



THE INSIDE *EDGE*



September 2016

SQSA WINS ISI WORLDS 2ND PLACE TROPHY

SQSA Parade entered 71 skaters in the annual ISI World Recreational Team Championships and came away with the 2nd place team trophy.

The events ran over six days at the end of July at the National Sport Center in Blaine. It was the first time since 2011 that Worlds was in the Twin Cities. SQSA improved on their 2011 place of 4th.

In addition to skating events there was an "Opening Ceremony" including a parade of teams, competitors party at Brunswick Zone, skating show featuring Gracie and Carly Gold with specially chosen competitor numbers and an on ice awards ceremony to close out the competition.

A highlight was the SQSA Production Team being invited to perform as the opening number in the Worlds skating show. The "Minnesota Rouser" themed number featured 40 SQSA skaters. The team then went on to win 1st place in the large production number event which concluded with suspenseful on ice awards. The place winners were announced from lowest to highest. When the 2nd place team was announced and it was revealed that SQSA had won, there was sheer joy as the team skated to the awards area to have gold medals placed around their necks! The parent section went a little crazy too.

Congratulations to all our Worlds competitors. We are incredibly proud of the high level of skating and good sportsmanship and every skater earned points that contributed to the team trophy.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Summary of major events. See website CALENDAR tab for complete club schedule

- September 16-18: Maplewood Fall Classic USFS Competition
- October 1, 8:00-11:00: Fall Kick-Off at Parade
- October 1: First day of Saturday Learn to Skate
- October 4: First day of Tuesday Learn to Skate
- October 12, 6:30-8:00 New(ish) Member Happy Hour hosted by Parade FSC (location TBD)
- October 19-23: Upper Great Lakes Regional U. S. Figure Skating Championships in Rochester
- October 21: Last day of Fall 1 contract
- October 28-29: Woodbury ISI Competition
- October 29, 12:00-1:45: Halloween Party at Parade
- December 2-4: White Bear Lake ISI Holiday Open Competition
- December 10, 5:30-8:30: Annual IllumiSkate Holiday Exhibition & Party at Parade (North Rink)
- December 10: Last day of fall Saturday LTS classes
- December 13: Last day of fall Tuesday LTS classes
- January 26-29: Northland USFS competition in Duluth
- February 3-5: Frosty Blades ISI competition in Blaine
- February 3-5: Hiawathaland USFS competition in Rochester
- March 3-5: Skate Parade ISI competition at Parade
- April 10: Spring Ice Show picture night (tentative)
- April 27: Spring Ice Show dress rehearsal
- April 28-29: Spring Ice Show performances

If you are participating in a competition not listed here, please, email sqsaparade@gmail.com with name/dates and we will add it to the calendar.

SQSA PARADE AND STARLIGHT MEMBERS TAKE ON STATE



It was by far the best showing ever for SQSA and Starlight skaters at the annual Minnesota State USFS competition.

Medals were awarded for 1st- 4th places. Twenty-eight SQSA skaters participated August 26-28 in Woodbury.

Place winners were:

Figure Skating Championships

Coco Kaminski	Senior Ladies	1st
Madalyn Moree	Junior Ladies	1st
Janet Kang	Novice Ladies	3rd
Tess Jensen	Novice Ladies	4th
David Kaufmann	Novice Men	2nd
Ava Pihlstrom	Pre Juvenile	3rd
Ari Pressman	Adult Masters Jr/Sr	1st
Elaine Walin	Adult Masters Novice	2nd
Bianca Dickson	Adult Gold	2nd
Kate Hockin	Adult Silver	2nd
Lisa Becker	Adult Silver	3rd

Place winners listed are SQSA members, Starlight members who train at SQSA Parade or both.

SQSA PARADE MEMBERSHIP

The SQSA membership year runs from September 1 - August 31. Membership is required for contracting on SQSA ice sessions. Regular membership allows ISI testing at Parade and competing for SQSA. Associate membership is for skaters whose ISI membership is with another club or rink or who do not wish to test ISI or compete for SQSA.

U. S. Figure Skating memberships are available through Starlight Ice Dance Club, also based at Parade. See starlighticedanceclub.com for info or email sqsaparade@gmail.com.

Members not renewed by October 1st will no longer receive club emails, will not be in the club photo, will not be able to contract for ice and will pay the "after October 1st renewing rate" of \$100 versus the regular rate of \$75.

SQSA regular membership includes ISI membership. Members who had already renewed their ISI membership and paid the full \$75 will be issued a \$15 credit.

Forms can be found on the website under the "Membership" tab.



