

Annual Reports of the Skating Club of Northern Virginia - 2021-22

President's Report - Cheryl Litman

SCNV had another amazing year as we moved forward with lots of activity despite changing COVID protocols through the year. We had skaters who competed at all levels including a National Competitor. National Blades Synchronized Skating and our own Theatre on Ice teams returned to competition following a season lost to COVID. Lots of achievements in testing and new skills. Of course we also had our club ice, social events and some parent education. We will be recognizing all of our skaters at our banquet on June 12th. Thanks so much to all of our volunteers, including our Board of Directors who work diligently throughout the year for the benefit of our club.

Treasurer Report– Karen Adelstein

Fiscal Year 2022: May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022

SCNV revenues are primarily generated from Membership, Testing and Competitions. Expenses are incurred from the competitions, testing, and Club ice, which SCNV partly subsidizes to offer skaters an opportunity to practice with available coaching.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is back to pre-COVID levels.

2021 - 2022 Membership revenues: \$36,288

2020 – 2021 Membership revenues: \$29,273

TESTING:

Test remained strong during Fiscal Year 2022. Net proceeds from testing = \$2,000.

COMPETITIONS:

Fiscal year 2022 engaged SCNV in four competitions: 2021 and 2022 Cardinal Classic, 2022 U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series, Leesburg, VA and The Blue Ridge Classic.

2021 & 2022 Cardinal Classic Competition Revenues: \$70,515

2021 & 2022 Cardinal Classic Competition Expenses: \$99,698*

2022 U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series Revenues: \$140,448

2022 U.S. Figure Skating Championship Series Expenses: \$125,509

Blue Ridge Classic Revenues: \$39,606

Blue Ridge Classic Expenses: \$33,840

*2021 Cardinal Classic expenses recognized in FY 2022 while revenues for this competition recognized in Fiscal Year 2021.

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CLUB ICE:

SCNV purchases ice from one or both of our affiliated rinks, Fairfax Ice Arena and Prince William Ice Center. This year, we offered Club Ice to our members on Monday evenings and Sunday morning. In addition, Coach Christine Valente teaches a class on Monday evenings.

2021-2022 Club Ice Revenues: \$11,000

2020-2021 Club Ice Revenues: \$ 8,197

To support our membership and skaters, SCNV continues to provide dedicated ice for the exclusive use of our members.

OTHER EXPENSES:

SCNV granted \$4,000 in scholarship to 2021 graduating seniors and \$2,000 to skaters who advanced to Nationals and the Development camp. SCNV hosted several community events this year, including Send-offs for the Championship and Blue Ridge competitions, a holiday party, Valentine's Day party and our annual banquet.

2021-2022 FINANCIALS:

As reported, SCNV ended FY 2022 with a net profit of \$12,568.

On the Balance sheet side, cash on hand in the combined checking and savings accounts is substantially healthy to cover at least a full year of SCNV operating expenses.

The Board has allocated a transfer from SCNV's General Fund to the Collegiate and Competitor's Funds as scholarship and competitor awards will be distributed during the summer 2022 and the Fall 2022.

Junior Board - Alexandra Williams

Overview

The SCNV Junior Board continues to grow and we had a really fun, connected year! For the 2021-2022 season, the Junior Board has 24 members from the club including single skaters, and members of the Virginia Theatre on Ice and National Blades teams.

This year, we have six (6) graduating seniors, and most of them have served as our Junior Board Executive Officers for this season:

1. Lexi Adelstein (President)
2. Elizabeth Chuang (Co-Vice President)
3. Mai Friedman (Co-Vice President)
4. Anna Weiss (Secretary)
5. Harkiran Singh (Social Media)
6. Amelia Weston (*also graduating senior)

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Thank you to our Junior Board Executive Officers for your diligent service to our club and your fellow skaters, and we will certainly miss you as you head off to college and your future endeavors!

