



# ICE CHIPS

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## President's Letter

Dear Club Members,

Happy summer to you all! We have just finished a very, very busy spring season at the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club and we are very happy to take a moment to step back and reflect on this busy time and to take a moment to recharge and reset.

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge that we did it! We all came together after the city informed us last fall that they were no longer going to produce the annual ice show and we put together something amazing! It took the ENTIRE CLUB to come together to make this happen. It was a gargantuan task that would not have been possible without the entire club's support. I want to especially thank the coaches for being brave enough to try something new. Not only did they do an amazing job, but they also started something that we hope will become a tradition for many, many years to come. Thank you to coach Lisa for chairing the coach committee and making this seemingly impossible task a reality. Thank you to coach Ali for managing the Learn to Skaters. Thank you to all the skaters who stepped up and learned your parts in a fraction of the time you are used to getting and for having fantastic attitudes about all

the changes. We are so grateful that you all shared your amazing talents with us. Thank you to all the donors and sponsors that donated to our "Save the Show" fund and helped keep this dream alive for our skaters. Thank you to all the committee chairs for stepping up and doing your part as volunteers to take over jobs that were previously paid positions when the city produced the show. We know that it was a lot, and we hope we all learned from this experience and can use this knowledge to improve the show in the future. I want to specifically acknowledge each chairperson:

Laura Hicks and her team spearheaded the advertising for the show. She made the amazing posters and was able to get us featured in [Noco Style magazine](#) and many other advertising activities.

Maria Miller chaired the "Save the Show" fundraising campaign. She and her small but mighty team were able to raise more than \$10,000! She also made the printed ice show program.

JaNean Davis was the chair of the costume committee. She went above and beyond to make sure each skater had amazing costumes, tights, and boot covers (so. Many. Boot covers). She really outdid herself this year!

Monica Doherty led the music team. I think we can all agree that they knocked it out of the park! The music was incredible this year!

Rosa Martey led the props and sets team which added so much fun to this year's show and helped it all come together!

Jacqueline Richardson led the ticket sales and staffing. This was something completely new to us and she was able to build a streamlined system that we should be able to use for years to come.

Stacey Knuckey led the merchandise team. She made the cool T-shirts and pins and managed the video recording (which should be out this next week on June 8th). There is still time to buy a video if you would like.

Stacy Morse led the volunteer team. She helped each chairperson build their team and managed the signups and the volunteers.

April Allen oversaw set up and tear down. She made sure the rink was show ready and looking its best!

Rudy Schuster led the spotlights team. He coordinated with coach Lisa to make sure the show looked its best.

Nii Martey handled the music during the show and helped set up the very complicated EPIC sound system.

Calvin McConnell was our amazing announcer. He worked with the coaches to make the show come together.

And finally, a huge thanks to Gayleen Carpenter and Kelly Cann who co-chaired this whole thing

with me and helped us all navigate the bumps in the road and see us to a successful finish.

We hope you all enjoyed the show and will help us keep this tradition alive next year when we ask for more volunteers to step up to keep the show alive.

We were all very happy to honor the graduating high school seniors at the show this year. We are very proud of all of you and wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

The EPIC rinks are currently closed while they are getting some love from the city. The pandemic delayed some scheduled repairs and maintenance and led the city to make the unprecedented decision to close both rinks for a month. Look in this newsletter for information about neighboring rinks. We hope it will help you all find a place to practice while EPIC is closed. Both rinks will be open and summer programming will begin on Monday, June 20th.

Please read the rest of this newsletter. In it you will find important information about the new membership season that will start July 1st, our upcoming annual meeting, our June senior banquet and much, much more.

I wish you all a happy summer and hope to see you all around the rink!

Amy Aspelund  
FCFSC President



## Testing

In the Spring Newsletter I explained a little about what the test structure is for our club and for US Figure Skating. A test session is when our club hosts official US Figure Skating judges at our rink and they volunteer their time to judge whether a skater has advanced their skating skills enough to pass a certain level of skating. Our club holds test sessions about once a month and a skater can register to take a test when their coach feels their skills are ready to perform before a US Figure Skating judging panel. There are 4 primary areas that skaters can test their skating skills, moves in the field, free skate, dance, and pairs skating. Skaters and their parents should work with their coach when deciding about readiness to test. Testing registration is found on Entryeze. It is an adjunct website to US Figure Skating that clubs use. Go [HERE](#) for the link to our club website which will direct you to our Entryeze site for test registration. If you have any questions please reach out to Gayleen Carpenter, Test Chair, [Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com).

