

ICE CHIPS



Fort Collins Figure Skating Club

Important Upcoming Dates

Jimmy Morgan Seminar
December 9-10

EPIC Productions Casting Call
December 10, 3:00 - 5:45;
register till December 5th

Winterfest Exhibition
December 16, 2:15-5:45pm;
register thru December 9th.

Denver FSC HS Competition
January 28, 2024

Learn to Skate Casting Call for Ice Show
January 31, 2024

Scheduled Test Sessions
December 2, 2023
February 2, 2024
March 1, 2024

Annual Club Banquet
February 24, 2024

Letter from FCFSC President

Dear Club Members,

This is my first address to you as your new club President! I am grateful to have this opportunity to serve our members in this honorable role and hope that I can continue in our club’s rich history of stalwart leaders. I want to first and foremost thank our out-going President, Amy Aspelund, for her tireless, savvy, organized and bold leadership for our club for the past 6 years! Thank you, Amy, for all your sacrifice, dedication, wise guidance, and talents that you deposited into our club and membership. You have left a legacy of vision and hope that I will strive to measure up to. As I recall the accomplishments of our club this year, I’m filled with gratefulness at the measure of success we as a collective of volunteers have carried out. Producing our second club run Ice Show, running 8 live test sessions, 2 successful competitions, a Club Banquet, sending our Epic Productions Team to National Showcase, the Fire Crystals Synchro Team to competitions, and providing enriching seminars for our skaters. I was so pleased to see so many club members at our annual meeting in September so we could share all the details of how YOU all have made all this success a reality for our skaters and club members. At the annual meeting we elected 4 new members to the Board of Directors, Megan Goodwin, Juliana Schump, Stacey Knuckey and Katie Holmes (returning for her second, nonconsecutive term). Board members who completed their terms were Maria Miller (2 terms), Denise Pozvek (4 terms!), Ali Sturtevant (1 term) and Amy Aspelund (2 terms, 5 years as



Club Education

Jimmy Morgan is BACK for another fun seminar! This seminar will focus on choreography and skating skills and is open to skaters Freeskate 1 through Senior as well as Adult 1 through Masters. Jimmy is a skating coach from The Skating Club of Boston, he is the Assistant Director of American Ice Theater, Boston.

Send an email to:
fcfigureskating@gmail.com

Include the following information with your email:

>>>Subject line: **Jimmy Morgan Seminar,**

skater name, free skate skating level and if you would like to schedule a private lesson with Jimmy prior to the seminar.

**Note if you are an adult skater wanting the Sunday seminar.

president). We thank you all with heartfelt gratitude for the many years of dedicated service you gave to enriching our figure skating club! These alumni Board Members will still be seen around the rink at our events as they still have a heart for volunteerism. Volunteering your time to put on our competitions and events is the best way to learn how the world of figure skating works and many hands make light work! We are always looking for volunteers in every capacity! Please reach out to myself at any time and I would love to find the perfect fit for what your time and talents can lend to. It is also a wonderful opportunity to make friends with the other parents that support the club!

Winter is a busy season for us, we have so many exciting club events coming! Winterfest Exhibition is on December 16th, sign up [HERE](#) by December 10th and send your music to fcfigureskating@gmail.com. Jimmy Morgan is returning again from Boston on December 9 and 10 for a seminar in choreography! Please send an email to the club email address if you would like to join us for the seminar. It is only \$50 per person; you will receive an invoice for the seminar. The tested skater seminar is Saturday the 9th from 1-4:15pm the adult seminar will be Sunday the 10th 1:30-3:30pm. Watch your emails for the sign ups for private lessons with Jimmy the week of December 5-9. Epic Productions is holding their Casting Call Sunday December 10, 3-5:45pm. Ice show 2024 planning is underway as well and registration will be opening soon. Ice Show registration for ALL skaters will go through the club website and you must have a current club membership to participate with the Ice Show. Look for all the details in the Newsletter for all the club events! But be sure not to miss the Important Upcoming Dates section.

Happy Holidays!
Gayleen Carpenter



Testing

We had 11 skaters pass their skating tests over the past 2 test sessions. Congratulations to all our skaters who passed their tests! Our next test session will be December 1, and there will not be another until February 2, 2024. It will be the last test session before Ice Show registration closes. Follow the link [HERE](#) to get to the club page for testing information. Please remember to visit your family folder in the wood filing cabinets in the Green Rink to find your certificates from US Figure Skating for your passed skating tests.