Events

The Junior Board (led by its Executive Officers and SCNV Board member advisor, Alexandra Williams) has planned, organized, executed, hosted and supported numerous really fun and inclusive events this year:

August 2021 – SCNV club movie night: “Luca”

October 2021 – Halloween on Ice at Fairfax Ice Arena

– Blue Ridge Classic

1. Volunteered, competed, and flower bouquet sale

December 2021 – SCNV Holiday Party

February 2022 – SCNV Valentine’s Day Party

SCNV Olympic Night

March 2022 – SCNV Spirit Week

1. Also included SCNV St. Patrick’s Day theme day

April 2022 – Cardinal Classic

1. Sendoffs – really sweet goody bags and good luck messages for all the skaters
2. Volunteered and competed!

Monthly meetings and bonding activities

Lots of photos (be sure to see them during the 2021-2022 Annual Banquet!)

2021-2022 Junior Board clothing merch (Details coming soon!)

Next Season (2022-2023)

We look forward to a summer of fun activities, Jr. Board shirts/merch, the annual banquet, a sad farewell to our graduating seniors, summer training and a Jr. Board interest meeting and new Executive Officer elections around late September

Adult Skating - Alexandra Williams

Overview

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SCNV Adult Skaters are thriving! We currently have 42 adult skaters, and seven (7) new adult skaters welcomed during this 2021-2022 season. Welcome: Ashley H., Jen K., Kaitlyn K., Natali N., Sebra Y., Shachi K., and Yasmin K.! Way to show that skating is indeed a lifetime sport (#LifetimeOnTheIce and #AdultsSkateToo). Welcome back our veteran adult skaters!

Events

1. Virtual “Happy Hour” Get-Togethers

We hosted several virtual casual get-togethers over Zoom one Friday per month during the first part of the season and took a hiatus over the holiday season and new year. These were fun casual events to get to know other adult skaters that skate with the club and at Fairfax Ice Arena and also for educational purposes.

We hosted our own SCNV Test Chair, Thuthuy Huynh, to introduce what U.S. Figure Skating testing is, how it runs, and things to expect when testing.

We also hosted our 2019-2022 U.S. Adult Skating Committee Chair for U.S. Figure Skating, Aviva Cantor, to introduce the U.S. Figure Skating Adult Skating program, and all sorts of events, competitions, and camps open for adult skaters across the U.S.

2. “Skate and Sculpt” With U.S. Olympian, Ashley Wagner

Several of our skaters were able to attend the amazing Skate and Sculpt class Ashley Wagner hosted April 29-30th at Mount Vernon. Challenging class, but it was completely worth it! Grateful she was able to host it in the D.C. area, and here’s to hoping she will return soon!

Achievements

1. Competitions

Again this season, we had a strong team that showed up to represent SCNV at several adult competitions, with the adult competitive season ending in April 2022:

- **2022 Blue Ridge Classic** (October 2021 – Woodbridge, VA)
- **2022 New Year’s Invitational** (February 2022 – Woodbridge, VA)
 - o 1st place “Don’t Go It Alone” Team Event – Team Yin Yang
- **2022 U.S. Eastern Adult Sectional Championships** (March 2022 – Havertown, PA)
Six (6) 6 skaters competed and placed on the podium in their events with one (Laura Rogers) **qualifying for Adult Nationals**, and we had one other skater, Jen Kennery, who volunteered that whole weekend!
 - o Natalie Zelkin - 3rd place, Adult Bronze Ladies III
 - o Talib Aleem - 1st place, Adult Bronze Men IV/V
 - o Fran Kern - 3rd place, Adult Gold Ladies II
 - o Jessica O'Hara - 1st place, Adult Bronze Ladies Spins (Compulsory Moves)

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- Laura Rogers - 2nd place, Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice Ladies
(Qualifies for Adult Nationals, same level);
- 2nd place, Masters Jr-Sr. Ladies I-II
- Alexandra Williams - 1st place, Adult Gold Ladies I

- **2022 Cardinal Classic** (April 2022 – Woodbridge, VA)

- **2022 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships** (April 2022 – Newark, DE – University of Delaware)
 - Jessica O’Hara – 1st place, Adult Bronze Emotional Performance I
 - Talib Aleem – 1st place, Adult Bronze Men V
 - Laura Rogers – 5th place, Championship Masters Junior-Senior Ladies

2. Showing Up

We know how tough skating can be (and let’s face it – it’s hard!), and showing up is half the battle. We want to congratulate and show our support and appreciation for all our adult skaters, whether you compete, are super early risers and the first to the rink each day, pubic session swingers, weekenders, coaches, or anything in between. Thanks for being an inspiration, and keep showing up. And THANK YOU to our coaches, who gladly teach adult skaters. Cheers, and here’s to another great season.

