Wyner

Salt Lake Figure Skating, Salt Lake City Sports Complex, Salt Lake City, Nicole Moreno

Weber County Ice Sheet, Ogden Ice Sheet, Ogden, Karel Kovar

Utah FSC, South Davis Recreation Center, Bountiful, Keith Munden

Oval FSC, Utah Olympic Oval, Kearns, Derek Parra

FSC of Park City, Park City, Erika Roberts

Centennial Park FSC, West Valley, Shauna Dalton

Peaks FSC, Provo, Alyssa Kaldahl

Cache Valley FSC, Eccles Ice Center, North Logan

Wasatch FSC, Weber County Ice Sheet, Ogden, Karel Kovar

## **Vermont**

Champlain Valley SC, Leddy Park Arena, Burlington, Lisa Segear

Union Arena SC, Union Arena, Woodstock, Valerie LaCroix

## **Virginia**

Central Virginia SC, Richmond Ice Zone, N. Chesterfield, Joan Mabe

Charlottesville FSC, Main Street Arena, Charlottesville, Sharon Judd

Prince William Ice Stars, Prince William Ice Center, Woodbridge, Marina Khaltourina

Richmond Skating Stars, Richmond Ice Zone, Richmond, Gaby Corcoran

SkateNation Plus, Glen Allen, Virginia Lea Rizer

Tidewater FSC, Hampton Roads Iceplex, Yorktown, Shawn Faessel

## **Washington**

Bellingham FSC, Bellingham Sportsplex, Bellingham

Bellingham Sportsplex Skating Academy, Bellingham, Keri Ferguson

Bremerton FSC, Bremerton Ice Center, Bremerton, Christina Schmitt

Highland Skating School, Highland Ice Arena, Shoreline, Terry Green

Kent Valley FSC, Kent Valley Ice Center, Kent, Myriam Desanois-Mullen

Kingsgate SC, Sno-King Kirkland Arena, Kirkland, Lisa Ware

Lilac City FSC, Eagles Ice Arena, Spokane, Mary Zammit

Mountain View Skating Academy, Mountain View Ice Arena, Vancouver, Lisa Mizonick

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**The Western Pennsylvania High School Figure Skating Team** is using different blades to help support a local charity. The skaters enjoy cutting up food, cooking and serving nutritious meals for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) in Pittsburgh. This dedicated team also raised \$5,000 for the RMH charity last summer by putting together its first "Skating Around the World" charity ice show featuring Pittsburgh-area skaters. The skaters have already reserved the ice for their next charity show and are setting dates for making more meals as they begin their second season together.

## Teen sharing her love for skating

High school student Carissa Canales is thriving at Paramount Iceland in California, including serving as a role model for a skater with Down syndrome.

Canales, who has competed in National Showcase, synchronized sectionals, the Solo Dance Series Competition and Theatre on Ice, is earning community service hours for high school by spending one hour a week at the rink assisting in the learn-to-skate classes.

"The children absolutely love her," Paramount Iceland Director of Figure Skating Darlene Sparks said.

One of those students is Alesia, who has Down syndrome. Alesia showed up to the rink one day and pulled her leg over her head.

"Everyone was in shock," Sparks said. "Nine weeks later, Alesia took her first independent steps on the ice. Carissa has spent eight weeks working with Alesia.

"We are truly blessed for all of the programs that encourage young skaters to share their love for skating," Sparks said.

Canales, who is working on her junior moves test, plans to attend college and hopes to skate during that time; she is also considering judging skating.



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**Basic Skills members in the Milwaukee and Chicago area** performed a program during the Smucker's Skating Spectacular at 2015 Progressive Skate America. A total of 51 beginner skaters took part in the Spectacular. "It was such a good experience for the skaters," local coach and program director Carrie Sinclair said. "We really appreciated their hard work." Tara Stamm provided the choreography, while Terry Hausmann edited the music. A host of area coaches helped Sinclair with practices and the performance.



Synchronized skating programs in the Saint Paul, Minnesota, area have merged this year to form Northern Fusion. Under the direction of Andrea Hall and Brenda Walker, Northern Fusion will have teams this competitive season in the open collegiate, novice, open juvenile, juvenile, pre-juvenile and beginner 2 division.



**The Phoenix Synchronized Skating Teams**, representing the Onyx Suburban FSC in Rochester Hills, Michigan, held a coat drive at their annual kickoff exhibition on Nov. 15. Phoenix teams collected hundreds of hats, mittens, scarves and coats for the Iroquois Wise Coalition, serving East Detroit children, families and seniors in need. (l-r) Phoenix intermediate team captain Lindsey Steffens and cocaptain Alessandra Lico

**Skaters for the Cure** performed an exhibition at Mennen Sports Arena in Morristown, New Jersey, on June 6. The event was part of the Morristown Relay for Life, benefitting the American Cancer Society. The group, which was organized and led by Skating Club of New York member Noah Krupnick, included skaters from the preliminary to the junior level. They raised more than \$2,000 for the cause.





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# Children take parents' passion for skating to new heights

*Editor's note: These three skaters have or had children on the standard track.*

## **DONNA SCHUELE - 58, PRELIMINARY DANCE**

## **MICHAEL VALDEZ - 18, NOVICE DANCE**

Woodland Hills, California, All Year FSC

Donna Schuele introduced her son, Michael Valdez, to skating when he was 5 years old. The two went on to participate in the activity together, taking group and private lessons.

Fast-forward to today, and both are still enjoying the sport, only on their own terms. Schuele focuses on testing dance and figures, while Valdez has moved away to train.

"It's been frustrating to know my son learned and tested dances in a matter of weeks," Schuele said, "but his skating is more important so I take it in stride."

Schuele, a college professor and lawyer, would like to compete in pro-am competition and perhaps judge once she has time. Valdez, who lives and trains with three other skaters, said skating is still something that he shares with his mom.

"It's cool to have a parent who skates," Valdez said. "She understands what I'm going through and we can talk about skating together."

Community means everything to Valdez as he pursues his Olympic dream. Meeting "The Moms" (Cheryl Davis and Jacqui White, mothers of Olympic champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White) in 2014 gave Schuele insight into what it takes to support your skater.

Serving as a test chair and junior board parent adviser, Schuele recognizes the nurturing coaches in Valdez's career.

"They had enormous patience in bringing him along," Schuele said. "I feel like I've achieved nurturing a passion for the sport in my son."

## **ERIN KRENTZ - 53, MASTERS SENIOR**

Glencoe, Illinois, Skokie Valley SC

## **BRIAN KRENTZ - 20, JUNIOR**

SC of Boston

When her youngest son, Brian, decided to pursue a competitive skating career, Erin Krentz couldn't have been happier. As a parent, she wanted her children to be physically active, allowing them to choose their own sports.

"I wanted them to see their hard work become accomplishments," Erin, an adult competitor and Skokie Valley SC board member, said.

Erin, who placed third in championship masters at the 2003 U.S. Adult Championships, appreciated the hard work that Brian put in to rise to the junior level, both domestically and internationally. He competed at the 2013 U.S. Championships and at the 2013 ISU JGP Baltic Cup.

"My children knew I appreciated their effort no matter what," Erin said. "I understood firsthand the difficulty of what they were doing. That said, Brian skated some brilliant performances that were a pure pleasure to watch."

Brian loved the excitement of competitions, he said, adding skating taught him physical and mental limits, and how to train and push through them.

"I skated because there was nowhere else I'd rather be," Brian said. "I truly loved the sport."

He credits coaches Cindy Caprel and Kristen Mita for shaping him as a person and skater, and counts himself lucky for all the friendships he made.

A Harvard University student and member of Harvard men's ultimate Frisbee team, Brian no longer skates but appreciated his mom's support of his skating over the years.

"She's been to almost all my competitions and always has words of confidence," said Brian, who helped critique Erin's programs and offered advice on her jumps. Erin still occasionally takes lessons and has been active in her club as a corresponding secretary, junior activities chair and chair of the Illinois High School Figure Skating Competition.

## **TAMI SCHIERN - 43, ADULT PRE-BRONZE FREE SKATE**

## **CORA SIBULKIN - 11, PRE-PRELIMINARY**

## **DARLA SIBULKIN - 9, BASIC SKILLS 4**

Calabasas, California, All Year FSC

Within the first month Tami Schiern began skating lessons, she fell backward, hitting her head on the ice. Hospitalized, Schiern was tempted not to return.

"I skated again to set an example for my daughter," Schiern said. "I'm so glad I did."

Schiern's two daughters, Cora and Darla, took up skating five and three years ago, respectively.

"Cora saw a girl at an outdoor rink spinning in a skating dress and asked for lessons," said Schiern, who began taking lessons herself shortly after. "I wanted to learn about her new sport and not sit around. I had no idea I'd actually learn jumps and spins."

Darla joined the fun with the chance to play a pixie fairy in their rink's ice show.

"It was so exciting," Darla said.

Scheduling is challenging, with a sitter taking the girls to the rink after school. Schiern meets them for freestyle most nights, and they work with a team of coaches who are related to one another (Bianca Marro Jewell, Perry Jewell and Brianna Weissman Barajas).

"I think our coaches appreciate my understanding of the sport," said Schiern, who aspires to compete at the national level. "I try not to coach from the sidelines."

Schiern, a public school psychologist, volunteers at competitions and assists backstage at twice-yearly rink shows; both girls participate in Theatre on Ice and Darla practices synchronized skating.

"I'm almost always at a competition," Schiern said.

Both girls enjoy their mother's participation.

"I like laughing at her when she falls," Darla said. "Skating means having fun and never giving up."

"I like to show my mom the right way to do things," Cora said. "I love learning new moves and landing new jumps. I feel happy when I've accomplished that."







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# KOMPERDA AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED

The Joyce Komperda Athlete Support Fund was established in 2009 by Joyce Komperda in honor of her parents, who enrolled her in her first figure skating lessons for health reasons. From that moment on, Joyce became an avid skater and passionate advocate for the sport. When Joyce's parents passed away, she elected to honor them by investing the monies she inherited to help support the dreams of intermediate, novice and junior skaters who demonstrate a love of skating as well as financial need. Three awardees were determined by Joyce for the 2015 season; each skater will be awarded \$5,000.

**JOSIAH CURLEY** is a student at the University of Oklahoma, majoring in the petroleum engineering program. As a home-school student with three older siblings, Curley worked to graduate from high school with an associate's degree in mathematics from Tulsa Community College. He has been a skater since the age of 5, and he attributes his introduction to the sport to his father, who is currently battling cancer. Thanks to the sacrifices of his family, he has been able to excel in skating over the last 14 years, though a recent foot injury has left him off the ice since last March. He has been a Basic Skills instructor for the last two years at the Tulsa Figure Skating Club, his home club. He hopes to get back to training and being a Basic Skills instructor at his new local rink, the Blazers Ice Center, once he fully recovers.

