

ICE CHIPS



Fort Collins Figure Skating Club



Important Upcoming Dates

Jimmy Morgan Lessons and Clinics

December 7th

Winterfest Exhibition

December 8th, 2:00-6:00pm

Winter in Whoville (NEW!)

Dr. Seuss themed skating event
open to public & serving as a
fundraiser for Spring Ice
Extravaganza.

December 29th,
11:30am-1:30pm

Scheduled Test Sessions

December 6, 2024

*January 10, 2025

February 7, 2025

April 3, 2025

*—denotes virtual

Annual Club Banquet

February 22nd

Dear Club Member,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful fall and start to the winter season. Since I last wrote to you the Board of Directors has been busy. In September, we gathered for our annual board retreat. The board retreat is a time to reflect on the past year and plan for the future and boy did we ever plan! During our board retreat we created a strategic plan that will help guide the board over the next 3 years. We came up with 4 main goals for our club:

1. Membership Engagement and Retention: Support skaters development track
2. Development and Education: Increase opportunities for members to meet individual goals
3. Community Partnerships: Continue to foster and form new relationships with local partners
4. Financial and Organizational Sustainability and Growth: Increase visibility and integrate technological tools to help streamline and create opportunities for growth

Over the next few newsletters I will dive in to share with you what these exactly mean, how our annual plan will help to move the needle forward in achieving these long term goals, and celebrate the milestones already achieved with each of you.

We have hosted 2 very full test sessions in September and October, and we are getting ready to host our third on December 6th. It is so inspiring to see all of our skaters working so hard to achieve their skating goals. Congratulations to all our skaters who tested in September and October!

Fright Fest was a great success and our biggest Fright Fest so far with the addition of our high school competition. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to ensure that the event ran smoothly, to the families who cheered our skaters on, and to the skaters who skated beautifully. We are already planning next year for another 2 day event!

As we look to the next few months we are excited to host Jimmy Morgan again on December 7th. We cannot wait to be dazzled at Winterfest on December 8th and to be transported to Whoville on December 29th. More details can be found further down in the newsletter. Be sure to stay tuned to our weekly emails. Though it may seem far away, we are already preparing for the Fort Collins Classic, Ice Show of 2025 and a new season for our Showcase Team, Epic Productions. Information will be coming out soon.

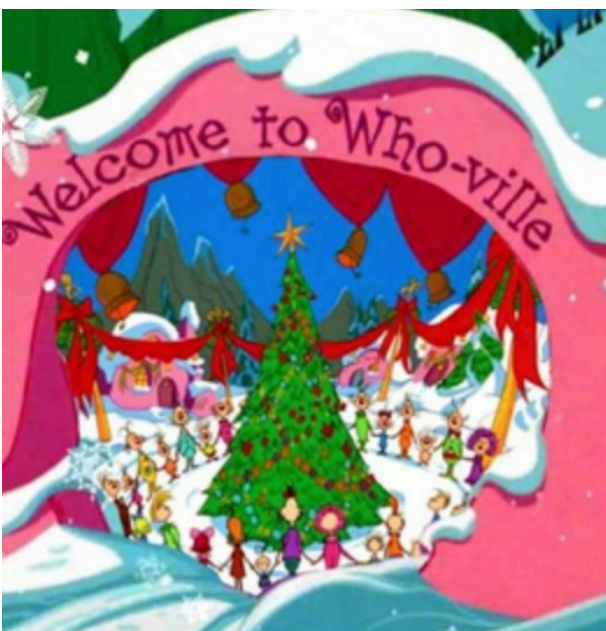
As always, but especially during the holiday season, I am so grateful for each and every member of our Fort Collins Figure Skating Club.

Happy Winter!

Juliana Schump

Don't be a Grinch!

Grow your heart three sizes and skate at this family-friendly FUNdraiser!



WHEN: Sunday, December 29th, 11:30-1:30pm

WHERE: EPIC

WHO: You and all of the Seuss-loving friends you can wrangle!

WHAT: Seuss-themed characters, food, hot cocoa

WHY: Because the Grinch says so! Actually, it's to raise money for our annual spring ice show!

Admission: \$10/per person or \$25/family.

Club Education

We are so excited to host Jimmy Morgan again this year! Jimmy is a coach, choreographer and professional figure skater based in Boston. He focuses on empowering his students by placing value in the whole skater including their long-term emotional and physical well-being. He holds a Mass Communication degree from Boston University. In his spare time, Jimmy is a Pro Ambassador for Athlete Ally, an organization committed to the fair inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in sports. He loves reading, traveling, dancing, and watching too much Netflix. He can usually be found making Tik Tok on the corner of a rink or playing ball with his rescue pup, Cali.



