



The Cutting-Edge Newsletter



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Annual Banquet - Save the Date!



Sunday, February 26, 2017
1:00 - 4:30 PM

The RFSC Banquet is a catered dinner celebration, awards, reflections, Board member reports & elections, and exciting news about the coming Club year, plus the awesome company of the RFSC membership and skaters! Watch your email for ticket details!



Roseville Figure Skating Club

Check our webpage for more club information and forms.

ROSEVILLEFSC.org

Upcoming Figure Skating Events

JAN 12 **RFSC Board Meeting**
6:30pm-9:30pm CST 📅 The Oval
Tag(s): [Figure Skating Club](#)

FEB 9 **RFSC Board Meeting**
6:30pm-9:00pm CST 📅 The Oval
Tag(s): [Figure Skating Club](#)

FEB 26 **RFSC Banquet**
2:00pm-5:00pm CST 📅 The Oval
Mark your calendars the RFSC Banquet will be on Sunday,

DID YOU KNOW?

Meeting minutes are posted online. Click on the **Board Meetings** tab.

The **Contact Us** tab lists all Board members, their roles and how to reach us.



*****SAVE THE DATE!*****

PAUL WYLIE IS COMING TO RFSC June 10th and 11th !

For RFSC Members...

Paul Wylie (USA) 1992 Albertville Olympics Men's Silver Medalist will in the RFSC house for on-ice instruction as part of a seminar series and limited spots for private instruction June 10 & 11.



*Paul Wylie
1992 Olympic
Silver Medalist*

Twin City Figure Skating Association



The RFSC is a member the TCFSFA which consists of figure skating clubs within Minnesota who are permanent members of U.S. Figure Skating and have joined the Association.

Delegates from each club meet several times a year to discuss test sessions, competitions, club announcements, and USFSA issues.

The RFSC was helped by this affiliation when we needed to procure ice during Roseville's unplanned ice replacement. We post and share info on their Facebook page as well, so be sure to hit that 📅 icon to join their page!



Mike Kaytor



"Go Figure"



Words from the RFSC Spreadsheet Master

Board Treasurer – Michael Kaytor

A Financial Look, Behind the Scenes

The RFSC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Including skaters, coaches, Officials and Board members, we currently have 82 registered members. As parents, we all know the numerous financial costs associated with our children's activities. In addition to the costs of private coaching and lessons, we as parents purchase ice contracts for their access to the ice. Payments for ice contracts are solely used to cover the expense of the RFSC purchasing ice time from the Roseville Skating Center, owned by the City of Roseville. The cost to purchase 1 hour of ice from the City is \$185, and reduces to \$150/hr in the summer. To cover the pre-purchased ice costs committed by the RFSC, as a club, we need skaters to purchase 12 contracts for every 1 hour of ice we buy, but to cover gaps we have mechanisms in place such as coupons for random ice access (purchased in advance) or buying onto a session that has available space by using cash or check payment.

"Special events" such as Theater on Ice, USFSA Test Sessions, and the annual Roseville Open Competition also require the RFSC to purchase ice time from the City. About 7 hours of ice is purchased for Theater on Ice, so a portion of this cost is covered by the skaters' participation fee. Also, RFSC hosts 4-5 USFSA Test Sessions every year which are open to all USFSA members, and these test fees are used to cover ice costs, as well as fees to USFSA and the Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCSFA). We always hope to "break even" on these test sessions, but that is not always the case. Finally, the Roseville Open and Rosebuds competition require about \$6,000 of ice to be purchased.

As you can see, the major expense of the club is the purchase of ice, which makes up 75% of the club's total annual expenses.

RFSC has been fortunate the past couple of years to receive grants from Friends of the Oval (FOTO) Foundation. These grants have been used to support our ice purchases, primarily for Theater on Ice. FOTO supports all of the Roseville Skating Center user groups (figure skating, hockey, bandy and speed skating). RFSC holds a position on the FOTO Foundation Board of Directors, and I also currently serve there as well. RFSC continues to work with FOTO to seek additional ways to support and promote the sport of figure skating in Roseville.

The Roseville Open is the most costly event that RFSC holds annually, but it is also the most profitable for our club. The profits are used to cover the remaining costs of ice purchased throughout the fiscal year for the activities described above, and to support promotional activities hosted by the club to educate and attract new club members. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding RFSC financials. Michael.kaytor@comcast.net or 651-253-8492.



2017 Roseville Open Dates are Set!
Thursday, May 18th – Sunday, May 21st

This is our club's biggest event
of the year.

Remember, Ice Show volunteer hours
do not count toward club hours.

We need your time and talents
during these days.

So kindly Save the Date(s)!

