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► Flip & Friends!



Take Me to the Pizza!

I'm getting ready for my trip to ISI Worlds in Chicago! As I started to munch on a slice of pepperoni pizza the other day, my mind drifted to thoughts of the delicious pizza I'll get to sample in the Windy City. When I lived on the shores of the continent of Antarctica, pizza was a little hard to find ... and it sure tastes better than krill! So now you know why I'm a little crazy about pizza!

On the back cover of this issue, you'll see me — naturally holding a slice of pizza — ready for you to cut me out and pose with me for a "Flat Flip" photo. Take me with you everywhere you go this summer and be sure to snap a photo of me in front of a pizza restaurant! That way, I'll know just where to go to feed my pizza craving while traveling. Feel free to pose me elsewhere too — I love the beach, almost as much as skating!

-Flip



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Kalina Lakova of Las Vegas in Cancun, Mexico.



Guess what? ISI is on Instagram!

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Did you know that we are on Facebook and Twitter too?

Like, who isn't?!

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ISI is on Instagram! Be sure to follow us @skateisi so you won't miss out on ISI news and competition and event coverage, plus ice skating-related tips, trivia and fun. We LOVE to receive your event photos and other skating images. We want to create a strong virtual community, connecting our ISI members from across the globe who are passionate about all things skating!

So tag us: #lovetoskateisi

We're also on Facebook (IceSkatingInstitute) and Twitter (@IceSkatingISI) too ... but like, who isn't?

Queen of Hearts Expresses Gratitude

In January, The Skating Club of Greater Youngstown (SCGY) held their annual All American Cup Challenge Competition in Youngstown, Ohio. As a skate mom and a synchronized skater, I enjoy the exciting and sometimes hectic competition weekends.

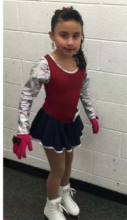
I and two other adult skaters, Maggie Pfeffer and Teresa Santilli, have a rather amusing ensemble that we took to Worlds in Boston in 2014 and revived for our home competition. We dress up like the Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland and perform a lively routine to some great music. It generates lots of laughs from the crowd and judges alike!

The addition to the costumes are the contraptions that we wear. It took all summer to build them and it takes us almost an hour to get our entire costumes on. This particular performance occurred on the last day of competition and we were a bit crunched for time. While preparing the contraptions in the locker room, we had a bit of an audience of visiting skaters. And in true ISI skater fashion, when these girls realized we needed some help, they stepped right in!

The Queen of Hearts would like to extend a huge thank you to Nicole French and Tiffany Voland from the Youngstown Phantoms FSC and Madeline Parker and Katarina Koehler from Silver Blades FSC. Your help that day was much appreciated and exemplified the spirit of ISI skating!

Connie Mabun, Maggie Pfeffer, and Teresa Santilli SCGY's "Queen of Hearts"
Youngstown, Ohio





Mikalah Merizalde, 9
Floyd Hall Arena
Montclair, New Jersey

My Experience with Ice Skating

I love ice skating. It is the best experience ever! It's my passion! I am very lucky to have a family who supports my dream of ice skating.

Once I step onto the ice, it feels like steps of glory, and when I skate it feels like I am gliding on the air. It feels like I am floating.

Being a figure skater is awesome! I get to have my own skates and get to have a bag on wheels to put my skates in. It is a great feeling to ice skate!

On the day of a big show, I was looking forward to it! Once I got dressed, did my hair, and put a little make up on, it was time to go ... I was in the locker room, waiting for my group to ice skate to "I Want A Hippopotamus for Christmas." About 45 minutes later, our group was ready to perform. Everyone memorized the routine perfectly. Once we were done, the crowd cheered for us! I felt like a famous and professional ice skater.

This is an experience I will never forget! I love ice skating!



High-Level Tests

Congrats to the following ISI skaters who have recently passed high-level tests:

Freestyle 8

Caroline Bercaw
SportQuest Skating Academy
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Hannah Carroll
Oak Lawn Park District
Ice Arena
Oak Lawn, IL

Tess Jensen
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Coco Kaminski
SportQuest Skating Academy
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Lucy Mayer
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GET FIXIN' TO COME TO HOLIDAY CHALLENGE IN DALLAS!



Ya'll get ready for the 11th Annual ISI Holiday Challenge scheduled Dec. 4-6 at Dr Pepper StarCenter at Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas!

Participating in Holiday Challenge offers a great opportunity for you to compete in a national ISI event and, at the same time, perfect your holiday show program. A full range of ISI competition events is available — both technical and non-technical — including the increasingly popular Open Freestyle categories.

Featured individual events include Solo Compulsories, Footwork and Jump & Spin; and featured team events are Team Compulsories and Team Surprise. Entry fees for the featured events are half-price when combined with registration for a full-price event. This year's "Sports FANatics" theme will continue with this last national competition of the year. Don your favorite cap, jersey or other apparel to share your enthusiasm for your beloved sport or team.

Featuring two sheets of ice, the Dr Pepper arena is home to beginner hockey leagues run by the Dallas Stars. Pristine parks, trails and greenspace are plentiful in the master-planned community of Craig Ranch.

Voted #1 Best Place to Live by Money magazine in 2014, McKinney is a popular growing city with a friendly, small-town feel and is home to one of the state's largest historic districts. Downtown McKinney is one of the oldest authentic downtowns in Texas, with structures dating back to the mid-1800s. Just two blocks south is Chestnut Square Historic

Village, offering home tours and living history demonstrations. During the 42nd Holiday Tour of Homes, Dec. 5-6, up to six historic homes will be decorated for the holidays and open for tours.

Close to downtown, you'll discover the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary, where you can connect with nature through guided trail walks and other programs.

In nearby Frisco, you'll find world-class shopping at Stonebriar Centre — one of the largest retail malls in North Texas — fantastic restaurants, two major sports venues, and plenty of ways to play! If you've always wanted to skydive, minus the jumping out of the plane, you'll want to experience iFly Dallas, a vertical wind tunnel where you can skydive without a parachute. Frisco also serves up four golf courses, an indoor-trampoline park, climbing facility, go-kart racing, arcades and more. Additional shopping, dining and skating can be found in nearby Allen too ... And don't forget, "Big D" is just 30 miles away!

The entry and test deadline for Holiday Challenge is October 10.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Learn Tips from 3 Skating Stars Only \$45!



David Santee

Two-time Olympian and ISI Hall of Famer David Santee was elected into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame this year. He finished fourth in the 1980 Olympics and earned a silver medal in the 1981 World Championships. He is a seven-time U.S. World Team member and eight-time U.S. senior medalist. Santee is currently the skating director of the Park Ridge Park District, IL.

