



# Rink Link

March 2012

## Congratulations Team Braemar!!

### Braemar withstands Skyliners surge, wins juniors

**Despite finishing second in free skate, Team Braemar takes gold** By Josh Ellis, special to icenetwork.com

(03/02/2012) - After finishing second in **2011**, Team Braemar need their near three-point advantage after the short program to hang on and earn gold in the junior event at the **2012 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships** on Friday night.

Leading after the short program, Team Braemar (Braemar-City of Lakes FSC) earned just the second best free skate score -- 105.10 -- but it was enough for a narrow victory of 1.23 points over the Skyliners (SC of NY).

"It feels like all of our hard work has finally paid off," team representative Breanna Hegseth said.

"It was unreal. We are extremely pleased with how the results turned out," team representative Taylor May added. Skating to music described by head coach Pam May as a "Gypsy piece," Team Braemar sparkled to victory in black costumes. They earned a total of 159.65 points for the competition, including 7.20 points for their Level 4 moves in the field during the free skate, the highest scoring element of the competition.

"They were ready, and they did a great job," May said. "I thought they gave it their all out there."



Team Braemar's 105.10 total points were enough to overcome the Skyliners' free skate. (Ed Collier Photography)

However, the hard work this season is not over for Team Braemar. The team from Edina, Minnesota, will travel to Gothenburg, Sweden in less than two weeks to take part in the **Junior World Challenge Cup**.

"We will have a week of constant practice every day to try and keep developing even more," May said.

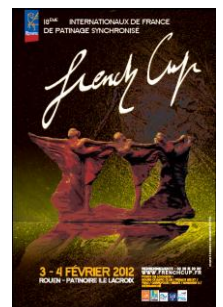


Braemar performs its short program to a song called "Blah Blah Blah, Cha Cha Cha."  
Ed Collier Photography

**February 3 - 5, 2012**  
**Rouen, France**  
**Team Braemar (5,6) (6)**

The **2011 Junior World Challenge Cup** bronze medalists, Team Braemar returns to the French Cup after winning the event last year.

Team Braemar, which competes for the Braemar-City of Lakes FSC, are also continuing their season, having placed second at the **2012 World Junior Team Selection Competition**, allowing them to compete for Team USA at the 2012 Junior World Challenge Cup.





Junior World Challenge Cup , Gothenburg, Sweden, MAR 15-17, 2012, Team Braemar (3,5) (4)

# Team Braemar Competes at 2012 JWCC

By Kelli Evers, special to icenetwork.com

(03/17/2012) - The **2012 Synchronized Skating Junior World Challenge Cup** kicked off Friday at the Frolundaborg Arena in Gothenburg, Sweden, with two teams from Finland atop the standings followed by Americans [Team Braemar](#).

Team Braemar (Braemar-City of Lakes FSC) skated their short program to "Blah Blah Blah, Cha Cha Cha" and are currently in third place with 49.94 points. Team Braemar are last year's bronze medalists and the 2012 U.S. junior champions.



Braemar performs moves in the field during the free skate.

Kelli Evers



Braemar in the kiss and cry following the free skate.



Kelli Evers



<b>Junior</b> Team Braemar (1,2,1), Braemar City of Lakes FSC	<b>Novice</b> Team Braemar - 2, Braemar City of Lakes FSC
<b>Adult</b> Synchro Panache - 10, FSC of Minneapolis	<b>Collegiate</b> University of MN SST - 11
	<b>Juvenile</b> Team Braemar - 10, Braemar City of Lakes FSC

