

# ICE CHIPS

Fort Collins Figure Skating Club

## Mark Your Calendar:

- \* **Jackie Brenner and Diane Miller Seminar**, September 16th- 18th; register by September 9th!
- \* **Scheduled Test Sessions:**
  - September 23rd
  - October 21st
  - December 2nd
- \* **Fright Fest Competition**, October 23rd at EPIC
- \* **Winter Exhibition**, December 17
- \* **Fort Collins Classic**, March 30-April 2, 2023



## Letter from FCFSC President

Dear Club Members,

Summer is nearly behind us as we get back into the swing of school and fall sports and all the things that mark the end of summer. For us in the figure skating club it means it's time to start planning the year. We have another busy year ahead of us, starting with a (pre-covid) seminar we had hoped to make an annual event: the seminar with coaches Jackie Brenner and Diane Miller. For those of you who were around in the summer of 2019, they came to Fort Collins and led a 3-day seminar. It was such a success and so loved by all our skaters and coaches we are excited to bring them back this September 16-18. PSD has no school on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup>, so there should be plenty of time for all our club

members to sign up for a private lesson Friday morning/afternoon and Saturday morning with Jackie and Diane before the seminar starts. We published a tentative schedule in the newsletter and the online registration. It should be a fun seminar filled with positive energy and a great deal of skill building. So please join us! The seminar is open to club members who *tested* pre-prelim FS and above, adults tested pre-bronze FS and above, and *non-tested* Learn to Skate children and adults who have at least a loop jump. We look forward to this fun event. There will be a pizza party meet and greet Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for all registrants.

Our next exciting upcoming event is our annual Fright Fest competition. This is a fun one-day competition that will have free skate events from Snowplow Sam through Preliminary and Showcase events for all levels. We are adding interpretive events and a high school team event this year. So, watch your emails for details about the announcement and when registration will open. This is a fun competition for all ages and skill levels!

We are also working to help the synchro teams organize a skate swap this late summer/early fall. Watch your email and the board in the blue rink for upcoming details. Now would be a good time to start going through your old dresses, costumes, and skates and think about selling them to make a little money while supporting the synchro teams!

I know it seems insane to think about, but the holidays will be here before you know it! We have booked the ice on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:45pm to host a “Winterfest” Skating exhibition. So now would be a good time to think about putting together a holiday number for this fun tradition. This will be open to club members at all levels as well as to all club teams. We encourage you to participate in this fun event. We will also try to set up an outdoor holiday exhibition at the mall at some point during the season, so start planning a fun program to exhibit this holiday season!

Some of our club members are skating down in Denver on the Denver Synchronicity synchronized skating team. They have been invited to participate in an ice show in Vail starring Nathan Chen on December 23, 2022. Tickets are on sale now: <https://>

[vailskatefest.com/](http://vailskatefest.com/) This is a really great opportunity to support our club members and to watch the Nathan Chen in person!

Speaking of supporting club members, our former club member Beck Strommer has been selected by US Figure skating to represent the United States at the Junior Grand Prix this season. If you would like to support and watch him he will be skating September 21-24, 2022 in Armenia. We are so proud of him and all his achievements! Way to go Beck!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or ideas for the club. We welcome your input and support.

Have a wonderful fall and see you around the rink!

Amy Aspelund  
FCFSC President



## Club Education

### **September 16-18, 2022, Skating Seminar with Jackie Brenner and Diane Miller**

Figure skating coaches Jackie Brenner and Diane Miller are coming to EPIC on September 16th through the 18th to offer a 2 day seminar (10 hours on and off ice). They will be coaching private ice lessons on Friday September 16th as well (details to come). Students who sign up for the seminar will get priority for additional private lessons.

They are returning after a VERY fun and successful seminar summer of 2019. We are VERY excited to have them back to coach at EPIC.

The Fort Collins Figure Skating Club is excited to offer this seminar with Jackie Brenner and Diane Miller! Both on and off ice sessions will focus on skill development: jumps, spins, ballet, skating skills, edges, stretching, power, scoring and parent education!