ISI's popular Worlds Skating Clinics are a once-in-a-lifetime chance to learn skating techniques and tips from some of the sport's best coaches. This year, ISI is proud to present three former national champions and Olympians: ISI and U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Famer David Santee, two-time U.S. pairs champion Rockne Brubaker and 2013 European pairs bronze medalist Stefania Berton.

Skating under the guidance of three star skaters now coaching – for only \$45 – is truly an incredible opportunity!
Register now before it's too late!



Rockne Brubaker

Skating with pairs partner Mary Beth Marley, Rockne Brubaker won the 2010 Four Continents bronze medal and the U.S. silver medal. With partner Keauna McLaughlin, he was the 2010 Four Continents silver medalist, the 2007 World Junior champion and two-time (2008-09) U.S. national champion. Brubaker is currently the skating school director at Fox Valley Ice Arena, Geneva, IL.

Stefania Berton

Italian pair skater Stefania Berton teamed up with Ondrej Hoterek in 2009. After taking bronze at both the 2010 Skate Canada International and 2010 Trophée Eric Bompard, the pair won bronze at the 2013 European Championships, becoming the first Italian pair skaters to medal at Europeans. At the 2014 Winter Olympics, the pair finished in 18th place. Berton is a skating instructor at Fox Valley Ice Arena, Geneva, IL. She became engaged to Rockne Brubaker in February 2013.



Note: You must be entered in at least one event of the ISI World Team Championships to participate in the clinic.

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Meryl Davis & Charlie White

Bringing Magic to Worlds!

The stunning Olympic gold ice dance team skates with such passion — a joy to watch.

Meryl Davis and Charlie White — the first-ever American ice dance team to win Olympic gold — are headed to ISI Worlds to star in the ISIA Education Foundation Benefit on ice show at 7 p.m. Friday, July 31 at Edge Ice Arena in Bensenville, Ill.

The celebrated duo is the longest-running ice dance partnership in the history of United States figure skating — they have been skating together for 17 years. Their biggest claim to fame as America's first ice dance team to earn Olympic gold, was the result of their stellar performance at the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia, where their short dance and "Scheherazade"-themed free dance garnered a record score of 195.52 points.

Chance to Share the Spotlight

Several lucky ISI Worlds competitors will get the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share the spotlight with this groundbreaking team. Benefit Show scouts will be observing skaters at all levels throughout the week and will make their selections. Competitors also have another shot at starring in the limelight through the Skate with the Stars drawing. Don't forget to purchase your tickets early in the week; two participants will be chosen during the Worlds Competitors' Party on Wednesday, July 29 at the Bensenville Water Park & Splash Pad.

Road to Success

Davis, 27, and White, 26, have been skating together since they were 8 and 7 years old respectively — at an age when holding hands with a member of the opposite sex can possibly result in a severe case of "the cooties."

They both began taking lessons at age five at the Detroit Skating Club and grew up in neighboring towns in Michigan, 10 minutes apart from one another. They attended public school, limiting skating practice to about an hour after school daily and

some time on Saturdays, which allowed for other activities too.

As they grew older, their fans wrongly speculated that they were boyfriend and girlfriend due to their fiery chemistry and passion on the ice — a testament to their gift of theatrics in addition to fabulous skating skills.

Prior to achieving Olympic gold, Davis and White were already on a golden streak, capturing first place at every competition in the 2013-14 season. At the 2014 U.S. Championships, they won their sixth-straight U.S. ice dancing title and set another personal best score at a U.S. qualifying competition, with more than 200 total event points.

Flashback

Flashback to 2010: Davis and White headed into the season with their eyes on the Olympic podium. Their gold-medal performance at the Grand Prix final culminated their undefeated Grand Prix season. The glory continued when they defeated Belbin and Agosto to claim their second consecutive U.S. National title. At the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, the duo achieved their dream of standing on the Olympic podium, by winning a silver medal — only the third medal won by a U.S. ice dancing team since its inception as an Olympic sport more than two decades ago.

Davis and White's incredible journey during the 2011 season, resulted in a win at every event they entered, including the 2011 World Championships in Moscow, where they made history by becoming the first U.S. ice dancing team to capture a World title.

Their magic continued in the 2011-12 season, as they captured their third consecutive Grand Prix Final, their fourth consecutive U.S. National title and the silver medal at the 2012 World Championships in Nice, France.

The team dominated the international skating scene during the 2012-13 season, winning all six competitions they entered. Their gold-medal run began with Skate America, followed by the NHK Trophy in Sendai, Japan; the ISU Grand Prix Final; the U.S. Figure Skating Championships; the Four Continents Championships; and the World Championships in London, Ontario, Canada.

When they won gold at the 2013 World Championships, Davis and White made figure skating history again, becoming the only U.S. ice dancing team to ever win two World titles.

During the 2013-14 season, they garnered nothing short of gold at every competition, including the Grand Prix Final, which set a season's best score at an international competition for both their short dance and free dance.

Since their Olympic win, the duo hasn't slowed down one bit. A month later, they appeared on Season 18 of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars." Davis captured the Mirrorball Trophy for first place with partner Maksim Chmerkovskiy, while White and partner Sharna Burgess finished in fifth place. All the while, the Olympic skaters were also traveling the country for a 20-city Stars on Ice tour.

This April, White married fellow ice dancer Tarith Belbin at Bloomfield's Plantera Conservatory in Michigan, with Davis standing in as a bridesmaid. Belbin is a former ice dancer who won the 2006 Olympic ice dance silver medal with partner Ben Agosto. In June, Davis performed in "Sway: A Dance Trilogy" with Chmerkovskiy in New York City.

Both Davis and White are pursuing their education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. They're also enjoying their new lifestyles, void of the intense training, scheduling and discipline necessary to compete in the Olympic Games. They are spending more time hanging out with family and friends. Relishing the opportunity to live in the moment at this stage in their lives, they haven't yet decided on whether or not they will compete in the 2018 Olympics in South Korea.

Recreational Ice Skating magazine had a chance to catch up with the couple recently to ask them some questions ...

RIS: What is the hardest skating maneuver to learn?

Meryl: Stroking technique

Charlie: Proper turns

RIS: What makes your partnership work?

Meryl: I think Charlie and I have great balance of similarities and differences. We want the same things and work well together. Our friendship and mutual respect for one another has always been our greatest asset.

Charlie: Understanding and respect

RIS: What is your advice for children learning to skate?

Meryl: Have fun! Skating is an art as well as a sport and to experience that combination is beautifully unique. The hard work is a pleasure if you love what you do!

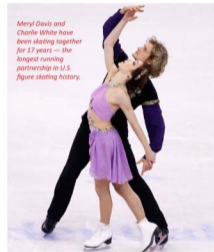
Charlie: Have fun, but the easiest way to do that is by always trying as hard as you can.

RIS: How will you contribute to the sport of skating in the future?