	<b>Junior</b> (1,1,1) Team Braemar NT, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC	<b>Juvenile</b> 6 - Team Braemar, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC 14 - Windjammers, Lake Minnetonka FSC	<b>Adult</b> 6 - Synchro Panache FSC of Minneapolis
	<b>Novice</b> 2 - Team Braemar NT, Braemar-City of Lakes FSC	<b>Open Juvenile FINAL</b> 2 - Ice Delights, Duluth FSC 6 - Ice Kicks, Woodbury FSC 12 - Rhythm and Blades, Rochester FSC	<b>Open Adult</b> 7 - Rhythm and Blades Rochester FSC
	<b>Intermediate</b> 5 - Maplewood Highsteppers IT, Maplewood FSC 13 - Synchro Panache IT, FSC of Minneapolis 16 - Windjammers IT, Lake Minnetonka FSC 17 - Rhythm and Blades IT, Rochester FSC	<b>Open Juvenile QR A</b> 1 - Ice Delights, Duluth FSC 3 - Ice Kicks, Woodbury FSC <b>Open Juvenile QR B</b> 6 - Rhythm and Blades, Rochester FSC	<b>Collegiate</b> 6 - University of Minnesota SST <b>Open Collegiate</b> 9 - U of MN - Duluth

## Minnesota Skaters at 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Championships

	<p><b>Junior Nationals</b>                  December 9 - 13, 2011  <b>Intermediate Ladies</b>                  Michelle Hedges - QR A-9, Final (14.16.15)                  FSC of Bloomington                  Coco Kaminski - QR A - 17                  Braemar City of Lakes FSC</p>		<p><b>Nationals</b>                  January 22-29, 2012  <b>Senior Ladies</b>                  Kiri Baga ( 14,10,10), FSC of Bloomington  <b>Senior Pairs</b>                  Peter Biver (13,13,13), St Paul FSC</p>
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### Adult Midwestern Sectional Championships ~ March 16-18, 2012

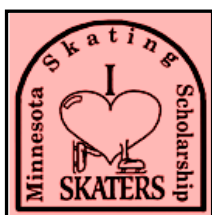


<p><b>CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS</b>                  (Qualifying)  <b>Christopher &amp; Elaine</b>                  Advance to  <b>Adult Nationals!</b></p>	<p><b>Masters Intermediate-Novice Ladies Freeskate</b>                  Elaine Walin - 4                  St. Paul FSC</p>	<p><b>Masters Intermediate-Novice Men Freeskate</b>                  Christopher Williams -3                  FSC of Minneapolis</p>	<p><b>Gold Ladies Freeskate</b>                  Colleen Barber - 10                  FSC of Bloomington                  Rebecca Johnson - 12                  St. Paul FSC</p>
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#### Non Qualifying Events

<p><b>Masters/Gold spins</b>                  Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis - 2  <b>Masters/Gold CM</b>                  Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis - 3  <b>Bronze Ladies 3-5</b>                  Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis - 1                  Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC - 4  <b>Bronze Ladies Spins</b>                  Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis - 2                  Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC - 3  <b>Bronze Ladies CM</b>                  Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis - 1</p>	<p><b>Bronze Lt Ent 4-5</b>                  Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC - 3  <b>Bronze Dramatic 4-5</b>                  Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC - 1  <b>Bronze Ladies Jumps</b>                  Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis - 2                  Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC - 3  <b>Bronze Dance</b>                  Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis - 1                  Jon Koser, Starlight Dance Club - 2  <b>Bronze Dance Hickory Hoedown 4</b>                  Jon Koser, Starlight Dance Club - 4  <b>Bronze Dance Hickory Hoedown 4</b>                  Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis - 3</p>	<p><b>Pre-Bronze Solo Dance Cha Cha</b>                  Jon Koser, Starlight Ice Dance Club - 3  <b>Pre Bronze Ladies Spins</b>                  Ellen Sendelbach Rochester FSC - 1  <b>Pre-Bronze Ladies Freeskate</b>                  Ellen Sendelbach Rochester FSC - 2                  Corinna Venters, FSC of Minneapolis = 4  <b>Pre Bronze Ladies CM</b>                  Corinna Venters, FSC of Minneapolis - 1                  Ellen Sendelbach Rochester FSC - 2  <b>Beginner Lt Ent</b>                  Ellen Sendelbach, Rochester FSC - 2  <b>Beginner Dramatic</b>                  Ellen Sendelbach Rochester FSC - 2</p>
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 <p><b>Appointments</b></p>	<p><b>Gold Singles/Pairs Test Judge</b>                  Rebecca Bates, North Mankato MN  <b>Bronze Singles/Pairs Test Judge</b>                  Linda Kieffer, Breezy Point FSC,                  Jennie Ford, Woodbury FSC</p>	<p><b>Sectional Accountant</b>                  Kathy Anderson, Roseville FSC  <b>Level 2 Technical Accountant</b>                  Gay Ann Louiselle, St Paul FSC</p>	<p><b>Regional Technical Specialist</b>                  Ann Harschutz, Woodbury MN  <b>NQ Replay Operator</b>                  Kathryn Lambert, Maplewood FSC</p>
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### Supporting Minnesota Skaters since 1991

