

# ICE CHIPS

Fort Collins Figure Skating Club

## Mark Your Calendar

\*\*All events at EPIC unless otherwise noted.

### Jimmy Morgan Seminar

December 10

2 - 4:15pm

\*Private lessons offered throughout the week

### EPIC Productions Casting Call

December 11

1:45 - 3:15pm

### Winter Exhibition,

December 17

2:30-4:45pm

### Scheduled Test Sessions:

- February 17
- March 30

### FCFSC Annual Banquet

February 25, 2023, 5pm

\*Site: FC Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive

### Fort Collins Classic,

March 30-April 2, 2023

## Letter from FCFSC President

Dear Club Members,

As we reflect on the last year, it was not without its challenges. We had to take over some significant tasks that were formerly performed by the city. Because of all of you, we were able to overcome our challenges and make 2022 a success. We finished the year with having hosted two successful competitions, 8 test sessions, many social events including the summer banquet as well as producing our first ice show! All this success would not be possible without the club membership's support. Your countless volunteer hours helped us navigate these changes and will hopefully help us to continue to find success in 2023.

The 2023 ice show planning is underway. We have hired the coaches and started the planning process. We will open registration in December and start ordering costumes in February. The show will be like last year, with the exception that the city will not be involved at all in 2023. All registration will go through the club's website, and we will be 100% responsible financially for the show. This added responsibility has forced us to adapt a bit more, but the show should be very similar to last year's show. Please watch your emails and the board for more information. We will be forming our Ice Show Committee soon, and we will be asking for volunteers to step up and be the chairs of the committees. Please contact us if this sounds like something you might want to do. We will begin meeting in January and continue meeting throughout the

## Club Education



Jimmy Morgan is BACK for another fun afternoon seminar! This seminar will focus on choreography and skating skills from 2:00-4:15 PM on December 10th and is open to skaters Freeskate 1 through Senior as well as Adult 1 through Masters. It is going to be an awesome experience for everyone, so be sure to sign up by the December 2nd deadline!

Jimmy will also be available for private lessons while they are here, so be sure to keep an eye out for an email soon with sign up information for that.

[Sign up for the seminar on our website by clicking here.](#)

Have ideas for club education?

Email Coach Ali at:  
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spring until the show in May. This year Gayleen Carpenter, Stacy Morse, and I will be the Ice Show committee co-chairs. Please direct any questions you have to us. Watch your emails for registration. It should be open soon.

We have a busy December planned. The Junior Board reconvened on November 30th. Please contact Tammy Rummel ([tammyrummelrn@gmail.com](mailto:tammyrummelrn@gmail.com)) if you want more information. We had a large test session on Friday December 2. Boston coach Jimmy Morgan is coming for a seminar on December 10th. **Register [here](#) for the seminar by December 2nd.**

Jimmy will be here offering private lessons for a whole week. These lessons are open to any club member. Watch your email for details about how to sign up for lessons.

On December 11th, EPIC Productions will be holding their casting call from 1:45-3:15pm. The casting call is open to all club members that have passed at least Preliminary MITF or a Preliminary pattern dance. Look for more information in the EPIC productions section of this newsletter.

Finally, we are preparing for our fun Winterfest Skating Exhibition on December 17th from 2:30-4:45pm. This is open to all club members and associate club members of all levels including Snowplow Sam through Adult Masters! Cost is \$15/skater/program, and you can sign up here. The deadline to sign up and to submit music to [fcfigureskating@gmail.com](mailto:fcfigureskating@gmail.com) is December 9th. So, sign up now before it's too late! We will have treats and a place to take holiday themed photos for all participants. Invite your friends and families to come and watch our club skaters skate under the spotlights. There is no cost to watch the show. Come one, come all!

With that, I will close the final newsletter of 2022. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a very happy 2023!

See you around the rink!

Amy Aspelund  
FCFSC President

# Testing

We held three test sessions this fall on September 23rd, October 21nd, and a big one on December 2nd. Congratulations to all our skaters who passed their tests! Our next Test Session will be February 17, deadline for entry is February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to visit your family folder in the filing cabinet in the green rink by the coach's office to pick up your certificates from US Figure Skating! If you have any questions at all about testing please inquire with our Testing Co-Chairs, Gayleen Carpenter and Betsi Mead ([Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:Gayleen.carpenter@gmail.com) and [Betsimead@gmail.com](mailto:Betsimead@gmail.com)).