Meryl: I hope to continue to stay involved in the skating world for years to come. I think that my experience and outlook can be helpful in multiple ways.

Charlie: Helping find new ways it can positively change kids' lives!

Meryl Davis and Charlie White have been skating together for 17 years — the longest running partnership in U.S. figure skating history.



RIS: What's on your bucket list?

Meryl: Lots of travel! I'd also like to start my own non-profit.

Charlie: Go to New Zealand!

RIS: Other interests outside of skating?

Meryl: So many! I love exploring new places and staying active.

Charlie: Reading, good movies, hockey, walking my dogs.

RIS: What would you like to tell RIS readers about your upcoming performance at ISF's Recreational World Championships in July?

Meryl: Skating is a beautiful sport that can bring so much to your life. Beyond learning to skate, participating in the sport can really enhance so many areas of one's life. Part of why Charlie and I love skating so much is that it gives us the opportunity to express ourselves. With each performance, we hope to make some sort of impact on the people in attendance.

Charlie: We skate because we love it! That is the driving force of our creativity and the reason why we're able to put so much effort into our programs!

Meryl's Turn:

RIS: What makes Charlie a good partner and friend?

Meryl: I think Charlie's positivity and ability to make any situation fun are among the many things that make him a great partner and friend.

RIS: Who are you strong female role models and why?

Meryl: I really look up to my mother and grandmothers. Within the skating community, I think Kristi Yamaguchi and Michelle Kwan are great, strong female figures.

RIS: Fill in the blank. Charlie makes me laugh when _____

Meryl: Charlie makes me laugh ALWAYS!

RIS: What have you been doing since "Dancing with the Stars?"

Meryl: It's hard to narrow it down! I've been exploring new things, learning, traveling ... I feel so lucky!

Charlie's Turn:

RIS: What makes Meryl a good partner and friend?

Charlie: She's considerate and always wants to find new and better ways to push us to be better!

RIS: Who are your strong male role models and why?

Charlie: Growing up my role model was the hockey player Steve Yzerman. He was captain of the Detroit Red Wings when they were successful. He led by example, and set the expectations for excellence both on and off the ice for the entire team.

RIS: Fill in the blank. Meryl makes me laugh when _____

Charlie: She tries to tell a story but can't finish it because she's laughing too hard.

RIS: What have you been doing since "Dancing with the Stars" and getting married?

Charlie: Enjoying life without the pressures of competitive skating! Hanging out with Tanith and my dogs. And constantly searching for new ways to help improve the world of skating. **RIS**

Some of their Favorites...

Snack

Meryl: Organic granola bars
Charlie: Lately it's been seaweed!

Outfit:

Meryl: I love breezy summer dresses! They're a nice contrast to my many layers I wear on the ice.
Charlie: Sweatpants and sweatshirt

Smell:

Meryl: The ocean
Charlie: Outside, after it rains in the summer

Sound:

Meryl: The ocean
Charlie: The buzzer when someone scores a goal in hockey

Sight:

Meryl: Home!
Charlie: My wife and dogs all asleep on the bed

Song/Music:

Meryl: Changes daily!
Charlie: Classical or Rap

Guilty Pleasure

Meryl: Chocolate
Charlie: Video games

Life Quote:

Meryl: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." ~ David Thoreau

Charlie: "The unexamined life is not worth living."
~ Socrates

Skater to Watch:

Meryl and Charlie: Daisuke Takahashi

Show Benefits ISI Skate Scholars

The Benefit on Ice show is a major fundraiser benefiting the ISIA Education Foundation's scholarship program. This 2015 scholarship winners were announced in May at the ISI Conference in Boston:

- Ashleigh Haslag – Jefferson, Mo.
- Sara Cuorzo – Natick, Mass.
- Olivia Joyce Smith – Winter Springs, Fla.

The recipients are invited to perform in the Benefit on Ice show along with Meryl Davis and Charlie White, and the selected skaters and winners of the Skate with the Stars raffle (tickets will be sold during Worlds week).

Meryl Davis & Charlie White

Star in ISIA's Benefit Show

Friday, July 31 • 7 p.m.
Edge Ice Arena
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Come watch the first-ever American ice dance team to win Olympic gold perform at ISIA's World Recreational Team Championships!

Open to All!

The Benefit Show Scout team will select several lucky Worlds competitors to share the spotlight with the stars.

Reserve Your Tickets

For more information and to reserve tickets: skateis1.org/benefit
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St. Louis Diamond Edges Crowned Synchro Champs Again!

The Synchro St. Louis Diamond Edges have once again claimed the ISI Synchro Champs title. For the fourth time since 2011, the team took the coveted Boyd Wietector Trophy back home to St. Peters Rec-Flex.

Known as "The Voice of ISI," the late Boyd Wietector (1939-2008) believed in the joys of recreational skating. He was the

founder and first president of the ISIA Education Foundation and served in various ISI roles over the course of 30 years.

The Diamond Edges were one of 63 teams that competed April 10-12 in the 19th annual ISI Synchronized Championships held this year at Goggin Ice Center, Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The event drew 636 skaters ages 5 through 68 from 25 rinks in eight states.

Several coaches from various collegiate teams led a Collegiate Skating Q&A session on Saturday, which proved to be informative and well attended.

Angelina Tan, 9, from Hacienda Heights, Calif., was the lucky winner of the Synchro Champs raffle prize (free tuition and room/board at Miami University Skating School camp this summer). Tan competed with her Youth Advanced Formation team, Iceland Ice-Cadettes, from Paramount Iceland, Paramount, Calif. The team traveled over 1,900 miles to compete at the event.

ISI is appreciative of the wonderful staff and volunteers at Goggin Ice Center, including Jeannie Clay, Cassandra MacDonald and Kyleigh Gaff, who worked hard to make this event a fantastic experience for participants. Special thanks to our presenting sponsor Dream Duffel LLC for their generous support as well.



