



ICE CHIPS

President's Letter

June 1, 2021

Dear Fort Collins Figure Skating Club Members,

I am excited to write the letter for this edition of Ice Chips. We had had so many exciting events and are looking forward to many more as we slowly return to normal after the pandemic.

First and foremost, we are opening membership today! Don't forget to renew your membership before June 30th to avoid the late fee. It is extremely important that those of you that have signed up or are planning to sign up for National Showcase this August renew your membership ASAP. National Showcase registration closes today (June 1st) at 11:59 pm. Remember that first time members never pay a late fee. Membership prices are going back to normal this year without a price increase.

You will notice some changes about membership this year. We have always required each skater and their families to volunteer, but this year we are going to keep track. So, when you sign up, you will be asked to select at least one committee that you would like to join. The chairperson of that committee will then reach out to you to arrange for instruction, training, and registration for upcoming volunteer opportunities. There will be a "buy out" option for \$300 if you choose not to/or cannot fulfill your volunteer commitments.

There are volunteer positions that are in person and positions that can be done from home. We invite you and welcome all of you to participate in any way that you can.

To that end, our fabulous Vice President and competition chair Kelly Cann has initiated happy hour meet ups at various places around town so that we can all get to know each other better. Please join us this Thursday at Stodgy Brewery at 6pm. This will be a good place to get to know the committee chairs and find out more about the available jobs and to just get to know each other and relax. I hope to see many of you there!

There is more information about National Showcase, volunteering, and membership in the rest of the newsletter, so please read it carefully. We have A LOT going on right now with the show coming up and planning for National Showcase in August. I am going to list the upcoming events in the next few weeks so that we don't miss something important:

Tuesday June 1: Ice Show rehearsals begin again, and National Showcase registration closes at 11:59pm

Thursday June 3: Ice Show 101 meeting will be held in the Blue Rink Conference room from 4:30-5:30pm followed by our Happy Hour at Stodgy Brewery at 6pm

Saturday June 5: Ice show pictures (solo, buddy) will be held from 9am -3pm outside the front entrance at EPIC. Sign up here: www.stamosfineart.com/fort-collins-ice-show-photos. On ice group photos will take place at dress rehearsal.

Monday June 7: Ice Show 101 in the Blue Rink Conference Room from 5:45-6:45pm. Additional Zoom meeting TBD if needed.

Thursday June 10: Dress Rehearsal and T-shirt pick up if you ordered them.

Friday June 11: Summer Spectacular Ice Show #1 at 7pm

Saturday June 12: Show #2 at 1pm and Show #3 at 6pm

Don't forget to purchase copies of the video at <https://mobileprovideo.com/store/Fort-Collins-Ice-Skating-Club-p356514594> Videos will be sold at the show as well as a limited number of pins, so get yours before they are sold out!

Saturday June 19: Cast party from 11am-1pm at City Park Shelter #7

Saturday June 26: Senior Banquet - Seniors and coaches only this year. We will have an "all club" awards party following Showcase in August.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 3-7!
These are the dates for National Showcase. It is Tuesday through Saturday. WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Please plan to take some time off to volunteer for this massive event. We will be hosting people from all over the nation and we NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS!



<https://nationalshowcase2021.com/>

Ice Show

Please visit <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/ice-show/> for all the details about ticket sales and FAQ.

<https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/spring-spectacular-resources/> for t-shirts, videos and volunteering opportunities.

There will be T-shirts and incentives for people that volunteer more than 5 shifts. National Showcase is an AMAZING event, and it is so much fun to watch.

IT IS NOT A FREE EVENT! If you want to watch it, all event ticket prices are \$40/person until tomorrow and go up to \$50/person at the door. All committee chairs and volunteers that volunteer 5 shifts or more will RECEIVE A FREE ALL EVENT TICKET.

DO NOT miss this opportunity. I cannot stress enough how much fun it is to see the amazing creativity of the skaters. It is something to behold. If we have a live stream, it will also be a PAID event.

Thank you wonderful club members. It is going to be a crazy summer! But it is going to be a blast.

See you around the rink.

- Amy Aspelund
FCFSC President



Garrett Lucash / Sean / Laura - Athlete Centered Skating Seminar



On May 8th & 9th we were so excited to have Boston figure skating coaches Garrett Lucash and Sean Marshinski and San Francisco Bay Area Coach Laura Lipetsky come teach freeskate and moves exercises and skills at EPIC. The skaters were divided into groups and received both on ice and off ice instruction. Strict Covid-19 precautions were abided by with all having a great time. Approximately 25 skaters attended this seminar!



Testing

Congratulations to the following club members for passing their skating tests at our last two test sessions.