## September 23<sup>rd</sup> Test Session:

Morgan Decamp	Pre-Preliminary Moves (Honors)
Felicity Tonnies	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Aubrey Tyrrell	Pre-Juvenile Moves
Claudia Schuster	Juvenile Free Skate, Intermediate Moves
Emily Norris	Adult Pre-Bronze Moves
Valeria Elkin	Solo Cha Cha, Solo Swing, Solo Fiesta Tango, Solo Pre-Bronze Dance

## October 21<sup>st</sup> Test Session

Raia Buxman	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Kendall Chase	Pre-Preliminary Moves (Honors)
Ziva LeRoy	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Riley Ruff	Pre-Preliminary Moves and Free Skate, Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues
Anika Seter	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Saturn Warren	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Queenie Zheng	Pre-Preliminary Moves (Honors)
Lesedi Bonda	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Vanna Rhey	Preliminary Moves
Olivia Stevens	Preliminary Moves

Winton Miller	Juvenile Moves
Maddigan Ward	Juvenile Moves, Solo Hickory Hoedown,
Addison Mitchell	Junior Moves
Nancy Riley	Adult Solo Hickory Hoedown 50+

**December 2nd Test Session:**

Bailey Hood	Pre-Preliminary Moves
Hanna Irish	Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Braelyn Banning	Preliminary Moves
Lauren Paul	Preliminary Moves Adult 21+
Regina Bower	Adult Bronze Free Skate
Scarlett Austin	Pre-Juv Moves
Alexis Foster	Pre-Juv Moves, Pre-Juv Free Skate, Canasta Tango, Dutch Waltz
Yaretzi Gonzalez	Pre-Juv Moves
Lauren Knuckey	Pre-Juv Moves
Kaiya Goodwin	Juvenile Moves
Mackenzie Irish	Juvenile Moves
Mayley and Winton Miller	Juvenile Pairs
Scott Schneider	Juvenile Pairs
Fiona Carpenter	Intermediate Moves
Megan Doherty	Intermediate Moves
Mayley Miller	Intermediate Moves
Katherine Pietras	Intermediate Moves
Valeria Elkin	Novice Moves
Lola Lebsack	Solo Swing Dance Adult 21+
Robyn Seldin	Solo Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues Adult 50+
Addison Lambrecht	Solo Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Swing Dance Standard
Patricia Reed Kuyper	Solo Hickory Hoedown, Ten Fox Adult 50+

## Club Membership

### Current Membership Count: 231

Welcome new & returning club members! If you have any questions about membership, need your membership number, or are not receiving club emails, please contact Maria. We are a great community with so many opportunities for you and/or your skater to participate. Please take a look at our website to familiarize yourself with these opportunities, including competitions, pairs skating, synchronized skating, adult, showcase, testing, junior board, social events, seminars and much more.

We are run 100% by volunteers and need your help! We cannot run competitions and events without you! Mark your calendars for two of our biggest volunteer opportunities Fort Collins Classic March 30th - April 2nd and Ice Extravaganza Ice Show May 13th.

Be sure to log your volunteer hours in your Entryeze account. Remember 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

Be sure to check your club emails and the bulletin board in the blue rink lobby for more information about volunteer opportunities and club events!

Maria Miller  
FCFSC Membership Chair  
[fcfsc.membership@gmail.com](mailto:fcfsc.membership@gmail.com)

## Coaches' Corner

One of the latest emails from US Figure Skating highlighted the importance of perseverance as well as having clear, individualized goals that athletes are working towards. As we are heading into the season of training, it's a great time to think about what that means for you and your athlete! Here is a great article to check out if you are interested in learning more: [How to Adjust when Perseverance Doesn't Lead to Success](#). We look forward to seeing many of you at the Winter Fest Exhibition just around the corner!

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

## Volunteer Needs Spotlight

Looking for a way to get involved with FCFSC?

We are looking for a couple of Committee Chairs for events we host. You might be a great fit!



### Chair Openings— Competitions:

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**Hospitality Committee Chair:** The committee chair Organizes and coordinates hospitality for a variety of club events, including competitions, club education, testing, and annual Ice Show. Committee responsibilities include coordinating catering orders, soliciting donations, hospitality set up and clean up, serving food, and occasionally shopping and/or cooking. This is such a fun committee and a great way to get to know other club members - training and support will be provided!

**Setup/ Teardown:** Assist with facility preparation and clean up during show week. This committee will set up and take down staging, props, curtains, quick change rooms, vendor/ volunteer stations, and other facility needs prior to show. Availability to help after the final show is important. Committee help is primarily during Show Week.

### Chair Openings— Show:

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#### Costumes

Consult with coaches to assist them in selecting, organizing, ordering, and creating costumes for Learn-to-Skate (LTS) and tested skaters groups. Help with LTS skater measurements, fittings, alterations, and costume distribution. Assist parents of tested skaters develop/find costumes as needed. Facilitate costume approval by coaches for tested skaters. Time frame is mid-February (for LTS) through late March (for tested skater groups).

#### Props

Consult with coaches to assist them in designing and creating props and scenery, such as hats, canes, backdrops, and tables. Help build and/or purchase requested items within budget, problem-solve designs, and coordinate storage and use. Approximately 20 hours total between the end of February and late April.