He will be offering 3 seminars on Saturday, December 7th.

- An Adult Clinic for \$35 per person: Off Ice 11:15 -11:45am; On Ice 12 -1pm
- A Learn to Skate Clinic for \$25 per person: On Ice 1:15 -2:15pm
- A Performance Clinic for our Tested Skaters for \$50 per person. (Learn a routine to be performed at Winterfest!): Off Ice 2:45 -3:15; On Ice 3:30 - 5pm
- All Attendees are welcome to join Jimmy for a Q&A from 5:15 -6:15pm after the seminars.

Jimmy will also be available for private lessons on Thursday 12/5, Friday 12/6, and Saturday 12/7 before the seminars. Private lessons are \$60/30 minute lesson.

[Click here to sign up for seminars and to get information on private lessons.](#)

A Note to Jumps Participants from Coach Kristin Conroy:

Coach Kristin wants to acknowledge those who participated in the eight weeks jumps class and landed a jump on ice. The jump(s) had to be landed during the 8 week jump session and the skaters had to be registered and participate in the session. It is a very big accomplishment to get an Axel or double or triple jump. The skaters that landed jumps during the session are as follows:

- Sadie Coatman- Double Lutz
- Yaretzi Gonzalez- Axel
- Mackenzie Irish- Double Toe Loop
- Maline Jesness- Double Salchow
- Leo Stasevich- Double Salchow, Double Toe Loop, Double Loop, Double Flip

The club will run a new session beginning January 27th for 10 weeks. We will add a separate adult jump class and a NEW spin class to strengthen all 3 spin positions along with variations.

Tests Passed

Congratulations to our members who passed tests in our September and October sessions!

September 20th

***Grace Carpenter**

Skating Skills/MITF, Gold/Senior

Julianna Choe

Singles/Free Skate, Pre-Prelim (no music); Pre-Preliminary

Dolly Jesness

Singles/Free Skate, Preliminary

Maline Jesness

Singles/Free Skate, Preliminary

Addison Lambrecht

Skating Skills/MITF, Silver/Novice

Abby Meazoa

Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Bronze/Pre-Juv

Ashleigh Porter

Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Preliminary; Singles/Free Skate, Pre-Prelim (NO music)

Claire Schump

Partnered Dance Follow, Pre-Bronze/Fiesta Tango & Cha Cha (virtual)

October 25th

Katherine Pietras

Skating Skills/MITF, Silver/Novice

Mayley Miller

Skating Skills/MITF, Silver/Novice

Anya Schuster

Skating Skills/FS, Silver/Novice

Nour Hamdan

Skating Skills/MITF, Silver/Novice

Tala Gardiner

Skating Skills/MITF, Bronze/Juv

MaeBelle Jesness

Skating Skills/MITF, Bronze/Juv

Claire Schump

Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Bronze/Pre-Juv



*Grace Carpenter with Coach
Marianne Strobel



Dolly Jesness	Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Bronze/Pre-Juv
Allison Vogel	Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Bronze/Pre-Juv
Hannah Irish	Skating Skills/MITF, Preliminary
Madeleine Ebersole	Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Preliminary
Paityn Gwash	Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Preliminary
Kate Rosgen	Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Preliminary; Singles/FS, Pre-Prelim
Stephen Warren	Skating Skills/MITF, Pre-Preliminary
Quetzalli González	Singles/FS, Pre-Prelim (NO music)



October-Virtual

Robyn Seldin	Solo Dance Follow, Bronze/Hickory Hoedown
Claire Schump	Partnered Dance Follow, Pre-Bronze/Swing



FCFSC Annual Banquet: Save the Date!!!

Our club is planning to host our annual Club Banquet on Saturday February 22nd. All club members are invited to come! Learn to skate families, collegiate and adult skaters are welcome to come! This is a formal event that is hosted by our club and is a celebration not only for our graduating seniors but also a way to celebrate our coaches, volunteers and all the skaters who participate with our club! We have food and entertainment, and all club members are invited! So please plan to attend. It is a way that we can dress up, socialize and enjoy one another! Watch your emails for more details and information.

High School Teams Updates

On October 26, our club hosted its first Fright Fest High School Competition. Our club's five-member Fire and Ice team (Mackenzie Irish, Lauren Knuckey, Abby Meazoa, Mayley Miller, and Leo Stasevich) showcased their skating skills against the high school team from Mt. View Skating Club from Greeley. The team participated in four events, two of which were Team Maneuvers, demonstrating their dedication and passion for figure skating.