**KAYLA GABRIEL**, a freshman at Niles North High School in Skokie, Illinois, began skating at the age of 9. She made quick progress, skating competitively within two years of learning recreationally, no easy feat, considering at the age of 1 Gabriel was diagnosed with profound hearing loss, and received a cochlear implant when she was 2 years old. A student of ballet and tap dance to help with coordination, she is now working on her junior moves-in-the-field test and credits her coach, Debbie Storey, for helping her become the skater that she is. At the 2014 Upper Great Lakes Regional Championships, Gabriel's first regional competition as a preliminary-level skater, she placed fourth, and she is now pursuing the goal of making it to the sectional championships. Gabriel had the privilege of participating in the opening ceremony of 2014 Hilton HHonors Skate America.

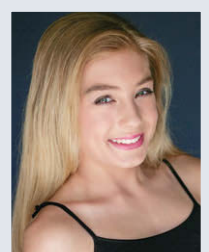
**GIA KOKOTAKIS** is a student at Windward Preparatory School in Los Angeles, and recently made the dean's list. A singles skater, she placed third at the 2015 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships at the intermediate level despite suffering an injury just before the 2015 Southwest Pacific Regional Championships. With hopes of becoming an Olympic competitor, Kokotakis is the vice president of the All Year Figure Skating Club's junior board, and has received the United States President's award for serving more than 100 hours of community service with her skating club. In addition to skating, she enjoys surfing and reading and speaks both French and Greek.



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The Haydenettes display their collective emotion in their free skate to "Street Beats."

# LEAVING ON A JET PLANE

## TEAM USA READY TO PERFORM ON INTERNATIONAL STAGE

by LESLIE GRAHAM, DIRECTOR OF SYNCHRONIZED SKATING AT U.S. FIGURE SKATING

The 2016 synchronized skating season is upon us, and 11 U.S. junior and senior teams are preparing to make their mark on the international stage.

Based on last year's success, both domestically and internationally, teams were selected to be part of the International Selection Pool. After successful monitoring and competing early this season, teams were named to Team USA and assigned international competitions. Here is a look at where Team USA is headed in 2016.

### Grand Prix Final DECEMBER 10-12, 2015

For the first time, synchronized skating was part of the Grand Prix Final in Barcelona, Spain. Five of the top senior teams in the world took the ice in the free skate-only competition. The United States was represented by the Haydenettes of Lexington, Massachusetts, the 23-time U.S. champions and four-time World bronze medalists.

The Haydenettes finished fifth with a score of 106.81 points.

"We had to cram a little bit," Haydenette Lindsay Grajek said. "We pushed our programs a lot faster and a lot further than we usually do, but we knew this was what had to be done since we were coming to such a big stage. We

all worked together and came together more than we ever have to really push ourselves."

### Leon Lurje Trophy JANUARY 16-17, 2016

The Haydenettes will again compete on the international stage when they travel to Gothenburg, Sweden.

"We aim to showcase a realm of emotions while keeping the audience begging for the next surprise," Tessa Hedges, member of the Haydenettes, said of the team's short program, titled "The Spell." Their free skate is to "Street Beats."

The Skyliners, U.S. junior champions, will join the Haydenettes at their first of two international assignments. The New York-based team will perform to a Michael Jackson medley for its short program and to music from *Les Misérables* for its free skate.

### Mozart Cup JANUARY 22-24, 2016

Miami University, from Oxford, Ohio, will represent Team USA in the senior ranks for the second year in a row in Salzburg, Austria.

"Our goals aim high; if you don't skate to win, you never will," Miami coach Carla DeGirolamo said. "We are out to win the national championship and move up in the World stand-

ings."

The RedHawks will skate their short program to "Breath of Life" by Florence and the Machine and their free skate to a Latin dance medley.

The Lexettes, U.S. junior silver medalists, will join Miami and make their international debut with new coach Maikki Merilehto. She was named the head coach of the Lexettes in the summer of 2015 and is a three-time World champion in synchronized skating with Marigold IceUnity of Finland.

The team will skate to "Feeling Good" by Ms. Lauryn Hill and Flo Rida for its short program and "A Day in Bollywood" by A.R. Rahman for its free skate.

### Neuchâtel Trophy JANUARY 30-31, 2016

Third at the 2015 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, the Skyliners senior team looks to build on last year's breakthrough campaign in Neuchâtel, Switzerland. The Skyliners' short program is to music from the motion picture *Nine*, while their free skate is to music from the *The Mission*.

Chicago Jazz, of the Chicago FSC, will compete in the junior division. The team will skate its short program to music from the musical



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Clockwise, starting at top left, Miami University shows strong determination in its short program to "Breath of Life." Lexettes deliver an entertaining free skate to "A Day in Bollywood." Chicago Jazz performs its short program to the music from Chicago. The Skyliners hope to repeat as U.S. junior champions as they perform their Michael Jackson short program.

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*Chicago* and its free skate to *Carousel*.

Fond du Lac Blades junior team, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, returns to the international stage for the first time since 2006. Its short program is to "Dancin' Fool" by Barry Manilow, and the team will perform its free skate to music from *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

### **French Cup** **FEBRUARY 5-6, 2016**

The Crystallettes, from Dearborn, Michigan, and the Skyliners junior team venture to Rouen, France, for what is typically the most competitive of international events leading up to the World Championships.

The Crystallettes are skating to "Juicy Wiggle" by Redfoo and "Derp" by the Bassjackers & MAKJ. Their free skate is to the music from the movie *Coraline*. Throughout the program, they are creepy dolls trying to hide the fact that they're zombies.

Skyliners coach Josh Babb is excited for his junior team to have the opportunity to be seen by international officials twice before what they hope will be a Junior World Challenge Cup berth.

"Our goal is to win a national title and medal at our internationals and the Junior World Challenge Cup," Babb said. "The more we can get out there and compete, the more prepared we feel."

### **Trophy D'Ecosse** **FEBRUARY 12-14, 2016**

Team USA will compete for the first time at the international competition in Dumfries, Great Britain. The California-based ICE'Kateers and Team del Sol will both compete in the senior division, with Team del Sol competing internationally for the first time since 2002.

ICE'Kateers competed at the French Cup last season, and look to improve upon last year's results. They will skate their short program to "Forever Young" by the Tenors. Their free skate is a space race theme. Team del Sol will skate its short program to "Skyfall" by Adele. Its free skate is a Bollywood theme.

### **Spring Cup** **FEBRUARY 19-21, 2016**

The final international event before the 2016 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships takes place in Sesto San Giovanni, Italy. Miami University will compete in its second international competition of the season.

Adrian College, from Adrian, Michigan, will make its international debut. Its short program is to "To Love You More" by Celine Dion, and its free skate is to the music from the movie *Gone with the Wind*. Chicago Jazz junior team will join the senior teams when it competes at its second international competition of the season.

### **ISU Shanghai Trophy** **MARCH 4-6, 2016**

At this new invitational event, the Haydenettes are excited to make one more push prior to what they hope is a successful World Championships. Six countries were invited to participate in this event that will include synchronized skating and a short-track event.

"I think that the Shanghai Trophy will be an important event to finalize our presence internationally," Hedges said. "This event will be about portraying the whole package that a team needs to medal at the World Championships."

### **ISU Junior World Challenge Cup** **MARCH 11-12, 2016**

Two teams will be selected at the 2016 World Junior Team Selection Event in Dearborn, Michigan, February 12-13, to represent the United States in Zagreb, Croatia.

### **ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships** **APRIL 8-9, 2016**

Two senior teams will be selected at the 2016 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships in Kalamazoo, Michigan, February 24-27, to compete at the 2016 ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships in Budapest, Hungary.

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2. Julia Lipnitskaia, RUS, 65.63
3. Roberta Rodeghiero, ITA, 58.81
4. Kanako Murakami, JPN, 58.30
5. Elizaveta Tuktamysheva, RUS, 56.21
6. Gabrielle Daleman, CAN, 55.35
7. Angelina Kuchvalska, LAT, 53.68
8. **Angela Wang, USA, 53.60**
9. Haruka Imai, JPN, 47.87
10. Brooklee Han, AUS, 47.65
11. Mae Berenice Meitje, FRA, 46.82
12. Laurine Lecavelier, FRA, 46.53

### Men (Short Program Only)

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points

1. Shoma Uno, JPN, 89.56
2. Maxim Kovtun, RUS, 86.82
3. Daisuke Murakami, JPN, 80.24
4. Denis Ten, KAZ, 80.10
5. Patrick Chan, CAN, 76.10
6. Alexander Petrov, RUS, 74.64

### Pairs (Short Program Only)

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points

1. Tatiana Volosozhar/Maxim Trankov, RUS, 74.50
2. Vanessa James/Morgan Cipres, FRA, 65.75
3. Julianne Seguin/Charlie Bilodeau, CAN, 64.95
4. Cheng Peng/Hao Zhang, CHN, 64.10
5. Nicole Della Monica/Matteo Guarise, ITA, 64.08
6. **Marissa Castelli/Mervin Tran, USA, 62.63**
7. Evgenia Tarasova/Vladimir Morozov, RUS, 62.32
8. Miriam Ziegler/Severin Kiefer, AUT, 50.56

### Ice Dance (Short Dance Only)

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points

#### 1. Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue, USA, 64.45

2. Piper Gilles/Paul Poirier, CAN, 63.94
3. Alexandra Stepanova/Ivan Bukin, RUS, 60.64
4. Penny Coomes/Nicholas Buckland, GBR, 58.34
5. Laurence Fournier Beaudry/Nikolaj Sorensen, DEN, 54.72
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Tallinn, Estonia, Nov. 17–22

### Ladies

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. Maria Sotskova, RUS, 186.30, 1, 1
2. Elizabet Tursynbaeva, KAZ, 174.87, 3, 2
3. **Tyler Pierce, USA, 171.72, 2, 4**
4. Viveca Lindfors, FIN, 157.06, 8, 3
5. Angelina Kuchvalska, LAT, 156.12, 4, 6

6. Nathalie Weinzierl, GER, 150.75, 7, 5
7. Lutricia Bock, GER, 146.16, 6, 10
8. Da Bin Choi, KOR, 145.92, 13, 7
9. Nicole Schott, GER, 144.30, 5, 11
10. Elizaveta Ukolova, CZE, 140.85, 10, 9
11. Eliska Brezinova, CZE, 140.85, 10, 9
12. Juni Marie Benjaminsen, NOR, 128.74, 9, 13
13. Aleksandra Golovkina, LTU, 124.65, 14, 14
14. Camilla Gjersem, NOR, 124.22, 15, 15
15. Helery Halvin, EST, 123.91, 18, 12

