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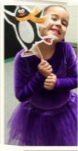
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► Flip & Friends!

My life has been a whirlwind since ISI introduced me as its new mascot just a few months ago! As you can see below, I've been having a great time with my ISI friends at Worlds, State Games of America, tourist destinations and other fun places. Please continue taking me with you everywhere you think we'd have fun together, and be sure to send your photos to editor@skateisi.org. You can find a cutout of me on the ISI website, at skateisi.org/flip.





WINTER CLASSIC: THE MOST FUN WAY TO SAN JOSE!

by Lori Fairchild



Finding the way to San Jose is easy, especially when your destination is ISI Winter Classic at Sharks Ice San Jose! The official practice facility of the San Jose Sharks, this spacious, beautiful facility is the largest ice skating facility in California, with four NHL ice surfaces under one roof and the way-cool Stanley's Sports Bar overlooking three of the ice surfaces. Sharks Ice hosted ISI Worlds in 2009.

Now is the time to map out your President's Day weekend plans to be part of the 29th annual Winter Classic Feb. 14-16. The second-largest annual ISI national event, Winter Classic offers the full range of ISI individual and team events for skaters of all ages and skill levels. The entry and test deadline is Dec. 1 (skateisi.org/winterclassic).

This will be a great weekend to attend the Sharks game on Friday night at the SAP Center (formerly HP Pavilion) and to catch one of the Olympics-watching parties and activities at Sharks Ice.


Did you know that San Jose is the third-largest city in the state of California? Located in the hub of Silicon Valley, San Jose is only about an hour's drive away from San Francisco, but there's also plenty to enjoy without venturing that far.

In keeping with the Silicon Valley's focus on technology, the Tech Museum of Innovation (thetech.org) features an IMAX theater and interactive exhibits to get the creative wheels turning for every member of the family.

How about a "treasure hunt"? The San Jose Flea Market (sjfm.com) has been a family tradition since 1960. It's the largest flea market in America with more than 1,000 vendors on weekends, plus a vintage carousel, outdoor barbecues, food carts and multiple restaurants featuring freshly prepared international or California cuisine.

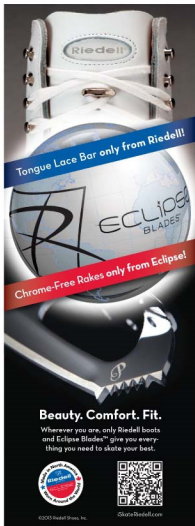
Victorian houses are San Jose's signature architecture, but the world-famous Winchester Mystery House (winchestermysteryhouse.com) is no ordinary Victorian dwelling. This incredible estate designed by the Winchester Rifle heiress includes a 160-room mansion, gardens and museums.

Our adult competitors, especially, might enjoy Santana Row (santanarow.com), a great place for people watching, dining, window shopping or serious retail therapy.

Whether you spend the entire weekend at the awesome Sharks Ice host facility or find some time to explore the city, joining us in San Jose for Winter Classic is sure to cure the post-holiday, pre-spring break winter "blahs." See you in February! 

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Sweet Skating at Synchro Champs in Wisconsin!

by Lori Fairchild



For the first time ever, ISI Synchronized Championships will be held in Wisconsin, at the Pleasant Prairie RecPlex April 11-13. Located just minutes from the Illinois border, between Chicago and Milwaukee on the shores of Lake Andrea, RecPlex holds the distinction of being America's largest municipal recreation facility. Its spectacular grounds and amenities include two NHL-size rinks, an indoor water park, an Olympic-size aqua arena, a fitness center and a field house.

It's hard to imagine a more perfect location for Synchro Champs, from the spacious facility and state-of-the-art amenities to the welcoming setting — close to urban attractions but away from big-city traffic jams. Two fun destinations are found right in Pleasant Prairie: an outlet mall and a candy headquarters!

Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets is home to 90 outlet stores including retail favorites like Banana Republic, Hugo Boss, Juicy Couture, J. Crew, Coach and many more.