September 29th

MaeBelle Jesness	Pre-Bronze Skating Skills, Pre-Bronze Singles
Lauren Knuckey	Pre-Bronze Singles
Sadie Coatman	Silver Skating Skills
Anya Schuster	Silver Skating Skills
Claudia Schuster	Silver Skating Skills
Stephanie Hopkins	Ten-Fox Adult 21+ Follow Partnered
Robyn Seldin	Cha-Cha Adult 21+ Follow Solo



October 17th- Virtual Test

Reede Lunt	Fourteen Step, European Waltz, Foxtrot— partnered
Addie Mitchell	Fourteen Step, European Waltz, Foxtrot— partnered



October 20th

Lauren Knuckey	Bronze Skating Skills
Quincette Bogosian	Pre-Preliminary Singles, Rhythm Blues Follow Solo
Olivia Soto	Preliminary Singles
Dolly Jesness	Preliminary Singles
Maline Jesness	Preliminary Singles



FCFSC Annual Banquet: Save the Date!!!

Our club is planning to host our annual Club Banquet on Saturday February 24th 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 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.

Club Membership



Current Membership Count: 243

Welcome new & returning club members! My name is Stacey Knuckey, and I'm the new Membership chair. If you have any questions about your membership, need your membership number, or are not receiving club emails, please email me at fcfsc.membership@gmail.com.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make Fright Fest a huge success! Don't forget to record your volunteer hours in your family account on Entryeze. Remember, each family needs 20 volunteer 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.

Here is the link to our club's Entryeze page:
<https://comp.entryeze.com/Membership/Welcome.aspx?cid=49>

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

Volunteers run our club 100%, and we need your help! Mark your calendars for two of our most significant volunteer opportunities of the year: Fort Collins Classic on April 4-7, 2024, and the Ice Extravaganza Ice Show on May 11, 2024. More information about how to sign up for volunteer opportunities will be shared closer to the

Learn to Skate Outreach

We are extending our FCFSC ambassador outreach to our Learn to Skate Community through the beginning of February. We would love to have our adult club members man a table in the EPIC lobby during Learn to Skate sessions on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays to talk with families about what lies beyond Learn to Skate and the merits of joining FCFSC. Volunteers should have a good knowledge of how to join the club and how to get involved, and also be able to promote Fort Collins Classic and the Ice Show. Here is the sign up to volunteer:

[Sign Up to Help with LTS Outreach](#)



competition and event. Thank you in advance for volunteering, as we cannot run competitions and events without you!

We are a great community with many opportunities for you and your skater to participate. Please look at our website to familiarize yourself with these opportunities: competitions, pairs skating, synchronized skating, adult, showcase, testing, social events, seminars, and more.

I hope you and your family have a fabulous holiday season!

Stacey Knuckey, FCFSC
Membership Chair

fcfsc.membership@gmail.com

**Congratulations to FCFSC member
Reede and his partner Jolena!
2nd Place at Pacific Coast, U.S. Pairs
Next stop– Nationals in January, in
Columbus, Ohio**



Pictured with coach Natalia
Mishkutenok



COMMUNITY REWARDS



Enroll Today!



**Support Fort Collins Figure Skating
Join King Soopers' Community Rewards Program Today!**

- Create an account by clicking [HERE](#).
- Search for our organization. Fort Collins Figure Skating Club or JT048.
- Select our club and click "Save."
- **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!

Look Ahead 2023-2024

Here is an outline of some of the activities the FCFSC compiled for the year ahead, a way for us to see how many ways our members and club are involved:

December

- Winterfest Exhibition
- Test session
- Outdoor exhibitions
- Jimmy Morgan Seminar / Showcase Casting Call
- Synchro Open House
- Registration opens for ice show

January

- USFS National Skate Month
- Laramie WY - High Altitude competition
- Off ice dance - sign up for spring
- LTS casting call for ice show
- High School competition in Denver

February

- Test session
- Banquet
- Casper WY competition
- Registration closes for ice show

March

- Denver Invitational competition
- Test session
- Showcase kicks off
- Program run-throughs for Fort Collins Classic competition

April

- Fort Collins Classic competition at EPIC
- Test session
- Ice Show rehearsals

May

- Ice Show
- USFS Governing Council (we send delegates)
- Off ice dance - sign up for summer

- Ice Show Cast Party (haven't done this recently but need to do for LTS retention!)

June

- Test session
- On ice power classes with Jondon
- Membership renewals due this month
- Front Range (Greeley) competition
- Broadmoor competition

July

- Test session
- On ice power classes with Jondon
- Vail competition
- Showcase exhibition

August

- Showcase Nationals
- Test session
- Cup of Colorado competition
- Off ice dance - sign up for fall

September

- Skate Swap
- FCFSC Annual meeting
- Skater 101 / Back to School (need to hype this up for LTS education / retention!)
- Test session
- CSI (Colorado Springs Invitational) competition

October

- Program run-throughs for Fright Fest competition
- Fright Fest competition at EPIC
- Test session
- (Maybe?) High School competition along with Fright Fest

Volunteer Needs

Email fcfigureskating@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer.