Special Events – Natalie Wester

Send-offs for the Blue Ridge Classic and Leesburg Qualifier was held in the fall with a record number of competitors.

In December, Junior Board hosted a Holiday party.

Since January 2022, we’ve held the following events:

- Olympics Night in January
- Skating outdoor at Reston in February
- Parent Education Night on Zoom in February

We are working on the annual banquet in June.

Plan for 2022-23:

- More Parent Education Night
- Off Ice Challenge in summer
- Picnic in August
- Coach Appreciation in November
- Holiday Party in December

Website Committee – Charles Park

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For the 2021-2022 season, the website committee has continued operations and maintenance of the club website and online store for club events (e.g. banquet admission and raffle tickets) and competition item sales (e.g. programs, good-luck ads, pins, clothing, etc.). Last year saw record (39,535) web site traffic views and (12,998) unique visitors for the club website, now in our fourth year with Wordpress. The committee has added a website calendar to improve visibility with event details and scheduling, while maintaining digital forms automation with JotForms/Formsite for club ice, club awards/scholarships and competition waiver forms. The website continues to provide digital communications of upcoming news, events and committee programs such as monthly test sessions and the annual Cardinal Classic (CC) competition.

Per website traffic analysis for 2022 year to date, our Cardinal Classic web page (with posted results) is most popular (7,224 views) followed by our home web page (5,778 views). Our neighbor club (WFSC) has taken notice and approached the committee in 2021 for technical advice on improving their own club website.

The committee welcomes new and returning volunteers interested in applying digital technology to benefit communications for the club.



Club Ice – Charles Park

For the 2021-2022 season, the club ice committee has continued the club ice program exclusively at FIA. Subscribers continued to complete registration, medical waiver and payment all online; this method now in its fourth year. Monday evenings club ice at FIA continued instructor led classes beginning with Solo Pattern Dance (SPD) class with Christine Valente, followed by a single freestyle session. We have resumed Sunday morning club ice with a single freestyle session.

This season, we had a total of 20 subscribers that enjoyed full primary home club membership benefits (with one as a full secondary). This metric matches pre-COVID era subscription figures (i.e. 21 in 2019). Of the 20 subscribers, we had one approved to withdraw; 14 subscribed to Sunday FS; 9 subscribed to Monday SPD; and 10 subscribed to Monday FS. There were 5 subscribers that have elected all club ice options.

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For the Monday SPD class, there were 7 subscribers that took a total of 9 dance tests at the 12/11 test session at PWIC. Also, we have invited 8 subscribers to take a total of 15 dance tests at the 6/12 test session at FIA. These dance tests range from Preliminary, Pre-Bronze and Bronze levels. This test option remains a very popular benefit for SPD class subscribers. This program also benefits from the published schedule on the club website calendar.

The committee chair recommends the continuation of a small discount (\$50) to the season ice monitor as appreciation for their continued attendance and oversight assistance. For next season, the committee is exploring of adding a coach led class or extending the Sunday freestyle session to 60 minutes. The committee welcomes new and returning volunteers interested in helping with and improving the club ice program.

Competition Committee - Melissa Mahle

The 2021-2022 season had a bumper crop of competitions after the stand down from the previous season. The Club hosted four competitions in one year – a remarkable achievement and exhausting. The Club is blessed with many dedicated volunteers who made these competitions successful. The members of the LOCs are due special recognition, for their time, energy, creativity and expertise. The LOCs were successful in each competition in putting together health and safety plans appropriate for the public health situation, with none of the events resulting in a reported spread of COVID-19.