This year, awards given in memory of **Harris Collins** were distributed to seven skaters. **Harris Collins** was the creative force behind the Collins Tour of World Figure Skating Champions for 20 years, a friend and advisor to hundreds of skaters, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Skating Scholarship. The Harris Collins Awards help skaters whose Home Club is in Minnesota and who are motivated, show promise and love skating, but need financial assistance to continue in our sport. Skaters who fit these guidelines and plan to continue to skate are

encouraged to apply for Awards. The Awards are intended for the reimbursement of direct expenses incurred for figure skating education and skill development. Application forms are made available in December of each year.

We are most grateful to all who have supported our efforts as are the skaters who received assistance. "Thank you so much for the scholarship. It has not only helped to support my skating, but it has given me a boost in my confidence as well. It is always good to believe in yourself, but it can never hurt to know that there are others who are behind you as well."


Since 1991, Minnesota Skating Scholarship has distributed \$203,500 to deserving Minnesota skaters in need of financial assistance. In these stressful economic times, the Minnesota Skating Scholarship needs your tax-deductible support. Any donation will be greatly appreciated but perhaps you would like to honor someone by making a contribution in his or her name to celebrate a special event such as a birthday, holiday gift or a personal accomplishment. You and your honoree will receive a personal note from us and will be acknowledged in the Twin City Figure Skating Association newsletter. Your gifts make a very big difference to our youth!

*To make a tax-deductible donation to Minnesota Skating Scholarship, contact Herb Morgenthaler*

*at 612-926-9560 or [Herbmn61@usiwireless.com](mailto:Herbmn61@usiwireless.com) or or mail to*

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TWIN CITY FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION  
*Presents*  
**CELEBRATION OF CHAMPIONS**  
*Sanctioned by US Figure Skating*

**2.19.2012** | 1:30 PM | BLOOMINGTON ICE GARDEN | 3600 W. 98TH ST. BLOOMINGTON, MN  
 FEATURING MN STATE CHAMPIONS, SECTIONAL, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS  
 TICKETS AT THE DOOR \$8 ADULT | \$5 STUDENT | 

**Twin City Figure Skating Association Presents  
 Celebration of Champions**

**Sunday, February 19, 2012 ~ 1:30 pm**

*Celebrating Minnesota State Champions; Sectional and National Competitors;  
 and James Disbrow, Bette Snuggerud and Marlys Larson Award Winners!*

*Thanks to:*

- ★ *The Bloomington Ice Garden Staff*
- ★ *Chip Rauth and Mike Wittmann ~ Music Coordinators*
- ★ *Stephen Masten ~ Announcer*
- ★ *Tina and Brian Flaa ~ Reception*
- ★ *Sandy Wittmann, Lezlie Bork, Cindy Kamer, Mike Kamer,  
 Joe Pope, Paro Pope, Laura Wegscheid ~ St Paul FSC Volunteers!*