As recorded from July 1 - September 15, 2016



Madalyn Moree	FS 10
Jane Olney	FS 7
Sarah Marie Green	FS 6
Olivia Hols	FS 4
Sophia Perepelitsyn	FS 4
Soo Jin Lee	FS 3
Miranda Almen	FS 1
Nicole Chidester	FS 1



Hanna Arntsen	Senior Solo Free Dance
Isa Garcia	Senior Moves
Kirby Goodman	Senior Free Skating
Tess Jensen	Senior Moves
Maryn Hetzel	Junior Free Skating
Grace Goers	Novice Moves
Sofiya Briguene	Intermediate Moves
Kumi Mizuno	Intermediate Moves
Casey Schwarzkopf	Intermediate Moves
Casey Schwarzkopf	Juvenile Free Skating
Nicolai Bennett	Pre Juvenile Moves
Shannon Cross	Pre Juvenile Moves
Aislyn Brogdon	Preliminary Moves
Vivien Pihlstrom	Preliminary Moves
Stephanie Krause	Pre Preliminary Moves
Stephanie Krause	Pre Preliminary Free
Cathy McNeill	Adult American Waltz
Marti Sauer	Adult Bronze Free Skating

ISI tests for FS 1 and above for regular SQSA Parade members and USFS tests for Pre Preliminary and above for Starlight Ice Dance Club members will be automatically published here. USFS members of clubs other than Starlight should email test results to sqsaparade@gmail.com for publication.

Test results will be posted on Facebook when they are officially verified and entered by the test chair. Email if you notice an error or prefer results not be published.

** LOCKER ALERT **

Skaters at SQSA are fortunate to have lockers for storing belongings; this is not the case at most rinks. An email went out earlier this month asking parents to contact Korey Stoelzing with their skater's locker number. There are still several lockers where we haven't identified who is using them.

PLEASE check and email korey.stoelzing@gmail.com if your skater is using numbers 4,17,22, 29, 31, 37, 38, 44. We have skaters who could use a locker. If your skater is not storing their skates and using it only to store "junk" please be willing to give up your locker up for someone who would like to store skates.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lisa Abraham
Michaela Andrusko
Alex Bienemann
Sophie Chez
Monica Correale
Chloe Holen
Michaela Hong
Alex Johnson
Isabelle Jordan
Rachel Kamer
Jane Li
Elizabeth Lieske
Paige Pann
Phoebe Pann
Nadja Rose-Hadziavdic
Hannah Saeger
Marti Sauer
Norah Sidney
Skylar Weirans
Arianna White

NEW MEMBER WELCOME HAPPY HOUR

Are you new to SQSA/PFSC (or do you *feel new* even though you have been here for a while)?

Then this is for you! Mark your calendar now for the New Member Happy Hour, Wednesday night, October 12th from 6:30-8:00. Watch your email for the location and final details.

Hosted by Parade Figure Skating Club. Come meet the PFSC board members, meet other new parents, enjoy a cocktail and have a time to ask questions about our club.

We hope to see you there!

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SQSA AND PFSC?

It can be confusing. We're the first to admit it and it's our most frequently asked question: "What's the difference between SportQuest Skating Academy, Parade Figure Skating Club and SQSA Parade?" Here's a brief summary.

SportQuest Skating Academy is a skate school and ice buying club founded and directed by Page Lipe. The club did not originate at Parade, but now that our club is operated out of Parade Ice Garden, the name has evolved into SQSA Parade. The club offers a skate school, a training program and club ice, an annual competition, ice shows, *SummerQuest*, and both youth and adult camps. SQSA Parade is an ISI member, and our skaters can test at and compete on behalf of SQSA Parade.

SQSA ensures there is training ice time for members by reserving and purchasing large blocks of ice time and re-selling it to skaters (contract ice). Coaches who teach classes are hired by SQSA, but individual coaches who give private lessons are contractors who work in conjunction with SQSA. Coaching professionals teaching on SQSA ice must meet a standard of professional training and affiliation.

The Skate School is generally the entry point for our young skaters. If they want to continue with skating, SQSA provides the "infrastructure" in the form of figure skating expertise, coaching, ice time and afterschool and summer training programs.

SQSA skaters may also choose to test and compete for U. S. Figure Skating (USFS). Our "sister" club, Starlight Ice Dance Club is a USFS affiliated club and also located at Parade and offers membership to SQSA skaters.

Parade Figure Skating Club (PFSC) is the "booster" club for SQSA Parade. It is the not-for-profit arm of the club made up of parents and adult skaters to provide a supportive environment to help skaters achieve their goals.

PFSC provides both educational and social events to help skaters and parents gain more understanding about the skating world and develop friendships along the way.

Some of the events PFSC hosts are "Fall Kick Off" (including our dress and skate sale), our Halloween Party and the extremely popular spring skating banquet.

PFSC also hosts events for skater enrichment such as community food drives and other volunteer opportunities that focus on skaters "giving back" to our community.

