



Rink Link

June 2010

2010 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships in Bloomington, MN!

More than 400 athletes and 50 officials were at the Bloomington Ice Center April 14-17 for the 2010 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. The event was sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by the Figure Skating Club of Bloomington.

Championship events began on Friday with the championship compulsory dance and championship masters men's events and concluded Saturday with the championship free dance, championship pairs and championship masters ladies.

Competitors in this annual event were divided into five age categories (21-31-40, 41-50, 51-60 and 61+) and two tracks (masters and adult). Events were held in singles, pairs, ice dancing and interpretive. Skaters qualified for the championship and championship gold events by placing in the top four at one of three sectional championships held earlier in the year.



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<p><u>Championship Master Intermediate/Novice Ladies</u> Colleen Bloom, St Paul FSC - 2</p> <p><u>Championship Master Intermediate/Novice Men</u> Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis - 2</p> <p><u>Master Intermediate Ladies I</u> Emily McGlynn, Starlight IDC - 1</p> <p><u>Master Intermediate Ladies III</u> Lynne Maker Kuechle, St Paul FSC - 3</p> <p><u>Master Novice Men III</u> Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis - 1</p> <p><u>Master Senior Ladies I</u> Erin Swanson, Chaska FSC - 3 Katherine Sutherland, Burnsville MN Valley FSC - 5 Ashley Pralutsky-Kalmes, St Paul FSC - 6</p> <p><u>Master Pairs</u> Carey Tinkelenberg, St Paul FSC & Peter Biver - 2</p> <p><u>Master Open Dance</u> Sarah France, Lake Minnetonka FSC & Bradley Daniels, St Paul FSC (2,2,2)</p> <p><u>Gold Ladies I</u> Elaine Walin, St Paul FSC - 1 Karah Pendergrass, Northern Blades NSC FSC - 5 Rebecca Johnson, St Paul FSC - 6</p> <p><u>Gold Ladies III</u> Colleen Barber, FSC of Bloomington - 3</p> <p><u>Silver Ladies III Group B</u> Lisa Becker, St. Paul FSC - 7</p>	<p><u>Silver Ladies IV</u> Jane Barrash, FSC of Bloomington - 4 Cathy McNeill, St. Paul FSC - 5 Renee Rahimi, Eden Prairie FSC - 17</p> <p><u>Silver Dance</u> Josephine Lee, Starlight IDC & Jim Kamin, Starlight IDC (2,1,1,1,1) Margaret & Jim Bloemendal, Starlight IDC (5,3,3,3,3)</p> <p><u>Silver Solo Dance</u> Kristine Galligan Starlight IDC (5,7,7)</p> <p><u>Pre Silver Dance</u> Diane Geving, Starlight IDC & Glen Geving, Starlight IDC (2,1,4,4,2)</p> <p><u>Bronze Ladies I</u> Bonnie Goranowski, Roseville - 1 Melissa Deuel, Starlight IDC - 2 Elena Kuennig, FSC of Minneapolis - 4</p> <p><u>Bronze Ladies II</u> Sonia Srichai, FSC of Minneapolis - 5 Michele Brezinski, FSC of Bloomington - 13</p> <p><u>Bronze Ladies III</u> Janey Stringer, St Paul FSC - 4 Lisa Veith, Starlight IDC - 7 Karen Blacik, St Paul FSC - 13 Deborah Wertanen, Roseville FSC - 18 Renee Hirt, Northern Blades NSC FSC - 21</p> <p><u>Bronze Ladies IV</u> Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC - 7 Jane Peterson, FSC of Bloomington - 17</p>	<p><u>Bronze Solo Dance Group A</u> Lisa Veith, Starlight IDC (1,2,1) Nicholas Kopp, Starlight IDC (12,15,15)</p> <p><u>Pre Bronze Dance</u> Renee Rahimi, Eden Prairie FSC & Jon Koser, Starlight IDC (6,5,4,7,5)</p> <p><u>Centennial Dance</u> Margaret & Jim Bloemendal, Starlight IDC (4,3,3)</p> <p><u>Pre Bronze Dance</u> Renee Rahimi, Eden Prairie FSC & Jon Koser, Starlight IDC (6,5,4,7,5)</p> <p><u>Master Ladies Artistic/Dramatic Interpretive</u> <u>I</u> - Elaine Walin, St Paul FSC - 8 <u>II</u> - Colleen Bloom, St Paul FSC - 4 <u>III</u> - Lynne Maker Kuechle, St Paul FSC - 9</p> <p><u>Master Men Artistic/Dramatic Interpretive III</u> Christopher Williams, FSC of Minneapolis - 1</p> <p><u>Master Ladies Light Entertainment/Comedy/Interpretive III</u> Lynne Maker Kuechle, St Paul FSC - 1</p> <p><u>Ladies Artistic/Dramatic Interpretive</u> <u>I</u> - Melissa Deuel, Starlight IDC - 1 Bonnie Goranowski, Roseville FSC - 2 <u>II</u> - Michele Brezinski, FSC of Bloomington - 13 <u>III Group B</u> - Lisa Becker, St. Paul FSC - 4</p> <p><u>Light Entertainment/Comedy Interpretive</u> <u>III</u> - Lisa Becker, St Paul FSC - 3 <u>IV</u> - Linda Gunderson, Rochester FSC - 9</p>
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RECENT OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS

National Music Coordinator - Mike Wittmann, St. Paul FSC

National Announcer - Steve Masten, St. Paul FSC

NQ Singles Technical Specialist - Ann Harschutz, St. Paul FSC

2011 TEAM USA SELECTIONS

Synchronized Team B - Team Braemar,
Braemar City of Lakes FSC

Team C - Kiri Baga, FSC of Bloomington



32ND ANNUAL GREAT MINNESOTA STATE SKATE TOGETHER!

The Twin City Figure Skating Association invites you to participate in the 2011 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships August 20-22, 2010.

The competition is sponsored by the Twin City Figure Skating Association, hosted by the Eagan Ice Crystal FSC and conducted in the same manner as the 2011 U.S. Figure Skating Upper Great Lakes Regional Competition including the use of the IJS for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior events.

This competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating. Kristin Arneson Cutler will be the Chief Referee and Lexie Kastner will be the Chief Accountant for the event.

Entries must be postmarked by July 2, 2010. The rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating as set forth in the 2011 Official Rulebook, with changes and clarifications as posted on the USFS web site, will govern this competition with the following exceptions:

- Pre Preliminary events are included.
- Both Short and Freeskate programs used to qualify for final rounds
- Please refer to the USFS web site for technical notification up dates.

The competition is open to all registered U.S. Figure Skating members in good standing who are residents of the state of Minnesota, OR home club members of a Minnesota U.S. Figure Skating club 1 year prior to closing date of entries (July 2, 2010). Skaters may compete at either their current freestyle test level, or one level higher. Elimination rounds will be conducted if necessary.

The competition will be held at Eagan Civic Center. 3870 Pilot Knob Road, Eagan, MN 55122.

Minnesota State Champions not only secure their place in Minnesota skating history but also are invited to the annual Officials Appreciation Banquet on Sunday September 12, 2010 and are featured along with Minnesota Sectional, National and International competitors in the Celebration of Champions Exhibition in early 2011.