While you've probably heard Wisconsin referred to as "America's Dairyland" and its residents as "Cheeseheads" due to the state's leading role in dairy and cheese production, did you know that Jelly Belly candy is also produced here? You won't want to miss the opportunity to check out the Jelly Belly Visitor Center (jellybelly.com), where you can catch the free Jelly Belly Express Train Tour through the warehouse and view Jelly Belly

art, a chorus line of dancing Jelly Belly characters and giant Jelly Belly jellybeans overhead as you travel down Candy Alley. You'll see how the sweet sensations are made and be invited to the Sample Bar to try any of the 100 different candies made here. Book a team tour for a sweet bonding experience certain to put smiles on everyone's faces.

ISI Synchro Champs is one of ice skating's most powerful team-building and memory-making competition experiences. In addition to the three days of competition events, Synchro Champs weekend includes the annual Synchro Showcase exhibition featuring performances selected throughout the weekend, followed by an "after party" with a DJ, dancing and games.

If you have never experienced Synchro Champs, come find out what all the excitement is about. And if you have been a part of this event in previous years, you already know why no synchro team would want to miss it. Don't forget the entry deadline, on or before Feb. 15, and we'll see you in April! [ISI](#)

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Synchronized Championships

April 11-13

RecPlex Ice Arena in Pleasant Prairie

Pleasant Prairie, WI

Entry & Test Deadline: Feb. 15



Conference Championships

May 23-25

Edge Ice Arena

Bensenville, IL

Entry & Test Deadline: March 1

World Recreational Team Championships

July 28-Aug. 2

New England Sports Center

Marlborough, MA

Entry & Test Deadline: May 1



Adult Championships

Oct. 10-12

Floyd Hall Arena

Little Falls, NJ

Entry & Test Deadline: Sept. 1

Holiday Challenge

Dec. 5-7

Pickwick Ice Gardens & Pasadena Ice Skating Center

Burbank & Pasadena, CA

Entry & Test Deadline: Oct. 10



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Go Synchro for Fun in '14!



ISI Synchronized Championships

April 11-13

RecPlex Ice Arena in Pleasant Prairie

Pleasant Prairie, Wis.

Entry & Test Deadline: Feb. 15

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Flip for ISI in the Windy City!

ISI Conference Championships

May 23-25

Edge Ice Arena

Bensenville, Ill.

Entry & Test Deadline: March 1



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ISI World Recreational Team Championships

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Marlborough, Mass.

Entry & Test Deadline: May 1

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College students don't have to put ice skating on hold! The ISI Collegiate Skating Program gives students the opportunity to maintain or improve their skills, stay fit, be part of a team and compete in ISI events.

ISI member skaters of all skill levels are welcome. There is no minimum or maximum requirement for team size; even a single skater can represent a school. The Collegiate Championship trophy is awarded annually at the ISI Adult Championships.

"Attending practices is good exercise and a great way to take a break from a hectic college schedule and enjoy the ice."

Elisabeth Pitruzzella,
Alpha-Level Collegiate Skater

"The ISI program is a wonderful vehicle for collegiate teams to explore their talent and experience a stress-free atmosphere."

Monica Malcomson,
Platinum-Level Collegiate Skater

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- Participate in ISI competitions.
- Stay fit and maintain or improve their skating skills.

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The team from Ontario Ice Skating Center in Ontario, Calif. reclaimed the Michael Booker Trophy following its fourth ISI Worlds team championship. Gabriele Photography



SOCAL WAS SO COOL!

by Lori Faichild

With more than 2,000 skaters competing at three facilities for six days, this year's Worlds was the largest since 2005, and a spectacular success on all counts.

The infamous Southern California traffic was no match for the outstanding organization, volunteer efforts and ISI spirit that kept the competition running smoothly all week long. "Scheduling a competition of this magnitude is a major challenge, but our wonderful competitors, parents and coaches took the scheduling and traffic between events in stride and with smiles on their faces," said Kim Hansen, ISI national events coordinator.

Nearly 90 rink teams from 20 states and six countries participated in the event, for a total of more than 6,000 individual and team performances throughout the week. Competitors ranged in age from 1 to 88, including several adorable toddlers and a number of inspirational seniors.

Production and synchro numbers this year were exceptional, from the team sizes to the costumes to the quality of the skating," Hansen added.