**What:** A 2-day seminar (total of 10 hours on ice instruction time + 2 Hours of Off Ice Instruction).

**Who can participate:**

- Any *TESTED* full club (youth) member who has passed the Pre Preliminary Free Skate Test and Adult Full Club Members who have passed the Silver Free Skate Test and has an axel.
- Any *NON-TESTED* Learn to Skate (youth) Club Member or Adult Full Club Members who has at least a loop jump. We are excited to have Learn to Skate group class skaters participate with a Learn to Skate USA membership!

**General Schedule:**

- Friday 9/16: Meet & Greet Pizza Party & Parent Talk 5:30-7:30pm
- Saturday 9/17: 9:30am – 4:15pm with a 1 hour lunch break
- Sunday 9/18: 8:00am – 2:30pm with a 45 min lunch break

\*Sessions will be both on ice and off ice. Youth skaters will be divided by ability.

**Registration and Costs for FCFSC Home Club Members [Due by 9/9/22]:**

- *TESTED* Pre-Preliminary Freeskate & Adult Silver FS (w/ axel) & Above: \$125 (+\$5 fees)
- *NON-TESTED* Adults and Learn to Skate: \$100 (+\$5 fees)
- Private lessons: \$125/hr, available to attendees.

**\*\*REGISTRATION LINKS ON NEXT PAGE\*\***



**Diane Miller** (*left*) is a National and International figure skating coach who was a World Team Alternate, a 9-time National and International competitor. **Jackie Brenner** (*right*) is a Professional Skaters Association Honorary Member/Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and Developmental Coach of the Year.



Register here for Seminar (click link):

[Seminar Registration](#)

Sign up for Private Lessons by clicking here:

[Private Lesson Sign Up](#)

Have questions about the seminar? Email Coach Katie at [1skatinglesson@gmail.com](mailto:1skatinglesson@gmail.com)

**Sept 16-18 2022 Figure Skating Seminar Schedule**

Friday September 16, 2022					
	GREEN	BLUE	YELLOW	ORANGE	Parents
11:15-12:45am	Private Lessons for skaters 16yo and up				
1:00-5:00pm	Private Lessons				
5:30-7:30pm	Meet and Greet Pizza Party				
Saturday September 17, 2022					
	GREEN	BLUE	YELLOW	ORANGE	Parents
7:15-9:15am	Private Lessons				
9:45-10:05am	Off Ice Warm up				
10:05-10:15am	Skates On				
10:15-10:45	Session 1: Edge Class	Session 1: Edge Class	Session 1: Edge Class	Session 1: Scoring Class	
10:45-11:15am	Session 2: Spins	Session 2: Jumps	Session 2: Off Ice Ballet	Session 2: Off Ice Ballet	
11:15-12:00pm	Session 3: Toe Jumps	Session 3: Spins	Session 3: Scoring	Session 3: Edge Class	
12:00-12:45pm	Session 4: Ballet	Session 4: Ballet	Session 4: Jumps	Session 4: Jumps	
12:45-1:45pm	Lunch (bring your own)				