2015 ISI SYNCHRONIZED CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

Goggin Ice Center, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

April 10-12

EVENT 1 – JR YOUTH FORMATION FINAL ROUND

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Wisconsin Edge | Pettit National Ice Center Inc |
| 2. Revolution | Carlson Ice Arena |
| 3. Winter Club Jewels | Goggin Ice Arena - Miami University |
| 4. Southgate Twinkling Stars | Southgate Civic Arena |

EVENT 2 – YOUTH FORMATION COMPULSORIES FINAL ROUND

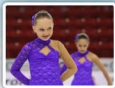
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| 1. Lone Star Blades | Allen Community Ice Rink |
| 2. Crystal Edges | Edge Ice Arena |

EVENT 3 – SR YOUTH SKATING COMPULSORIES FINAL ROUND

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| 1. Texas All Stars | Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney |
| 2. Team Diamond | Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex Willowbrook |
| 3. Silver Short Blade Brigade | Wayne C. Kennedy Rec Complex |



SYNCHRO CHAMPIONSHIPS



EVENT 4 – TEEN SKATING COMPULSORIES FINAL ROUND

1. Synchro St. Louis Diamond Edges
City of St. Peters Rec-Plex
2. Second: Gold Blade Brigade
Wayne C. Kennedy Rec Complex

EVENT 5 – MASTER DANCE FINAL ROUND

1. Kettering Ice Kadettes
Kettering Adult Figure Skating Club

EVENT 6 – YOUTH ADVANCED FORMATION GROUP A INITIAL ROUND

1. Fusion
Toyota Sports Center
2. Revolution
Carlson Ice Arena
3. Iceland Ice-Cadettes
Paramount Iceland Inc
4. Synchro St. Louis Ruby Edges
City of St. Peters Rec-Plex
5. Crystal Edges
Edge Ice Arena
6. Precicettes
Center Ice of DuPage



EVENT 7 – YOUTH ADVANCED FORMATION GROUP B INITIAL ROUND

1. Lone Star Blades
Allen Community Ice Rink
2. Flatirons Sparks
YMCA of Boulder Valley
3. Silver Streaks
Silver Blades Figure Skating Club
4. Shimmering Stars
Southgate Civic Arena
5. Team Chiller
Chiller LLC- Easton



EVENT 8 – SR YOUTH SKATING GROUP A INITIAL ROUND

1. Synchro St. Louis Ice Gems
City of St. Peters Rec-Plex
2. Revolution
Carlson Ice Arena
3. Starr Blades
Franklin Park Ice Arena
4. Oxford Ice Crystals
Goggin Ice Arena - Miami University
5. Silver Streaks
Silver Blades Figure Skating Club
6. Crystal Edges
Edge Ice Arena



EVENT 9 – TEEN SKATING INITIAL ROUND

1. Synchro St. Louis Diamond Edges
City of St. Peters Rec-Plex
2. Silver Long Blade Brigade
Wayne C. Kennedy Rec Complex
3. Ice Stars
Southgate Civic Arena

EVENT 10 – SR YOUTH SKATING GROUP B INITIAL ROUND

1. Kansas City Illusion
Line Creek Ice Arena
2. Capital Classics Team Radiance
Washington Park Ice Arena
3. Synchro St. Louis Jade Blades
City of St. Peters Rec-Plex
4. Team Diamond
Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex
Willowbrook
5. Wisconsin Edge
Pettit National Ice Center Inc
6. Texas All Stars
Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney





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EVENT 11 – TOT FORMATION FINAL ROUND

1. Revolution Carlson Ice Arena

EVENT 12 – JR YOUTH SKATING FINAL ROUND

1. Dancing Divas Goggin Ice Arena - Miami University

EVENT 13 – YOUTH FORMATION FINAL ROUND

1. Fusion Toyota Sports Center
2. Winter Club Jewels Goggin Ice Arena - Miami University
3. Precicettes Center Ice of DuPage
4. Arctic Snowflakes White Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena
5. Ice Cubes Blue University of Illinois Ice Arena

EVENT 14 – COLLEGIATE SKATING FINAL ROUND

1. Lindenwood University Lindenwood University
2. Mizsou Club Synchronized Skating Washington Park Ice Arena

EVENT 16 – MASTER ADVANCED FORMATION FINAL ROUND

1. Kettering Ice Kadettes Kettering Adult Figure Skating Club
2. Revolution Carlson Ice Arena

EVENT 17 – SR YOUTH FORMATION FINAL ROUND

1. Arctic Snowflakes Blue Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena

EVENT 18 – YOUTH SKATING FINAL ROUND

1. Wisconsin Edge Pettit National Ice Center Inc
2. Capital Classics Team Vibrant Washington Park Ice Arena
3. Precicettes Elite Center Ice of DuPage
4. Crystal Edges Edge Ice Arena

EVENT 19 – MASTER SKATING FINAL ROUND

1. La Furia Ice Centre at the Promenade

EVENT 20 – SR YOUTH ADVANCED FORMATION FINAL ROUND

1. Synchro St. Louis Onyx Ice City of St. Peters Rec-Plex
2. Kansas City Illusion Line Creek Ice Arena
3. Ice Stars The Skate School LLC @ Fox Valley
4. Team Chiller Chiller LLC- Easton
5. Ice Cubes Orange University of Illinois Ice Arena
6. Arctic Snowflakes Silver Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena

SYNCHRO CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENT 21 – YOUTH ADVANCED FORMATION SELECT FINAL ROUND

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| 1. Synchro St. Louis Ruby Edges | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex |
| 2. Crystal Edges | Edge Ice Arena |
| 3. Precocettes | Center Ice of DuPage |
| 4. Shimmering Stars | Southgate Civic Arena |
| 5. Team Chiller | Chiller LLC- Easton |



EVENT 22 – YOUTH ADVANCED FORMATION PREMIER FINAL ROUND

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| 1. Fusion | Toyota Sports Center |
| 2. Revolution | Carlson Ice Arena |
| 3. Lone Star Blades | Allen Community Ice Rink |
| 4. Silver Streaks | Silver Blades Figure Skating Club |
| 5. Flatirons Sparks | YMCA of Boulder Valley |
| 6. Iceland Ice-Cadettes | Paramount Iceland Inc |



EVENT 23 – SR YOUTH SKATING SELECT FINAL ROUND

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| 1. Wisconsin Edge | Pettit National Ice Center Inc |
| 2. Oxford Ice Crystals | Goggin Ice Arena - Miami University |
| 3. Team Diamond | Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex
Willowbrook |
| 4. Texas All Stars | Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney |
| 5. Crystal Edges | Edge Ice Arena |
| 6. Silver Streaks | Silver Blades Figure Skating Club |

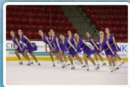


EVENT 24 – SR YOUTH SKATING PREMIER FINAL ROUND

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| 1. Kansas City Illusion | Line Creek Ice Arena |
| 2. Synchro St. Louis Jade Blades | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex |
| 3. Capital Classics Team Radiance | Washington Park Ice Arena |
| 4. Synchro St. Louis Ice Gems | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex |
| 5. Revolution | Carlson Ice Arena |
| 6. Starr Blades | Franklin Park Ice Arena |

EVENT 25 – TEEN SKATING FINAL ROUND

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Synchro St. Louis Diamond Edges | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex |
| 2. Silver Long Blade Brigade | Wayne C. Kennedy Rec Complex |
| 3. Ice Stars | Southgate Civic Arena |



Teams in Sync

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



About: Although the Rocky Mountain Figure Skating Club, whose home rink is the Ice Centre at the Promenade, has had a synchronized skating program since the mid-1980s, the first adult team to skate at the Ice Centre at the Promenade was formed as a USFSA Masters team in 2000. In 2008, the team divided into a USFS Masters Team and a USFS Open Adult Team. In 2011, the Open Adult Team began to compete as an ISI Masters team. Each year from 2011-15, the team has placed first in ISI Synchro Nationals. Their goal is to skate their best, to improve each year and to have fun in the process. Most of their members learned to skate as adults and in past years they have had members as young as 14 and as old as 72.