**Jenna Nelson ~**  
Minnesota State Adult Silver  
Ladies Champion

**Elaine Walin ~**  
Minnesota State Adult Masters  
Intermediate/Novice Champion

**Amber Van Wyk ~**  
Minnesota State Adult Masters  
Junior/Senior Champion

**Rebecca Johnson ~**  
Minnesota State Adult Gold  
Ladies Champion

**Janey Stringer ~**  
Minnesota State Adult Bronze  
Ladies Champion

**Joanna Liu ~**  
Minnesota State Intermediate Ladies  
Champion

**Kate Charbonneau ~**  
Minnesota State Senior Ladies Champion

**Shannon Brakke ~**  
The Bette Snuggerud Award

**Hailey Bork ~**  
Minnesota State Junior Ladies Champion

**Elizabeth Ploumidis ~**  
Minnesota State Novice Ladies Champion



**Ryan Santee ~**  
The James Disbrow Award  
Upper Great Lakes  
Novice Pewter Medalist  
Midwestern Sectional Novice Competitor

**Cale Ambroz ~**  
Upper Great Lakes Junior Mens Silver Medalist,  
Midwestern Junior Mens Competitor

**Daniel Kulenkamp ~**  
Minnesota State Novice Mens Champion



**Wren Warne-Jacobsen ~**  
Minnesota State Pre-Preliminary  
Champion

**Silvia Hucec ~**  
Minnesota State Preliminary Champion

**Cassidy Murray ~**  
Minnesota State Open Juvenile Champion

**Kim Doerr ~**  
Minnesota State Open Pre-Juvenile  
Champion

**Emma Enebak ~**  
Minnesota State Juvenile Champion

**Eva White ~**  
Minnesota State Pre-Juvenile Champion



**Michelle Hedges ~**  
Upper Great Lakes Intermediate 6<sup>TH</sup> Place  
Junior National Intermediate Ladies  
Competitor

**Coco Kaminski**  
Upper Great Lakes Intermediate Ladies  
Pewter Medalist  
Junior National Intermediate Competitor

**Maria Kalina ~**  
Upper Great Lakes Senior Ladies Pewter  
Medalist  
Midwestern Senior Ladies Competitor

**Kiri Baga ~**  
Upper Great Lakes Senior Gold Medalist  
Midwestern Senior Bronze Medalist  
US National Senior Ladies Competitor



**Team Braemar Junior Team ~**  
The Marlys Larson Award  
2011 US National Junior Team Silver Medalist  
2011 Junior World Bronze Medalist

2012 Junior World Qualifier Silver Medalist  
2012 Midwestern Junior Gold Medalist  
2012 French Cup Competitors



## **GOLD IST ~ Jillian Christie** **Braemar City of Lakes FSC**

Jillian Christie, a 15 year old Freshman at the Academy of Holy Angels, passed her Gold Freestyle test on November 10. She was especially excited about passing, not only because it was her Gold Freestyle test, but also because it meant she had passed every USFS test on her first attempt!

Jillian began skating at age 3, mostly because her older sister Alana had recently begun skating. She was in her first ice show at age 3, and her first basic skills competition at age 4. She was a 2007 and 2008 Minnesota State Champion.

Jillian's favorite thing about skating is definitely the performance/artistic side, and this year she qualified for the National Showcase competition, which is the U.S. Figure Skating nationals for artistic skating! Competing at the Novice level, she earned the Silver Medal in the Dramatic event, and Gold Medals in both the Light Entertainment and Extemporaneous Improvisation events. Her first place finishes in those events qualified her to skate in the Parade of Champions, where the winners of each level compete against one another, and she earned a National Pewter Medal!

For the 2011-2012 season, Jillian has joined Team Braemar Junior synchronized team. This is her first experience on a synchronized skating team, and she is looking forward to competing alongside her sister and traveling with the team. She is honored to be a member of Team USA, and was excited to compete with them at the French Cup in Rouen, France and the Junior World Challenge Cup in Sweden.