US Figure Skating held their annual meeting at the Governing Council this month and the membership voted to change the existing test structure. This will be a very big change coming up and as soon as we know more details we will be able to share it. For now, we will continue to host our test sessions in the format that we always have and skaters should continue to practice their skills.

We held 2 test sessions on April 7<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all our skaters who passed their tests. Please check your family folders in the green rink for your certificates for all your passed tests

from US Figure Skating. Our next test sessions will be July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>.

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/test-structure>



Congratulations to the following skaters for passing their recent tests:

### April 7, 2022 Test Session

Tala Gardiner	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Ava Perko	Preliminary Moves
Alice Lang	Preliminary Moves
Shawna Park	Preliminary Moves
Sipun Wongsathapornchai	Preliminary Free Skate
Emma Sipes	Juvenile Moves
Emily Davis	Juvenile Moves

Valeria Elkin (by protocol submission)	Juvenile Free Skate
Olivia Melchert (by protocol submission)	Intermediate Free Skate
Maddigan Ward	Solo Fiesta Tango, Solo Cha Cha
Sofia Cann	Solo Fiesta Tango, Solo Swing Dance
Reede Lunt	Junior Moves
<b>Kassondra Hawley</b>	<b>Adult Gold 21+ Moves</b>

### **May 13, 2022 Test Session**

Quincette Bogosian	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Yaretzi Gonzalez	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Kaiya Goodwin	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Zoe Anderson	Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Megan Doherty	Juvenile Moves
Claudia Schuster	Juvenile Moves
Harper Morse	Juvenile Moves
Nour Hamden	Juvenile Moves
Katherine Hicks	Intermediate Moves
Addison Lambrecht	Intermediate Moves, Pre-Juv Free Skate
Rebecca Nordman	Adult Pre-Bronze Moves and Free Skate
Claire Hoyle	Junior Free Skate
Brooklyn King	Solo Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues

For any questions about testing please ask Gayleen Carpenter or Betsi Mead.

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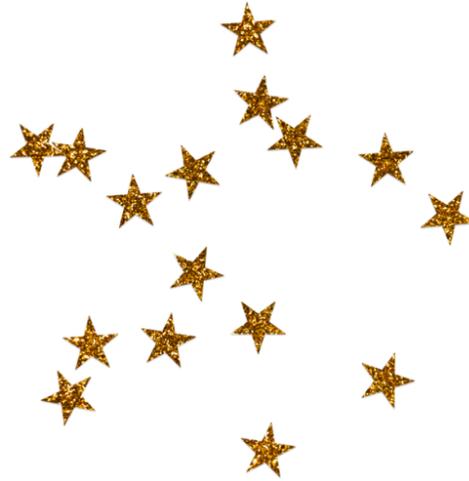
## **2021 Colorado Basic Skill Series Champion**

Jessica Ferguson started off the 2021 season competing at basic 1 at the Front Range Invitational. She earned extra points by moving up a level during the season to Basic 2. She was required to compete in Elements and Program with music in two or more competitions to qualify. She moved up to Basic 2 at Vail Mountain Fun, Denver Invitational and Colorado Springs Invitational where the series concluded and she was given the first place trophy for the 2021 Colorado Skate Series. Congratulations Jessica!



## FCFSC's Newest Gold Medalists

On April 7 Kassie Hawley passed her Adult Gold Moves in the Field test to become a Gold Medalist. Congratulations Kassie!



## Senior Banquet



**SAVE THE DATE!** Fort Collins Figure Skating Club Senior Banquet is planned for Friday June 17, 2022. The Senior Banquet is for ALL club members! It is an annual celebration that the club holds to recognize and honor our graduating seniors, our coaches, officials and volunteers but also to have a lot of fun together outside of the skating rink. Everyone is invited to come if you have a senior or hope to have a senior someday, or once were a senior! The banquet will be, Friday, June 17th , 2022 from 5-10pm at the Fort Collins Senior Center. If you have a graduating senior, please let Gayleen Carpenter know if you will be able to attend the banquet or if you will not be able to attend so we can