La Furia ISI Masters Westminster, Colo.

Home Rink: Ice Centre at the Promenade

Coaches: Stefano Stangalini, Caitlin Britton

Current Membership: Currently competing with 15 members (including the coaches)

Team Colors: Red and black

Team Slogan: "Scatena La Furia!" (Italian for "Let Loose, La Furia!")

Website: lafuriasynchro.com

Facebook Page: facebook.com/LaFuriaSynchro/Fanpage

2015 Competition: ISI Synchronized Nationals

Program Theme: "Witchcraft" (Frank Sinatra) and "Bewitched" (Steve Lawrence)

La Furia Skates in LuEllen's Memory

La Furia ISI Masters Synchronized Skating team captured their fifth straight ISI Masters championship in Oxford, Ohio last month. Although the team was skating unopposed this year, they skated in honor of former team member LuEllen Blum, who lost her battle to cancer in fall 2014, just as the team was beginning to practice for a new season. LuEllen, affectionately known as "Tinkerbell" because she was tiny and spritely, inspired the team.

LuEllen joined the La Furia synchronized skating teams in 2000, skating on a USFSA Masters team, with which she earned a national bronze medal in 2006. She later joined the USFSA Open Adult team and skated with them until 2010,



when she joined the newly formed ISI Masters team with which she competed every year when her health permitted. It was with the ISI Masters team that she realized her ambition to win a national championship.

La Furia keeps LuEllen in their hearts, and remembers her enthusiasm, determination, courage and cheerful friendship, as well as her mastery of the miraculous fall-and-recover. (She could fall and recover so quickly and with so little fuss, that even in a program run-through only those next to her knew she had fallen — it never disrupted the program.)

Jump and Spin Team

Focus On

An additional event that can be fun with your skating friend!

Who can do Jump & Spin events: Jump & Spin events are open to any level ISI skater. It's one of the few ISI competition events where skaters from different skating levels can compete together.



The best part about Jump & Spin is that there is no program routine and you get to skate with a friend!

What is a Jump & Spin event: This event is usually done on half ice. Two skaters enter the ice together and stop. Skater #1 begins and performs the same chosen Jump two times and stops. Skater #2 then performs the same chosen Spin two times and stops. Both skaters then exit the ice together. Only the best performance by each skater will be scored against the performance of other teams in the same event group.

The best thing: The best thing about a Jump & Spin event is that there is no program routine and really nothing to prepare. You will already be practicing your jumps and spins for your other program routines – so why not grab your friend and earn some team points!

There's no pressure of a program performance and you can be on the ice with your friend. Many times coaches will allow their students to create their own jump and spin "program" which allows you the chance to be involved in your skating even more!

There's no score for costumes, but some partners dress in matching T-shirts or skating dresses and others just wear their own thing. It's really simple and easy, so ask your coach about this fun event.

Jump & Spin event levels: 2-person teams are divided into four event levels below:

Low	=	Pre-Alpha – Delta skaters
Medium	=	Skaters from Freestyle 1-3 / Bronze
Intermediate	=	Skaters from Freestyle 4-5 / Silver
High	=	Skaters from Freestyle 6-10 / Gold / Platinum

Skaters ARE allowed to skate in a higher event level but not in a lower level from your current test level.

Maneuver selections are:

Jump Choice	Spin Choice
Low 2-foot hop or Bunny hop	2-foot spin
Medium Half Flip or Toe Loop jump	2-foot or 1-foot spin
Intermediate Half Loop or Axel jump	Sit spin or back spin
High Dbl. Salchow or Dbl. Loop	Flying Camel or Flying Sit spin


Competition Event Groups: Skater teams are grouped together within the event levels (listed above) but not by the specific Freestyle test level. Groups are also usually divided – based on the entries received – either by the average age of the two skaters on a team or by the age of the oldest skater. The competition director may also combine genders for this event.

Judging Criteria: All three judges only judge the technical accuracy of the best performance for the maneuvers performed. (Jump, Spin)

Only the technical accuracy (correctness) of the maneuver is judged. The difficulty level of the maneuver does not receive any extra credit.

Bonus for 2015

National Events: Jump and Spin Team is a "discounted event" in 2015 for all our national competition events.

Competing in this as your additional event only costs \$15. 



In Jump & Spin, there is no score for costumes, but some partners dress in matching T-shirts.

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Get Ready for the “Big Kid” Playground!



This fall, ISI Adult Championships heads to one of the largest playgrounds for grownups, ages 18 and up — Las Vegas! That's right, the Entertainment Capital of the World will be the setting for the 17th annual ISI Adult Championships Oct. 23-25 at Las Vegas Ice Center.

Adult Champs offers participants the perfect chance to compete for fun, forge new and lasting friendships and get away from the daily grind at home. Many choose to plan their vacation around this event and this year's destination will provide the perfect backdrop for a “playcation.”

Whether you're a high roller or not, it really doesn't matter as Vegas is chock-full of fun and thrilling things to do aside from its electrifying, 24-hour casinos. You can take a spin on the largest Ferris wheel in the world where — from the altitude of 550 feet — you can get the most spectacular view of the city that never sleeps.

Opened in 2014, Slotzilla Las Vegas Zip Line, may prove enticing for the biggest kids at heart. On this exciting ride,

you can depart from the world's largest slot machine at 12 stories high, and fly “super-hero style” along the upper zip line under the Viva Vision lighted canopy over the Freemont Street Experience, a five-block entertainment district in historic downtown.

Surely a trip to Las Vegas isn't complete without taking in one of the many fabulous concerts and Broadway shows. Perhaps one of the most popular productions to open in 2015 is Steve Wynn's “ShowStoppers” at the Wynn Las Vegas. Voted “Best New Show” in Vegas, this musical spectacular features 66 singers and dancers and a 30-piece orchestra performing music from Cole Porter to Stephen Sondheim.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Skatieisi.org/adultchamps

Lasvegas.com

Lasvegas-entertainment-guide.com

Entertainment.accessvegas.com



Epic World Figure Championship & Festival to Kick Off

The inaugural World Figure Championship & Figure Festival (WFC&FF) scheduled August 25-29 in Lake Placid, N.Y. is poised to create an historic skating event.