Jillian says she has gained so much from skating, and it has been such a big part of her life for so long, she can't imagine ever giving it up. She plans to continue skating throughout high school and college.

Jillian would like to thank her long-time coach Lorie Charbonneau for her amazing coaching skills, guidance, positivity, and awesome sense of humor; her coach/choreographer Amber Van Wyk for supporting and nurturing her artistry; her parents for their love and encouragement; and her sister Alana for being a such a great role model.



## **GOLD IST ~ Elza Thayer** **Braemar City of Lakes FSC**

Elza, a 16 year old sophomore at Minnetonka High School, achieved Double Gold when she passed the US Figure Skating Gold Freestyle Test in September 2011! She passed her Gold Moves last summer.

Elza started skating in tot class at age 6, and soon began lessons with her long-time coach, Judy Bouts. Ten years later, they are still together, with a great deal of love and respect between them.

One of Judy's earliest memories is Elza asking her, "Why are you making me do this?" referring to her first competition. Elza went on to place first, and her competitive career was off and running!

Judy and Elza are a terrific team. Judy insists on perfect technique, but is flexible in letting Elza choose her own music and choreograph her own programs. They share a commitment to excellence, respect for competition, and joy in accomplishment.

Elza is an honor student, enjoys singing with her girl quartet, *Makeshift*, and never misses an audition for the high school theater program. Elza credits much of her success, confidence, and work ethic, to the skills she learned practicing and competing on the ice. Not patient by nature, Elza has learned that repetition, persistence, and long-term commitment pays off in the end, and those lessons carry over into all areas of her life. Elza thanks her coach, Judy Bouts, and her family and friends for the support and encouragement to reach her Double Golds.

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## **Eagan Ice Crystal skaters' "Why I love skating" video entry** **places in U.S. Figure Skating National Skating Month Video Contest!**

Every January, U.S. Figure Skating hosts National Skating Month nationwide and rinks, clubs, and skaters participate in all kinds of events to encourage more people to start skating. This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Skating Month. To celebrate, a video contest for skaters who have passed their Pre-Preliminary moves in the field test June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 or later were invited to submit a 30 second (or less) video stating why they love figure skating before **December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. The top 5 videos were selected as winners and received a U.S. Figure Skating prize pack along with having their video featured during U.S. Figure Skating Championships in January and distributed to all clubs for use during their National Skating Month events.

Karin Buffie and Jacia Christiansen submitted a video and it was selected as one of the top 5 winners! The video was played on the jumbotron at U.S. Championships, Four Continents and will be sent to all U.S. Figure Skating clubs participating in National Skating Month. Click on the link below to take a look at their video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VYJ9oCIshZI&feature=youtu.be>

## TCFSA Sponsors Adaptive Skating Day ~ January 16, 2012!



*Marlys J. Larson - President Twin City Figure Skating Association*

On January 16, 2012 the Twin City Figure Skating Association in collaboration with Minnesota NAPVI (*The Minnesota Chapter of the National Organization for the Visually Impaired*) hosted an adaptive skating day at the Bloomington Ice Garden, Bloomington, Minnesota as part of US Figure Skating National Skating month.

TCFSA contracted one and one-half hours of ice choosing January 16<sup>th</sup> since it was Martin Luther King Day, a national holiday. Since school was not in session it was a good time for school age children to participate.

TCFSA provided the ice and sent out a request for volunteer coaches and helpers. We wanted to have a coach available for each visually impaired participant. The ages of the skaters were 2 years to 10 years of age. The coaches were emailed the instruction manual prepared by Mandy Benavides.

We had four skater volunteers to help the coaches with off ice; such as putting on skates, making the children feel comfortable and helping them get used to the feeling of the skates and the rubber floor they would be walking on.