### (22 ladies competed)

### Men

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. **Max Aaron, USA, 252.16, 1, 1**
2. Dmitri Aliev, RUS, 226.72, 4, 2
3. Deniss Vasiljevs, LAT, 208.53, 2, 5
4. Artem Lezheev, RUS, 205.11, 3, 4
5. Ivan Pavlov, UKR, 202.32, 5, 3
6. Pavel Ignatenko, BLR, 191.08, 8, 6
7. Kevin Aymoz, FRA, 179.06, 6, 9
8. Sondre Oddvoll Boe, NOR, 176.55, 9, 8
9. Maurizio Zandron, ITA, 167.47, 13, 7
10. Paul Fentz, GER, 166.84, 7, 13
11. Lukasz Kedzierski, POL, 164.19, 11, 10
12. Tino Olenius, FIN, 162.47, 10, 11
13. Slavik Hayrapetyan, ARM, 150.87, 14, 12
14. Juho Pirinen, FIN, 147.93, 12, 14

### Pairs

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. Aliona Savchenko/Bruno Massot, GER, 214.42, 1, 1
2. Mari Vartmann/Ruben Blommaert, GER, 177.04, 2, 2
3. Amani Fancy/Christopher Boyadji, GBR, 156.72, 3, 3
4. Goda Butkute/Nikita Ermolaev, LTU, 147.08, 6, 4

### 5. Madeline Aaron/Max Settlege, USA, 143.78, 5, 5

6. Minerva Fabienne Hase/Nolan Seegert, GER, 138.22, 4, 7
7. Bogdana Lukashovich/Alexander Stepanov, RUS, 135.62, 7, 6
8. Alexandra Iovanna/Filippo Ambrosini, ITA, 106.92, 8, 9
9. Lana Petranovic/Michael Lueck, CRO, 106.26, 9, 8

### Ice Dance

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SD, FD

1. Isabella Tobias/Ilija Tkachenko, ISR, 160.84, 1, 1
2. Federica Testa/Lukas Csolley, SVK, 149.56, 2, 2
3. Cecilia Torn/Jussiville Partanen, FIN, 142.90, 5, 3
4. **Anastasia Cannuscio/Colin McManus, USA, 130.46, 3, 9**
5. Katharina Muller/Tim Dieck, GER, 128.82, 7, 4
6. Alexandra Nazarova/Maxim Nikitin, UKR, 127.84, 4, 10
7. Victoria Manni/Saverio Giacomelli, ITA, 127.20, 6, 6
8. Lorenza Alessandrini/Pierre Souquet, FRA, 125.46, 8, 7
9. Valeria Gastruk/Alexei Olejnik, UKR, 125.30, 9, 5
10. Olga Jakushina/Andrey Nevskiy, LAT, 119.58, 10, 8
11. Karina Uzurova/Aaron Chaplain, KAZ, 105.26, 11, 12
12. Marina Elias/Denis Koreline, EST, 97.74, 13, 11

13. Aurelia Ippolito/Bennet Preiss, GER, 91.14, 14, 13
  14. Katarina Paice/Yuri Eremenko, SUI, 88.80, 12, 14
- U.S. officials:** Kitty DeLio LaForte, Eric Hampton

## ROSTELECOM CUP

Moscow, Nov. 19–22

### Ladies

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. Elena Radionova, RUS, 211.32, 1, 2
2. Evgenia Medvedeva, RUS, 206.76, 3, 1
3. Adelina Sotnikova, RUS, 185.11, 4, 3
4. **Polina Edmunds, USA, 183.20, 5, 4**
5. Rika Hongo, JPN, 179.12, 6, 5
6. Alaine Chartrand, CAN, 173.42, 2, 7
7. Roberta Rodeghiero, ITA, 162.72, 7, 8
8. Yuka Nagai, JPN, 159.62, 9, 6
9. Joshi Helgeson, SWE, 157.54, 8, 10
10. Riona Kato, JPN, 155.56, 10, 9
11. **Hannah Miller, USA, 145.21, 11, 11**
12. Dasa Grm, SLO, 137.56, 12, 12

### Men

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. Javier Fernandez, ESP, 271.43, 2, 1
2. Adrian Pitkeev, RUS, 250.47, 1, 5
3. **Ross Miner, USA, 248.92, 3, 4**
4. **Adam Rippon, USA, 248.63, 6, 2**
5. Mikhail Kolyada, RUS, 247.97, 5, 3
6. Sergei Voronov, RUS, 244.60, 4, 7
7. Nam Nguyen, CAN, 231.67, 7, 6
8. Ivan Righini, ITA, 204.16, 9, 8
9. Takahiko Kozuka, JPN, 195.48, 8, 9
10. Alexei Bychenko, ISR, 186.00, 10, 10

### Pairs

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. Ksenia Stolbova/Fedor Klimov, RUS, 214.70, 1, 1
2. Yuko Kavaguti/Alexander Smirnov, RUS, 208.02, 2, 2
3. Cheng Peng/Hao Zhang, CHN, 193.04, 3, 3
4. **Tarah Kayne/Daniel O'Shea, USA, 181.23, 6, 4**
5. Natalja Zabijako/Alexander Enbert, RUS, 180.56, 5, 5
6. Valentina Marchei/Ondrej Hotarek, ITA, 178.19, 4, 6
7. Kirsten Moore-Towers/Michael Marino, CAN, 158.75, 7, 7
8. Hayleigh Bell/Rudi Swiegers, CAN, 130.46, 8, 8

### Ice Dance

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SD, FD

1. Kaitlyn Weaver/Andrew Poje, CAN, 173.58, 1, 1
2. Anna Cappellini/Luca Lanotte, ITA, 171.61, 2, 2
3. Victoria Sinitsina/Nikita Katsalapov, RUS, 167.40, 3, 3
4. Charlene Guignard/Marco Fabbri, ITA, 153.54, 4, 5
5. Elena Ilinykh/Ruslan Zhiganshin, RUS, 153.01, 6, 4
6. Rebeka Kim/Kirill Minov, KOR, 134.95, 7, 6
7. Viktoria Kavaliova/Yurii Bieliaiev, BLR, 110.32, 8, 7

**U.S. officials:** Richard Perez, Peter Gerbino, Paige Larson, Taffy Holliday, John Millier, Jenny Mast, Troy Goldstein

## NHK TROPHY

Nagano, Japan, Nov. 26–29

### Ladies

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. Satoko Miyahara, JPN, 203.11, 1, 1
2. **Courtney Hicks, USA, 183.12, 2, 3**
3. Mao Asada, JPN, 182.99, 4, 2
4. **Ashley Wagner, USA, 179.33, 3, 5**
5. **Mirai Nagasu, USA, 175.64, 5, 6**
6. Kaetlyn Osmond, CAN, 168.48, 8, 7
7. Zijun Li, CHN, 166.40, 6, 10
8. Alena Leonova, RUS, 165.75, 7, 9
9. Anna Pogorilaya, RUS, 164.63, 11, 4
10. Mariko Kihara, JPN, 163.19, 10, 8
11. Maria Artemieva, RUS, 158.33, 9, 11

### Men

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. Yuzuru Hanyu, JPN, 322.40, 1, 1
2. Boyang Jin, CHN, 266.43, 2, 2
3. Takahito Mura, JPN, 242.21, 3, 5
4. **Grant Hochstein, USA, 235.63, 8, 3**
5. Keiji Tanaka, JPN, 234.90, 9, 4
6. Konstantin Menshov, RUS, 233.58, 6, 6
7. Michal Brezina, CZE, 222.49, 5, 9
8. **Richard Dornbush, USA, 217.50, 7, 10**
9. Chafik Besseghier, FRA, 215.82, 10, 7
10. Maxim Kovtun, RUS, 212.63, 4, 11
11. Elladj Balde, CAN, 211.09, 11, 8
12. Brendan Kerry, AUS, 177.98, 12, 12

### Pairs

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

1. Meagan Duhamel/Eric Radford, CAN, 202.72, 1, 1
2. Xiaoyu Yu/Yang Jin, CHN, 191.02, 3, 2
3. **Alexa Scimeca/Chris Knierim, USA, 190.66, 2, 3**
4. Vera Bazarova/Andrei Deputat, RUS, 181.70, 4, 5
5. Lubov Iliushechkina/Dylan Moscovitch, CAN, 180.63, 5, 6
6. Vanessa James/Morgan Cipres, FRA, 180.20, 6, 4
7. **Jessica Calalang/Zack Sidhu, USA, 150.26, 7, 7**
8. Amani Fancy/Christopher Boyadji, GBR, 125.80, 8, 8

### Ice Dance

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SD, FD

1. **Maia Shibutani/Alex Shibutani, USA, 174.43, 1, 1**
2. Ekaterina Bobrova/Dmitri Soloviev, RUS, 169.33, 3, 2
3. **Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue, USA, 167.49, 2, 3**
4. Alexandra Stepanova/Ivan Bukin, RUS, 160.64, 4, 4
5. Penny Coomes/Nicholas Buckland, GBR, 155.88, 5, 5
6. **Anastasia Cannuscio/Colin McManus, USA, 138.41, 6, 6**
7. Kana Muramoto/Chris Reed, JPN, 134.97, 7, 7
8. Emi Hirai/Marien de la Asuncion, JPN, 115.59, 8, 8

**U.S. officials:** Doug Williams, Shana Miskovsky, Ken Cole, Deborah Currie, Richard Dalley, Janis Engel

## 2016 PACIFIC COAST

### SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Pickwick Ice Center

Burbank, California, Nov. 17–21

**Competition officials:** Michael Bauer, Judy Blumberg, Jeffrey Charbonneau,

Linda Chihara, Phillip DiGuglielmo, Janis Engel, Dawn Eyerly, Kathleen Harmon, Lisa Hernand, Steven Hsu, Stephanie Jenkins, Laurie Johnson, Larry Kriwanek, Laurie Lind, Hal Marron, Stefanie Mathewson, Elyse Matsumoto, Mariam Mohajer-Rahbari, Connacht Peterson, Ronald Pfenning, Christopher Pottenger, Danielle Rey, Kevin Rosenstein, William Rowe, Holly Tanner, Charles Tickner, Sharon Watson, Scott Wendland, Jamie Whyte, Doug Williams

## Senior Ladies

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Carly Gold, 125.57, 2, 1
2. Maria Yang, 122.09, 1, 2
3. Elena Pulkinen, 113.76, 4, 3
4. Alexis Gagnon, 113.03, 3, 4
5. Camille Davis, 109.9, 6, 5
6. Alicia Lu, 107.55, 5, 6
7. Xylina Rusit, 105.76, 7, 7
8. Xinghua Turner, 80.61, 8, 8
9. Annee Magee, 70.98, 9, 9
10. Larissa Rasmussen, 58.12, 10, 10
11. Alanna Collins, 40.92, 11, 11

## Senior Men

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Sean Rabbitt, 201.38, 2, 1
2. Shotaro Omori, 198.05, 1, 3
3. Scott Dyer, 193.25, 3, 2
4. Daniel Kulenkamp, 183.03, 4, 4
5. Matej Silecky, 132.3, 5, 5

