

# **ICE CHIPS**

### **President's Letter**

Dear Club Members.

Well, it's summer/winter/smoky fire/virus land around here. What a strange year this has been. I hope you are all adjusting well to the new normal at the rink. As far as we know, the mask order, social distancing and limited capacity will remain in effect for the time being. When it all feels overwhelming, I just stop and remember that we are lucky that we have ice at all. I know there are still large portions of the country that have not yet reopened. Let's cross our fingers that EPIC can remain open during these turbulent times. As it stands, we are finally getting in the groove of this "new normal". We held our first test session a few weeks ago, the synchro teams will be starting practicing this week and training is in full swing.

Thank you to all of you who attended our first virtual annual meeting last Saturday August 29th. Thank you to all the board members who prepared and presented reports to sum up all the work and financials from the 2019-2020 season. Maria Miller, April Allen, Denise Pozvek and I were re-elected to 3-year terms. I would also like to introduce Stacy Morse as a new board member who was nominated by the board in June to replace Andrea Sipes after she resigned. Stacy will complete the 2 remaining years on Andrea's term. So, we now have a full board ready to get back to work and accomplish our goals for the year.

Our first goal will be to host our first competition during the Covid-19 era. We are planning to host the annual Fright Fest competition as usual on October 25<sup>th</sup> of this year. We will also hold a test session the Thursday prior. Kelly just got the sanction approved this weekend and registration is now open. We are working hard to follow all the new rules and are counting on you all to help us

through this process by being patient as we navigate these new rules.

Gayleen and Betsi have successfully re-started test sessions last month. We have another test session coming up in a few weeks. As we learn more about what judges will be officiating, we will get detailed information out to you regarding what tests will be offered. We also appreciate your patience with this process as many of the local judges are older and more vulnerable to the virus.

Another exciting part of our fall plans is the addition of weekly "club ice" on Thursdays from 6:15-7:15pm through December 17<sup>th</sup>. We are trying to get group classes organized. We will hopefully have more details about this in the coming weeks. For the meantime, please use the signup genius link on the website under "ICE TIME" to reserve your spot. We will limit the sign ups, there may be room for drop ins, but there are no guarantees. We hope this extra evening ice time helps those skaters who can't take advantage of afternoon skating due to school being back in session. And to make up for the loss of evening public ice. This is a grand experiment. If it goes well, we can consider continuing this. Please take advantage of this opportunity.

We also have an exciting weekend camp that we are working on for the fall. Watch your email and the website and social media for more information as we work out the details.

As always, we are here for you if you need anything. These are trying times and it's only by working together in our community that we can come out stronger on the other side of this.

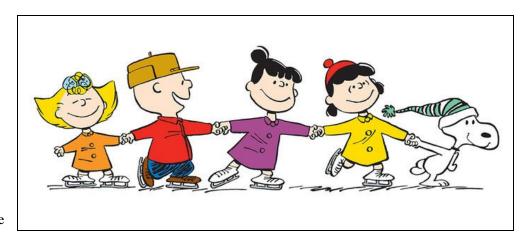
Thank you,
- Amy Aspelund
FCFSC President

# FCFSC "Club Ice" On Thursday Nights from 6:15-7:15pm!

In response to many club members and coaches that would like more opportunity for after-school ice time, our club was able to purchase 1 hour of "club ice" from the city one day a week through the end of 2020!

Club ice is for FCFSC members, on Thursdays from 6:15pm to 7:15pm starting September 10th and going through December 17th! This is a wonderful opportunity to get another hour of skate time that isn't early in the morning before school!

This will be regular ice that club member skaters can use for practice time and coaches are free to do



lessons at this time as well. FCFSC is also working on organizing additional opportunities for on-ice group lessons / classes that will take place during this hour so stay tuned for more details for that.

The ice time will NOT come out of your punch passes as the club has already purchased the ice time but **FCFSC members will receive an invoice for the hour of ice at \$15 for the whole hour.** Additional charges may be added for any on ice group lessons and service fees. Note: Private lessons will still be paid for at the front desk. Members are asked to sign up via this SignUpGenius: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0545aeae23a02-fcsfc">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0545aeae23a02-fcsfc</a>



All participants must fill out the COVID-19 health waiver form online or in person on the day of the club ice. Drop-ins are welcome too if there is room. We will have a maximum number of skaters so sign up early. Drop ins will also be required to fill out the Covid-19 health waiver and get their temperature taken. Here is a link to the COVID-19 form (online and paper): <a href="https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/covid-19/">https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/covid-19/</a>

We hope that this ice time opportunity will be a helpful opportunity for our members to skate after school and we are looking forward to bringing other skating opportunities as well. So watch for more details and sign up for the new club ice!