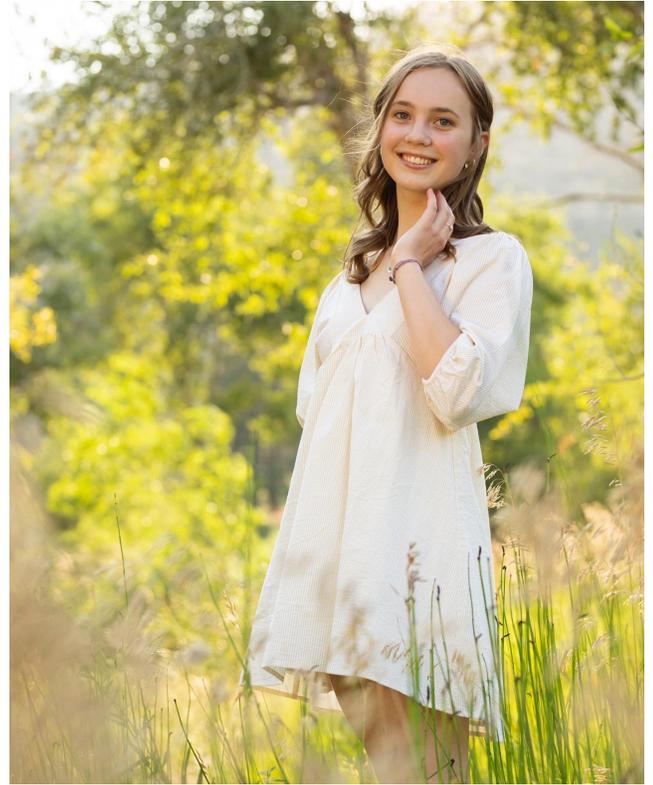
properly plan for the Banquet. Our theme is Fiesta and the attire is Colorado Formal, you can dress as formal as you like but no costumes. **Deadline for tickets is June 10<sup>th</sup>, and no tickets will be sold at the door.**

Get your tickets here: <https://fcfsc.ticketspice.com/annual-banquet-2022>

## High School Senior Graduates

### Sutton Kreutzfeldt

Sutton recently graduated from Rocky Mountain High School! She is very grateful for her skating memories and her coaches and friends. In addition to skating, she played clarinet in band, orchestra and musical theatre and received Rocky's top music award. Sutton will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall!



### Rowan Martey

Rowan Martey started skating with the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club at age 7 in 2011, and became a USFS triple gold medalist in January, 2022, with senior tests passed in Free Skate (with honors), Moves in the Field, and Solo Free Dance (with honors). She received the Jack Knight Leadership Award and the Sportsmanship Award from the FCFSC in 2019, and served on its Junior Board as co-President (with Brooklyn King) from 2021-2022. She is a founding member of the club showcase ensemble group, EPIC Productions, and served them as Team Captain and Rehearsal Assistant. Rowan graduated as valedictorian of the high school class of 2022 at Polaris Expeditionary Learning School in Fort Collins. In the fall, she will attend Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, where she plans to focus on environmental science and policy. After college she hopes to join Disney or Cirque du Soleil as an ice show performer.

## High School Senior Graduates

### Brooklyn King

Brooklyn graduated from Poudre Global Academy. She was co-president of the Junior Board of the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club for the last 2 years. She is also team captain and costume coordinator of the Showcase Team this year. She plans to attend the Make-Up Designory in Burbank, CA in the fall!



### Emily Romero

Emily graduated from Fort Collins High School. She enjoyed her high school years being involved with Student Council, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and Link Leaders. In the Fall she will be attending the University of Northern Colorado majoring in Speech Pathology and minoring in Early Childhood Education.

### High School Graduates Not Pictured

Sage Krzyzkowski  
Ella Pilon

Miranda McAulay  
Mady Seeber

## Club Membership

Membership count: 281

We ended the 2021-2022 membership year with 281 members! We were excited to have over 60 Learn to Skate members join us for the show this spring and hope that you stay with us for the new membership year and see what else we have to offer throughout the year. Membership renewal emails were sent out on June 1st from Entryeeze. Please renew your membership by June 30th to avoid a \$25 late fee. If you are participating in competitions this summer such as Vail or National Showcase, be sure to renew right away so that you are eligible to compete.

Just a reminder that we require that each skating family volunteers 20 hours per year OR 30 hours per year per multi-skater family. There is an option to buy out of volunteering for \$300/year. There are so many opportunities to volunteer throughout the year and it's a great way to meet other skaters and have fun!

If you have any membership questions, please email Melody at [melodyking26@gmail.com](mailto:melodyking26@gmail.com).

## Skaters of the Quarter

Each quarter with the exception of this quarter we will randomly pick 3 skaters who are members of the FCFSC to feature! One that is age 12 and below, one that is age 13-18, and one adult. They will get to have their picture and a small blurb about who they are and what they love about ice skating on the club cork board at the rink, social media, and our quarterly newsletter. We like to celebrate and support our club athletes as much as we possibly can to help each other grow together as a community! Our next Skaters of the Quarter will be featured in the fall newsletter. If you or your skater are interested in being featured as a Skater of the Quarter, please submit a photo and answers to the list of questions below to [fcfigureskating@gmail.com](mailto:fcfigureskating@gmail.com) by August 22.