1:45-2:30pm	Session 5: Scoring	Session 5: Power	Session 5: Power	Session 5: Power	
2:30-3:15pm	Session 6: Power and connective/creative steps	Session 6: Scoring	Session 6: Spins	Session 6: Connective steps/ Creative movements	
3:15-4:00pm	Session 7: Jumps (edge)	Session 7: Connective steps/ Creative movements	Session 7: Connective steps/ Creative movements	Session 7: Spins	
4:00-4:15pm	Session 8: Spirals/edges	Session 8: Spirals/edges	Session 8: Spirals/edges	Session 8: Spirals/edges	
4:15-4:45pm	Session 9: Stretching	Session 9: Stretching	Session 9: Stretching	Session 9: Stretching	
<b>Sunday September 18</b>					
	<b>GREEN</b>	<b>BLUE</b>	<b>YELLOW</b>	<b>ORANGE</b>	<b>Parents</b>
7:30-7:50am	Off Ice Warm up				
7:50-8:00am	Skates On				
8:00-9:00am	Session 1: Contemporary / Lyrical Dance	Session 1: Choreography and Skating Skills	Session 1: Choreography and Skating Skills	Session 1: Contemporary/ Lyrical Dance	
9:00-9:45am	Session 2: Spins	Session 2: Spins	Session 2: Stretching	Session 2: Stretching	
9:45-10:30am	Session 3: Jump Combinations	Session 3: Jumps	Session 3: Jumps	Session 3: Training for competition (off ice)	
10:30-11:15am	Lunch (bring your own)				
11:15-12:00pm	Session 4: Training for Competition (off ice)	Session 4: Training for competition (off ice)	Session 4: Training for competition (off ice)	Session 4: Choreography and Skating Skills	
12:00-12:45pm	Session 5: Entries/Exits	Session 5: Contemporary/ Lyrical Dance (off Ice)	Session 5: Contemporary/ Lyrical Dance (off Ice)	Session 5: Jumps	
12:45-1:15pm	Session 6: Spin Combinations	Session 6: Entries/Exits	Session 6: Entries/Exits	Session 6: Spins	
1:15-1:45pm	Session 7: Power	Session 7: Power	Session 7: Power	Session 7: Power	
1:45-2:30pm	Session 8: Stretching (Off ice)	Session 8: Stretching (Off ice)	Session 8: Stretching (Off ice)	Session 4: Stretching (Off ice)	

## Testing

FCFSC held 2 test sessions this summer on July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the following skaters for passing their tests! To ALL members, if you haven't done so recently, please check your family folders in the green rink to retrieve your certificates for passing your tests from U.S. Figure Skating!!

### July 8, 2022

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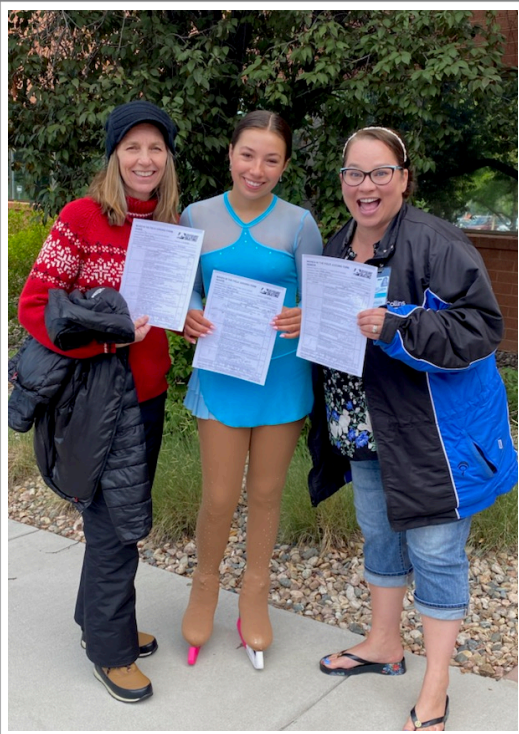
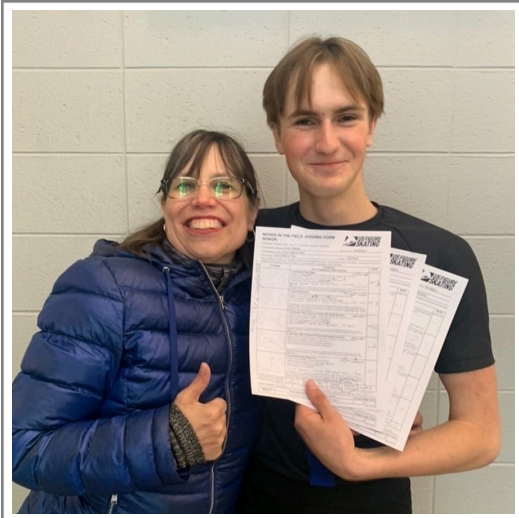
Sadie Coatman	Intermediate Moves In the Field
Anya Schuster	Intermediate Moves In the Field
Grace Carpenter	Novice Moves In the Field
Reede Lunt	Senior Moves In the Field
Maddigan Ward	Swing Dance