Volunteers from the competition rinks were joined by many from visiting rinks who were eager to pitch in and wear the bright

yellow "Flip's Army" T-shirts as runners, announcers and ice monitors. "We hope to expand this successful volunteer approach in the future," Hansen noted. "It really reminds skaters that they're all part of the ISI team, no matter where they are."

The competitors' beach party, "Dancin' at the Dunes," which took place in scenic Newport Beach, was a smash hit, with beach games, water fun, food trucks and, of course, a DJ and dancing.

Some skaters went home with new and improved skills after participating in the Thursday clinics led by World and Olympic figure skating choreographer Phillip Mills, offered exclusively to Worlds competitors.

Worlds participants had ample opportunities to experience off-ice fun and excitement. In addition to the beach party, many took advantage of the local attractions such as Downtown Disney. Star sightings were common, from skating champions Ryan Bradley and Ashley Wagner at the rink to "Michael Jackson" and "Marilyn Monroe" on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In addition, Flip was seen EVERYWHERE!

By Saturday, the final day of competition, when you might expect everyone's nerves to be fried and their energy to be completely depleted, Hansen said she





observed the peak energy of the entire week: "The large group events scheduled toward the end of the competition forced us to run the schedule later, making for a very long day. But as it turned out, the energy in that building during those last few hours of competition and the final awards was crazy! It was difficult from a planning perspective, but the excitement of the audience that resulted was well worth it."

Special thanks and appreciation go to presenting sponsor Dream Duffel; the staff and volunteers of The Rinks-Anaheim ICE, Lakewood ICE and Westminster ICE; and the judges and referees, who make ISI competitions possible.

"ISI has given me many happy moments to share with my family, friends and coach, and to always remember," said Katherine McConville, 13, from San Diego. "Worlds is one of those once-in-a-lifetime experiences, but who knows?

Maybe I will have another competition like this one again!"

We hope to see Katherine and many hundreds more of you at next year's ISI World Recreational Team Championships, scheduled for July 28-Aug. 2 at New England Sports Center in Marlborough, Mass. Get ready for a party cruise on Boston Harbor and more lifelong Worlds memories! **ISI**



TOP 10

PLACE	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	Ontario Ice Skating Center	1432.5
2	Aliso Viejo Ice Palace	1215.5
3	Pasadena Ice Skating Center	1136.5
4	Skatetown Ice Arena	847.5
5	Vacaville Ice Sports	711.5
6	Sharks Ice at San Jose	674.0
7	The Rinks - Anaheim Ice	662.0
8	Stars of Austin Figure Skating Club	605.5
9	Ice Station Valencia	529.5
10	The Rinks - Lakewood Ice	511.0

For a complete list of teams and results, go to skateisi.org/worlds.



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RECREATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



Benefit on Ice Show: A Crowd-Pleasing Tradition

by Robyn L. Bentley-Graham, CAM, CAP, CAO, ISIA Education Foundation Secretary
Photos by Gabriele Photography



Ryan Bradley's entertaining Harry Potter routine earned him a standing ovation.

The ISIA Education Foundation's Benefit on Ice Show was once again the highlight of Worlds week, with 2011 U.S. national champion Ryan Bradley headlining the exhibition for the second time in three years.

Like many figure skating champions, Ryan has roots in the ISI program. His entertaining Harry Potter routine had everyone on the edge of their seats — and on their feet with a standing ovation.

During his second performance near the end of the show, Ryan demonstrated to the audience what it means to be a real pro who keeps his cool when he was faced with blade malfunction. The show must go on, and within minutes, he was able to secure new screws for the heel of his blade and finish his Willy Wonka number — which included his signature back flip!

Ryan wasn't the only "celebrity" featured in the Benefit Show. Longtime Anaheim ICE® Kateer and current UC Berkeley student Valerie Poudomsak sang the national anthem. In addition, Polina Edmunds, current U.S. ladies' junior champion from Sharks Ice San Jose, performed a stunning Platinum Freestyle number. Polina was also awarded the



Tustin Reyes and Jessica Jurka brought the house down with their adorable Couples Light Entertainment Spotlight (Low).



U.S. junior champion Polina Edmunds of Sharks Ice San Jose performed a stunning Platinum Freestyle number.