Cardinal Classic 2021: Because of COVID-19, the competition was delayed to June 4-6, 2021. Registration was overwhelming, with the competition having to close entries early because of ice limitations. We had a total of 301 registered skaters and 351 starts, having accepted 56 skaters from a waiting list of 100. We offered singles and pairs well balanced, Excel and showcase events. We did not offer TOI because of the COVID-19 conditions. The competition used strict COVID-19 protocols, with masks, social distancing, no locker rooms, modified awards ceremonies (held outside), but were fortunate with the timing as the positivity rate at the time of the competition was low – 5.4 per 100,000 people. Two weeks before the competition, Virginia's governor lifted capacity limits so that we were able to have spectators. The post-event survey was very positive, with skaters and their families just happy to have had the opportunity to compete when so many of the other competitions in our area were once again cancelled. We netted over \$7,500 in profit.

LOC: Melissa Mahle, Karen Adelstein, Lori Bachman, Jeanette DellaVedova, Renee Dondes, Heather Hill, Kristin Huppi, Thuthuy Huynh, Isabel Isidro, Cheryl Litman, Theresa Nahon, Charles Park, Jenn Rafael, Amelia Shuster, Melissa Smith, Dani Viola

Championship Series 2021: After having be selected to co-host with Ion FSC for the 2020 competition – only to have it cancelled – the Club was selected for 2021, which was held October 27-30. Much of the planning had been completed the previous year, so the Club picked up where planning let off. As a qualifying competition, there were fewer events, only singles well balanced and short programs. We had 309 competitors. The competition was held at Ion International Training Center. It was the first time this facility had hosted a figure skating competition and there were some challenges as a consequence of inexperience. This was the first qualifying competition that the Club has hosted, and it was a great learning experience. We

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hosted over 50 officials, many of national repute. The Club made a positive impression on them and gained lots of face time with US Figure Skating staff. The competition used strict COVID-19 protocols, with masks, social distancing and bubble set up for one day. The COVID-19 conditions at the time of the competition were easing from the surge of the Delta variant, with a positivity rate of 26.1 per 100,000. No new infections were reported to the LOC after the competition. Accounting has been a drawn-out process due to US Figure Skating, and one final payment has yet to be made by US Figure Skating to the club. Once that is done, we will close out the books. The competition netted around \$25,000 which will be split with Ion per our 50/50 percent sharing agreement.

LOC: Melissa Mahle, Lynn Eisenhour, Karen Adelstein, Dalal Badri, Heather Hill, Kristin Huppi, Thuthuy Huynh, Isabel Isidro, Fran Kern, Cheryl Litman, Alyssa Liverette, Jenn Rafael, Amelia Shuster, Melissa Smith, Dani Viola

Blue Ridge Classic 2021: Held the weekend prior to the Championship Series, October 23-24, this competition was a nonqualifying event. Also co-hosted with Ion FSC, it drew mostly local skaters, with 208 skaters and 232 starts. Events offered included well balanced, showcase and Excel events up to pre-juvenile. The LOC of this competition was nearly the same as the Championship Series, allowing us to treat the event as a practice run to work out planning and facilities problems. The competition used strict COVID-19 protocols, with masks, social distancing, bubbles and no locker rooms. The positivity rate was 38 cases per 100,000. We had a large number of cancellations in the weeks prior to the competition, likely due to skaters being sick. No reports of new infections were made to the LOC after the competition. The competition netted over \$10,000, with that amount being divided between the Club and Ion FSC.

LOC: Melissa Mahle, Lynn Eisenhour, Karen Adelstein, Dalal Badri, Heather Hill, Thuthuy Huynh, Isabel Isidro, Fran Kern, Cheryl Litman, Alyssa Liverette, Jessica O'Hara, Charles Park, Jenn Rafael, Amelia Shuster

Cardinal Classic 2022: The competition took place April 1-3, 2022, and was almost back to "normal" in terms of planning. We offered well balanced, showcase, Excel (as part of the Series) and TOI events. We had 289 skaters and 336 starts, plus 18 TOI teams. While COVID-19 conditions were significantly improved, we kept in place option masks wearing, limited the number of vendors and held TOI events throughout the day to keep the number of people in the facility lower. We also held TOI awards outside and rented the Boys and Girls Club to give teams added space before and after their events. With supply chain disruptions, we ordered medals well in advance without the date, so as to not have a crisis. As it turned out, the medals still arrived only several weeks before the competition. The left over medals will be used next year. The post event survey reflected mostly happy responses, with some still uncomfortable with the crowds. The Club also hosted a judges education seminar for TOI and provided an opportunity for judges to gain experience in judging TOI events. This was very successful. The accounting has not yet been finalized.