The Team Maneuvers event is essentially a Team Compulsory event. Each team level has a required set of skating skills to complete. These elements are divided into three categories: jumps, spins, and edge or skating skills sequences, with three required skills in each category. The team must complete nine elements in total. All judging is 6.o.

The first event was the Team Maneuvers-Low, in which Abby and Leo's team showcased their skating skills and came in second place.

The next event was Team Maneuvers-Intermediate. Lauren, Mayley, and Mackenzie participated in the exhibition event, showing off their fabulous skating skills.

The final events were the Longest Spiral and Longest Spin, both favorites of the skaters. Mackenzie won the Longest Spiral, and Lauren won the Longest Spin. It was a fun afternoon, and we look forward to hosting another high school competition next year!

WE NEED YOU ON THE TEAM!

Fire and Ice is looking to expand its roster. The team is divided into four sub teams, and **all** high school skaters are encouraged to join. What team a skater is assigned to is based on their Singles (Freestyle) testing level. The levels are:

Beginner Team: skaters from beginner to the Pre-Preliminary level

Low Team: skaters at the Preliminary-Pre-Bronze (Pre-Juv) Levels

Intermediate Team: skaters at the Bronze (Juv)-Silver Levels

High Team: skaters at the Gold Level

We have three exciting competition opportunities, offering our skaters the chance to showcase their skating skills. Participation in all three is optional for being part of our team. Skaters can compete in one or all the competitions. The competitions are:

1. 2025 High Altitude Invitational, Laramie, WY—Saturday, January 18
2. 2025 Colorado High School Team Figure Skating Championships, South Suburban Sports Complex—Sunday, January 26th
3. 2025 U.S. Figure Skating National High School Team Cyber Challenge, Virtual Competition—December 1-January 31

Joining our Fire and Ice team is a perfect opportunity to showcase and improve your skating skills, while having fun! If you have any questions or want to join the team, please contact Stacey Knuckey at fcfsc.membership@gmail.com.

Club Membership

Current Membership Count: 277

- Single Adult Home Club 28
- Junior Home Club 37
- Parent (of Junior) Home Club 38
- Intro Junior Home Club 9
- Intro Parent (of Jr.) Home Club 7
- Additional HC Family Member 10
- LTS Additional Family Member 7
- Parent (of Learn to Skate) 32
- Adult Learn to Skate Member 9
- Learn to Skate (LTS) USA 44
- Professional 10
- Collegiate 35
- Supportive Member 7
- Associate Club Member 4

COMPETITION CORNER

Mark your calendars for these upcoming competition opportunities in January-April, 2024

High Altitude Invitational

January 18, 2025

Laramie, WY

***The deadline to register is January 4th. Click [here](#) to register.*

Denver High School Team Competition

January 26, 2025, 9am-3pm

South Suburban Sports Complex

***Registration is open! The deadline to register is December 20, 2023*

Denver Invitational

March 6th-9th, 2025

South Suburban Sports Complex

Fort Collins Classic

April 3rd-6th, 2025

Epic

Spring Funtastics

April 2025

Arvada, CO





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- **START SHOPPING!** Scan your loyalty card or enter your ALT ID each time you check out; FCFSC will receive money quarterly to distribute to our various teams and ongoing club efforts. You don't need to do anything else, it's THAT easy!

FCFSC is giving away a \$25 King Soopers Gift Card to members who newly register for the Community Rewards Program and select to support our skating club. Points earned help raise funds for FCFSC (and do not count against gas rewards.) The giveaway is open only to new registrants and is not restricted to FCFSC members; encourage extended family and friends to join and support our club! Register using the directions listed above. Then, enter to win:

1. Take a screenshot of your registration form online before 12/15.
2. Send the screenshot to: fcfigureskating@gmail.com

All entries will be put in a random generator to select winner.

***Only NEW registrants can enter and you do not have to be a member of FCFSC to participate.*

Member News and Highlights

New promotions for local judges!

Betsi Mead now has added several appointments to her judging credentials: pre silver dance and competition synchronized certified 6.o. She has also submitted her application for a 6.o dance competition appointment. CONGRATULATIONS!

Robyn Seldin has been certified to judge 6.o synchronized skating competitions! CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations Rowan Martey!

Rowan has achieved a new level in her skating career— professional ice skater! She was chosen to perform in Sea World's holiday ice show in Florida. Congratulations on this new accomplishment, Rowan!



News and pics to share for the next newsletter? Send them to: fcfsc.sharenews@gmail.com.