PSA's Best Performance Award for ladies at the 2013 U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Since the proceeds from the Benefit on Ice fund the ISIA Education Foundation's scholarship program, it was only fitting that this year's scholarship recipients be invited to perform in the show. Lydia Johnson was unable to attend, but Sonia Richmond performed a Freestyle 7 Artistic program and was honored in the scholarship presentation during intermission. (Read about both recipients on page 24.)



Timothy Boore of Pasadena Ice Skating Center engaged skaters and non-skaters alike with his Platinum footwork program.

is made up of individual, pair, ensemble, synchro and production events, and skaters of all ages and skill levels. This year the performers represented arenas from throughout the U.S. as well as one from Indonesia and another from China.

The ISIA Education Foundation was founded in 1989 to encourage ISI skaters



Father/daughter team Joe and Kendall Parks of the Galleria Ice Skating Center in Dallas offered a new twist on a traditional Spotlight program with the Daddy Warbucks and Annie routine.

As exciting as it is to see skating stars like Ryan Bradley perform in person, Benefit on Ice audiences never fail to share their enthusiasm and appreciation for all of the event's performers — most of whom are Worlds competitors selected throughout the week by the Benefit Show committee.

Each year the program



Her love of skating was evident in the Freestyle Platinum Artistic program beautifully executed by Akari Nakahara from Ice Station Valencia.



Yerba Buena's Morica Gomez and Sophia Tavasi treated the audience to a Couples Dramatic Spotlight.

to strengthen their minds as well as their bodies and to recognize achievements both on and off the ice.

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offer groups and individuals a way to invest in the educational future of ISI skaters. (For more information, go to skateisi.org/foundation.) In addition, ticket sales for the show are greatly appreciated, as it represents the Foundation's major annual fundraiser.

We look forward to seeing you in Boston next year. Be sure to get your tickets early, as they are likely to sell out. Also, watch for your opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to "Skate with the Stars."

Scholarship applications for the 2013-2014 school year will be available later this fall and due March 1, 2014.

We thank all the volunteers, referees and others who helped make this year's show a success — especially the skaters who shared their talents and love of skating with us! **ISI**



A quickly remedied blade malfunction didn't keep Ryan Bradley from executing his signature acrobatic moves in his second performance of the evening.



Ailie Burch (left) and Giuliana Lombardo were the lucky "Skate with the Stars" winners, both of Tampa Bay Skating Academy Countryside.



Sharks Ice in Sync, the adult synchronized dance team from Sharks Ice San Jose, amazed the crowd and inspired many adult skaters in the audience.



The Chern/Kao family of Pasadena Ice Skating Center chose the new ISI mascot, Flip, as the theme for their Family Spotlight.



Yerba Buena Ice Skating & Bowling Center's theater production team dazzled the audience with its "Majestic Ocean" performance.



Ryan Bradley's smile never dimmed as he signed autographs for throngs of appreciative fans after the show.

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"Participating in competitions has made me a stronger person, but has also taught me that trying your best and encouraging others are far more important than winning or losing. Having a good attitude — and a good time — makes you a winner! I will always be grateful for all that I have learned from skating and the tremendous opportunities I have had as an ISI skater and coach." —Lydia Johnson

Lydia Johnson
Madison Heights, Va.

Home Rink: LaHaye Ice Center/Lynchburg Figure Skating Club
High School: Faith Christian Academy
GPA: 3.9 on a 4-point scale
College: Christopher Newport University

Major/Minor: Music Education
ISI Levels: Freestyle 6, Dance 5, Silver-Certified Judge
ISI Competitions: Worlds (2010), Conference Championships (2009), District 4 Championships (2007-11)
Activities Highlights: Drama/Musical Theater; Student Newspaper Editor/Proofreader; Piano; Virginia Federation of Music Clubs; American College of Musicians; Church Youth Group, Handbell Choir & Volunteer
Honors & Awards: National Society of High School Scholars, Superior Ratings (Music), Paderewski Medal (National Piano Playing Tournament), Diploma in Musical Excellence (American College of Musicians)



Sonia Richmond
Acton, Mass.