*"Alone we can
do so little;
together we can
do so much."*
Helen Keller



Article submitted by
Krista Grosse, RFSC Board Member

As we kick-off 2017, now is the time to consider how you can become more involved in the RFSC. As you know, the RFSC is supported through the work of volunteers. Without you, our skaters would not have amazing opportunities like the skater seminars, the Roseville Open and Rosebuds competition, and the annual awards banquet.

Here are some ways you can become involved in RFSC:



Program Chair: Plan safety seminar, parent education meetings, skater camps, and seminars. Plan and coordinate educational programs on and off the ice for skaters and families.



Member services: Coordinate membership needs, including RFSC membership, lockers, family fun nights, and lettering program.



Awards Banquet: Send invites, decorate, and update awards program.



Roseville Open and Rosebuds competition: This competition is held annually in May and is the single largest fundraiser for RFSC.

The next Roseville Open and Rosebuds competition will be held May 18-21, 2017. There are numerous needs for volunteers to ensure the success of the competition. These include providing transportation for the judges (to and from the airport and the hotel), hospitality for the judges and coaches, working at the registration table, rink monitoring, running results from the judges to the accountant, helping with awards, and of course set up and clean up.

Remember, volunteering at this competition is the only way to fulfill the 10-hour RFSC volunteer requirement and receive the \$100 membership credit.

If you have an interest in volunteering or have any questions about any of the RFSC volunteer opportunities, please contact Amanda Castelletti Dye at mdye@live.com.

As a club, we are not just made up of skaters, but of parents, friends, and loved ones. Thank you for all you do to support RFSC!



Skater Spotlight **Zoe Lindberg**



Each quarter, the Board will take nominations from RFSC coaches for a skater spotlight segment. We want to share the stories in the lives of our skaters that inspire, and as well get to know what motivates the individual skater both on and off the ice.



Congratulations for passing the USFSA milestone test of Senior Moves in the Field

***THE RFSC IS
PROUD OF YOU,
ZOE!***



Zoe pictured with Olympic Silver Medalist Ben Agosto last summer. She is dedicated and works hard to reach goals.

Q & A with Zoe!

Tell us about how old you were and when you made it your goal to pass your Senior Moves test?

Ever since I started working on USFS Moves, when I was 8 or 9, I've wanted to pass my Senior moves.

What are your other skating goals?

Right now I'm working on my Junior Freeskate, Pre-Gold Dances, and Freestyle 9 (ISI). I want to be the best skater I am capable of becoming.

What keeps you focused and motivated during all your years of practice?

I set goals for myself and try to stick to them. Having a solid and realistic goal gives me something to work towards. It motivates me to work my hardest. My coach, Maria, also does a great job of keeping me on track to do my best.

What advice would you give to other skaters who want to pass their Senior Moves?

I would say the most important thing is to believe you can do it. It is also really important to stay motivated and practice your moves on a regular basis. I found it very helpful to run through my Moves in a row as if I were testing.

How did it feel to get your test papers that showed you passed?

It was so exciting. I felt like I had skated a good test, so seeing that all my hard work had finally paid off was really nice. I had made the goal to pass during 2016, so it was especially exciting to meet that goal.

What life lessons have you learned from skating?

Completing my Senior Moves has taught me a lot about not giving up and staying motivated. It can be hard to practice the same moves over and over every week, but knowing that it can certainly be worth it kept me going. I also learned a lot about accepting and applying critiques and constructive comments from judges as well as coaches. It is important to remember that they want you to succeed and have your best interest at heart.



Rising Stars Skater Spotlight Isabel Redlin



Isabel has been in 4 Ice Shows as part of the Roseville Skate School, and this year joined Rising Stars. She had a feature skate with her brother Finley in RFSC's Theater on Ice in November, and trains with a private coach to pursue a dedicated development path.



Tell us about when and how you fell in love with skating.

Age 5. I loved skating with my Mom!

What are your goals and dreams for your skating career?

To land my triple jump by 7th grade.

What is your favorite part about competing and performing?

You have the WHOLE ice to yourself!

What is your favorite jump or spin?

My favorite jump is flip, my favorite spin is the camel spin.

What do you hope to learn in the next year of training?

To land my axel on-ice.

What advice would you give to a kid who is new to skating in a show or in competition?

Don't be afraid of skating and go strong!

Did you know?

Isabel's nickname is "Izzy" and has little brother, Finley, who is also figure skating!

For more information about Rising Stars, Junior Rising Stars and the new USFSA Learn To Skate program, go to Rosevillefsc.org, and see the tabs on the left for these programs that help young skaters transition into a dedicated path of skating development. It is a wonderful intro to help transition to private coaching.