April 8, 2021 Test Session

Colten Allen Juvenile Pairs
Kimberly Balas Adult Bronze Free Skate
Merritt Cramer Junior Free Skate
Emily Davis Preliminary Free Skate, Hickory Hoedown & Ten-Fox
Heidi Early Adult Cha Cha
Nour Hamdan Pre-Juv Moves
Katherine Hicks Fourteenstep & Ten-Fox
Mackenzie Irish Rhythm Blues
Reede Lunt Novice Moves, Fiesta Tango, Cha Cha & Swing Dance
Rowan Martey Cha Cha & Fiesta Tango
Miranda McAulay Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango & Dutch Waltz
Olivia Melchert Juvenile Pairs & Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Melina Miller Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Addison Mitchell Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Harper Morse Ten-Fox
Rocio Pardina Preliminary Free Skate
Azelyn Pendleton Fiesta Tango, Swing Dance & Cha Cha
Rebecca Rezak Pre-Juvenile Moves
Kara Richardson Cha Cha, Ten-Fox & Fourteenstep
Nancy Riley Adult Swing Dance & Adult Fiesta Tango
Emily Romero Solo Dutch Waltz, Solo Rhythm Blues & Solo Canasta Tango
Aubrey Tyrrell Cha Cha



May 7, 2021 Test Session

Tala Gardiner Preliminary Moves
Emma Farrar Pre-Preliminary Free Skate & Pre-Juvenile Moves
Lola Lebsack Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate & Adult Gold Moves
Christina Hughes Adult Pre-Bronze Moves
Olivia Melchert Juvenile Free Skate
Sipun Wongsathapornchi Preliminary Moves
Regina Bower Pre-Juvenile Moves

March, April & May Virtual Tests

Clover West Solo Juvenile Free Dance
Stephanie Hopkins Juvenile Moves
Voncell Woods Adult Pre-Bronze Moves

Our next test session is scheduled for Saturday July 10th. Registration will open on June 1st and members will be able to register for the test session after they have renewed their '21-'22 membership dues.

Senior Banquet

This year our club made a change for our annual banquet due to the constraints of the pandemic and trying to plan a large gathering. In order to make reservations and given the limitations that venues were constrained with, it was determined to modify the annual club banquet to a senior banquet in honor of our graduating seniors. The senior class of 2021 has had so many lost memories due to the pandemic that we wanted to give them a special event just to celebrate them. Our senior banquet will be by invitation for seniors, their families, coaches and board members.



The Banquet will be held on June 26th at the Fort Collins Senior Center. Here is the link to buy tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcfs-senior-banquet-luau-tickets-151326231833>

The evening will be a luau theme, there will be a dinner, and a time to honor our seniors and coaches.

The EventBrite ticket link has details about the meal and food options will be available. Parents should send their senior's information to their coaches by June 18th as well as send any general "fun" skating related pictures to share on the slide show to fcfsphotos@gmail.com by June 15th, 2021.



We Get Up Award - Mary Beth Fisher

The program is a peer-to-peer campaign recognizing members of the U.S. Figure Skating community that embrace the Get Up spirit. All nominees are honored in an issue of SKATING magazine.



U.S. Figure Skating celebrated its fourth annual National Get Up Day on Feb. 1. The Get Up campaign and holiday were created to recognize not only skaters, but all members of U.S. Figure Skating and people outside of the organization for their courage to share the difficult times they've been through and overcome in life.

Members are encouraged to join the Get Up movement by participating in the Get Up Champions program.

Fort Collins FSC Membership

We ended our 2020-2021 membership year with 227 members, membership renewal is now open for the 2021-2022 membership year!

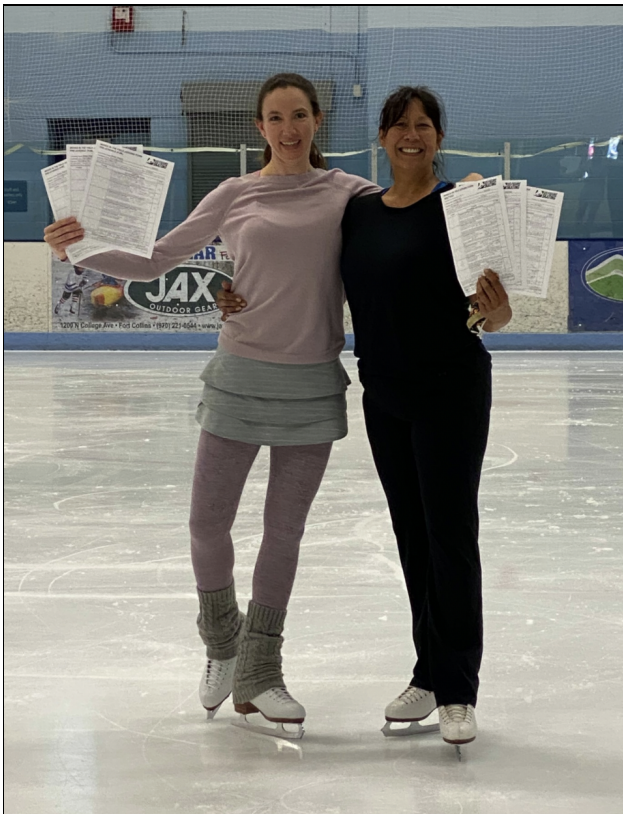
FCFSC and USFS memberships expire on June 30, be sure to renew your membership to make sure you are eligible to compete in National Showcase! Pricing has returned to our pre-covid rates, so make sure you **renew before June 30th to avoid a late fee.**