Home Rink: Sharper Edge Skating School
High School: Acton-Boxborough Regional High School
GPA: 3.55 on a 4-point scale
College: University of Vermont
Major/Minor: Elementary Education/Special Education
ISI Levels: Freestyle 7, Silver-Certified Judge
ISI National Competitions: Worlds (2006, 2010), District 1 Championships (2005-7, 2009-12)
Activities Highlights: Special Needs Skating Instructor, School Peer Counselor, High School Ambassador, ASHA (Service Club), Relay for Life
Honors & Awards: Presidential Community Service Awards (2009-12), Honor Roll, Central Massachusetts Youth Art Month Exhibit (Worcester Art Museum), ISIA Education Foundation Benefit on Ice (Production Team), Community Volunteer



"Skating interconnects everything I do. It makes days full, while setting the framework for the elementary school teacher I hope to become. I hope my determination influences the children I teach as strongly as they have influenced me to pursue a degree in elementary education. The best part about teaching children to skate is that I fall in love with skating all over again each time my students fall in love." —Sonia Richmond

Scholarship Application Tips

by Robyn L. Bentley-Graham, CAM, CAP, CAO
ISIA Education Foundation Secretary

For students age 13 and older, it's not too early to start thinking about college and the ISIA Education Foundation scholarship. If you haven't already done so, now is the time to start keeping records, working on your academic standing and thinking about applying for future scholarships.

Take a look at the guidelines for last year that are still up on the ISIA website to help you get started. The application is updated annually in the fall, and the deadline is March 1 of the year in which the scholarship is awarded. For the upcoming year, we are working to get the application process online, which will streamline the process for both applicants and the scholarship committee.

Following are some tips for prospective scholarship applicants:

- **Keep a log of your service hours as you perform them.** (Example: Student helper – 3 hours – date). This will make gathering information for your application easier. Service may be from more than one location. Credit for service hours will be given for service rendered beginning at age 13. Please be sure to indicate whether the hours are volunteer only or if you received payment.
- **A form that is neat and easy to follow is appreciated.** Consistency of accounting is also important; help the committee easily recognize how much work you've put in and where you've put your time in.
- **Having your service hours verified is required.** Although a minimum number of volunteer hours must be associated with an ISIA member facility, it's also important to log hours of other community involvement, which shows that you are a well-rounded individual.
- **If you are having a challenge getting hours in at your local facility, why not help out at a district or national event?** Contact your district director or the national programs director at the ISIA office and let them know that you would like to volunteer.

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ISIA members are well-rounded individuals who put as much energy into their life off the ice as they do on it. Each year, the ISIA Education Foundation awards scholarships to ISIA skaters who have demonstrated a commitment to academics and service. The application process is open to students in their senior year of high school through their junior year in an undergraduate program. However, most recipients begin their qualification process during their middle-school years. Start your four-step process of qualification today!



- 1 Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.
- 2 Participate in a variety of school and community activities. Keep detailed records, including frequency of participation.
- 3 Continue to test and compete in the ISIA program, especially during the two years prior to application. Keep good records of all skating activity.
- 4 Prior to application, complete 120 hours of verified service, of which at least 60 must be in association with an ISIA member facility. This information must be recorded on the Service Hours Verification Form, which is part of the scholarship application available at skateisil.org/foundation.

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For more information or to apply, go to skateisil.org/foundation or call (972) 735-8800

MUST-HAVE RESOURCES FOR ISI COACHES!



The ISI Handbook includes the latest rule revisions plus detailed event descriptions for national events. It's the only comprehensive resource for ISI test level requirements, weSKATE program information, competition events and performance rules, and judging criteria.



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The weSKATE Test Standards DVD offers detailed demonstrations of the passing standards for each required ISI test maneuver in the Pre-Alpha through Delta and Freestyle 1-10 levels. You'll also see evaluations of the skater's moves, and even common test mistakes and how to help your students avoid them.