The WFC will be held Aug. 28-29 on black ice in the 1932 Olympic Arena. The most distinguished panel assembled in the history of the sport will judge the event: Olympic champion Trixi Schuba; Olympic coach Slavka Kohout Button; and World competitor and coach Andra McLoughlin. Lisa Fedick, ISI 2nd vice president, will serve as chief referee.

“The judges will not watch the competitors skate the figures, they will only judge the tracings that are left behind on the beautiful black ice,” said Olympian Karen Courtland Kelly, a member of the WFC&FF organizing team.

Upon completion of 16 figures over the course of the two-day competition, participants will acquire a new World ranking in figures. The honor of being inducted into the new Skating Figures Hall of Fame will be bestowed upon officials and competitors who complete this inaugural championship.

To be eligible to participate in WFC, you must have passed the 6th, 7th or 8th U.S., Canadian or International Figure Test Equivalent, or ISI Figure 8, 9, or 10, and/or be an Olympic or World figure skating competitor.



Figure Festival

The interactive Figure Festival (FF) is open to skaters of all levels, coaches and the general public. It includes five days of activities in celebration of figure skating's foundation. Private and group lessons, practice sessions and unique, themed workshops will be offered. Participants have the option to take ISI figure tests and compete in the Figure Festival Competition as well, scheduled Aug. 25-27.

In addition, there will be an exciting synchronized skating option too. Teams can be a part of the debut of a Synchronized Figure Competition. Creative Figures will also be available.

The general public will have the opportunity to skate, tour the Olympic Center, attend book signings and more. Everyone can enjoy collecting the United States Postal Service's special Lake Placid pictorial postmark commemorating and celebrating the opening day of the WFC.

The WFC&FF competition is organized by Peak Edge Performance, Inc. and endorsed by the Ice Skating Institute (ISI), which has always recognized the importance of school figures and continues to allow and encourage participation in them.

For more information or to register for WFC&FF, visit WorldFigureChampionship.com.



PLAY TO WIN AT ADULT CHAMPS IN VEGAS!



ISI ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Oct. 23-25

Las Vegas Ice Center

Las Vegas

*Entry/test deadline: Sept. 1
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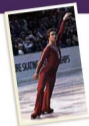
Participating in the ISI Adult Championships is never a gamble for adult skaters who love to combine skating and having a great time with their peers. Everybody scores big with the thrill of competition plus the reward of going home feeling like they won the jackpot — especially when Adult Champs is in Vegas!

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David Santee

From ISI Skater to Hall of Famer

By Eileen Viglione



David Santee captures second place in the 1981 Worlds Championship.

"The reason most people get involved in skating is because they love the sport. It's important to never lose sight of that. While it's okay to strive for gold, remember ... enjoy the journey. It's a tough sport with a lot of adversity, but you can learn from it." ~ David Santee

Two-time Olympian and World silver medalist David Santee spends so much of his time coaching skaters that he has little time to reflect on the path that brought him Olympic fame and a 30-plus year career in a sport that he has loved since age 5. These days, however, he's been waxing nostalgic ...

At our annual Ice Arena Conference & Trade Show in May, ISI inducted Santee into the ISI Ice Skating Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame earlier this year.

The ISI Hall of Fame Award honors someone who has made unmistakable and lasting contributions to ice skating and/or the ice arena industry. Santee has been a lifelong participant, competitor and coach in the ISI program, and today, continues to contribute as a staunch supporter of the ISI and its programs.

A humble man, Santee wasn't expecting either award. "It's been an interesting exercise to look back and go over the years and appreciate what I accomplished," he says. "I don't do a lot of that. I use a lot of stories about my experiences when I'm coaching, but not about what I accomplished. I know in my heart what I've accomplished."

When Santee found out that he was being inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame, he was in Missouri visiting his younger son Michael, a second lieutenant in the Army. (His older son Chris works as a scientist for a pharmaceutical company.)

"I got a call at 7 a.m. and I didn't answer it because I didn't recognize the number," he says. "Later, my phone rang again

and I answered it out of reflex and it was Larry Mondschein, chairman of the Hall of Fame nominating committee. I wasn't shocked because it didn't really hit me what was happening until two-thirds of the way through the conversation."

"This is the gift that keep on giving," he states. "I wasn't prepared for it, but it feels good to be recognized for a lifetime of striving."

Career Highlights

- ISI Hall of Famer
- U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Famer
- 1981 World silver medalist
- Seven-time U.S. World team member
- Two-time Olympian (4th place in men's singles in 1980)
- Youngest male to win U.S. Junior Championship
- 13-time U.S. medalist, ranking 3rd all time
- ISI Board of Directors – Instructors Rep.
- ISI Certified Technical Specialist (one of only six certified for international events and the only American certified as a data entry and video replay operator)
- Skating Director, Park Ridge Park District, Chicago: 24 years

The Journey

When Santee began skating as a young boy, he never dreamed how far the sport would take him. "Being a typical boy," I never looked ahead," he says. "I was going along for the ride."

Santee was just 5 years old when he started skating under the direction of ISI founder Michael Kirby at the Michael Kirby Skating School in Park Ridge, Ill. He immediately fell in love with the sport. At age 9, he began to think about competing, and as he grew older he became more focused and determined.

"I didn't have as much natural ability as my younger brother, but I had the drive," he says.

Santee's younger brother, Jimmie, is president of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA). Five years younger than David, he also skated professionally, touring with Disney on Ice. David has always admired him because he knows it must have been hard for Jimmie to be in his shadow at times.

"He supported me and he never held it against me," he says.

Santee credits coaches Evy and Mary Scottvold, who also coached former Olympic skater Nancy Kerrigan, for guiding him through most of World Championships and his second Olympics, adding that he learned a lot from them both on and off the ice.

At age 13, Santee became the youngest Junior National Champion. When he retired from skating at age 23, he had been to two Olympics — 1976 in Innsbruck, Austria, where he finished 6th and 1980 in Lake Placid, N.Y., where he placed 4th. He also finished second in the 1981 World Championships. His decision to retire from competitive skating wasn't difficult he says. "I was second in the world to Scott Hamilton... There were fewer options to make money back then... I was ready to retire earlier, but stayed one more year and I ended up taking eighth place at the World Championship in 1982."

Santee feels lucky to have competed in the Olympic games in Lake Placid, New York, where he got to see the remarkable Miracle on Ice. "I had amazing experiences. I saw Eric Heiden, who won every gold medal in speed skating, and Michael Eruzione — two of the greatest athletes."

"The benefit of being a two-time Olympian is that the first time was a blur," he explains. "Four years later I was 22. I knew what to expect as I had been through the ups and downs so I was able to appreciate the experience. I learned not to worry about the number, but to be the best you."

Santee next turned to professional skating and toured with The John Curry Skating Company before working as a figure skating commentator for ABC Sports.