### August 19, 2022

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Bria Eisenzimmer	Pre-Preliminary Moves In the Field
Brynli Eisenzimmer	Pre-Preliminary Moves In the Field
Hannah Iris	Pre-Preliminary Moves In the Field
Leo Stasevich	Pre-Preliminary Moves In the Field, Free Skate
MaeBelle Jesness	Preliminary Moves In the Field
Lillie Jessop	Preliminary Moves In the Field
Katy Hicks	Preliminary Free Skate
Rocio Pardina	Pre-Juvenile Moves In the Field
Sarah Stump	Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field
Claire Hoyle	Senior Moves In the Field
Katy Hicks	European Waltz, Foxtrot
Brooklyn King	Fiesta Tango, Cha Cha

## Congratulations to Our Newest Club Gold Medalists!



*Reede Lunt and Claire Hoyle passed their Senior Moves in the Field Tests.*

## Virtual Tests and Members Testing at Other Clubs

- Harper Morse      Intermediate Moves In the Field  
8/1/2022
- Emma Sipes      Intermediate Moves In the Field,  
Pre-Juvenile Free Skate 6/25/22
- Hazel Sipes      Pre-Preliminary Moves In the Field  
6/25/22
- Reede Lunt      Junior Free Skate 6/10/22

Our next test sessions will be September 23, then October 21 ahead of Fright Fest. Our last test session of the year will be December 2. Please see the club website for test registration deadlines.

U.S. Figure Skating has announced they will be updating the testing system. We will share information and details regarding these updates as we can. Listen for the new updates from your coaches as some of the names will change in the new and improved system! Any testing questions can be sent to Gayleen Carpenter or Betsi Mead, our testing Co-Chairs. [Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com) and [betsimead@gmail.com](mailto:betsimead@gmail.com)

## SkateSafe

Please visit our club website to learn 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 USFS. You'll find the tab on the home page. Please contact Gayleen Carpenter at [gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com) with any Skate Safe questions.

[Link to USFS SkateSafe](#)

## Coaches Corner

We have just a few more competitions left before the end of the competition season and one of those competitions is going to be Fright Fest, right here at EPIC on October 23rd! We have many skaters who have been competing all season, as well as skaters that are preparing to compete for the first time. While it's an exciting time with the school year starting preparing for a competition can sometimes feel overwhelming. Here are some [self-care tips for young athletes](#) from TrueSport to give families ideas for supporting your athletes while they train to reach their goals!

Have ideas for the Coaches Corner or Club Education? Email Coach Ali at [sturtevant.ali@gmail.com](mailto:sturtevant.ali@gmail.com)

## Club Membership

### **Current Membership Count: 196**

Welcome new & returning club members! If you haven't renewed your club membership yet you may still do so. All previous year's Learn to Skate members who wish to renew at the Learn to Skate level, please contact Maria Miller at [fcfsc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:fcfsc.membership@gmail.com). She will assist you to avoid paying the late renewal fee. If you have any questions about membership, need your membership number, or are not receiving club emails, contact Maria.

We are a great community with so many opportunities for you and/or your skater to participate. Take a look at our website to familiarize yourself with these opportunities: competitions, pairs skating, synchronized skating, adult, showcase, testing, junior board, social events, seminars and much more. It is also important to familiarize yourself with our code of conduct and Skate Safe policies. These important policies are on our website or you can re-read the agreement you signed in Entryeeze when you joined. Just log into your membership account and click on the "additional information" tab.

Every club member has a family folder located in the filing cabinets near the coaches' room in the green rink. Be sure to check your folder regularly! This is a great place to leave documents for other members. You or your skater will also receive a certificate each time they pass a test, these are placed in your folder within a few months of their test.

FCFSC is run 100% by volunteers, and we need your help! We cannot run competitions and events without you. Our biggest volunteer opportunities include competitions such as the Fright Fest in October, Fort Collins Classic in April, and Ice Extravaganza Ice Show in May.