- Skater Name
- Age
- Skating Level
- Coach
- How many days a week do you skate?
- What are your most celebrated skating accomplishments?
- What do you love the most about skating?
- Tell us something that we don't know about you?
- What is a pastime that you enjoy outside of skating?
- Who are your favorite skaters on TV?
- What is your favorite jump?
- What is your favorite spin?
- What is one of the favorite parts you have had in the Ice Show?



## Junior Board

We would like to give a BIG thank you to our Junior Board co-presidents Brooklyn King and Rowan Martey for leading the Junior Board for the last two years. During these challenging times they have managed to keep the junior board going. They will be greatly missed!

Junior Board version 2.0 is coming soon! These exciting changes will be announced in July.



## SkateSafe

Please visit our club website for learning how to become SafeSport trained to be a full volunteer for our events and competitions. <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org/skatesafe/>

Visit the US Figure Skating webpage for information regarding SkateSafe with USFSA. You'll find the link on the right side of the members home page.

Please contact Gayleen Carpenter at [Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com) with any Skate Safe questions.

## Club Education

We are looking forward to hosting Jackie and Diane September 17th and 18th for a fun seminar! Keep an eye out for information about a mental health wellness series for skaters coming soon. Coaches are in the planning stage for the 'Be Nice on the Ice' video to help spread the word about skating patterns and protocols when making the transition to contract (freestyle) ice.

Have ideas for club education? Email: [sturtevant.ali@gmail.com](mailto:sturtevant.ali@gmail.com)

## Coaches Corner

While EPIC is closed, we hope you're still finding ways to have fun on- and off- the ice. We can't wait to see you all back at our home away from home when EPIC re-opens in a few weeks!

As a resource reminder, linked here is a [10-minute dynamic warm-up](#) from Coach Lisa designed to get your heart rate going and activate your muscles and joints so your body is ready for exercise before lacing up your skates.

If you have suggestions for coaches corner items, please contact Coach Ali at [sturtevant.ali@gmail.com](mailto:sturtevant.ali@gmail.com).



## EPIC Productions Showcase

### EPIC Productions Rehearsals Underway for the 2022 Season

EPIC Productions, the FCFSC showcase ensemble team, has begun summer rehearsals in preparation for the National Showcase competition being held in Wesley Chapel, Florida in August. Its 20 members, lead by coaches Marianne Strobel, Denaysa Sisemore, and Lisa Moore, are working on refining their large production number "Sweet Dreams" after a successful performance at the club's Ice Extravaganza in May.

The team is also preparing three mini-ensembles of 6 to 7 skaters each, including a song from the musical 9 to 5, based on the Dolly Parton movie; a scene from the musical Something Rotten about a fictitious rival to Shakespeare who loves musicals; and a mini based on an original concept developed by coaches that honors important women in history. Many skaters are also preparing individual programs to compete in categories such as Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character Performance, and duets.

In May, the group's Team Captains and coordinators for costumes, props, team spirit, and social media were selected through an application process. These roles provide skaters with valuable opportunities to develop their leadership skills and assist coaches in leading warm-ups, developing costumes and props, helping with rehearsal feedback, and coordinating fundraising and other events. Thank you, skaters, for stepping up and offering your hard work!

As part of rehearsal and fundraising, EPIC Productions will hold a public exhibition performance of all the ensembles at the end of July, as well as some other events during the summer. So keep an eye out for announcements about how you can see them in action and support the team!



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## Club Member News



Alice and Sophia Gugel have been part of our club participating in ice shows and our National Showcase team EPIC Productions. They are U.S. Figure Skating judges. Below is a link to an interesting article about the twins.

<https://cvmb.ssource.colostate.edu/finding-balance-twin-biomed-students-set-nearly-identical-goals/>

Do you have some news that you would like to share with the club in the next newsletter? Please send your news in an email to [fcfigureskating@gmail.com](mailto:fcfigureskating@gmail.com).

## Dates to Remember

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| 6/10        | Deadline to purchase Senior Banquet tickets                  |
| 6/17        | Senior Banquet   |
| 6/20        | EPIC Ice Rinks Open  |
| 7/8         | Test Session - deadline to register is June 23rd at midnight |
| 7/10        | Annual Club Meeting at EPIC time TBD                         |
| 7/30        | EPIC Productions Exhibition at EPIC 4:15pm to 5:15pm         |
| 8/2 - 8/6   | National Showcase Competition in Florida                     |
| 8/19        | Test Session - deadline to register is Aug 4th at midnight   |
| 9/17 & 9/18 | Jackie & Diane Skating Seminar at EPIC                       |
| 9/23        | Test Session - deadline to register is Sept 8th at midnight  |



The End!