Full Circle

His journey brought him full circle when, at the age of 27, he

returned to his beloved hometown of Park Ridge in 1984 to become a coach and skating director of the Park Ridge Park District's Oakton Ice Arena. He's been there ever since — 31 years — except for a seven-year period when he worked at a rink in neighboring Niles. Over the years, he has quietly built a solid skating school, where American figure skater Agnes Zawadzki received training early on under the guidance of Santee.

"I always wanted to come back to Park Ridge," says Santee, also an ISU certified technical specialist. "Oakton Ice Arena had



David Santee, center, with his family and colleagues from Oakton Ice Arena, after receiving the ISI Hall of Fame Award. His brother, Jimmie, is third from right.

Tracy Griffin Photography

Santee's Faves

Music: Fleetwood Mac

Pal: His golden retriever Tazer

Place: United Center (home of the Chicago Blackhawks)

Restaurant: Lou Malnati's

Skating rink: The former Broadmoor World Arena, Colorado Springs, Co.

Vacation: Disney World

always been supportive of me to that point that the personnel came to watch me in the Olympics.

"I'm proud of the program we've developed and the quality of skaters we've had through the years."

A longtime supporter of ISI, Santee believes in the ISI program and serves as the Instructor Representative on the ISI Board of Directors.

"ISI has been around a long time and they do what they do well," he says. "ISI has a solid program of developing skills at the lower level. Why change something that isn't broke? Most of the skating community knows my thoughts on this."

"ISI has been great for me. So many great skaters — Ashley Wagner and Jason Brown to name a few — have come up through the ISI program and that says a lot about their role of developing skaters ... Look at the results!" **ISI**



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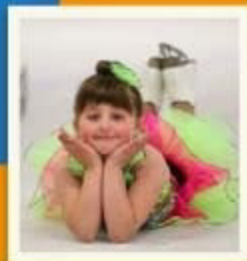
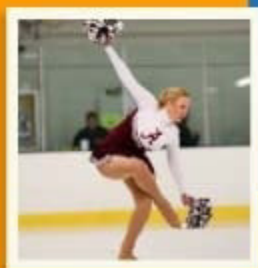


2015 ISI Conference Champions:
Sharper Edge Skating School, Acton, Mass.

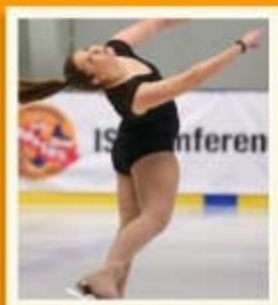
TOP 10

PLACE	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	Sharper Edge Skating School	1,587.0
2	Nashoba Valley Olympia Inc.	547.0
3	City of Bowie Ice Arena	447.0
4	FMC William Chase Arena	440.0
5	Imperial Skating Academy	325.0
6	Norwich RoseGarden Ice Arena	215.0
7	FMC Collins-Moylan Arena	182.0
8	Herbert Wells Ice Rink/M-NCPPC	177.5
9	FMC Jim Roche Community Arena	119.5
10	FMC Pirelli Veteran's Skating Arena	112.5

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



CONFERENCE CHAMPS



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.



SASHA POTCHEIKINA

My coach rocks because she not only cares about my skating, but she cares about me. I have been skating with my coach since I was three. I am nine now. Sasha challenges me to be my best. She taught me that I am my only competition. As long as I skate better than I did the last time, then I have won no matter what place I get. My coach is always there to support me. My love for skating comes from inside me, but also from my love of my coach!

Rebekah Newman, 9, FS 1
Danbury Ice Arena
Danbury, Conn.



LINDA PAZLAR

I started skating when I was four years old. I'm 10 now and still skating with my SUPER AMAZING coach Linda Pazlar. And SHE is the one I am telling you about. Linda is very encouraging. She is happy with me even when I mess up. Every time I see her, I get a big smile in the inside, and out.

When she is proud of me, it's the best feeling in the world. That's how I've always known she is the best coach I could have. She teaches me to be tough when I take hard falls in skating, and in life. She tells me to always stand up again and try my hardest to succeed. Linda is a HUGE reason I am still skating and want to skate for the rest of my life. I love her and the lessons and moves she has taught me and will continue to teach me.

Nora Doyle, 10, FS 2
Wakota Arena
South St. Paul, Minn.



AERIN WILLIAMS

Aerin Williams has never just been my coach. We met when I was 11 years old, and now, nine years later, she is still one of the most inspirational and special people I know.

We've been through so much together and she has taken care of me both on and off the ice. I know I wouldn't be the skater and person I am today without her.

Aerin has taught me a lot over the years and I think of her as my second mom. Today, we aren't together all the time because I'm in college, but I still practice on my own. I miss her dearly, but we keep in contact because at the end of the day, Aerin isn't just my coach, she's also one of my most beloved friends.

Ketzia Abramson, 20, FS 6
Galleria Ice Skating Center
Dallas, TX

MY COACH ROCKS!

VANESSA MASCIA

My coach, Vanessa Mascia, at Lake Forest Ice Palace ROCKS! She rocks because she always is very caring. She also challenges me by teaching me different spin and jump combinations. She always tells me to try my best, but she also makes skating fun! She also has a very special loud voice that makes everyone at the rink pay attention! She also plays tag with me after my lesson. She is the best coach ever!



Josephine Lee, 6, FS 4
Lake Forest Ice Palace
Lake Forest, Calif.

ANNE RAUCCI

My coach, Anne Raucci, rocks! She is, without a doubt, the most caring and patient coach ever. Anne helped me prepare for my Freestyle 7 and Platinum tests and has been there for me every step of the way. As a coach, she gives me the freedom to express myself in my skating while making sure I have all of my technical skills down. After giving so much to her students, she is now being rewarded for her work with a promotion to skating director at the Franklin Park Ice Arena. Congratulations to the greatest coach!



Lucas Rosa, 16
Platinum/FS 7 Franklin Park Ice
Arena and Fusion Skating Club
Franklin Park, Ill.



Flip for Pizza

To create a silly story, play this with a friend, parent or other adult. Ask them for the information requested in the parenthesis. Write down their answers, then read the story aloud.

I can't wait for my trip to Worlds, especially because Chicago is known for its yummy pizza—and I LOVE pizza!