# Junior Board - Brooklyn & Rowan

Junior Board 2020 is starting off strong! Adapting to a global pandemic while creating a fun and safe environment is no easy task. The Junior Board is starting off the year with an outdoor retreat at a park. This year our main goal is to keep everyone's spirits and love for skating high during a time that might feel low. Meeting will hopefully occur outside and not online and the Jr. Board is trying its best to host COVID-friendly events so keep your eyes peeled!

This year the Junior Board is working a little differently. Instead of a president and vice president, there will be a co-presidency (Brooklyn King and Rowan Martey). We created this idea to split the presidency, as the role of president can be overwhelming and we want to give the Junior Board the attention it deserves. Some of our other positions include Melina Miller as treasurer, Olivia Melchert as secretary, and Azelyn Pendleton as historian. Hopefully we'll be able to provide fun for our club as safely as possible this year!



Sincerely,
Brooklyn and Rowan
Co-Presidents







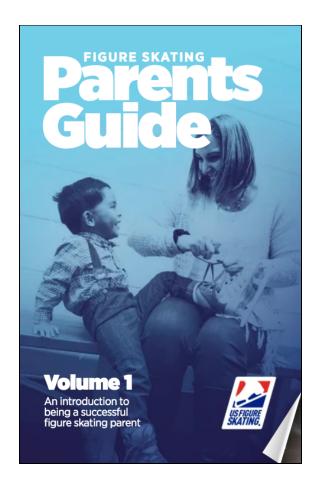
# SafeSport - Gayleen

US Figure Skating and the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club is continuing in our commitment to the SafeSport program for education and training for the prevention of abuse and harassment. Renewals for compliance with SafeSport training opened in June of 2020 and if you need to renew your compliance with SafeSport it is a much shorter version of the "first time" training videos.

To be fully compliant a member (18 yrs and older) needs to complete the video training and have a background check completed by US Figure Skating through their website. Please log into <u>usfsaonline.org</u> and log in with your OWN membership number (not your skater's membership number) and follow the buttons on SafeSport and training and background check.

US Figure Skating has said that due to some courts being closed due to COVID-19 that some members are experiencing delays in getting their background checks completed. These members have a "Provisional" status with USFS and their compliance is not held up due to these delays. Also, as a reminder, once a skater turns 18 years old, they are required to take the SafeSport training if they continue to participate with any official skating activities that involve minors.

How do I learn more you ask? Well first go to our club website at <u>fortcollinsfsc.org</u> and scroll to the bottom and click the SafeSport tab that says Learn more. We need as many parents and volunteers as possible to be SafeSport trained to host upcoming competitions and other club events. Training is voluntary however the club will reimburse you for the fee for the background check required by US Figure Skating. Together we are stronger and safer.



# Parent Guides (Volume 1 & 2)

Information and resources for parents as they support their children in their development and pursuit of their life, recreational and competitive goals. The Parent Guides provide everything parents need to know to support their skaters.

How to access at <a href="https://www.usfigureskating.org/">https://www.usfigureskating.org/</a>

- 1. Log in to Members Only

  ("LOGIN" up in the top right corner)
- 2. Under Members, click Parent Info
- 3. Under Resources, you will find these guides and additional documents that will help parents

You can also access Volume 1 here as a Flipbook: https://online.flippingbook.com/view/871496/19/

# **Competitions - Kelly**



### **Fright Fest is Coming!**

Hosted By: Fort Collins Figure Skating Club

Date: Sunday, October 25th, 2020

Entry Deadline: 11:59pm Saturday October 10th, 2020

Event Fees: \$70 for 1st event and \$30 for each additional event

Contact Kelly.Cann79@gmail.com with any questions

Showcase Events for Compete USA to Senior levels and Adult Levels: Light Artistic & Dramatic Artistic Free Skates for Snowplow Sam to Preliminary, Excel to Preliminary Plus and Adult 1 to Bronze The 6.0 judging system will be used for ALL events.

**Covid-19 statement:** The Fort Collins Figure Skating Club and Edora Pool and Ice Center will be complying with all federal, state, and local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the competition, including recommendations from US Figure Skating. We thank you in advance for your full cooperation. In the event that a cancellation is required a FULL refund will be issued. Masks will be required inside Edora Pool and Ice Center.

# **Testing - Gayleen**

FCFSC's next test sessions are 9/25, 10/23 and 12/4.

Our club's last test session was February 7, 2020 (that feels like ages ago!) and we would like to **congratulate the following skaters who passed their tests:** 

**Tala Gardiner:** Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field **Yaretzi Gonzalez:** Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field

**Katherine Pietras:** Preliminary Free Skate **Reede Lunt:** Juvenile Moves in the Field

**Sutton Kreutzfeldt:** Juvenile Moves in the Field **Kelsey Seldin:** Novice Moves in the Field

We were finally able to resume our test sessions after our 6 month hiatus and our most recent test session, held August 22, had 6 skaters who passed their tests. Congratulations to all our skaters and to our whole club who are continuing to work on their skating skills despite having so many show and competitive events cancelled over the last 6 months.