Please note our new requirement for **volunteer hours**. All single skater families are required to volunteer 20 hours per membership year, while multi-skater families are required to volunteer 30 hours per membership year. We especially need all of you this August as we host National Showcase! Other volunteer opportunities include test sessions throughout the year, Fright Fest, Fort Collins Classic and the Spring Show.

When you renew your membership, you will be asked which committees you are interested in volunteering for. Committee chairs will then contact you about how to get started! There will be a buy-out option available for \$300 for those who do not wish to volunteer. You will have the option to pay this fee when you renew.

All club parents should be receiving club emails. If your skater would like to be added to the email list or if you have not been receiving emails, please let Melody King know at fcfscmembership@gmail.com

We hope to have all of you back for a great year!



Lola Lebsack - FCFSC's Newest Gold Medalists!

On Friday, May 7th Lola Lebsack passed her Adult Gold Moves in the Field Test! Congratulations Lola! The club is proud of you! (Lola is on the right in this picture with her friend Regina Bower.)

Used Skates for Sale

If you have pre-owned (used) skates / blades feel free to put up a flyer on the FCFSC bulletin board in the green rink lobby with description, pictures, size, price and contact information.

Fire Crystals - Synchro



Junior Board

Ice Show Cast Party on Saturday June 19th from 11am to 1pm at City Park Shelter #7

Hosted by the FC Figure Skating Club's Junior Board

There will be games, water balloons, tie-dye, and more! (All covid safe of course). Many skaters bring their ice show t-shirt to tie-dye. But you can also bring socks, shorts, or anything you want!

This is a family friendly event. Contact Jr Board Presidents Rowan or Brooklyn with questions!

rowan.martey@gmail.com brooklyncking@gmail.com

Parking at City Park Shelter #7 – On both sides of Bryan Avenue, along the creek and along the fenced area.

Calling ALL Volunteers!

Mark Your Calendars for National Showcase

The USFS National Showcase competition is right around the corner! This is an amazing competition that we are so lucky to host this year - and a great fundraising opportunity for our club!! Competition dates are August 3rd through August 7th, but now is the time to start thinking about volunteering.

- We **need** tons of volunteers during the week; we're estimating we'll need to fill about 1,500 shift slots! If you can plan ahead for taking time off work we will be giving *double volunteer hours Wednesday and Thursday!!!*
- Volunteer Sign Up will likely be out by the end of June; early sign ups will be given a souvenir t-shirt.
- When you renew your membership you will be prompted to pick which committee you would like to volunteer in; each committee-chair can help answer questions regarding volunteer roles.
- We will have some fun raffle prizes for volunteers each day during National Showcase! The more shifts you take, the more chances you'll get at winning the daily prize.
- Recruit family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and anyone you think would make a great addition to our volunteer base. Help from outside the club will be vital to our success this time! Besides, many hands make light work, right?!



What volunteers does FCFSC need for National Showcase?

If you're on Facebook, be sure to follow the club. Soon, we will be highlighting National Showcase committee chairs and describe the roles and needs of their committee. Here are just a few roles you might consider. Please contact the chair noted with questions regarding these positions. Also, look for upcoming announcements about volunteer informational meetings.

- **Announcing** (chair: Dane Seldin - dane612703@centurylink.net): Showcase announcing will be a bit different than for usual competitions. It will be more descriptive and narrative in form. If you're great at reading stories aloud, this position just might be for you! If you're new to announcing, the committee has some opportunities in training-friendly slots. Help will be needed for both the competition and practice. It's a great time to try your voice at a new skill!
- **Music** (chair: Nii Martey - nmartey@gmail.com): Music will be pre-programmed and ready to play by just pushing play! Help will be needed for both the competition and practice. This is a great position for high-schoolers as well as adults.
- **Registration** (chairs: Stacy Morse - stacymariemorse@gmail.com, Laura Hicks - laurawhicks@yahoo.com): Registration volunteers make the first impressions many competitors, coaches, and officials will remember our club by. These volunteers check in skaters, give them goodie bags, check credentials, and often serve as an information desk. These volunteers should be comfortable using a laptop and assisting a large number of people.