## Senior Dance

**Pl. Name, TS, SD, FD**

1. Karina Manta/Joseph Johnson, 131.32, 1, 1
2. Alissandra Aronow/Collin Brubaker, 115.47, 2, 2
3. Kseniya Ponomaryova/Oleg Altukhov, 100.06, 3, 4
4. Tory Patsis/Nathaniel Fast, 93.81, 4, 3

## Junior Ladies

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Akari Nakahara, 146.85, 1, 2
2. Alice Yang, 145.33, 4, 1
3. Anna Grace Davidson, 136.73, 3, 3
4. Vanna Giang, 132.28, 2, 5
5. Morgan Flood, 124.53, 8, 4
6. Nina Ouellette, 119.04, 5, 6
7. Gabriella Lee, 111.99, 6, 7
8. Anna Lank, 103.84, 7, 9
9. Hina Ueno, 103.02, 10, 8
10. Jessica Cai, 98.11, 11, 10
11. Runa Maeda, 95.87, 9, 11
12. Shoritha Ching, 72.71, 12, 12
13. Lisa Grimm, 66.46, 13, 13

## Junior Men

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Sean Conlon, 173.6, 1, 1
2. Justin Ly, 168.14, 2, 2
3. Paolo Borromeo, 167.2, 3, 3
4. Camden Pulkinen, 156.42, 6, 4
5. Daniil Shamis, 143.25, 7, 5
6. Mathew Graham, 142.79, 4, 6
7. Mitchell Friess, 135.2, 5, 7
8. Kendrick Weston, 121.19, 12, 8
9. Alec Schmitt, 120.54, 11, 9
10. Ikaika Miyata, 117.38, 8, 10
11. Remington Burghart, 105.21, 10, 11
12. Alain Sandraz, 102.46, 9, 12

## Junior Pairs

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Ai Setoyama/David-Alexandre Paradis, 114.99, 3, 1

2. Megan Griffin/Andrew Civiello, 114.52, 1, 2
3. Jessica Lee/Brandon Kozlowski, 108.66, 2, 3

## Junior Dance

**Pl. Name, TS, SD, FD**

1. Christina Carreira/Anthony Ponoma-renko, 141.72, 1, 1
2. Chloe Lewis/Logan Bye, 136.81, 2, 2
3. Alina Efimova/Kyle MacMillan, 102.59, 3, 4
4. Elizabeth Addas/Jonathan Schultz, 101.71, 4, 3
5. Rachel Brozina/Michael Valdez, 84.24, 5, 5
6. Cassidy Klopstock/Jonathan Thompson, 73, 6, 6

## Novice Ladies

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Sierra Venetta, 130.14, 2, 3
2. Starr Andrews, 128.81, 1, 4
3. Marina Capatina, 122, 5, 1
4. Nhi Do, 120.32, 6, 2
5. Aurelia Perkins, 119.81, 3, 5
6. Emma Coppess, 105.84, 4, 6
7. MacKenzie Caputo, 102.39, 7, 8
8. Lily Sun, 98.82, 8, 9
9. Kayleigh Elliott, 96.35, 10, 7
10. Lydia Marie Finch, 94.14, 9, 11
11. Amalia Friess, 90, 12, 10
12. Mina Done, 81.47, 11, 12

## Novice Men

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Eric Sjoberg, 151.88, 1, 1
2. Paul Yeung, 131.01, 4, 2
3. Max Lake, 127.34, 2, 5
4. Mark Sadusky, 125.56, 3, 4
5. Dinh Tran, 118.33, 6, 6
6. Micah Lynette, 116.85, 7, 3
7. Grant Kulenkamp, 116.2, 5, 7
8. Dmitri Murphy, 105.23, 8, 8
9. Patrick Frohling, 103.88, 9, 9
10. Bryan Dang, 83.64, 10, 10
11. David Kazarian, 42.93, 11, 11

## Novice Pairs

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Nica Digerness/Danny Neudecker, 111.41, 1, 1
2. Isabella Gamez/Griffin Schwab, 106.49, 2, 2
3. Emma Coppess/Robert Hennings, 104.57, 4, 3
4. Sapphire Jaeckel/Matthew Scorallo, 102.86, 3, 4
5. Greta Crafoord/John Crafoord, 92.05, 5, 5
6. Juliette Erickson/Nathan Grundhofer, 70.06, 6, 6

## Novice Dance

**Pl. Name, TS, P1, P2, FD**

1. Jillian Moyer/Jarred Druzynski, 88.9, 1, 1, 1
2. Amanda Miller/Nikolay Usanov, 80.45, 2, 2, 3
3. Gianna Buckley/JT Michel, 72.47, 4, 4, 2
4. Cherri Chen/YuanShi Jin, 69.6, 3, 3, 4
5. Emma Probus/Oliver Burris, 44.49, 5, 5, 5

## Intermediate Ladies

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Alysa Liu, 113.73, 1, 1
2. Jacqueline Lee, 103.26, 2, 2
3. Isabella Miller, 100.4, 3, 3
4. Vanessa Chen, 93.13, 4, 7
5. Beverly Zhu, 92.22, 7, 4

6. Altice Sollazo, 89.51, 8, 5
7. Cheyenne King, 89.51, 6, 6
8. Kaia Culotta, 87.11, 5, 8
9. Noelle Rosa, 82.48, 9, 9
10. Hannah Yi, 74.39, 12, 10
11. Kaya Sasaki, 71.81, 10, 11
12. Anna Olson-Voss, 69.89, 11, 12

## Intermediate Men

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Max Wang, 97.34, 1, 1
2. Isaac Jun, 90.61, 2, 2
3. Joshua Simkin, 82.87, 3, 4
4. Joshua Fendi, 82.22, 4, 3
5. Henry Privett-Mendoza, 75.68, 6, 6
6. Justin Johnson, 74.28, 9, 5
7. Cayden McKenzie-Cook, 70.04, 5, 9
8. Andrew Lee, 68.41, 7, 8
9. Ian Ramsey, 64.77, 8, 10
10. Ivan Brown, 63.21, 11, 7
11. Carson Leckenby, 59.27, 10, 12
12. Nathan Luong, 55.01, 12, 11

## Intermediate Pairs

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Jasmine Fendi/Joshua Fendi, 90.37, 1, 1
2. Altice Sollazo/Paul Yeung, 78.82, 2, 2
3. Cecilia Wright/William Wright, 58.57, 3, 3

## Intermediate Dance

**Pl. Name, TS, P1, P2, FD**

1. Juliette Shadid/Lucas Shadid, 72.4, 1, 1, 1
2. Rebecca Schapira/Palmer Mid-dlekauff, 52.96, 2, 2, 2
3. Reena Wu/Leon Wu, 48.18, 3, 3, 3
4. Tia Gore/Benjamin Klusewitz, 34.17, 4, 4, 4

## Juvenile Girls

**Pl. Name, TS, FS**

1. Savannah Stroyke, 51.14, 1
2. Alena Budko, 47.36, 2
3. Christina Lin, 46.97, 3
4. Karen Lee, 45.77, 4
5. Lisa Krjenitski, 45.76, 5
6. Da eun (Danika) Lee, 44.93, 6
7. Kate Qian, 44.4, 7
8. Neva Hidajat, 44.19, 8
9. Jenny Shyu, 40.74, 9
10. Kaylah Melo, 40.28, 10
11. Anastasiya Chechetenko, 36.11, 11
12. Celeste Lee, 35.59, 12
13. Hailey Sundstrom, 32.87, 13

## Juvenile Boys

**Pl. Name, TS, FS**

1. Samuel Mindra, 53.55, 1
2. Baltazar Poling, 44.48, 2
3. Samir Mallya, 43.88, 3
4. Goku Endo, 43.69, 4
5. Eric Song, 41.3, 5
6. Karel (Kai) Kovar, 37.76, 6
7. James Dayton, 34.18, 7
8. Thomas Hsu, 34.12, 8
9. Lawrence Winters, 32.68, 9
10. Camden Black, 31.56, 10
11. Jonathan Ko, 28.08, 11
12. Dash Kamriani Beard, 26.89, 12

## Juvenile Pairs

**Pl. Name, TS, FS**

1. Erin Song/Eric Song, 39.71, 1
2. Katie Luong/Nathan Luong, 36.15, 2
3. Ashley Fletcher/Cayden McKenzie-Cook, 33.99, 3
4. Ella-Grace Judd/Ben Spiers, 29.4, 4
5. Carolyn Bartel/Alfred Bartel, 27.82, 5
6. Samantha Edwards/Blake Edwards, 27.09, 6

7. Kayla Black/Kamden Black, 24.93, 7

## Juvenile Dance

**Pl. Name, TS, P1, P2, FD**

1. Layla Karnes/Jeffrey Chen, 92.79, 1, 1, 1
2. Alice Serbin/Kenan Slevira, 66.42, 2, 2, 2
3. Ambrosia Vaske/Davis Ortonward, 47.6, 4, 4, 3
4. Ashley Cohen/Camden Rider, 43.93, 3, 3, 4
5. Gianna Sasmore/Clayton Ramsey, 38.07, 6, 5, 5
6. Alyssa Stump/Harrison Sokol, 36.52, 5, 6, 6

## 2016 MIDWESTERN SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS OBM Arena; Strongsville, Ohio, Nov. 17-21

**Competition officials:** Anthony Bardin, Ann Barr, Tamie Campbell, Marcia Chaffee, Katherine Conrad, Richard Dalley, Barry Doren, Heather Feinstein, Kristen Fraser, Lynn Goldman, Peggy Graham, Eugene Heffron, Kimberly Heim, Mary Hiser, Nancy Iida, Richard Kern, Kathleen Krieger, Stephanie Lab, Yevgeny Martynov, Susan McInnes, Kim Moore, Laura Murphy, Judi Owens, Cassy Papajohn, Philipp Rey, Sharon Rogers, David Santee, Kathy Slack, Patricia Smith, Karen Snoddy, Pam Vanderzalm, Gretchen Wilson, Carol Wooley

## Senior Ladies

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Bradie Tennell, 155.68, 1, 1
2. Avery Kurtz, 129.18, 2, 4
3. Alexie Mieskoski, 129.17, 3, 3
4. Christina Cleveland, 128.74, 5, 2
5. Anya Kay Cockerell, 125.18, 4, 5
6. Livvy Shilling, 113.42, 6, 6
7. Kaitlyn Gaither, 105.51, 7, 9
8. Marina Bolam, 100.24, 9, 7
9. Ashley Shin, 99.94, 8, 8
10. Ariana Grymski, 90.33, 12, 10
11. Lydia Menscher, 89.68, 10, 11
12. Samantha Puhl, 85.28, 11, 12

## Senior Men

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Vincent Zhou, 221.92, 2, 1
2. Alexander Johnson, 213.6, 1, 2
3. Jordan Moeller, 190.8, 3, 3
4. Sebastien Payannet, 163.24, 4, 5
5. Robert Przepioski, 153.39, 5, 6
6. Eric Stinehart, 151.13, 7, 4
7. Ryan Santee, 143.35, 6, 7
8. Alexander Newman, 113.43, 8, 8