TCFSA provided snacks and beverages for the skaters and their families. The parents and siblings of the skaters also had use of the free ice and free skate rental.

Everyone came away from this event with big smiles and a lot of enthusiasm for future opportunities. The coaches discussed how adaptive skaters could be integrated into a club's Basic Skills program.

Thank you to the coaches and skaters who volunteered their time for this event. A special thanks to B. L. Wylie for her support and input. This event was a huge success for all who participated.





## Skating Party

[Carlton Voice: Winter 2012](#) By Kayla McGrady Berger '05

As Carey Tinkelenberg '05 waited for one of her students to arrive for a skating lesson, she considered what she should say to encourage her. Tinkelenberg knew that the student, who'd been having a rough time in eighth grade, had met with her principal that afternoon.

When the student arrived, she said to Tinkelenberg, "I told the principal that I realized there are things I can control and things I can't control. And in this situation, I need to focus on the things I can control."

"I almost teared up," says Tinkelenberg, reflecting on that moment. "She had just repeated what I had told her right before she skated in one of her first competitions. And here she was, mature enough to take what she had learned on the ice and apply it to her academic and personal life."

For Tinkelenberg, who founded the Northfield Skating School in 2005, skating has always been about more than simply performing on the ice. "Skating is about life skills," she says. "I wouldn't be who I am today without it." As a coach and mentor, she teaches her students to have fun, overcome challenges, and deal with pressure.

Tinkelenberg learned these skills from her own coach as she developed into a confident competitive skater in the Boston area. She won a silver medal in the intermediate ladies competition at the 1998 New England Championships and led the athletes' advisory committee at her local arena during high school. When she came to Carleton, she knew she couldn't skate as seriously as she had in high school, but she didn't want to give it up completely, so she signed up as a coach for a Northfield skating program.

After she graduated with a major in psychology in fall 2004 (two trimesters early), Tinkelenberg looked for something to keep her as busy as she had been at Carleton. The skating program for which she had coached no longer existed, and Tinkelenberg missed coaching—so she decided to open the Northfield Skating School.

The first year, Tinkelenberg recruited 35 skating students through a sign-up sheet at Goodbye Blue Monday, a Northfield coffee shop where she worked part-time. She used Facebook—still a relatively new platform in 2005—to recruit teachers. "It's laughable now, thinking about that first staff meeting in my run-down apartment," Tinkelenberg says. "I was idealistic. I was like, 'Let's work this out together!'"

The strategy that she and her staff developed for the school worked. Two years later, the Northfield Skating School had 200 students and 25 paid staff members. That's when Tinkelenberg was faced with a big decision. Between her job as a clinical interviewer at the Minnesota Center for Twin and Family Research at the University of Minnesota and the skating school, she was working 80 to 90 hours a week, and she couldn't handle the pace.

"I couldn't step away from the skating school," Tinkelenberg says. "I realized I might never have this kind of opportunity again." Instead, she quit her university job to focus on the skating school and her coaching career.

The Northfield Skating School's success caught the attention of U.S. Figure Skating, the national organization that provides the curriculum Tinkelenberg uses at her school. She was invited to speak at a national seminar on skating schools, and she now works with U.S. Figure Skating to help support and train skating school directors across the country.

*Skating Magazine* named the Northfield Skating School a model program in 2008. That year, the Northfield Healthy Community Initiative gave Tinkelenberg its Making a Difference Award for her positive influence on youth as a coach. "Carey has the unique talent of building the children's self-esteem and getting the most out of them," wrote a parent who nominated her for the award. "Her love of the sport truly shows in her patience and dedication to help each student learn."

Tinkelenberg became the youngest program director ever to receive a master rating from the Professional Skaters Association in 2010. But the awards and accolades can't compare with the pride she feels watching her students become confident young adults.