**Lola Lebsack:** Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field **Addison Mitchell:** Preliminary Moves in the Field Preliminary Free Skate

**Helen Droeger:** Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field **Harper Morse:** Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field **Anya Schuster:** Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

Colten Allen: Juvenile Free Skate

NOTE: Check your family folder at EPIC for your test certificate of completion. We put them in there as they come to us from USFS.

# "Edge"-ucation Committee

## **Upcoming Seminars Planned for 2020-2021**

\*Skater 101 Exhibition Event - We will attempt to have our Annual Skater 101 Exhibition skating demonstrations representing all disciplines for exhibitions and FCFSC membership drive giving new skater parents guidance on navigating their skater through competitive and recreational tracks.

- \*Athlete Centered Skating Seminar Boston Coaches Garrett Lucash and Sean Marshinski will come to educate FCFSC on their Athlete Centered Skating program designed along a "skating academy" format focusing on "skater centered coaching" including team coaching and group learning.
- \*Super Summer Seminar Back by popular demand, we are planning to have Jackie Brenner and Dianne Miller come and teach their latest and greatest free skate coaching styles of jumps, moves and spins. We also will ask Lisa May to join us for updates on IJS judging information.

All of these seminars are tentatively planned with dates TBA and abiding by all USFS and Colorado State Covid-19 precautions/restrictions.

# **Axel Club!**

U.S. Figure Skating and Learn to Skate USA are joining forces to expand the Axel Club, a free recognition program that celebrates skaters who land the Axel jump.

Learn to Skate USA and U.S. Figure Skating members who land their Axel are encouraged to apply to the Axel Club. Inductees will receive an official Axel Club membership certificate, a recognition gift, listing on the Axel Club Hall of Fame page on Learn to Skate USA and U.S. Figure Skating websites and the opportunity to be featured in Axel Club marketing materials.

Members who landed their Axel more than one year ago are encouraged to join the Axel Emeritus Club, a recognition program celebrating skaters who could



successfully land the Axel jump at one point in time. To join, skaters must be either an active member of Learn to Skate USA or current full member of U.S. Figure Skating and name a witness who can verify that the skater could successfully execute an Axel

Please encourage your members to apply and complete the application! CLICK HERE to learn more!

# **Membership - Melody**

**Current Total Members: 203** 

We will be updating our email list and membership directory soon! Please make sure your contact information is up to date in Entryeeze. If you would like to opt out of sharing your contact information in our membership directory, you can email Melody at <a href="melodyking26@gmail.com">melodyking26@gmail.com</a>

# **Merch Swag Available!**

### www.fortcollinsfsc.org/merchandise

There are t-shirts, sweatshirts / hoodies, vests, fleece jackets and leggings! Go shop and show your FCFSC pride!



# September, October, November and December Calendar of Events:

Sept 10: FCFSC Club Ice at EPIC from 6:15-7:15pm (ongoing - every Thursday until Dec 17th)

Sept 25: FCFSC Test Session (Deadline to register is 9/10)

Oct 23: FCFSC Test Session

Oct 25: Fright Fest Competition (Deadline to register is 10/10)

Dec 4: FCFSC Test Session

Additional test session and competition dates are at Mile High Calendar: <a href="https://mhfsa.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/mile-high-calendar-20191212.pdf">https://mhfsa.files.wordpress.com/2020/01/mile-high-calendar-20191212.pdf</a>

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# **Used Skates For Sale**

This is our first time trying this ... any constructive ideas on how to do this better or more efficiently would be greatly appreciated! <a href="fcfigureskating@gmail.com">fcfigureskating@gmail.com</a>

FCFSC members! Do you have used skates that need a new home? For the Fall 2020 newsletter we are going to offer to club members to submit 4-5 pictures of their used skates and answers to a few questions so that maybe we can sell their used skates to others who need them.

### Include:

- 1 Your name
- 2. Your contact info (email or phone #)
- 3. Brand / model & size of boot
- 4. Brand / model & size of blade
- 5. Details of interest (maybe they were recently sharpened or have new inserts... any info that's extra and good to know)
- 5. Price

Here's a sample of pictures that really help sell used skates:

- both sides of the skates
- bottom of skates that shows the size (or tongue where size is sometimes)
- blade size & amount of sharpening left on the blade
- outline of foot insert with measurements written on it This way you get a better idea if the skate will fit you as a consumer.

This is just a service to our membership. We hope to facilitate some great used skates to skaters who need them.