## **Chair Openings— Show (cont.):**

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### **Music**

Consult with coaches to select and edit music for show numbers. Previous experience cutting music is preferred. Time frame from mid-February to early March (music will be finished before rehearsals start).



## **Learn to Skate Outreach**

We are extending our FCFSC ambassador outreach to our Learn To Skate Community through the beginning of February. We still have open dates in December, January, and February. We have slots for skaters to show off their programs to the kids at the designated times. The young skaters will be in awe of our talented skaters and hopefully will be inspired to continue pursuing the sport of figure skating and want to participate with our events.

Beginning again in January, we would love to have our adult club members man a table in the Epic lobby during the Learn To Skate Sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to talk with families about what is beyond Learn To Skate and the merits of joining the Club. It is preferable that our adult volunteers have a good knowledge of how to join the club and how to get involved. The next upcoming Club events to promote are the Ice Show and Fort Collins Classic.

Here is the Sign Up Genius Link to sign up for available time slots.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545AEAE23A02-learn>

Please reach out to Amy Aspelund or Gayleen Carpenter with any questions.

## FCFSC Annual Banquet: Save the Date

Our club is planning to host our annual Club Banquet on February 25th at 5pm! 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 that 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.



## EPIC Productions

Make sure to sign up for the EPIC Productions casting call! All skaters, new and previous members, must fill out the sign-up form to help us plan the casting call properly.

The casting call session will be held Sunday, December 11th, 1:45 - 3:30 p.m., followed by a training session for EP prospective members from 4:15 – 5:15.

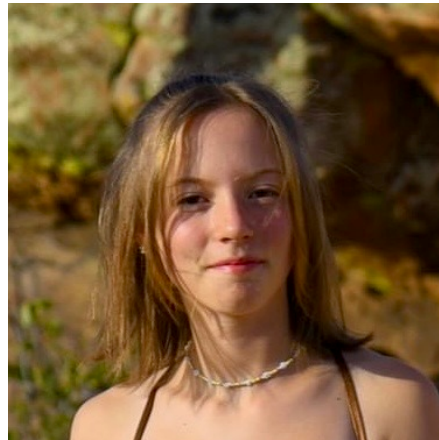
[Click here to sign up for casting call!](#)

This is not an "audition," and you do not need to prepare anything. Instead, skaters do a series of activities like skate in a block, demonstrate fun tricks, or show us their best jump and spin.



# Junior Board

We had our kick off meeting for the new Junior Board on November 30th. We are excited to begin a new year with new board members with great ideas and goals. Our 2022-2023 Executive Junior Board consists of:



**President:** Melina Miller    **Vice President:** Claudia Schuster    **Secretary:** Mayley Miller



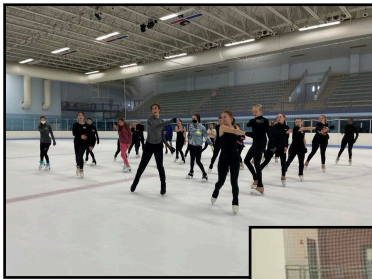
**Treasurer:** Lauren Knuckey    **Membership:** Megan Doherty

Our Junior Board also includes Grace Carpenter, Ice Show Coordinator, Anya Schuster Club Education Coordinator, Nour Hamden Community Outreach Coordinator, and Megan Doherty Communications Coordinator. All club members are welcome to attend Junior Board meetings to participate with discussions and planning and of course, all members are encouraged to volunteer with our events! When more people participate, we have more fun and get much more accomplished! We know the Junior Board will be a key resource for this upcoming year! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and will be participating! Our next meeting will be on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 5pm in the Green Rink upstairs meeting room. All club members aged 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend!

## Member News

### Skating Seminar with Jackie Brenner and Diane Miller

In September FCFSC members participated in a weekend with Jackie and Diane when they worked on skill development and general skating education:



### Compete USA Skate Colorado Series— Colorado Springs



**Lesedi Honda** (center) won 1st place in the Compete USA Skate Colorado Series, Freeskate 4.



**Jessica Ferguson** placed 3rd in Basic 3 Event.

# Skater of the Quarter

## In the Spotlight: Nour Hamden

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**Age:** 13 years old

**Skating Level:** I am on my preliminary free skate and working on intermediate moves

**Coaches:** Denaysa Sisemore, Marianne Strobel, Kathy Runge

**How many days a week do you skate?** 5 days a week

**What are your most celebrated skating accomplishments?** Probably when we got 3rd in Showcase.

**What do you love the most about skating?** What I love most about skating is how therapeutic it is I can forget about school and just skate. I also love acting and portraying a character.

**Tell us something that we don't know about you?** I speak three languages! (English, Arabic, and Mandarin)

**What is a pastime that you enjoy outside of skating?** I really like painting and hanging out with friends!

**What is your favorite spin?** I don't really like spins but if I had to choose one it would be a camel spin.