LOC: Melissa Mahle, Karen Adelstein, Natalia Antsilevich, Lori Bachman, Melanie Brooks-Weiss, Venessa Clapp, Heather Hill, Thuthuy Huynh, Isabel Isidro, Cheryl Litman, Jessica O'Hara, Charles Park, Jenn Rafael, Amelia Shuster, Deb Spence, Delia Velculescu, Natalie Wester

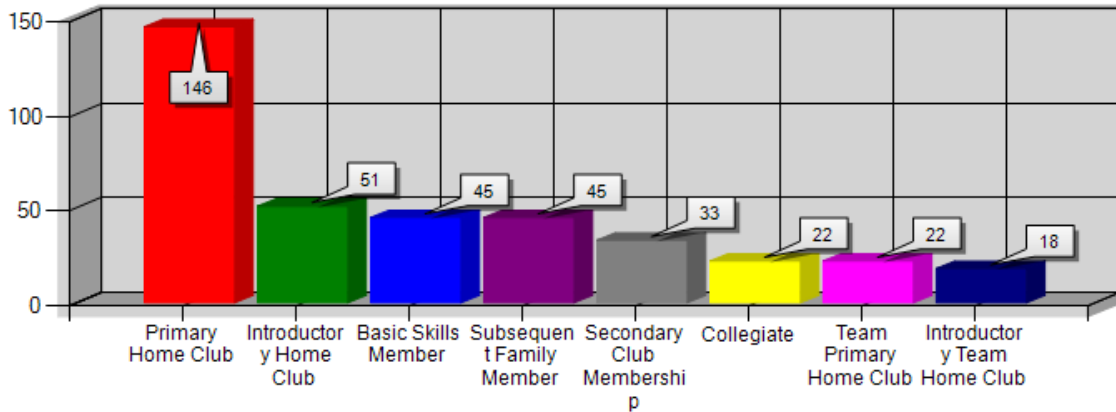
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Cardinal Classic 2023: The dates of the competition will change, starting next year, being held the first week in June from now on. This change has been coordinated with our neighboring clubs that host competitions in May and June and has been approved by US Figure Skating. The later start will give theatre on ice teams more time to get their programs ready, with critiques being well-timed before Theatre Nationals. It will also help qualifying skaters who often do not yet have both programs choreographed in April.

Membership Committee - George Conant

Membership in the Skating Club of Northern Virginia (SCNV) has significantly rebounded since the pandemic began. We have topped 400 members! Specifically, the club finished the 2021 – 2022 year with a total of 401 members, of which 365 members from 331 active families belonged primarily to SCNV, and 36 belonged primarily to another home club but joined SCNV as an affiliate. The 2021 – 2022 membership breakdown is as follows:

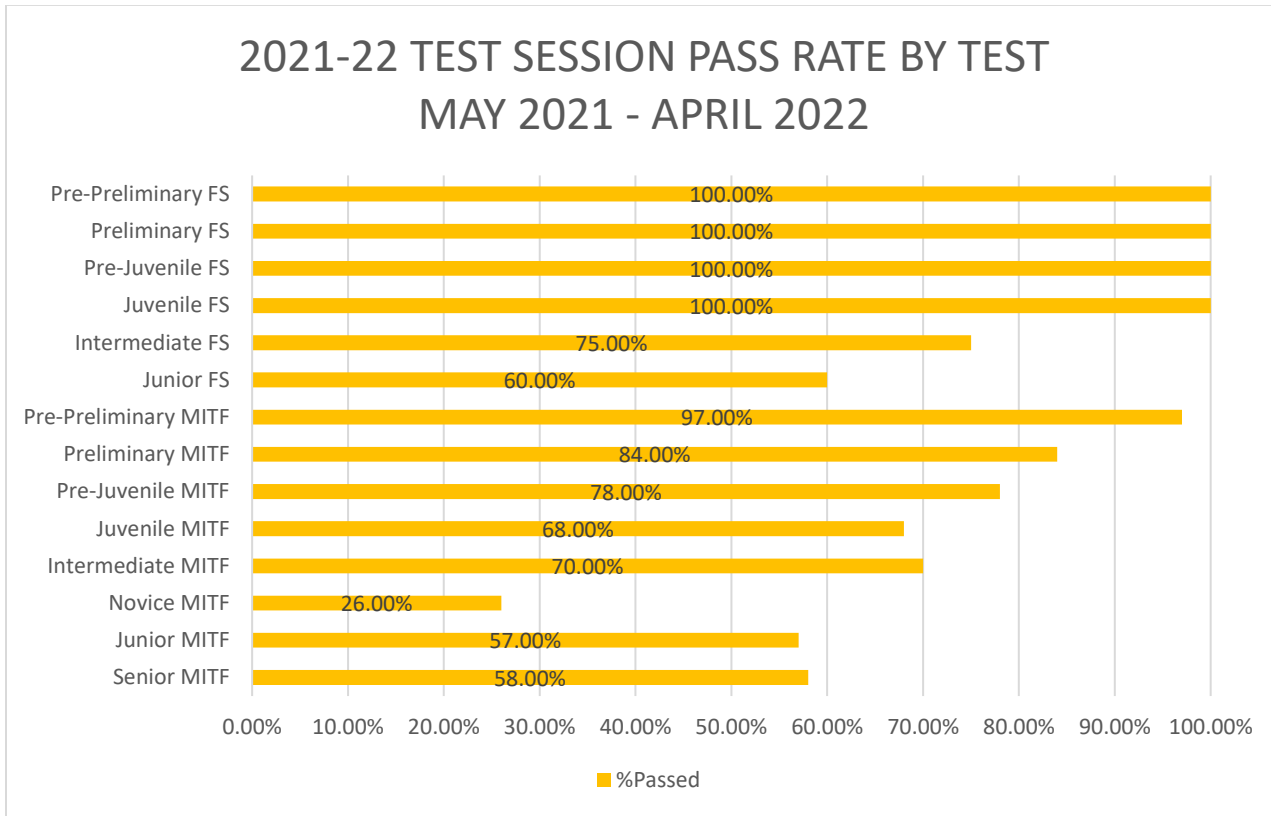
Membership Distribution



Of this total, 69 are Introductory Home Club members, and 45 are Basic Skills members, which indicates that the club’s skating pipeline is strong. A number of Basic Skills members transitioned to Introductory Home Club during the course of the year, indicating an increasing number of members interested in testing and/or competing. Further, SCNV currently hosts 22 Collegiate members, indicating that the club is fostering a life-long interest in skating.

Tests Committee - Thuthuy Huynh

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Total tests: 567, Moves (MITF) 296, Free Skates (FS) 78, Dance 168

MITF: Pre-preliminary 69, Preliminary 55, Pre-Juvenile 36, Juvenile 34, Intermediate 30, Novice 23, Junior 28, Senior 10

FS: Pre-preliminary 33, Preliminary 12, Pre-Juvenile 14, Juvenile 8, Intermediate 8, Novice 1, Junior 5, Senior 0

The above charts represent the percentage of tests passed at SCNV test sessions from the 2021-22 test season. The Club held 9 in-person test sessions and 2 virtual test sessions with a total of 567 tests, compared with 10 test sessions, 445 tests in the previous season.

- *Novice, Junior, and Senior MITF* has the lowest passing rate of less than 60%. Novice and higher MITF introduce new difficult skills (counters, rockers, loops) and require more quickness and power in both directions than seen at earlier levels.
- *Adult and dance* test levels are not included in this chart because of a too small sample set for meaningful analysis.

This year we introduced 2 virtual test sessions which were received with positive feedbacks. As the results, we made \$4,481 dollars and gained nine gold moves medalists: Felipe Brent, Elizabeth Chuang, Michelle Chuang, Ava Galitsky, Meghan Hill, Avery Hollinger, Vivian Jung, Samantha Park, and Megan Zhang.

Next year, we will continue to offer dance, moves, and free skate virtual and in-person test sessions.