Grand Opening of *SQore*

What is ***SQore***? It's the online SQSA STORE where you can "sqore" a great deal on SQSA merchandise AND get it anytime, not just during our previous ordering windows.

We have a great selection and some specially priced items that we'd like to clear out to make room for new things. Some items are very limited in quantity and prices. Check it out soon and sqore a nice "reward" for that latest test your skater passed, a stocking stuffer or birthday gift.

You'll find SQSA spiritwear, *Skate Parade* and Starlight items and even back orders of ice show DVDs and pristine copies of show programs for keepsakes.

A huge thank you goes out to Amy Pihlstrom who manages our spiritwear and *Skate Parade* merchandise.

Find ***SQore*** on the website under the "**Store**" tab.



FALL KICK OFF OCTOBER 1

Our annual "Fall Kick Off" event will be held on October 1st and includes a club photo, annual meeting of Parade Figure Skating Club and used Dress & Skate sale.

Female skaters should wear a skating dress and have hair pulled back in a bun or pony tail. Male skaters should wear skating pants and shirt of their choice.

Election of board members will take place at the meeting. If you are interested in a board position, please contact Korey Staelzing at korey.staelzing@gmail.com for more information.

The schedule for the morning is:

7:45 – Skaters and coaches arrive for photo (see attire above)

8:00 – Club photo

8:30 – Treats, annual PFSC meeting and regular Saturday contract sessions

9:00 – Dress & Skate sale (see info below regarding selling items)

DRESS & SKATE SALE

Our annual (and incredibly popular) sale will be held in conjunction with Fall Kick Off. Members received an email earlier with the "seller's list" and tags to use. Any skating related items in good condition can be sold, including skates, dresses, practice/yoga wear, Zuca bags and skating merchandise. Items for sale should be pre-priced and can be dropped off at the following times:

Saturday, September 24th between 10:00-12:00
Monday, September 26 between 5:45-7:30

Tuesday, September 27th between 4:45-7:30
Thursday, September 29th between 4:45-7:15

BUY/SELL FACEBOOK PAGE

SQSA hosts a Buy/Sell Facebook page and we encourage you to use it. It is specifically for SQSA Parade families so try ons and transactions can be made easily and locally.

Learn to skate families will be looking for skates over the next few weeks. Small sizes are in demand and because many of our skate school students learn to skate in hockey skates, we are looking for either figure skates or hockey skates.

To join, search for *SQSA Parade Online Skate + Dress Sale* and click "Ask to Join". (If you are not accepted within 24 hours, email us.) We monitor the page closely and only accept families who have a connection to Parade so it is not cluttered with out of area sellers, commercial re-sellers or spammers whom we don't know.

If you are not on Facebook, you may email your items to sqsaparade@gmail.com for listing. Include a photo, asking price, brand and as much other info as possible. We will connect you with any parties expressing interest.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, October 29th from 12:00-1:45 is our annual Halloween Party. It begins at 12:00 with a light lunch, games and open skating at 1:00. Costumes are encouraged! They should be safe for skating and appropriate for all ages.

(The PFSC board realizes this is the same date as the Woodbury competition. It was the only date there was ice time available. Two rinks in the area have closed so ice time at Parade is very limited. We apologize for the conflict.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for Halloween Party. If interested, please contact Korey Stoelzing at korey.stoelzing@gmail.com

We're also looking for volunteers to help with our food drive in November. We have fun ideas for a little healthy competition amongst skaters to see which team can bring more food! If interested contact Teresa Kleinschmidt at tkthewriter@gmail.com

SKATE SHARPENING

SQSA Parade coordinates drop off/pick up at Parade for figure skate sharpening with Fred Bartick (formerly of Westwood Sports), the premier figure skate sharpener in the Twin Cities. Specific instructions for payment and labeling and the 2016-17 schedule are on the website under the "Resources/Link" tab. Please mark calendars. We will not always send reminders.

COMMUNICATION / CLUB ROSTER / PUBLICITY PHOTOS

Club information is communicated via email. Please make sure you are receiving emails at a minimum of one valid address. Members are strongly encouraged to use a personal email account (in addition to a work account if you choose). Many corporate emails "bounce back" to us due to corporate filters that monitor spam or email size. We encourage older skaters to be added to our email list so they can be up to date, be aware of due dates, events and responsibilities of club membership.

You may add or delete contact emails at any time by emailing sqsaparade@gmail.com.

Club Roster – Over the next month we will be updating and publishing the club membership roster. A draft will be sent for you to verify your information. The roster is for the use for club members strictly for club related purposes and making social plans, carpooling, etc. If you want to opt off the roster, email us.

Photos – We take photos and video at club events for use on our website, Facebook page and occasionally in promotional materials. If you would like your skater omitted, please contact us.