## Senior Pairs

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Caitlin Fields/Ernie Utah Stevens, 132.52, 1, 1
2. Brianna de la Mora/Maxim Kurdukov, 105.24, 2, 2

## Senior Dance

**Pl. Name, TS, SD, FD**

1. Danielle Thomas/Daniel Eaton, 133.87, 1, 1
2. Alexandra Aldridge/Matthew Blackmer, 117.05, 2, 2

## Junior Ladies

**Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS**

1. Vivian Le, 181.93, 1, 1
2. Emily Chan, 167.21, 2, 2
3. Paige Rydberg, 155.04, 3, 3



4. Shannon Porter, 145.57, 4, 4
5. Riley Shin, 126.84, 5, 6
6. Taylor Morris, 122.42, 9, 5
7. Cristina Rackley, 116.51, 6, 8
8. Julia Budnick, 114.28, 7, 9
9. Katie Yum, 113.44, 10, 7
10. Rebecca Dashevsky, 102.7, 12, 10
11. Makala Arn, 102.57, 8, 11
12. Haley Wint, 98.42, 11, 13
13. Chloe Roslin, 94.07, 13, 14
14. Julia Hussian, 93.7, 14, 12

## Junior Men

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Aleksei Krasnozhan, 207.44, 1, 1
2. Tomoki Hiwatashi, 173.14, 2, 2
3. Chase Belmontes, 159.32, 3, 4
4. Anthony Boucher, 157.84, 4, 3
5. Colton Johnson, 139.4, 7, 5
6. Kelvin Li, 129.42, 6, 6
7. Benjamin Shou, 126.36, 5, 7
8. Max Belovol, 103.5, 8, 9
9. Alexander DiCola, 102.56, 9, 8

## Junior Pairs

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Lindsay Weinstein/Jacob Simon, 136.78, 1, 2
2. Meiryla Findley/Austin Hale, 129.64, 3, 1
3. Jacquelyn Green/Rique Newby-Estrella, 124, 2, 3
4. Madeleine Gallagher/Justin Highgate-Brutman, 114.04, 4, 4
5. Kate Finster/Eric Hartley, 111.58, 5, 5
6. Linde LaChance/Kenneth Anderson, 106.78, 6, 6

## Junior Dance

### Pl. Name, TS, SD, FD

1. Elliana Pogrebinsky/Alex Benoit, 157.03, 1, 1
2. Katherine Grosul/Cameron Colucci, 131.93, 2, 2
3. Eliana Gropman/Ian Somerville, 124.5, 3, 3
4. Aya Takai/Alexander Martin, 113.8, 4, 4
5. Heidi Washburn/Val Katsman, 99.43, 5, 5
6. Eleanor Babaev/Scott Wenner, 87.87, 6, 6

## Novice Ladies

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Gabrielle Noullet, 134.89, 1, 2
2. Kaitlyn Nguyen, 133.74, 2, 1
3. Meiryla Findley, 118.46, 7, 3
4. Ashley Lin, 118.1, 5, 4
5. Maxine Marie Bautista, 115.13, 3, 5
6. Pooja Kalyan, 113.95, 4, 6
7. Jenna Shi, 111.16, 6, 7
8. Emma Wolak, 106.81, 9, 8
9. Silvia Hucec, 97.72, 10, 9
10. Kelsie Olono, 94.19, 11, 10
11. Madalyn Moree, 92.83, 8, 12
12. Tori Bennett, 88.3, 12, 11

## Novice Men

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Sasha Lunin, 152.21, 1, 1
2. William Hubbard, 140.92, 5, 2
3. Derek Wagner, 130.97, 2, 4
4. Jun-Hong Chen, 127.99, 4, 5
5. Alan Wong, 123.61, 3, 6
6. Luke Ferrante, 122.92, 6, 3
7. Joonsoo Kim, 103.06, 9, 7
8. Justin Wichmann, 101.89, 8, 8
9. Thomas Schwappach, 91.86, 10, 10
10. Andrew Sena, 90.96, 7, 11
11. David Kaufmann, 88.62, 11, 9

12. Stanley Mackey, 18.85, 12

## Novice Pairs

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Laiken Lockley/Keenan Prochnow, 108.18, 2, 1
2. Ainsley Peterson/Kristofer Ogren, 106.02, 1, 2
3. Ashlee Raymond/Misha Mitrofanov, 99.24, 3, 3
4. Joanna Hubbard/William Hubbard, 89.86, 4, 4
5. Devin Pascoe / Samuel Parks, 70.59, 6, 5
6. Cora DeWyre / Jacob Nussle, 66.51, 5, 6
7. Sonoma Colasanti / Stanley Mackey, 54.44, 7, 7

## Novice Dance

### Pl. Name, TS, P2, P1, FD

1. Sophia Elder / Christopher Elder, 100.24, 1, 1, 1
2. Allie Rose / Spencer Emerson, 81.65, 4, 2, 3
3. Claire Purnell / Lucas Purnell, 81.43, 2, 3, 2
4. Leah Krauskopf / Caleb Niva, 76.54, 3, 4, 4

## Intermediate Ladies

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Alyssa Rich, 105.02, 3, 1
2. Wren Warne-Jacobsen, 104.65, 1, 2
3. Angelina Huang, 102.67, 2, 3
4. Audrey Lu, 101.13, 4, 4
5. Ariela Masarsky, 93.49, 6, 6
6. Rachel Men, 93.09, 5, 7
7. Lauren Hylander, 91.98, 7, 5
8. Winter Deardorff, 87.65, 8, 8
9. Caroline Harris, 85.61, 10, 9
10. Akane Eguchi, 81.21, 9, 11
11. Braedyn Miller, 80.23, 11, 10
12. Jacqueline Budnick, 76.64, 12, 12

## Intermediate Men

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Alex Wellman, 109.99, 1, 1
2. Jonathan Yang, 92.25, 3, 2
3. Dylan Hylander, 87.77, 5, 3
4. Daniel Argueta, 87.72, 4, 6
5. Jacob Sedlar, 87.39, 2, 7
6. Chase Finster, 84.52, 9, 5
7. Henry Lai, 83.97, 10, 4
8. Paul Stipinas, 80.84, 11, 8
9. Blake Eisenach, 80.83, 6, 9
10. Evan Whitlow, 74.94, 7, 10
11. Nathan Chapple, 69.66, 8, 12
12. Alexander Han, 68.26, 12, 11

## Intermediate Pairs

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Eliana Secunda/Blake Eisenach, 88.06, 1, 1
2. Isabelle Goldstein/Keyton Bearinger, 82.74, 2, 3
3. Berit Cummings/Jabe Roberts, 77.45, 3, 2
4. Kristin Lyle George/Jake Pagano, 56.92, 4, 5
5. Anika Olson/Mitchel Markkanen, 56.77, 5, 4

## Intermediate Dance

### Pl. Name, TS, P2, P1, FD

1. Isabel Blahunka/Will Shawver, 83.84, 1, 1, 1
2. Isabella Amoia/Cory Fraiman, 77.41, 2, 3, 2
3. Sara Zhao/Howard Zhao, 74.59, 3, 2, 4

4. Katarina Wolkostin/John Carlson, 71.07, 4, 4, 3
5. Janet Kang/Jabe Roberts, 48.59, 5, 6, 5
6. Makenna Leik/David Kaufmann, 46.79, 6, 5, 6

## Juvenile Girls

### Pl. Name, TS, FS

1. Stephanie Ciarochi, 54.32, 1
2. Hanna Harrell, 51.17, 2
3. Katarina DelCamp, 50.84, 3
4. Zoe Parrilli, 45.86, 4
5. Hailey Um, 44.73, 5
6. Josephine Hagan, 43.87, 6
7. Calista Choi, 43.48, 7
8. Lily Yu, 43.41, 8
9. Anna Rossiter, 42.47, 9
10. Sunny Choi, 42.2, 10
11. Alison Yan, 41.39, 11
12. Isabelle Inthosone, 40.64, 12

## Juvenile Boys

### Pl. Name, TS, FS

1. Maxim Zharkov, 53.88, 1
2. Levon Davis, 49.11, 2
3. Trevor Bucek, 43.28, 3
4. Daniel Tioumentsev, 43.19, 4
5. Victor Shi, 42.79, 5
6. Matthew Nielsen, 38.34, 6
7. Payton Winkler, 36.76, 7
8. Joseph Klein, 36.65, 8
9. Matthew Ho, 34.68, 9
10. Alexei Chen, 29.68, 10
11. Matthew Mlachak, 26.9, 11
12. Alexander Liu, 25.12, 12

## Juvenile Pairs

### Pl. Name, TS, FS

1. Isabelle Martins/Ryan Bedard, 41.66, 1
2. Sydney Flaum/Daniel Tioumentsev, 33.32, 2
3. Aleksandra Prudsky/Enoch Chen, 32.99, 3
4. Kathleen Moser/Chase Finster, 31.09, 4
5. Samhita Jonnalagadda/Vedanth Jonnalagadda, 18.1, 5

## Juvenile Dance

### Pl. Name, TS, P1, P2, FD

1. Katarina DelCamp/Dylan Hylander, 77.82, 1, 1, 2
2. Shin Lei Case/Maxim Zharkov, 74.7, 3, 4, 1
3. Paulina Brykalova/Daniel Brykalov, 71.42, 6, 3, 3
4. Valerie Sroka/Samuel Hodman, 63.92, 2, 7, 5
5. Maria Brown/Marius Driscoll, 62.77, 7, 2, 7
6. Grace Walton/Benjamin Lawless, 62.43, 5, 6, 4
7. Emma Blanchette/Alexander Colucci, 59.14, 4, 8, 8
8. Elliana Peal/Ethan Peal, 54.04, 10, 9, 6
9. Sarah Dutton/Emmett King, 53.6, 9, 5, 9
10. Nila Cooper/Marcus Krueger, 45.04, 8, 12, 10
11. Sydney Upton/Laurent Sainte-Marie, 39.42, 14, 15, 11
12. Eliana Sheykhet/Daniel Zhukov, 38.77, 13, 11, 13
13. Zige Wang/Jim Wang, 38.2, 15, 14, 12
14. Madalyn Moree/William Thorne, 37.42, 11, 13, 14

15. Megan Thomas/Nathan Rothenberger, 37.28, 12, 10, 15

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## Senior Ladies

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Franchesca Chiera, 154.83, 1, 1
2. Ashley Cain, 140.8, 2, 4
3. Katie McBeath, 135.74, 4, 2
4. Heidi Munger, 133.07, 3, 3
5. Olivia Serafini, 124.44, 7, 5
6. Kathryn Wen, 118.12, 5, 6
7. Kendal Buckalew, 106.18, 9, 7
8. Ann Marie Mateya, 102.69, 6, 10
9. Isabelle Dost, 100.59, 8, 8
10. Liddy Kasraian, 90.48, 10, 9
11. Morgan Sewall, 88.88, 11, 11
12. Kristine Levitina, 24.54, 12