Board of Directors:

This role is for someone who is interested in year round involvement with the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club management. The Board of Directors meets once a month and a term on the Board is for 3 years. There are various jobs included within the Board of Directors and there might be a role that would interest you! If you are interested in serving a term on the Board of Directors please reach out to Paula Wilson at wilsonpj2004@gmail.com or to Stephanie Hopkins at stephhopkins1028@gmail.com as they collect nominations for new BOD members.

Gate Monitor Chair:

This role is only needed at our competitions. This can be 1 or 2 persons sharing the primary responsibilities. This role leads the management of gate monitor to check off skaters at the gate prior to every event and checking in with the competition announcers and Referee via walkie talkie, to ensure the competition runs on time and skaters get to their events. Gate Monitor Chair will have an over all management to all the volunteer shifts over the entire course of the competitions and fill in when shifts don't have a volunteer. This person works closely with the Competition chair.

Hospitality Chair:

This role can be a single person or a couple together. This person works closely with the Competition Chair and the Board of Directors. This role is most needed for our 2 competitions in early April for Fort Collins Classic and in late October for Fright Fest. However, the role has much lighter roles throughout year with our various activities. Most of the time is spent organizing food planning and catering orders for judges, collecting donations of food for volunteers, and arranging party food for send off's and celebrations. This job can be primarily accomplished at home, with more time spent at the 2 competitions for set up and organizing.

Set Up/Tear Down Chair:

This role can be a single person or a couple together. This role is primarily needed for the Ice Show and for our 2 competitions, Fort Collins Classic in early April and Fright Fest in October. The primary duty for this role is organizing the team of volunteers for all the tasks needed for getting the rink facility set up for our main events and leading the tear down at the end of the events. Including facility preparation of curtains, lights, covering the boards with black plastic, assembly of any props or backdrops and moving large items in and out of the facility.

EPIC Productions

The organizing team for our club's National Showcase group EPIC Productions is gearing up for the 2024 season. The competition will be held in San Jose, California the last week of July, 2024. We will hold our annual casting call for all interested skaters - including previous members - in on **December 10th, 2023, from 3:00 - 5:45pm**. We hope you can join us!

All skaters, old and new, must fill out the sign-up form.

You will need your USFS number. Skaters must be Freeskate or dance level Preliminary or above (by Feb testing session) to qualify.

Read more about EPIC Productions on our group website, epicproductionsFoCo.org.

The casting call 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 your best jump and spin. If you participate in the casting call you are NOT obligated to join the team - you'll be asked to finalize your decision by January 15th.

What is EPIC Productions?

EPIC Productions develops and competes with a group of 20 - 30 skaters each year, and it is open to skaters test level Preliminary and above. Members skate as an ensemble in theatrical programs with full costumes, scenery, and props. The competition is a 5-day event, held this year in the last week of July.

How Much Does It Cost?

The program has a \$250 deposit, due by January 15th, and we estimate cost to be about \$2,000 total for the season - this covers all rehearsals, competition registration and coaching, and costumes/props (*final cost depends on number of skaters*). Members receive over 65 hours of training in theatrical and ensemble skating, along with leadership opportunities such as serving as ensemble captain, costume manager, and more.

Rehearsals during the school year (Feb. - May) are 1 hour per week, likely on Saturdays. In June and July we'll have 3 on-ice and 1 off-ice hours of practice per week on Tues, Wed, and Thursday mornings.

We sure hope you will join us, so sign up today:

[Click here to sign up for the casting call by December 5th](#)

COMPETITION CORNER

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

High Altitude Invitational

January 20th, 2024

Laramie, WY

***Registration is open! The deadline to register is January 6th.*

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=830>

Denver High School Competition

January 28, 2024

South Suburban Sports Complex

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

Denver Invitational

March 7th-10th, 2024

South Suburban Sports Complex

Fort Collins Classic

April 4th-7th, 2024

Epic

Spring Funtastics

April 12-14, 2024

Arvada, CO



Caption

Member News and Highlights

Mary Beth Fisher shared some pictures from her recent adult competitions:



Left and Top Right: October, ISU North American Adult Competition

Bottom: Desert Ice Competition, Las Vegas, NV



Have news to share for the next newsletter? Submit photos and information to: fcfsc.sharenews@gmail.com