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Scholarship Application Tips *continued*

- **Keep a log of the local, regional and national ISI competitions and ISI-endorsed shows that you have participated in.** Your placement at competitions is not as important as your participation. Education Foundation members realize that by competing, skaters are motivated and challenged and gain a sense of accomplishment as well as friendships. These all contribute to your growth as an individual.
- **Read the profiles of the previous scholarship winners.** This will help you better understand the criteria.
- **If you are coaching, be sure that you are a current professional member of the ISI.** If you have any weSKATE or judging certifications, please list them.
- **You must submit two evaluation forms.** One evaluation must be from the supervisor at the site where a majority of your service hours took place; the second should be from an adult not associated with ice skating and not related to you. In addition, one letter of recommendation may be included with the application. [Note to skating directors and managers: This is where you can help! Please write why you recommend this student; do not just check the box. Help the committee by telling them what sets this person apart.]
- **A typed statement of 500 words or less on "Why I Should Receive an ISIA Education Foundation Scholarship" must accompany application.** This essay is an important part of the score. Tell the committee what sets you apart and what you've learned from your experiences in skating and ISI, and how it has helped you or will help you in the future.
- **Your community service, community service awards, education awards and recognition, educational goals and competitive ice skating experience will be considered in the screening and selection process.** The committee assigns a score to each of these areas. Much like the ISI judging system, each area is assigned points that are added to reach an overall score and ranking.
- **When it's time to apply, please read carefully and follow the most up-to-date guidelines listed.**
- **Please proofread your application carefully before submitting.** Look at the packet and put yourself in the position of the evaluators. What does the committee see? Is it a true reflection of you and the image you wish to project? If you were evaluating applications, what would you think? Is it neat, complete and easy to follow? Do you see a first-place performance?
- **Your application packet MUST be complete in order to be considered for the scholarship.**

Good luck! We're eager to hear from you. The Ice Skating Institute of America (ISIA) Education Foundation does not discriminate in academic scholarship selection on the basis of age, sex, religion, marital status, etc. Any questions or comments should be sent to ISIAEF@skateisi.com. 

Teams in Sync



Bowie Grand Supremes

About: We just completed our second season. Our team consists of a range of ladies of different ages and abilities;

most of us began figure skating as adults! We are lucky to have our coach skate with us. We love the camaraderie, learning new skills and, of course, the bling! We want everyone to know that you are never too old to learn something new, especially when it comes to figure skating!

Home Rink: City of Bowie Ice Arena in Bowie MD

Competition Category: Adult Synchronized Skating Team

Current Membership: 8 skaters, ages 20s-50s

Coach: Erin Thomas

Season: October-May

Team Colors: Black and gold

Competitions: Bowie Valentine's Invitational (Bowie MD), Piney Orchard Reach for the Stars (Odenton MD), ISI District 4 Championships (Bowie MD)

Program Theme: Bond Girls

Notes: We are always happy to add new members to our team!

Southwest Sparklers Synchronized Skating Team

About: The Southwest Sparklers has been going strong since 2003. We have attended Worlds every season since 2005, and plan to attend our first Synchro Champs in 2014! The girls work hard all season on multiple programs. We practice every Sunday and have several fundraisers each year, as well as team bonding activities throughout the season. Our favorite part of the season is the final awards ceremony and banquet, where we celebrate with dinner, trophies, a slideshow and end with actual SPARKLERS!

Home Rink: ICE at the Parks, Arlington TX

Competition Category: Senior Youth Skating, Youth Advanced Formation

Current Membership: 17 skaters, ages 9-17

Coaches: Julie Stahl and Karen Becker

Season: September-May

Team Colors: Blue, silver and black

Team Cheer:

Get your Sparkler love right here! Go Sparklers, go Sparklers, go go Sparklers, WOOOO!

Competitions: Love to Skate, Districts, Worlds, ICE at the Parks Open Competition, Synchro Champs

Facebook page: facebook.com/pages/Southwest-Sparklers-Synchronized-Skating-Team/152965184737849

Website: SouthwestSparklers.com



Tahoe Snowflakes

About: Established in 2012, the Tahoe Snowflakes is South Lake Tahoe's first synchronized figure skating team. All programs are choreographed for the age and ability of the team using the basic

synchronized elements. On June 16

we took second place at our first competition, at the South Tahoe Ice Arena, and in July we placed third at our first away competition, ISI Worlds in Anaheim!