The first student Tinkelenberg coached in Minnesota—when she was a freshman at Carleton—was Kittle Evenson '11. Tinkelenberg recruited Evenson, then a high school student, to work for the skating school and even wrote her a recommendation for Carleton. Eventually Evenson became the assistant director of the Northfield Skating School and was appointed to a national committee by U.S. Figure Skating.

"She's become a leader in her own right," says Tinkelenberg, "and that, to me, is a tangible mark that the coaching model I'm using really works."



**TCFSA Hosts Club Education Seminar**

**Saturday March 3, 2012 ~ Minneapolis/St Paul Airport Hilton**

The Club Education Seminar hosted by TCFSA was presented by Susi Wehrli-McLaughlin and Alan Wolf of US Figure Skating. Thirteen Twin City Figure Skating Association clubs and several clubs from Wisconsin, North Dakota and Northern Minnesota attended the all day seminar. **Braemar-City-of-Lakes FSC, Burnsville-MN Valley FSC, Eden Prairie FSC, Elk River FSC, FSC of Minneapolis, Lake Minnetonka FSC, Maplewood FSC, Northern Blades NSC FSC, Rochester FSC, Roseville FSC, St. Paul FSC, The Eagan Ice Crystal FSC, Tri-County FSC** received reimbursement from TCFSA for the \$250 entry fee.

This was an outstanding seminar which presented useful information that was very pertinent to the current economy. Sixty five club members attended and all had great questions and similar concerns. The interaction of the group was exceptional. Susi Wehrli-McLaughlin said "this was one of our best Cub Education Seminars in history"!

*Comments from attendees: "I learned so much my brain hurt"... "feel we 'get' the USFS as we didn't get it before",, "great ideas to grow and better our club"... "written material fabulous"... "I have been to this seminar before but this information was updated and relevant to today".*

Thank you TCFSA for providing such a valuable tool to member clubs! Those clubs that chose not to participate missed a great opportunity. Click here to access some of the [Seminar Information](#) on the USFS website.



## The Champion For Skating Award

**The Champion For Skating Award**, created in 1993 to recognize sustained, selfless service to the sport of eligible figure skating in Minnesota, is an inclusive award and has been bestowed on officials, organizers, parents, skating enthusiasts and combinations thereof. Previous winners are:

Marlys Larson	Merry Fragomeni &	Anne Klein	Nancy Kaufmann
Bette Snuggerud	1998 Worlds Volunteers	Carolyn Marker	Lori Rothmund
Bev Arneson	Sylvia Olson	Chip Rauth	Tamie Campbell
Janet Allen	Jimmy Disbrow	Pat St. Peter	Arnie & Michelle Schmidt
Lexie Kastner	Lynda Lubratt	Shirley Hage	Jane Lincoln

**The most important qualification is a demonstrated devotion to service. Anybody meeting the following criteria can be nominated. Everybody can nominate.**

- ❖ Person with eligible status
- ❖ Directly or indirectly involved with own club, TCFSA or any other amateur USFSA sanctioned/affiliated activity for a minimum of five years.
- ❖ Minnesota resident
- ❖ Mixture of "high visibility" and sustained "low profile" involvement in figure skating activities

**Volunteer characteristics to include:**

- ❖ Time devoted
- ❖ Talents contributed
- ❖ Demonstrated leadership
- ❖ Spirit of cooperation

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

The TCFSA Rink Link is a triennial publication emailed to members in October March and June. Please submit information/articles by the end of the month preceding mailing to: TCFSA Rink Link %Lexie Kastner, P. O. Box 296, Deerwood MN 56444



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**This is your chance to honor your favorite champion for skating! Submit a nomination form today.**

**Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years Involved in Skating** \_\_\_\_\_ **Nominee's TCFSA Club** \_\_\_\_\_

**Past activities connected with figure skating (be specific about positions held):**

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**Present activities (be specific about positions held):**

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**Why I feel this candidate should receive the TCFSA Trophy:**

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

**Submission Deadline: August 1, 2012**

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