## Senior Men

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Jimmy Ma, 159.31, 2, 2
2. Ben Jalovick, 157.96, 3, 1
3. Emmanuel Savary, 156.33, 1, 4
4. Curran Oi, 149.4, 4, 3
5. Brad Vigorito, 130.78, 5, 5

## Senior Pairs

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Jessica Pfund/Joshua Santillan, 132.85, 1, 2
2. Alexandria Shaughnessy/James Morgan, 131.62, 2, 1
3. Cali Fujimoto/Nicholas Barsi-Rhyne, 118.24, 3, 3

## Senior Dance

### Pl. Name, TS, SD, FD

1. Charlotte Maxwell/Ryan Devereaux, 130.74, 1, 1
2. Elicia Reynolds/Stephen Reynolds, 97.28, 2, 2
3. Gabriela Morrell Zucker/Andrejs Sitiks, 87.27, 3, 3

## Juvenile Ladies

### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

1. Rebecca Peng, 145.35, 2, 1
2. Brynne McIsaac, 134.48, 1, 3
3. Megan Wessenberg, 129.28, 4, 2
4. Carly Berrios, 123.03, 3, 6
5. Dayoon Chang, 121.79, 8, 4
6. Cailey Weaver, 116.74, 10, 5
7. Elise Romola, 114.68, 7, 7
8. Nadine Wang, 110.95, 5, 9
9. Caterina Alf, 109.15, 9, 8
10. Taylor-Rae Rocco, 108.5, 6, 12
11. Lindsay Rosenberg, 102.78, 11, 11
12. Kimberly Cagnassola, 102.7, 12, 10
13. Fiona Kim, 98.28, 13, 13

### Junior Men

#### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

- Kevin Shum, 160.27, 1, 2
- Oleksiy Melnyk, 158.98, 4, 1
- Tony Lu, 154.42, 2, 3
- Yamato Rowe, 139.44, 3, 4
- Jonah Barrett, 123.02, 5, 5

### Junior Pairs

#### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

- Joy Weinberg/Maximiliano Fernandez, 122.7, 1, 1
- Sarah Rose/Joseph Goodpaster, 121.4, 2, 2
- Gabriella Marvaldi/Cody Dolkiewicz, 110.74, 5, 3
- Cirinia Gillett/Jason Pacini, 109.6, 3, 4
- Kay Bergdolt/Miles Addison, 103.64, 4, 6
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#### Pl. Name, TS, SD, FD

- Julia Biechler/Damian Dodge, 136.75, 1, 1
- Gigi Becker/Luca Becker, 125.31, 2, 2
- Lydia Erdman/Alexey Shchepetov, 121.07, 3, 3
- Rebecca Lucas/Jacob Schedl, 100.26, 4, 4

### Novice Ladies

#### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

- Alexia Paganini, 137.56, 1, 1
- Haley Beavers, 128.71, 2, 2
- Gabriella Izzo, 115.97, 7, 3
- Mary-Katharine Mulera, 111.91, 3, 5
- Audrey Shin, 109.4, 6, 4
- Emmy Ma, 106.59, 4, 6
- Hannah Jo, 105.18, 5, 7
- Sydney Reynnders, 99.54, 9, 8
- Paige Connors, 97.79, 8, 10
- Chelsea Mischuk, 92.67, 10, 11
- Iris Zhao, 90.72, 12, 9
- Lara Annunziata, 87.1, 11, 12

### Novice Men

#### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

- Maxim Naumov, 152.63, 1, 2
- Ryan Dunk, 148.29, 2, 1
- Peter Liu, 115.67, 3, 3
- Ryan VanDoren, 99.27, 5, 4
- David Shapiro, 99.22, 4, 5
- Seungil (Rick) Lee, 86.65, 6, 6
- Shiloh Judd, 82.53, 7, 7
- Nathaniel Dennler, 76.14, 9, 8
- Noah Krupnick, 74.37, 8, 10
- Justin Curran, 73.95, 11, 9
- Alexander Hall, 68.49, 10, 11
- Philip Reyman, 50.22, 12, 12

### Novice Pairs

#### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

- Elly Kopmar/Jonah Barrett, 109.17, 1, 1
- Katherina Frantz/Nicolas Frantz, 98.49, 2, 2
- Sabrina Piliero/Nathaniel Dennler, 86.51, 6, 3
- Anabel Kim/Jonathan Kim, 81.14, 3, 5
- Chloe Fry/Gary Tsai, 79.98, 5, 4
- Jillian Smart/Matthew Rounis, 72.66, 4, 6

### Novice Dance

#### Pl. Name, TS, P1, P2, FD

- Caroline Green/Gordon Green, 131.49, 1, 1, 1
- Emma Gunter/Caleb Wein, 108.93, 2, 2, 2

- Molly Cesanek/Edward Jahoda, 85.79, 3, 3, 4
- Rachel Gart/Lance Stanley, 85.5, 4, 4, 3
- Sara Wilson/Justin Brown, 42.33, 5, 5, 5

### Intermediate Ladies

#### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

- Paxton James, 103.85, 1, 3
- Sophia Chouinard, 103.56, 3, 1
- Nikolett Albrechtovics, 103.35, 2, 2
- Ilana Sherman, 95.78, 4, 5
- Sydney Cooke, 92.98, 5, 4
- Emilia Murdock, 87.75, 7, 6
- Erin Coleman, 85.95, 10, 7
- Sophie Nye, 83.63, 8, 8
- Irene Kim, 82.71, 9, 9
- Brooke Barrett, 82.34, 11, 10
- Emily Zhang, 81.76, 6, 11
- Jamiesen Cyr, 78.94, 12, 12

### Intermediate Men

#### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

- Joseph Kang, 104.06, 2, 1
- Jordan Evans, 102.47, 1, 2
- Lucas Altieri, 94.04, 4, 3
- Maxwell Gart, 85.78, 5, 4
- Brendt Wang, 82.59, 6, 5
- Eric Prober, 77.99, 3, 10
- Elliot Jang, 73.06, 7, 7
- Ian Meyh, 72.72, 10, 6
- Nicholas Bausenwein, 69.84, 8, 8
- Konrad Marut, 67.62, 11, 9
- Franz-Peter Jerosch, 58.61, 9, 11
- Sam Dexter, 51.89, 12, 12

### Intermediate Pairs

#### Pl. Name, TS, SP, FS

- Zoe Larson/Jim Garbutt, 84.88, 1, 1
- Paige Ruggeri/Steven Rossi, 82.37, 2, 2
- Jade Esposito/Nathan Rensing, 76.86, 3, 3
- Julia Choi/Aidan Brown, 67.09, 4, 4
- Katrina Copeland/Tyler Copeland, 42.6, 5, 5

### Intermediate Dance

#### Pl. Name, TS, P1, P2, FD

- Elizabeth Tkachenko/Alexei Kiliakov, 101.47, 1, 1, 1
- Angeline Turczyn/James Koszuta, 87.71, 3, 2, 2
- Avonley Nguyen/Maxwell Gart, 85.69, 2, 3, 3
- Jordan Lin/Morgan Sletten, 80.28, 4, 4, 4
- Carley Bryant/Ewan McKinley, 71.01, 6, 5, 5
- Anna Pettersson/TJ Carey, 66.27, 7, 7, 6
- Cassandra Mencini/Christopher Liu, 65.88, 5, 6, 7
- Lauren Miller/Weston Costello, 32.34, 8, 8, 8

### Juvenile Girls

#### Pl. Name, TS, FS

- Laura Jacobson, 53.78, 1
- Alexa Binder, 52.73, 2
- Reagan Scott, 52.67, 3
- Jill Heiner, 52.12, 4
- Tiffany Pennella, 50.52, 5
- Violeta Ushakova, 50.27, 6
- Aleksandra Novoseltsev, 47.57, 7
- Tiffany Lu, 45.21, 8
- Arianna Concepcion, 43.55, 9
- Lindsay Thorngren, 43.44, 10
- Julia Kierul, 41.31, 11
- Haruna Morimoto, 35.66, 12

### Juvenile Boys

#### Pl. Name, TS, FS

- Philip Baker, 50.5, 1
- Ilia Malinin, 48.44, 2
- Zachary Yaninek, 45.95, 3
- Nicholas Hsieh, 42.82, 4
- William Annis, 41.3, 5
- Robert Yampolsky, 36.49, 6
- Ian Kang, 35.8, 7
- Yuki Horiko, 34.36, 8
- Edison Chae, 31.91, 9
- Bryan Lehmann, 31.86, 10
- Willie Sun, 29.48, 11
- Alexander Ting, 28.13, 12

### Juvenile Pairs

#### Pl. Name, TS, FS

- Jenna Gordon/Ian Meyh, 37.95, 1
- Julia Curran/Franz-Peter Jerosch, 35.07, 2
- Cate Fleming/Jedidiah Isbell, 34.94, 3
- Taylor Nordquist/Timmy Chapman, 34.25, 4
- Olivia Herman/John Reichard, 33.53, 5
- Oona Brown/Gage Brown, 30.48, 6
- Anastasia Lestina/Benjamin McLemore, 30.15, 7
- Kylie Flanagan/Christopher Shields, 28.64, 8
- Emilina Jarvis/Damian Jarvis, 26.47, 9

### Juvenile Dance

#### Pl. Name, TS, P1, P2, FD

- Maria Soldatova/Faddey Soldatov, 86.9, 1, 1, 1
- Claire Cain/Andrei Davydov, 78.78, 2, 4, 2
- Olivia Sebastiani/Dillon Berry, 72.07, 3, 3, 3
- Nastia Efimova/Jonathan Zhao, 66.65, 4, 2, 4
- Sydney Sikorski/Noah Laforana, 44.35, 5, 5, 6
- Sabrina Foti/Christian Bennett, 43.52, 6, 6, 5

### JUNIOR GRAND PRIX FINAL Barcelona, Spain, Dec. 9-13, 2015

#### Ladies

##### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

- Polina Tsurskaya, RUS, 195.28, 1, 1
- Maria Sotskova, RUS, 184.01, 4, 2
- Marin Honda, JPN, 178.64, 3, 3
- Alisa Fedichkina, RUS, 178.11, 2, 4
- Yuna Shiraiwa, JPN, 173.82, 5, 5
- Mai Mihara, JPN, 166.25, 6, 6

#### Men

##### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

- Nathan Chen, USA, 225.04, 1, 1
- Dmitri Aliev, RUS, 211.22, 2, 2
- Sota Yamamoto, JPN, 205.31, 3, 4
- Vincent Zhou, USA, 204.56, 4, 3
- Daniel Samohin, ISR, 184.68, 5, 5
- Roman Sadovsky, CAN, 168.40, 6, 6