Remember to log your volunteer hours in your Entryeze account. Each family needs 20 hours per year and each multi-skater family needs 30 hours.

#### Here's how

1. Log into your Entryeze account on a laptop. This does not work on a phone.
2. Click on the "Volunteer" tab, then click "Volunteer Hours."
3. Click on your skater's name on the left, then enter your hours and a description. Even if another family member volunteered who is not a club member, you can still enter their hours under your skater's name.
4. Submit your hours.

Finally, be sure to check your club emails and the main bulletin board in the EPIC lobby for more information about volunteer opportunities and club events!

Maria Miller, FCFSC Membership Chair

[fcfsc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:fcfsc.membership@gmail.com)

## **Club Annual Banquet**

The Fort Collins Figure Skating Club held its annual banquet this year on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Collins Senior Center. Our club volunteers, officials and coaches were recognized as well as our graduating seniors. Our club had 8 graduating seniors this year that we honored including Brooklyn King, Sutton Kreutzfeldt, Sage Krzyzkowski, Rowan Martey, Miranda McAuley, Ella Marie Pillon, Emily Romero and Mady Seeber. Congratulations on your high school graduation and best wishes for your next adventures!!



## EPIC Productions

The showcase ensemble group, EPIC Productions (EP), has wrapped up their 5th competition season with great success! In August, 20 skaters traveled with coaches and parents to Wesley Chapel, Florida, for the 2022 USFS National Showcase Competition. EP put four ensembles on the ice, and 17 skaters also performed individual and duet events. Congratulations to everyone on their amazing performances!

EPIC Productions performed its monster-filled large ensemble, “Sweet Dreams,” which club members may recall seeing at the spring ice show last May. We are happy to report that the giant spinning bed made the trip to Florida and looked great on the ice! Their hard work earned them 5th place in the competition. We also had two Silver Mini Ensembles (preliminary to juve level): one skating to the Broadway version of Dolly Parton’s “9 to 5,” and the other skating to “It’s a Musical,” from the musical “Something Rotten.” EP’s Gold Mini Ensemble (intermediate and above) skated to “If I Dare” by Sara Barailles, with each skater dressed as a different inspiring woman from history, including Cleopatra, Amelia Earhart, Sally Ride, and Joan of Arc.



Congratulations to the “Something Rotten” mini for making the podium at 4th place! Five skaters received medals for individual programs: Sadie Coatman (4th) and Sofia Cann (3rd) in Open Juve Comedic Impressions; Grace Carpenter (2nd) in Intermediate Interpretive; Brooklyn King (3rd) in Novice Comedic Impressions; and Rowan Martey, Senior Choreographic Artistry (2nd), Lyrical Pop (3rd), and Interpretive (4th). Rowan was also part of the first Showcase adaptive duet/trio collaborative routine with Rob Hanley & Sofia Daley (of University of Denver), coached by Lisa Moore.

We extend deep gratitude to our brilliant team director Marianne Strobel, inspiring coaches Denaysa Sisemore and Lisa Moore, financial wizard Melody King, fundraising miracle-worker Alison Coatman, travel sage Monica Dougherty, and props expert Maria Miller. We thank all our parents and skaters for their work creating and coordinating 40 costumes, 3 big set pieces, and lots of competition coffees. Special thanks to our amazing “Team B” on-site props team, including Rudy Schuster, Ron Miller, Chuck Hamdan, Nii Martey, Stacy Morse, and honorary member Bob Gleason for their masterful carpentry and problem-solving. The EP Team also gives special thanks to our Team Manager, Rosa Martey. We are forever grateful for your tireless efforts and talents, we are beyond blessed to have you!

The team’s success was made possible by vital leadership by our skaters, including work on rehearsals, costumes, and events from Team Captains Brooklyn King, Grace Carpenter, Melina Miller, and Emily Davis, and from Co-Captains Sofia Cann, Megan Dougherty, and Claudia Schuster. Anya Schuster and Lauren Knuckey helped with costumes, and Addie Mitchell, Zoe Anderson, Nour Hamdan, and Mayley Miller helped with promotion and events. Rocio Pardina and Anya Schuster were rehearsal assistants-in-training under the EP senior rehearsal assistant Rowan Martey.