Home Rink: Tahoe Sports and Entertainment Ice Arena, South Lake Tahoe CA

Competition Category: Youth Formation Team

Current Membership: 14 skaters, ages 5-13

Coaches: Susan Campbell-Howe and Alex Furrer

Season: Year-round

Team Colors: Royal blue, black and white

Competitions and Exhibitions: ISI Invitational Competition "I Skate 80" (Vacaville CA), ISI World Recreational Team Championships (Anaheim CA), ISI Skate at the Lake (South Lake Tahoe CA), Grand Opening of the Outdoor Reno Ice Skating Rink (Reno NV), Holiday Show (South Lake Tahoe CA), Spooktacular Event (South Lake Tahoe CA)

Program Theme: "Firework" by Katy Perry

Website: tahoesnowflakes.com



Would you like your synchro team to be featured in Teams in Sync? Send your team profile (using above info as a guideline), logo (if you have one) and high-resolution photos to editor@skateisi.org.

MY COACH ROCKS!

Does your ISI coach rock? Please send a short essay (about 125 words) telling us why, along with a high-resolution photo, to editor@skateisi.org. Note: Essays must be composed by skaters (not their parents). Skaters and coaches must be current ISI members.



TERRY LYNN ZELLNER

Terry Lynn Zellner is the best coach EVER! Terry Lynn has been my coach for the past five years since I started in learn-to-skate classes and then moved to private lessons and joined her synchro team. I love having Terry Lynn as my coach because she makes learning fun and pushes me just enough, yet lets me excel at my own pace. She helps me to relax and enjoy skating by reminding me to not overthink what I'm doing. We also have a lot of fun putting together memorable performances the audience sings along to at competitions. Terry Lynn is not only my coach, but also a dear friend and I look forward to having many more years with her as my coach!

Ashley Crawford, 11, FS 2
Ice Sports Forum
Brandon, Fla.

JANICE FORBES

My coach, Janice Forbes at Sprinker Recreation Center, definitely Rocks! Janice not only has supported my ice skating development by helping me land jumps like my axel, but she continues to provide me with opportunities to work with younger skaters in the Learn to Skate Program. Having Janice as one of my coaches continues to provide me with a focus for my future, which will always include ice skating and helping others.

Brontë Wetherington,
14, FS 5/Silver
Sprinker
Recreation Center
Spanaway, Wash.



JANET LEE

Everyday is a "Holiday on Ice" when you're skating with Coach Janet Lee. She's not only an amazing instructor, but also a super talented choreographer. Her energy level always keeps me movin' to the groovin' when I'm working on my program seven days a week, and that's when I need it the most.

Kathe Schreyer, 61, FS 1
LA Kings Valley Ice Center
Los Angeles, Calif.

27th Annual Halloween Classic

October 26 & 27, 2013

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MY COACH ROCKS!

COURTNEY COX

My coach, Courtney Cox, is the best coach you could ever have! She has been my coach for 5 years and is one of the biggest reasons I love figure skating so much! She is an amazing coach, choreographer and a great role model! She helps me with all of my problems whether it has to do with skating or not. She has been there with me throughout all of my years in skating and I hope she will be there with me the rest of my way.

**Jamie Lynn Vartoojian,
13, FS 5
Livingston Skate Club
Howell, Mich.**



CINDY BORTZ GOULD

Cindy Bortz Gould is my coach and I knew from the moment I met her in skating camp, she was the one for me. I remember during our first lesson she told me that I had natural talent. Cindy is very patient and never feels the need to rush me in any circumstance.

When she notices that I am having trouble, she always finds a way to help, either with a hug or kind words. Because of Cindy's coaching ways, I have moved from Delta to Freestyle Silver in about six months. Not only does Cindy care for me as a student, she also cares for me as a person. Knowing that she will always be there for me is a really great feeling to have.

**Marisa Mendoza, 12, FS Silver
Iceplex
Simi Valley, Calif.**



SARA & RACHEL BAILEY

My coaches rock! I am actually lucky enough to have two coaches, Sara and Rachel Bailey. This past year we have had a lot of rink issues and our local rink has been shut down (due to mechanical issues), so my coaches have been doing everything they can to make sure I've had somewhere to skate and practice. No commute or distance was too far for them to drive and teach me. I know I might not seem grateful to them at times for all they do for me, but I truly am. They are my inspiration and why I do what I do. I just want to make them proud! I could not have pushed through this season without them!