#### Pairs

##### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

- Ekaterina Borisova/Dmitry Sopot, RUS, 171.86, 1, 1
- Anna Duskova/Martin Bidar, CZE, 162.33, 3, 2
- Amina Atakhanova/Ilia Spiridonov, RUS, 162.00, 2, 3
- Anastasia Gubanov/Alexei Sintsov, RUS, 157.09, 4, 4
- Renata Oganesian/Mark Bardei, UKR, 149.87, 5, 6
- Anastasia Poluianova/Stepan Korotkov, RUS, 145.27, 6, 5

### Ice Dance

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SD, FD

- Lorraine McNamara/Quinn Car-

#### penter, USA, 158.26, 1, 1

- Alla Loboda/Pavel Drozd, RUS, 150.86, 3, 2
- 3. Rachel Parsons/Michael Parsons, USA, 144.41, 2, 5**
- Betina Popova/Yuri Vlasenko, RUS, 143.96, 4, 4
- Marie-Jade Lauriault/Romain Le Gac, FRA, 141.44, 5, 3
- Anastasia Skoptcova/Kirill Aleshin, RUS, 134.61, 6, 6
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### GRAND PRIX FINAL Barcelona, Spain, Dec. 9-13, 2015

#### Ladies

##### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

- Evgenia Medvedeva, RUS, 222.54, 1, 1
- Satoko Miyahara, JPN, 208.85, 4, 2
- Elena Radionova, RUS, 201.13, 2, 4
- 4. Ashley Wagner, USA, 199.81, 6, 3**
- 5. Gracie Gold, USA, 194.79, 5, 5**
- Mao Asada, JPN, 194.32, 3, 6

#### Men

##### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

- Yuzuru Hanyu, JPN, 330.43, 1, 1
- Javier Fernandez, ESP, 292.95, 2, 2
- Shoma Uno, JPN, 276.79, 4, 4
- Patrick Chan, CAN, 263.45, 6, 3
- Boyang Jin, CHN, 263.45, 3, 5
- Daisuke Murakami, JPN, 235.49, 5, 6

#### Pairs

##### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SP, FS

- Ksenia Stolbova/Fedor Klimov, RUS, 229.44, 1, 1
- Meagan Duhamel/Eric Radford, CAN, 216.67, 3, 2
- Yuko Kavaguti/Alexander Smirnov, RUS, 206.59, 2, 3
- Julianne Seguin/Charlie Bilodeau, CAN, 200.98, 4, 4
- Xiaoyu Yu/Yang Jin, CHN, 186.87, 5, 5
- Cheng Peng/Hao Zhang, CHN, 183.04, 7, 6

#### **7. Alexa Scimeca/Chris Knierim, USA, 177.42, 6, 7**

### Ice Dance

##### Pl. Name, Country, Points, SD, FD

- Kaitlyn Weaver/Andrew Poje, CAN, 182.66, 1, 1
- 2. Madison Chock/Evan Bates, USA, 177.55, 2, 3**
- Anna Cappellini/Luca Lanotte, ITA, 176.37, 3, 2
- 4. Maia Shibutani/Alex Shibutani, USA, 174.92, 4, 4**
- Ekaterina Bobrova/Dmitri Soloviev, RUS, 166.73, 6, 5
- 6. Madison Hubbell/Zachary Donohue, USA, 163.20, 5, 6**

### Synchronized Free Skate

#### Pl. Name, Country, Points

- Paradise, RUS, 131.09
- Rockettes, FIN, 127.66
- Nexxice, CAN, 120.34
- Surprise, SWE, 118.48
- 5. Haydenettes, USA, 106.81**
- U.S. officials:** Lorrie Parker, Richard Dalley, Roger Kruse, Lisa Ralston, Gale Tanger, Roger Glenn, Sharon Rogers, Brad Cox, Scott Davis, Janis Engel



## appointments

### **Bronze Singles/Pairs Test Judge**

Frieda Charron, Bethel, Maine; Ashleigh Ostin, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mary Peng, Salt Lake City, Utah; Renee Roberts, Moraine, Ohio; Mai Setoyama, Irvine, Calif.

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Mariah Braxton, Woodstock, Md.; Rebecca Nagle, Gloucester, Mass.

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Alyssa Kyllonen, Champion, Mich.; Cynthia York, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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#### **Competition Judge**

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#### **Competition Judge**

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#### **Competition Judge**

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### **Regional Singles/Pairs Referee**

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### **National Showcase Referee**

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## obituary

### **SCHILLER**

Pawtucket and Providence FSC member Joanne Schiller, of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died on June 11, 2015, after a five-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. Schiller was a gold dance and moves-in-the-field judge and a sectional dance competition judge. She was a frequent judge at test sessions throughout the Eastern

section of the United States and judged many skaters over the span of her 40-year career.

She graduated from Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vermont. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Schiller, and her sister, Francine Cowles of Hebron, Connecticut.

## Senior moves in the field

Jasmine Amini — Stars FSC of Texas  
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 Chase Finster — Louisville SA  
 Niki Flyer — DuPage FSC  
 Katrina Foster — DuPage FSC  
 Simarpreet Gadhoke — Northern Ice SC  
 Sydney Grant — Rye FSC  
 Lucy Gund — Colonial FSC  
 Lauren Harven — Wyandotte FSC  
 Grace Highum — Colonial FSC  
 Barbara Hipp — Individual member  
 Kirsten Hoye — Denver FSC  
 Emi Iribarren — All Year FSC  
 Patricia Janick — North Atlantic FSC  
 Danielle Keim — Broadmoor SC  
 Regina Kim — Skokie Valley SC  
 Julianne Kindsfater — Fort Collins FSC  
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 Isabella Vazquez — Miami FSC  
 Dylan Wajda — Strongsville SC  
 Krista Weyhing — Louisville SA  
 Taylor Woetzel — FSC of Southern California  
 Tessa Wolosek — Wisconsin Rapids FSC  
 Brianna Wood — Princeton SC  
 Emily Zhao — Wilmington FSC

## Masters adult gold moves in the field

Jeanne Johnson — Pasadena FSC

## Senior supplemental moves in the field

Alexandra Dunne-Bryant — Colonial FSC

Katherine Werner — Southern Wisconsin FSC

## Senior supplemental moves in the field - adult

Jessica Hudson — Tulsa FSC

## Senior free skate

Isabelle Booth — Denver FSC  
 Sophie Cucci — Greater Kalamazoo SA  
 Isabelle Dost — SC of Boston  
 Courtney Hill — North Shore SC  
 Ethne Laude — Essex SC of NJ  
 Audrey Louie — St. Moritz ISC  
 Valerie Peters — Gate City FSC  
 Lyndsay Ream — Columbus FSC  
 Kendall Robey — Columbia FSC (Md.)  
 Kaitlyn Shaw — SC of Mt Lebanon  
 Spencer Simon — Skokie Valley SC  
 Jessica Sims — SC of Boston  
 Kaitlyn Stewart — Central Illinois FSC  
 Bradie Tennell — Wagon Wheel FSC  
 Samantha Wakefield — Onyx-Suburban SA  
 Tiffany Wang — Columbia FSC (Md.)  
 Victoria Xu — SC of Boston

## Adult gold free skate

Arisa Pistulka — Oklahoma City FSC

## Gold/senior pairs

Caitlin Fields — Indiana World SA FSC  
 Ernie Utah Stevens — Indiana World SA FSC

## Gold dance

Peter Biver — FSC of Bloomington  
 Matthew Blackmer — Detroit SC  
 Olivia Dahlgren — North Jersey FSC  
 Joy Davis — Columbus FSC  
 Lauren Ernst — Wisconsin FSC  
 Charlotte Hoover — Hayden Rec. Centre FSC  
 Tru Hubbard — Greater Green Bay FSC  
 Paige Kaiser — Mosinee Silverblades  
 Elissa Kempisty — Syracuse FSC  
 Emily Lacher — Miami University  
 Kaitlyn Moshang — Philadelphia SC & HS  
 Carlyn Schaible — Queen City FSC  
 Katherine Thacker — Louisville SA  
 Theresa Thiele — Princeton SC

## Solo gold dance

Emma Astrup — Red River Valley FSC  
 Katherine DeAngelis — Tulsa FSC  
 Amanda Sunyoto — Los Angeles FSC  
 Iris Thompson — Lincoln Center FSC  
 Katherine Womack — FSC of the Quad-Cities

## Senior free dance

Matthew Blackmer — Detroit SC

## Senior solo free dance

Wendy Bricco-Meske — Eagle River FSC  
 Katherine DeAngelis — Tulsa FSC  
 Ciara Drummer — Charleston FSC  
 Vanessa Niemczyk — Miami University  
 Janelle Skaden — University of Delaware FSC  
 Cherie Terakura — Individual member  
 Tessa Wolosek — Wisconsin Rapids FSC

## Senior moves in the field

Dasha Chalenko — Columbus FSC  
 Delaney Chough — Broadmoor SC  
 Elena Christ — Lakeland SC  
 Benjamin Crogh — McCall FSC  
 Sarah DeFelice — SC of Southern New Jersey

Emily Finchem — Nashville FSC  
 Sophia Gugel — Fort Collins FSC  
 Willa Beth Hood — Orange County FSC  
 Maddy Jungbluth — Lakeland SC  
 Callie Kahrer — Woodbury FSC  
 Crystara Kosadnar — Starz of Houston FSC  
 Lian Lawton — Metro Edge FSC of Missouri  
 Logan Leonesio — Los Angeles FSC  
 Amy Liu — Peninsula SC  
 Rebecca Lustig — University of Delaware FSC  
 Heather Martin — Capital City FSC  
 Sara Merrick — Frederick FSC  
 Aurore Michel — Washington FSC  
 Julie Nelson — San Diego FSC  
 Kimmie Nguyen — SC of Northern Virginia  
 Amanda Peterson — FSC of Bloomington  
 Katarina Post — FSC of Birmingham (Mich)  
 Sandra Shaw — Skokie Valley SC  
 Morgan Shepherd — San Diego FSC  
 Beth Shields — Roseville FSC  
 Claudia Sipan — Colorado SC  
 Melinda Speer — Santa Rosa FSC  
 Megan Tjandrasuwita — SC of San Francisco  
 Jennifer West — Washington FSC  
 Jocelynn Wittmann — St. Paul FSC  
 Ching Ching Zhang — Nashville FSC

## Adult gold moves in the field

Rhonda Arena — Genesee FSC  
 Vincent Chun — SC of Boston  
 Kristen Erick — SC of Boston  
 Annie Shea — Florida SunCoast FSC

## Senior free skate

Cindy Zihan Yang — Peninsula SC

## Adult gold free skate

Shannon Williams — Glenwood FSC

## Gold dance

Arisa Falat — Columbia FSC (Md.)  
 Nicolette Fey — Detroit SC  
 Shannon Keeler — Starz of Houston FSC  
 Jacqueline Nguyen — Texas Gulf Coast FSC  
 Shaun Schaeffer — Norwich FSC  
 Ariana Sirabian — Rye FSC  
 Tiffany Wu — North Jersey FSC

## Adult gold dance

Chelsea Wipfler — Creve Coeur FSC

## Solo gold dance

Ciara Drummer — Charleston FSC  
 Devan Tighe — Charleston FSC  
 Marlo Weisberg — Stars FSC of Texas

## Senior free dance

Ciara Myers — Arctic FSC

## Adult gold free dance

Victoria Bowen — St. Moritz ISC  
 Senior solo free dance  
 Emme Corbet — Richmond FSC  
 Taylor Crowson — Starz of Houston FSC  
 Kalin Mezey — Pittsburgh FSC  
 Nicole Steffensen — Glenwood FSC  
 Devan Tighe — Charleston FSC



## JANUARY 2016

**6 | Michigan high school figure skating team competition** held in Southgate, MI, sponsored by Detroit Metro Skating Council. Contact marjoriebanner@gmail.com for more information.