The whole team also thanks the amazing staff at the Hampton Inn of Wesley Chapel where we all stayed. They really went above and beyond to welcome, support, and cheer us!

After a nice rest and a terrific end-of-year party, the EPIC Productions organizing team is already making plans for the 2023 season. You’ll be seeing more exhibitions, fundraising events, and announcements this fall, so keep an eye out!

If you’re a Preliminary through Senior level skater who wants to join the EPIC Productions showcase ensemble team for the 2023 season, there are slots available! Reach out to our EP coaches or to the team manager, Rosa Martey ([rosa.martey@colostate.edu](mailto:rosa.martey@colostate.edu)) for information. You can also learn more about the group and see recent videos at **[EPICproductionsFoCo.org](http://EPICproductionsFoCo.org)**.



## Fire Crystal Synchro

The Fire Crystal's Youth, Pre-Juvenile, and Adult teams finished out their season by skating in the Spring Ice Show. A total of 35 skaters took part in synchro between these three teams. Congratulations to all three teams for contributing to the success of the show!

The Pre-Juvenile team skated in the Denver Invitational where they took home the silver medal and found a mascot!

New teams are forming for this season and starting on new routines.

If you or your skater is at a Learn to Skate Freeskate (youth) or above and would like to skate on a youth or adult team please contact coach Pam or coach Denaysa. Interest forms are



available in the Green rink and lobby as well. (See attached interest form).

### **Coach Pam Kurtz:**

[pkurtz2006@hotmail.com](mailto:pkurtz2006@hotmail.com)

970-396-1335

### **Coach Denaysa:**

[loudensis@hotmail.com](mailto:loudensis@hotmail.com)

### *Upcoming Fundraising Events:*

### **Skate Swap, September 17, 2022**

Start going through your skating items (skates, clothes, dresses, etc.) that are outgrown or no longer needed. We have

not had a swap for three years due to the pandemic. Watch your club email for details for this must anticipated event where you can find new treasures for your skater! Items are anticipated to be brought to the rink on Friday, September 16, 2022.

**Butter Braids and Evergreen Wreath** sales will be happening in September and October for delivery for the holidays, yum!





# Synchronized Skating Interest Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form if you are interested in skating on a synchronized skating team at EPIC. We have all levels of teams from youth to adult. Please return completed form to Pam Kurtz or in her box at the front desk or by email (see address at the bottom of this form).

Skater Name \_\_\_\_\_ USFSA# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Emails \_\_\_\_\_

Skater Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Other Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Skater's Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Age: (as of July 1, of this year) \_\_\_\_\_ Team Placement depends on age & skill

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Learn to Skate  
level: \_\_\_\_\_

Free Skate \_\_\_\_\_

Ice Dance \_\_\_\_\_

Moves in the Field \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Synchronized Skating Team Experience? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, team and level \_\_\_\_\_

What team are you interested? \_\_ Competitive \_\_ Recreational \_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the Fire Crystals and Synchronized Skating? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any questions? \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

For additional information, contact  
**Coach Pam Kurtz at 970-396-1335, email at pkurtz2006@hotmail.com**

## Member News

### Three Members Earn Judging Credentials

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Congratulations to three of our club members who earned USFS judging credentials: Heidi Habbinga, Betsi Mead, and Robin Seldin. We asked these new judges about their appointments and the process they went through to earn them.

#### *Heidi Splay Habbinga*

I have been a life-long skater and lover of figure skating. I started skating when I was young and passed my 3rd figure test, Novice Free Skate, and Silver Dance tests. I also competed at the National level in Synchronized skating with the Ann Arbor Hockettes. I stopped skating when I went to college and came back to it in 2020, joining the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club the next year. I am really enjoying being back on the ice, joining club events and the community.

I began trialing singles Moves in the Field and Free Skate tests in October of 2021 with Betsi Mead as my monitor. I enjoy watching figure skaters show off their skills and share their passion for skating through testing and competing and achieve their goals. I earned my Bronze judge's appointment for Moves in the Field and Free Skate in August and look forward to working towards my Silver appointment and Dance judging appointment. I really enjoy being able to give back to the sport of figure skating through judging.