**Jasmin Barrows, 14, FS 3
Salem, Conn.**



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11-13
San Francisco CA
Yerba Buena Ice
Skating Center

5-6 Columbus OH

Chiller at Easton
Chiller Classic Competition

25-26 Woodbury MN

Bielenberg Sports Center
Skate Woodbury ISI Classic 2013

26 Simi Valley CA

Iceplex Simi Valley
11th Annual ISI Open Competition

26-27 Rockland MA

Rockland Ice Rink
Winterland 27th Annual Halloween Classic

27 Redwood City CA

Nazareth Ice Oasis
October Challenge

november

2 Yorktown VA

Hampton Roads Ice Plex
12th Annual Fall Classic

8-10 Tampa FL

Ice Sports Forum
ISI Fall Challenge

december



ISI Holiday Challenge

6-8 Centennial CO
South Suburban Family
Sports Center
ISI Holiday Challenge

6-8 White Bear Lake MN

White Bear Lake Sports Center
White Bear Lake Holiday Open

february

7-9 Blaine MN

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Frosty Blades 2014



14-16 San Jose CA
Sharks Ice
ISI Winter Classic

14-16 Oxford OH

Goggin Ice Center
2014 ISI Miami Open Team Competition

march

1-2 Newark OH

Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena
2014 Newark Spring Open

april

4-6 Knoxville TN

Ice Chalet
45th Annual Robert Unger ISI Team
Championship



11-13 Pleasant Prairie WI
RecPlex Ice Arena in
Pleasant Prairie
ISI Synchronized
Championships

25-27 Pasadena CA

Pasadena Ice Skating Center
30th Annual Pasadena Open ISI
Competition

may



23-25 Bensenville IL
Edge Ice Arena
ISI Conference
Championships

july



28-Aug. 2 Marlborough MA
New England Sports Center
ISI World Recreational Team
Championships

shows & exhibitions

october

1-Dec. 31 Valencia CA

Ice Station Valencia
Exhibitions - Seasonal

november

29-Dec. 19 Dallas TX

Galleria Ice Skating Center
Macy's Grand Tree Lighting at
Galleria Dallas

december

3-7 Knoxville TN

Ice Chalet
Nutcracker on Ice

4-5 Honolulu HI

Ice Palace Hawaii
Gift for You

6-7 Belmont CA

Belmont Iceland
Tribute to the Silver Screen

7-8 Gatlinburg TN

Ober Gatlinburg Ice
Christmas on Ice

14 Arlington TX

ICE at The Parks
Holiday at The Parks 2013

14 Redwood City CA

Nazareth Ice Oasis
Holiday Show

15 St. Louis MO

Wayne C. Kennedy Complex
Holiday Celebration

21 Newark OH

Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena
Holiday Show 2013

march

15-16 St. Louis MO

Wayne C. Kennedy Complex
Annual Ice Recital

april

25-26 Newark OH

Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena
19th Annual Jane McConnell Spring Ice Show



8th Annual ISI Holiday Card

creativity contest

Will **YOUR** design
become the official
2013 ISI holiday card?

The ISI Holiday Card Creativity Contest has become an annual tradition with ice skaters across the country. If your design is chosen, it will be used as the official 2013 ISI holiday card and you will receive recognition in *Recreational Ice Skating* magazine as well as on the card itself.*

Send us your original design following these guidelines:

- 8 1/2" X 11"
- Any medium (paint, marker, pencil, pastel, etc.) – but two-dimensional only, please.
- Be sure to sign your art!
- Do NOT fold or bend your art.
- You may send the artwork only, or you may add a sentiment if you wish.
- Include your full name, address, telephone number and ISI member number on a separate note.
- Submissions **MUST** be received in the ISI office no later than October 15.
- **NOTE:** Materials cannot be returned.

Send to:

Ice Skating Institute
Attn: Magazine Editor
6000 Custer Rd., Bldg. 9
Plano, TX 75023

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Denver



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