Entry forms are available on TCFSA website at www.TCFSA.org



GOLD OLIST

Ashwini Arumugam Starlight Ice Dance Club

Ashwini Arumugam, a University of Minnesota freshman, recently passed the USFS Gold Freeskating Test. She began group lessons at age 5 in Houston, TX. and remembers watching the Nagano Olympics and being mesmerized by how everyone floated across the ice. After moving to Minnesota, she continued skating at the Plymouth Pandas Figure Skating Club and later at the SQSA Parade Figure Skating Club. She has been fortunate to work with wonderful coaches such as Michelle Feiten, Lenora Haag, Sarah France and Sally Rech at the Plymouth Ice Center, and Page Lipe, Karen Heng-Olson, Viktors Baris, and Ari Leib at Parade. Ashwini is grateful to all of them for pushing her and bringing out her best qualities. They have all continually encouraged her and helped her "glide" towards her goals! Karen Heng-Olson, Ashwini's coach for the last four years, has taught her perseverance, goal setting, and hard work. From Senior Moves to Senior Free skate, Karen has been a wonderful influence in her life and helped her make her goals a reality. Ashwini also thanks her friends for making skating a fun experience both on and off the ice, and her parents for being her pillars of strength and being the best cheerleaders by supporting and encouraging her to never give up!

Ashwini continues to skate at Parade Ice Garden, working on the ISI FS level 9 test, Ice Dance Tests, and improving her senior free skating skills. She plans to still compete and work on triple jumps. The hard work, fluidity and power of skating have captivated her and are some of the reasons why she just cannot stop! She continues to share her joy of skating with others by teaching Learn to Skate Classes at Plymouth Ice Arena and Parade Ice Garden.

Outside of skating, Ashwini enjoys listening to music, volunteering, and hanging out with her friends at college. She also enjoys baking and sharing the fruits of this passion with her friends. She is majoring in Biology with a minor in Spanish and has aspirations of becoming a pediatrician.

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- ✦ Directly or indirectly involved with own club, TCFSA or any other amateur USFSA sanctioned/affiliated activity for a minimum of five years.
- ✦ Minnesota resident
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Nominee _____

Address _____

City/State Zip _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____ **Email** _____

Years Involved in Skating _____ **Nominee's TCFSA Club** _____

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

Present activities (be specific about positions held):

Why I feel this candidate should receive the TCFSA Trophy:

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

Return to: Tamie Campbell, 15560 Edgewood Court, Eden Prairie MN 55346

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The Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA) was formed as a result of the combined efforts of the FSC of Minneapolis, the St. Paul FSC, and the Braemar-City of Lakes FSC who joined together to host the 1973 United States Figure Skating Championships. It now consists of figure skating clubs within the state of Minnesota who are permanent members of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) and who desire to join the association

The purpose of this association is to foster, promote, improve, and encourage the sport of figure skating among youth under 18 years of age in the State of Minnesota, to promote cooperation between the 20 member clubs and to encourage and facilitate participation in regional, sectional, national, and international figure skating competitions.

This includes providing, hosting or sponsoring:

History of Activities:

- a cohesive organization to bid on projects beyond a single clubs scope.
- an annual skating championship.
- an annual skating exhibition (Celebration of Champions) to highlight Sectional, National, International skaters, Minnesota State Champions and other special awards skaters
- an annual official's recognition dinner that also highlights Minnesota State Champions.
- Synchronized training camps and singles training camps with world-class coaches.
- monetary stipends to skaters advancing to Sectional, National and International competitions.
- training for our Minnesota Officials through judge's schools and seminars.
- a website that individual clubs may link to.

- to the Minnesota support Skating Scholarship fund and Academic Skating Scholarship
- a setting for clubs to exchange ideas and concerns
- .two consolidated test sessions a year for singles and pairs, moves and free style tests.
- consolidated dance test sessions as needed.
- a quality newsletter to keep members informed.
- test coordinator to keep track of all test sessions held by member clubs.
- a \$ 500.00 ad stipend to clubs hosting a competition or ice show.
- an annual Champion for Skating award to a chosen volunteer.
- a seminar for USFA governing council delegates to understand the issues

- 2004 - provided a USFS club management seminar with a \$ 75.00 rebate for two attendees from each club.
- 2005 - hosted a coaches and skaters seminar regarding the new ISU judging System.
- 2007 - hosted a judge's school.
- 2008 - hosted the US National Championships.
- 2009 - hosted a IJS Technical School
- 2010 - hosting U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships
- 2010 - hosting Judges School on new moves in the field.

The TCFSA Rink Link is a triennial publication mailed 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