#### *Betsi Mead:*

I was test chair for FCFSC for many years and decided to take the plunge into judging, when it became more difficult to find judges for our test session. I have been judging for about 10 years and have my gold test appointment for moves, free skate and pairs. I am also a virtual judge and serve as a monitor for our new bronze judge, Heidi Habbinga. She has been working towards her ice dance appointment and IJS appointment.

I have been a lifelong skater, and our middle child was a singles, pairs and ice dance skater as well. Judging is my way of giving back to this wonderful sport.



**Betsi Mead** (*far right*) at an Aspen competition with fellow USFS judges



*Robyn Seldin:*

Hello, I am Robyn Seldin and in July 2022 I received my Bronze Test Judge Appointment. In 2019, after being approved as a Bronze Singles and Dance Trial Judge by the USFS Regional Vice Chair, I began working on my Bronze Test Judge appointment by trial judging skating tests at FCFSC and at various other clubs' test sessions in Colorado. I ran into a delay when Covid hit, however, was approved in June of 2022 to attend Judges School at which I passed my Bronze Test Judge Practical Exam. Then, I passed the written exam in July 2022 obtaining my Bronze Test Judge Appointment.



**Robyn Seldin** (*middle*) with her two skater daughters.

I began skating when I was seven and tested through ISI working on my 5th FS test, then, began to do other activities in middle school and high school. I came back to skating in college, returned as an adult after my daughters were born and now am working on my Adult Silver Moves test, beginning Ice Dance lessons and pursuing my Silver Singles Test and Dance Test Judge Appointments. I coached LTS at what is now called NOCO Ice Center, have been a FCFSC member for 16 years, on the board for 3 years, skated on the FCFSC Adult Synchro Team approximately 8 years and have been in several shows.

I became interested in becoming a judge as my daughters were testing and competing through the skating levels. As I would sit in the bleachers with the other parents watching the skills being taught, I found it very interesting how the skaters, including my daughters, can have different skating styles and still achieve the same required skating skills. That's when I thought it might be fun to pursue becoming a judge.

*Interested in becoming a judge? Click on the link below for information to get started:*

[Trial Judge Kit](#)

# Skater of the Quarter

## In the Spotlight: Harper Morse

**Age:** 16

**Skating Level:** Intermediate MIF, Pre Silver Dance

**Coach:** Marianne, Katie

**How many days a week do you skate?**

Depends on the season. Right now I have synchro practice 3 days per week. We just finished the Showcase season, but during the summer I practice with the Showcase team 3 days per week. I try to skate with Marianne and Katie each once per week too.

**What are your most celebrated skating accomplishments?** 2nd (Men In Black) and 3rd (High School Musical) team place finishes at Syncro Sectionals with the Fort Collins Fire

Crystals, 3rd (Little Mermaid) and 4th (Toy Story) team finishes at National Showcase! Making the Denver Synchronicity Intermediate team!

**What do you love the most about skating?** Definitely the friends and connections I have made.

**Tell us something that we don't know about you?** This year I am skating on the Intermediate team Denver Synchronicity!

**What is a pastime that you enjoy outside of skating?** Theater, cheer, hanging out with friends!

**What is your favorite spin?** Front sit.

**What skills are you working on now?** Now that showcase is over I am working on Dance Testing.

**What is one of the favorite parts you have had in the Ice Show?** Abu!





## Broadmoor Open and Vail Competitions

A few skaters represented our club at Broadmoor and Vail. Congratulations to all those who competed.



*Clockwise from left: Regina Bower (far left) and her competitors at Vail Invitational. Rob Hanley, Katy Hicks, and their teammate at Broadmoor Open. Shayla and Everly Thompson and Maggie McClellan.*







**Fiona Ernest** competes at Broadmoor (*top*).

**Isaac McClellan** watches compulsories (*middle*).

**Everly Thompson** competes (*bottom*)