Link that has great comparison of various brands:

https://skatesus.com/ice-learning-center/edea-skates-comparative-sizing-chart/https://skaterslanding.com/pages/risport-boot-size-chart

The club also has a bulletin board in the **GREEN** rink that we will post these "for sale" pages so hopefully skaters who are not yet members of our club will see and be interested in any used skates. Please direct anyone looking for used skates to the **GREEN** rink bulletin board!

And if in the future you'd like to sell any skates or blades, please make a flyer and place it on the **GREEN** rink bulletin board!

For the skates that you see for sale in this Fall 2020 FCFSC Newsletter please contact the name on the sheet... not the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club. You will need to make arrangements with the seller directly to try on the skates and see if they fit and exchange payment. The FCFSC is not financially involved in any way in the sale of any of these skates (boots or blades).

- 1. Monica Doherty
- 2. Doherty.johnandmonica@gmail.com or 713-857-4197
- 3. Jackson Elle 4 1/2 B boot
- 4. 9" mirage blade
- 5. Price ???











Lesley Nelson

# Lesleyn76@gmail.com

MK professional Parabolic blade

Riedell boot- Flair

Size...youth appx 3 or 4? (we can't remember and it has rubbed off)

Measurement photo is of the inside liner of the boot.

Blades have a lot of sharpening left.

\$200 total OBO











# Skates without blades:

- 1. Fire Crystals Synchro Team
- 2. laurawhicks@yahoo.com
- 3. -Super Teri Deluxe (Black pair), size 4 1/2, \$50
  - -SP-Teri, 5 1/2, \$25
  - -Reidell, 1 B-A, \$25



# GAM

- 1. Fire Crystals Synchro Team
- 2. laurawhicks@yahoo.com
- 3. GAM, Model?, 10
- 4. GAM, Model?, 6 2/3
- 5. \$15

I have laces for these skates. Just not in the skates yet.









# Riedell:

- 1. Fire Crystals Synchro Team
- 2. laurawhicks@yahoo.com
- 3. Riedell, Model?, 8
- 4. Riedell, Model?, 6 1/3
- 5. \$15

I have laces for these skates. Just not in the skates yet.









# Nike:

- 1. Fire Crystals Synchro Team
- 2. laurawhicks@yahoo.com
- 3. Nike, Flexposite, 10
- 4. Hockey Blade
- 5. \$35











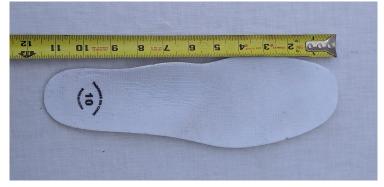
# Prolite:

- 1. Fire Crystals Synchro Team
- 2. laurawhicks@yahoo.com
- 3. Prolite, Model?, 10
- 4. Hockey Blade
- 5. \$40









# SP-Teri

- 1. Fire Crystals Synchro Team
- 2. laurawhicks@yahoo.com
- 3. SP-Teri, Model?, 5AAA
- 4. Coronation Ace, Model?, 8 3/4
- 5. \$50



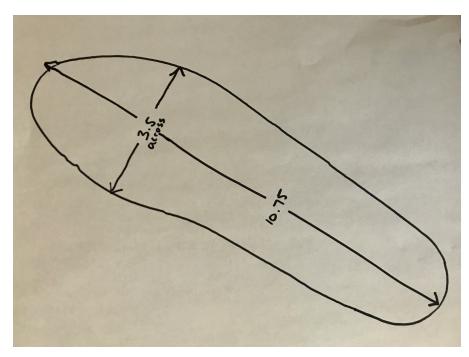












1skatinglesson@gmail.com Risport 275 - BRAND NEW Galaxy Blade 10.25 \$225

Katie Holmes

Katie Holmes
<a href="mailto:liskatinglesson@gmail.com">lskatinglesson@gmail.com</a>
Edea 235 (approximately a ladies 4)
8 ¾ Pattern 99 blade
\$75











# Christina Hughes <a href="mailto:Christinahughes@live.com">Christinahughes@live.com</a>

9.25 Blade - Newly sharpened Jackson Freestyle size 5

Price: \$150 OBO









# Jill Tyrrell jillyty@gmail.com

Risport Electra size 250 (approx 6.5 ladies) Galaxy blade 9.25 only had 1 sharpening! Worn for 2-3 months! Almost new! Original price was \$380 Asking \$225











# Used Skates for Sale

Lisa Moore

970-481-1779

lil\_lisa@earthlink.net

INFORMATION: All boots are SP-Teri ladies size 5A, and have been punched in the ankles and pinky toe sides. Tongue is 1/2 Sponge, 1/2 wool.

Full pairs of skates have 9.25" Pattern 99 Parabolic blades mounted on them, with about 3 sharpening's left.

These skates have all been heavily used for high level jumps and throws, but are still in decent shape for low level skills.

INQUIRY: Please contact Lisa via email or phone call if you would like to try on and/or purchase a pair of her used skates.

Include reference item letter.