**7 | Michigan high school figure skating team competition** held in Bloomfield Hills, MI, sponsored by Detroit Metro Skating Council. Contact marjoriebanner@gmail.com for more information.

**8-9 | 2016 Foot of the Lake Synchronized Skating Classic** held in Fond du Lac, WI, sponsored by Fond Du Lac FSC. Contact suzanneschlecht@yahoo.com for more information.

**8-10 | 32nd Annual Colonial Classic** held in Lowell, MA, sponsored by Colonial FSC. Contact colonial@colonialfsc.com for more information.

**9 | 13th Annual Bend of the River Competition** held in Mankato, MN, sponsored by Mankato FSC. Contact cldliu60@gmail.com for more information.

**9 | Michigan high school figure skating team competition** held in Kalamazoo, MI, sponsored by Detroit Metro Skating Council. Contact marjoriebanner@gmail.com for more information.

**9 | 2016 Lakes Area Classic** held in Willmar, MN, sponsored by Diamond Edge FSC — Basic Skills. Contact diamondedgefsc@outlook.com for more information.

**9 | Showskate 2016** held in Euless, TX, sponsored by Stars FSC of Texas. Contact Kleinm@sbcglobal.net for more information.

**9 | Snowflake Sk8** held in Houghton, MI, sponsored by Copper Country Skating Academy. Contact jcomfort@mtu.edu for more information.

**9-10 | New Year's Invitational** held in Dale City, VA, sponsored by Washington FSC. Contact mthornhill2@yahoo.com for more information.

**10 | Michigan high school figure skating team competition** held in Chelsea, MI, sponsored by Detroit Metro Skating Council. Contact marjoriebanner@gmail.com for more information.

**10 | Future Stars Basic Skills & Beyond the Basics Competition** held in Thief River Falls, MN, sponsored by Thief River Falls SC. Contact misyh72@gmail.com for more information.

**12 | Michigan high school figure skating team competition** held in Dearborn, MI, sponsored by Detroit Metro Skating Council. Contact marjoriebanner@gmail.com for more information.

**14-17 | 24th Annual Northern Star International Figure Skating Competition** held in East Grand Forks, MN, sponsored by Northern Lights FSC. Contact sakerlind@crookston.k12.mn.us for more information.

**16 | Synchro Illinois** held in Oak Lawn, IL, sponsored by Skating Council of Illinois. Contact mayfsc@aol.com for more information.

**16 | Mohawk Valley Classic** held in New Hartford, NY, sponsored by The SC of New Hartford. Contact Gabtor@roadrunner.com for more information.

**16 | BHS 7th Annual Basic Skills Winter Skate Competition** held in Burlington, MA, sponsored by Burlington Hockey & Skating Association. Contact CnCcleaning@verizon.net for more information.

**16 | 2016 Tomahawk Skate Classic Basic Skills Competition** held in Tomahawk, WI, sponsored by Tomahawk FSC. Contact lashuac@gmail.com for more information.

**16-17 | Mid-America Synchronized Skating Championships** held in Fraser, MI, sponsored by Fraser FSC. Contact barbbbletch@wowway.com for more information.

**16-17 | Snake River Skatefest 2016** held in Idaho Falls, ID, sponsored by Idaho Falls FSC. Contact Debbiebailey1is@gmail.com for more information.

**16-17 | 14h Annual Winter ESCapade** held in West Orange, NJ, sponsored by Essex SC of NJ. Contact cle4music@gmail.com for more information.

**17 | Ice Box Competition** held in International Falls, MN, sponsored by International Falls FSC. Contact morgan09302000@yahoo.com for more information.

**17 | 2016 Columbus Invitational** held in Columbus, IN, sponsored by Hamilton Center Ice Arena. Contact jennifer.cashen@att.net for more information.

**17 | 24th Annual Northern Star International Synchronized Figure Skating Competition** held in East Grand Forks, MN, sponsored by Northern Lights FSC. Contact sakerlind@crookston.k12.mn.us for more information.

**17 | 2016 South Atlantic Synchro Open** held in Glen Allen, VA, sponsored by Skate Nation Plus Basic Skills. Contact FunInSpace@live.com for more information.

**17 | Winter Blizzard** held in Skokie, IL, sponsored by Figure Skating School of Skokie. Contact kmurphy@skokieparks.org for more information.

**17 | 2016 Winter Games of Texas** held in Plano, TX, sponsored by Dallas FSC. Contact jstukwag@outlook.com for more information.

**23-24 | 19th Annual Port City Invitational** held in Oswego, NY, sponsored by Oswego FSC. Contact Jchubon@twcnr.com for more information.

**23-24 | Celebrate Skating** held in Euclid, OH, sponsored by Euclid Blade & Edge FSC. Contact skatergym@sbcglobal.net for more information.

**28-31 | Badger State Games** held in Mosinee, WI, sponsored by Mosinee Silverblades. Contact Ludwigs1997@yahoo.com for more information.

**29 | Casper Invitational** held in Casper, WY, sponsored by Casper FSC. Contact dnalucero@gmail.com for more information.

**29-30 | Magic City International Figure Skating Competition** held in Minot, ND, sponsored by Magic City FSC. Contact thorsonc@midco.net for more information.

**30 | Greenwich Skating Club vs. New Canaan Winter Club** held in Greenwich, CT, sponsored

by Greenwich SC. Contact jenniferaleary@gmail.com for more information.

**30 | Granite City Basic Skills Competition** held in St. Cloud, MN, sponsored by St. Cloud FSC. Contact lisaanemeth@aol.com for more information.

**31 | 2016 Basic Skills Competition** held in Huntington, NY, sponsored by The Winter Club. Contact wendydcarwell@gmail.com for more information.

**31 | 2016 Winter Skate** held in Redwood City, CA, sponsored by Peninsula SC. Contact Sunshine@onderdonk.net for more information.

**31 | Northeast Ice Skating Club Winter Classic** held in Haverhill, MA, sponsored by Northeast ISC At Valley Rinks. Contact jlicc65@gmail.com for more information.

## FEBRUARY 2016

**4-7 | 36th Annual Northland Figure Skating Competition** held in Duluth, MN, sponsored by Duluth FSC. Contact terikautz@hotmail.com for more information.

**5-7 | 2016 Hiawathaland Competition — non-qualifying portion** held in Rochester, MN, sponsored by Rochester FSC. Contact jgermer@rochesterfsc.org for more information.

**5-7 | Empire State Winter Games** held in Lake Placid, NY, sponsored by The SC of Lake Placid. Contact marye81@mac.com for more information.

**5-7 | 26th Annual Fox Cities Invitational** held in Appleton, WI, sponsored by Valley Figure Skating Club. Contact gregandlynnhunter@gmail.com for more information.

**6 | 17th Annual Basic Skills Competition** held in Boston, sponsored by SC of Boston Skating Academy. Contact sunnie.kp@sbcoston.org for more information.

**6 | Edith Schoenrock International Competition** held in Port Huron, MI, sponsored by Port Huron FSC. Contact covdew@yahoo.com for more information.

**6 | Sheboygan Lakers FSC** held in Sheboygan, WI, sponsored by Sheboygan Blue Line Association. Contact katscott4131@att.net for more information.

**6 | Ellenton Ice In-House Compulsory and Music Program Competition** held in Ellenton, FL, sponsored by Ellenton Ice & Sports Complex. Contact sraley.ellentonice@gmail.com for more information.

**6-7 | Ohio High School Team Figure Skating Championships** held in Shaker Heights, OH, sponsored by Shaker FSC. Contact angchap34@hotmail.com for more information.

**7 | 2016 Hiawathaland Open & Basic Skills Competition** held in Rochester, MN, sponsored by Rochester FSC. Contact jgermer@rochesterfsc.org for more information.

**7 | 2016 Colorado High School Team Figure Skating Championships** held in Littleton, CO, sponsored by Denver FSC. Contact rlat4parker@msn.com for more information.

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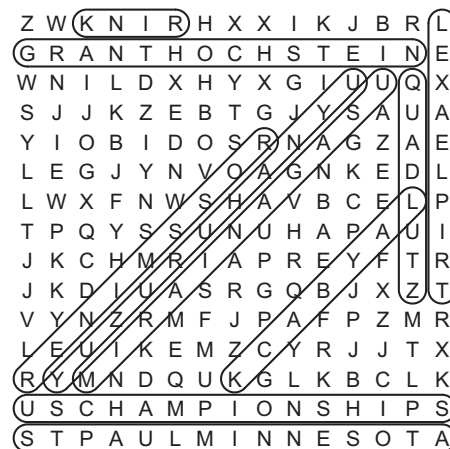
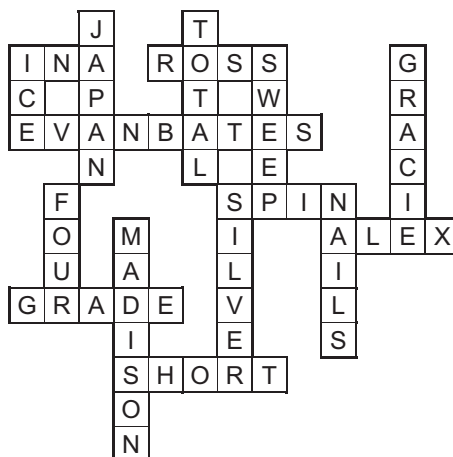
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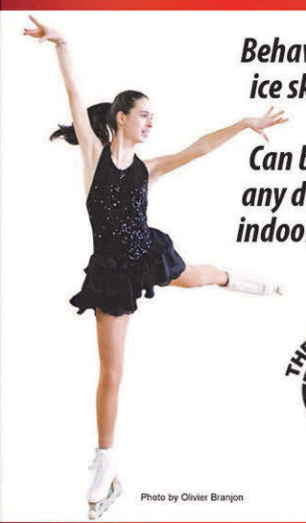
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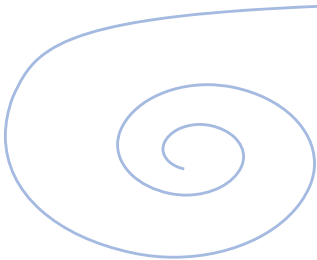
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