After a long afternoon of skating, I can't wait to have a slice of _____ pizza,
(adjective)

a glass of _____ and a salad filled with my favorite vegetables, including _____,
(noun) (noun)

and _____,
(noun)

Some of my friends in skate school like _____ pizza the best, but my favorite is the _____ pizza.
(food) (food)

Here is how to make pizza: First, take a lump of _____ and roll it out with your _____ to make a thin
(noun) (body part)

_____. Cover that with _____ sauce, _____ cheese, and fresh chopped
(shape) (noun) (adjective) (adjective)

_____. Bake it in a hot _____ for _____ minutes. Then, cut it into
(plural noun) (noun) (number)

_____ and share it with your _____.
(number) (shape - plural) (noun)





ice poets

This is Where You Will Find Me

You will find me gliding gracefully
across white wonder,
Spinning and twirling, dancing on shiny
white,
While my blades cut into the ice making
patterns like stars.
The cold air whips my face
Tickling me, like a feather duster.
I'm light as the breeze as my skates take
me across an icy sheet of heaven.
I am laughing and jumping, whirling as
fast as an eagle.
Smiling from ear to ear, this is where
you will find me.

Angelina Carapezza, 10
Navin Arena FMC, Marlborough, Mass.



Euphoria on Ice

Thirsty and hungry after hours of ice hockey
On the night-lit pond,
The teenagers are hunched around the warmth of the wood fire.
The far reaches of unskated ice beckon me
With whispering urgency.
Skates relaxed, I skim across the scoured area of our game and beyond,
Heading to the opposite shore.
The swish of steel bites the pristine surface of glinting
Black ice — a skater's dream.
Gliding into a hushed world,
Only the clack-clack of running blades
And occasional groan of compressed crystals break the silence.
A full moon shoots silvery streaks across the shimmering surface.
Great tall pines and the Hamburg Hills stand out
In etched relief.
The faint aroma of wood smoke wafts on a slight wind.
The cold is fierce, sending air needles on each inhale of my breath.
Carving great sweeping arcs on the ice,
Testing a jump or two, a few spin revolutions,
And I enter my magic bubble.
Here there are only faster and faster runs, turns, Axels and jumps,
Tonight done effortlessly.
Soaring, swooping, spinning, spinning, spinning,
Suddenly! Propelling toward the stars, sailing above the pinetops,
Objects of the night sky sharper, brighter, nearer.
A weightless, celestial transcendence of barriers, space, and time.
Free flowing in the skies,
The essence of Me going here and there.
I look down and see a whirling top far below me.
Later, perhaps only seconds, I'm back in my white skates
Flashing patterns on the ice,
My breath coming in heavy gulps.
I turn and stroke slowly the long distance toward the firelight,
Reluctant to return.
Aware of an ineffable experience.
My inner self changed forever
By a brief encounter with the All That is.

Diana Lathrop-Bouchard
Waterford, Conn.

Grandmother to ISI member Sara Beth Bouchard of Waterford, CT.
A skater as a young girl, Diana still joins her family on the ice.



Y'ALL C'MON DOWN TO DALLAS FOR A HOLIDAY CHALLENGE!



HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Dec. 4-6

Dr Pepper StarCenter

McKinney, Texas

Entry/test deadline: Oct. 10

Every day feels like a holiday when you're on the ice, but this December competition is a festive event not to be missed! This year marks the 4th Annual Holiday Challenge, where you can compete in an ISI national event while fine-tuning your holiday program. Join us in Dallas, the shopping capital of the U.S., and kick off your holiday season in style. Cowboy gear optional.



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competitions

july

4 Las Vegas NV

Las Vegas Ice Center
 "Red, White & Blue" ISI Open
 Championships

5 North Richland Hills TX

Nytek Sports Centre
 Nytek Firecracker Classic

11 Wilmette IL

Centennial Wilmette
 Mid-Summer Classic

11 Cottage Grove MN

Cottage Grove Ice Arena
 Sunburst Challenge

11 St. Peters MD

City of St. Peters Rec-Plex
 2015 Summer Get-A-Way

11 El Segundo CA

Toyota Sports Center
 Be A Star

11-12 Fairbanks AK

University of Alaska Patty Ice Arena
 Summer Fun Skate

11-12 Decatur AL

Point Mallard Ice Complex
 12th Annual Wind, Rain or Shine ISI Team
 Competition

12 Norwich CT

RoseGarden Ice Arena
 1st Annual Tournament of Roses

25 Little Falls NJ

Floyd Hall's International Challenge Cup

25-26 Westminster CA

The Rinks - Westminster ICE
 4th Annual Westminster ICE ISI Open
 Competition



27-Aug 1 Bensenville & Rolling Meadows IL
 ISI World Recreational
 Team Championships

28-8/2 Omaha NE

Raston Arena & Moylan Iceplex
 State Games of America 2015

august

1 Newark DE

The Pond Ice Arena
 2015 Pond Summer Invitational

8-9 San Diego CA

UTC Ice
 Skate by the Sea 2015

16 Vacaville CA

Vacaville Ice Sports
 I Skate 80

18-20 Honolulu HI

Ice Palace Hawaii
 2015 ISI Hawaiian Open

28-29 Lake Placid NY

Lake Placid
 2015 World Figure Championship
 & Festival

29 San Diego CA

Kroc Center Ice
 Kroc Center Ice 1st Annual ISI In-House
 Competition

september

11-13 Arlington TX

ICE at The Parks
 12th Annual ISI Open Competition

26-27 Valencia CA

Ice Station Valencia
 10th Annual Autumn Classic

october



23-25 Las Vegas NV
 Las Vegas Ice Center
 ISI Adult
 Championships

december



4-6 McKinney TX
 Dr Pepper
 StarCenter
 ISI Holiday
 Challenge

january 2016

16-17 San Diego CA

Kroc Center Ice
 2016 Kroc Center Ice ISI Open

shows & exhibitions

july

11 Roseville CA

Skatetown
 A Dream is a Wish

11 Cathedral City CA

Desert Ice Castle
 Ice Hot Summer Show

18 Johnstown PA

Planet Ice
 Summer Spotlight

august

3 Newark DE

University of Delaware
 Rock Out Summer

13 Raleigh NC

Raleigh Iceplex
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- Receive *Recreational Ice Skating* magazine
- Receive excess accident insurance coverage



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ISI World Recreational Team Championships

July 27-Aug. 1
Edge Ice Arena &
West Meadows Ice Arena
Bensenville & Rolling
Meadows, IL
Entry/test deadline: May 1
skateisi.org/worlds

ISI Adult Championships

Oct. 23-25
Las Vegas Ice Center
Las Vegas
Entry/test deadline: Sept. 1
(Sept. 10 for Collegiate)
skateisi.org/adultchamps



ISI Holiday Challenge

Dec. 4-6
Dr Pepper StarCenter
McKinney, Texas
Entry/test deadline: Oct. 10
skateisi.org/holidaychallenge



ISI Winter Classic

Feb. 12-14
RDV Sportsplex Ice Den
Orlando, FL
Entry/test deadline: Dec. 1
skateisi.org/winterclassic



ISI Synchronized Championships

April 8-10
St. Peters Rec-Plex
St. Peters, MO
Entry deadline: Feb. 1
skateisi.org/synchro