- **Spotlight** (Rudy Schuster - rudyschuster@yahoo.com): We will need people running the spotlights throughout the competition, including practice. If you've run lights for shows, have theater tech background or know someone who does, this would be an ideal match! Or we'll train someone new, too.
- **Practice Ice** (chair: JaNean Davis - mjchdavis@hotmail.com): Volunteers will sell ice time and check skaters in for their practice times. This is a good position for teenagers and adults.
- **Props** (chair: TBD*): Chair will manage the props team and watch over props for team numbers. Volunteers will assist with the storage and flow of props to ice at the proper times.
- **Security** (chair: TBD*): These volunteers will make sure only properly credentialed people enter restricted areas and that guidelines are followed.
- **Competition Party** (chair: TBD*): Are you an event planner at heart? A special kick-off party will be held Tuesday, August 3rd to welcome competitors to our friendly grounds. We need help planning, setting up, running, and tearing down the event.

*Contact Amy Aspelund, aspelua@yahoo.com or Kelly Cann, kelly.cann79@gmail.com about chairing or volunteering for these positions.

Getting New Skates!

Three FCFSC club members are getting new skates soon!



Graduating Seniors



Kiley Scherer

I am graduating from Fossil Ridge High School. I am a part of National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National Business Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society and the Youth Police Academy. I have lettered in academics, art, and business. I plan to attend Colorado Mesa University to study biology.



Avalon Takara Corynn Cobb

Avalon is graduating from Rocky Mountain High School. She is a National Technical Honor Society member.

She plans to go to the Sonography program at Larmie County Community College in Cheyenne and become a certified ultrasound tech, travel as much as possible and get some land and raise pigs and goats.



Kelsey Seldin

Kelsey is graduating with Cum Laude Honors from Loveland High School. Her high school achievements are: The Provost's Scholarship Recipient, International Baccalaureate MYP Graduate, Delta Epsilon Phi German Scholar Award, National Society of High School Scholars Member and LHS Winterguard Performance Team State Qualifier 2020.

Kelsey will be attending CU Denver in fall of 2021 majoring in 3D Graphic Animation and Illustration.

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Lindsey Seldin

Lindsey is graduating with Magna Cum Laude Honors from Loveland High School. Her high school achievements are: The Chancellor's Scholarship Recipient, International Baccalaureate MYP Graduate, International Baccalaureate Risk Taker Award, International Baccalaureate Perseverance Award and National French Honor Society Member.

Lindsey will be attending CU Denver in fall of 2021 majoring in 3D Graphic Animation and Illustration.



Natalie Wilson

Natalie is graduating from Fort Collins High school. She will attend Front Range Community College and complete a 2 year program in general studies. She has been on the Junior Board for the past 4 years and would like to do a tour someday with Disney on Ice. Natalie enjoys cooking and trying new recipes, music, playing her guitar, working out doing Crossfit and hanging out with friends!



Azelyn Pendleton

Azelyn is graduating from Poudre High School. She has achieved a Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish and an Academic letter. She plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado in the fall.

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RoseMaree Barns

RoseMaree graduated from Fort Collins High School. Rose graduated as an Honors Graduate with a 3.84 GPA and a Poudre School District Endorsement of Academic Merit. She was a member of the National Honors Society and the Music Honors Society. Rose also received the Spirit of Orchestra Award where she was recognized for being a positive influence and carrying the spirit of music to her fellow classmates. Rose plans to attend the University of Northern Colorado in the fall to study Nursing.



Elise Daly

Elise graduated from Fossil Ridge High School with a 3.6 GPA where she was also a cheerleader and involved in theatre. This summer she plans to spend time with friends, traveling to see family and work at EPIC. In the fall Elise plans to attend CSU majoring in Mathematics. She was accepted into the AMPLIFY Learning Community and was the recipient of the Howard E. Emigrated Memorial Scholarship.

Dates to Remember

6/1: Window Opens for FCFSC Membership for 2021-2022 Season

6/10 & 6/11: Summer Spectacular Ice Shows

6/19: Ice Show Cast Party from 11am to 1pm at City Park Shelter #7

6/26: Senior Banquet at the Fort Collins Senior Center

7/10: Test Session from 8am to 12noon in blue rink - deadline to register is 6/25

8/3-8/7: Showcase Nationals!!!

8/14: Test Session from 8am to 12noon in blue rink - deadline to register is 7/30

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