Other Shout-Outs !



And that's a wrap! Congratulations and applause to the cast, coaches and volunteers who made the 2016 Theater on Ice production of "Skate Through the Movies" a tremendous success. We had a great turnout and were truly entertained! Special thanks to Coach Tessa Mayer and Coach Heather Rollinger for being Directors!



Congratulations go out to Mitchell Castelletti for placing 1st in the Boys Pre-Prelim Freeskate Event at 2017 Upper Great Lakes Regionals. Mitch was in 3 competitions since August to prepare for Regionals. Well done, Mitch and Coach Stacie Kuglin.

The Man Behind the Camera... Garth Scholten



Our former Board President & a competition co-chair is Dad to Annika. He has availed his talents to the RFSC. Many of his photos are on our Club's Website, Facebook page and in this newsletter. RFSC members receive an email when new photos are posted to his SmugMug.com page. He invites members to look & download at no cost! A big THANK YOU to Garth for all he does to capture all these skating memories.

Congratulations to Vanessa Bird USFSA Senior Moves Test Achievement!



Well done, Vanessa! Pictured with coaches Maria Slabiak and Ari Lieb. She thanks her coaches and the RFSC for their support. "What got me here was purely the hours of commitment. I could not have done it without the support of my coaches and family. I am grateful to be able to skate as much as I do."



Updates from Your Skater Reps...

The Skater Rep program comprises two skaters, chosen from their peers, to represent their voice to the Board of Directors. Locker room signs will be the primary means of communication. A suggestion box has also on the table in the locker room as a means of communication with them.



Sydney Richards



Melissa Perszyk



**LOOKING AHEAD TO DULUTH...
AN ANNUAL TRADITION
FOR ROSEVILLE SKATERS
TO TAKE THEIR SKATING ON THE ROAD!**

This year at the Duluth competition, we will have a “secret skater” poster contest. Each skater will be given a name of another skater and will create an inspirational or uplifting poster for that skater’s hotel room door. For example, “Skate Great!” or “Sparkle & Shine!” Secret skaters typically give a gift of approximately \$10. More information and creative ideas will be shared as the competition nears. If your skater wants to participate in this fun tradition, put their name on the sign-up sheet in the RFSC locker room. As always, feel free to ask either of the skater reps for more information!

Skaters – are you interested in becoming a skater rep?

Be at the annual banquet on Sunday, February 26th! The skaters vote for two skater reps for a new term. We appreciate all that Sydney and Melissa have contributed to this new program!

Thank you, Sydney and Melissa for all your input !

Skater Reps should plan to attend a portion of monthly Board meetings to share feedback. We ask you to submit a brief report in advance of the meetings regarding issues of concern and especially your ideas to make the RFSC experience work even better from the perspective of both a young skater and a high school level skater.

This year, our skater reps implemented a suggestion box and handled voting to name this newsletter. They also presented suggestions for skater gifts for the Roseville Open.



And here's the closing spin on other stuff:



RISING STARS and Junior RS – Do you know a child who wants to learn to skate or compete at the 2017 Basic Skills Competition in May? Rising Stars is the program for those who want to supplement other group lessons and take their newfound skating skills to the next level. For more information, contact Coach Stacie Kuglin via email at staclin@aol.com.



LOCKER ROOM LOST & FOUND BIN – Please remember to check this for your items! Parents, you should also take a look. The unclaimed items will be donated when the bin fills up soon!



MUSIC DURING CLUB ICE – Please use the CD's from the coach's room to warm up. Radio station music from the CD player has too many verbal commercials that are a loud distraction for on-ice conversation between coaches and skaters. You may also use your own music playlist from your phone device as long as it is reasonably soft, not metal rock, rap, etc.



CONSIGNMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Do you have skates that others would be happy to have? Outgrown that beautiful competition dress? Would someone be interested in organizing a consignment for skates and skate wear? This could be associated with or separately from the competition. Please contact Alana Howey on the board if you would like to head up this project (with help!).



NORTHERN FUSION synchronized skating teams are off and running with their season. Preliminary and Open Juvenile teams finished third at the Maplewood classic. Upcoming competitions include Foot of the Lake competition in Fond du Lac WI, Midwestern Pacific Sectionals in Grand Forks, Swan Synchro Skate in Beaver Dam WI, and Eau Claire Figure Skating Competition. RFSC members McKenna Barrows, Ari Howey, Rachel Howey, and Natalie Kaytor are members.



Please contact any of the Board Members if you have a suggestion or questions. The Contact Us tab of the website Rosevillfsc.org will direct you to our individual emails and/or phone numbers. Most of us are at the Roseville rink several times a week. Please introduce yourself!