



The Putting-Edge Newsletter



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Upcoming Figure Skating Events

OCT 13 **October Monthly Board Meeting**
6:30pm-8:00pm CDT 📅
Raider Room
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NOV 2 **RFSC Test Session**
9:00am-12:00pm CDT 📅
Application deadline Wednesday, October 19, 2016
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NOV 10 **November Monthly Board Meeting**
6:30pm-8:30pm CST 📅
Raider Room

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.

And We're Back !



Back on our home ice, back to school! It is great to see everyone. The RFSC Board and Skater Reps have a lot of exciting things planned for this skating season.

Bi-weekly emails are sent to members with important information and reminders.

If you're on Facebook, be sure to



Roseville Figure Skating Club

Check our webpage for more club information and forms.

ROSEVILLEFSC.org



2016 THEATER ON ICE

Register and Save the Date!

This year's theme is: **FILL IN WHEN READY TO ANNOUNCE**

The Registration form has been posted to the club website. The postmark deadline is September 20th!

Registration is open to RFSC member skaters. Cost to be in the show is \$25, checks payable to RFSC.

The show is Sunday, November 20th, 12:30-2:00.

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!



"Go Figure"

Words of welcome from our Fearless Leader



Board President – Lisa Anne Venne

The RFSC is under the USFSA umbrella, so your Board works to implement and reinforce policies and procedures in the Club to help our skaters navigate their individual development path, with the direction of their coach, to meet USFSA requirements as they pursue their individual skating goals. Testing, competitions, contract ice, Safe Sport compliance...these are just a few of the elements that comprise the commitment we each make to this sport at some level, whether we're a skater, parent or volunteer.

I truly understand the challenges of our younger skaters, because I also started my days as a youth skater for 15 years with a 5a.m. alarm on early morning ice before school. I recall long afternoon sessions of practice and freeskate, and yes, I was a competitor every year in Duluth and other competitions. As a 25 year USFSA Judge and Referee, I know from experience the work, sacrifices and dedication required for a young skater to take the ice with confidence and courage. I know how it feels in that moment of waiting for your music to begin, knowing that a panel of a few are watching and assessing how far your dream will likely take you. So why do we do it?

Our sport is one that teaches the life skills of hard work, dedication, courage under pressure, and creativity. It taught me the value of giving back to the sport that has brought me a lifetime of joy, and it is so worthwhile for me to continue to be a leader in this sport at a meaningful level because your success and joy in figure skating keeps this sport vibrant, and I personally know what it can potentially bring to your life if you stay with it. As your Board President, I am dedicated to helping our skaters not only dream, but to take the practical steps required to move through USFSA whether it be their first test or their Gold level test. The tots who first discover the thrill of skating are the future of the RFSC, and the skaters at various levels of success are the inspiration. This Board's vision and hope is that we make decisions and directives that offer our skaters their best experience as a RFSC member.



The RFSC was was organized in the Fall of 1974, and is affiliated with the U.S. Figure Skating Association (USFSA).

On May 6, 1977, the Club was made a full member of the USFSA. Starting with an original membership of 25, the Club is a non-profit corporation. The Club receives support from Friends of the Oval (FOTO). For example, the annual Exposition skate before the Duluth competition and the Theater On Ice show are supported in part by FOTO. The RFSC takes much pride in its 40 years of developing great skaters!



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)!



Skater Spotlight

Anna Carpenter



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.



"Hope For Hannah" gets an edge on support as Anna earns Gold Girl Scout Award

When considering a topic for my Girl Scout Gold Award project I knew I wanted to do something that involved figure skating. I wasn't sure how to involve a great cause with skating until I went back to the beginning. I began skating when I was three years old because a dear family friend named Hannah introduced my sister and I to this fabulous sport. We all skated together in the Roseville Ice Show that year.

Hannah is a caring, funny and incredibly strong person. When Hannah was 16 she was diagnosed with acute Myasthenia Gravis. MG is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disorder that is characterized by fluctuating weakness of the voluntary muscle groups and is often difficult to diagnose. I know that most people have no clue what this disease is or how to help those afflicted. My Gold Award project was born, "Hope for Hannah." I teamed up the Roseville Figure Skating Club to hold an educational trade show the same day as the annual club exhibition held in January prior to the Duluth competition. Twenty six skaters participated in the exhibition and several organizations who have helped Hannah in her journey with MG participated in the trade show. The organizations who participated: the Minnesota chapter of the MG Foundation, Make a Wish Foundation, Memorial Blood bank, Be the Match, COTA (Childhood Organ Transplant Association), Beads of Hope, RFSC and the Roseville Skating School. The guest of honor, of course, was Hannah who displayed her huge collection of beads and spoke with many of the skaters and attendees. In addition to the skating exhibition and educational tradeshow I sponsored a blood drive at the Roseville Skating Center in late February.

I am happy to say I completed the requirements and received the Girl Scout Gold Award in May. I would like to thank the RFSC board for their support, the skating center for the use of the space, the skaters who participated, the coaches who always encouraged me and the many organizations who participated. It was a great success.

What has been your most memorable skating moment so far? Definitely when I landed my first double toe!

What are your goals after high school? I looking forward to finding a career path I love, but of course I will continue to skate!

Describe yourself in 3 words. ♥ Determined ♥ Happy ♥ Resilient ♥



Meet Your Skater Reps

The Skater Rep program was implemented in February when skaters were asked to choose two skaters among their peers to represent their voice to the Board of Directors. Locker room signs will be the primary means of communication. They are installing a suggestion box in the locker room, and also asked for skaters to choose the name of the newsletter. Watch for other ideas and feedback as the season gets underway!



Sydney Richards



Melissa Perszyk

And here's the closing spin on other stuff:



Mirrors are on the way for the locker room! Please do your part to maintain this area as tidy. No stickers on the freshly painted lockers. Someone wanted a chandelier, but we thought that was just a bit much, what with all the red and black glam. Just a bit! ☺



Watch for info on the annual safety seminar. This is an on-ice meeting that takes you through the protocols for navigating ice traffic.



ISI Skate School is back in session. This is required for participation in the Spring Ice Show. The ISI Skate School is a separate organization from the RFSC, but many skaters participate in both programs.



So what is Rising Stars? This is a series of on and off ice classes, skating in small groups with a RFSC coach. This program is an excellent segue to a development path of more focused skating advancement with a private coach.



Over the summer, the Board took steps to form a beginner level Synchro team. We identified a coach, monitored open-house style tryouts. We did not have 8 skaters sign up to form a team, which is the minimum numbers required under USFSA rules. We referred those families who expressed interest to Northern Fusion.



Please contact any of the Board Members if you have a suggestion or questions. The Contact Us tab of the website Rosevillefsc.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!



The private message tab of the Facebook page is monitored daily. This is another great means of letting us know what is on your mind and yes – we do follow-up promptly!