



Annual Meeting Reports - May 24, 2023

President's Report – Cheryl Litman

SCNV had another amazing year! Please take the time to read our annual reports and learn about all the wonderful happenings this year. We are now part of the newly revived Capital Regional Council of clubs which was a long time SCNV tradition. We continue to benefit from the past decade of fundraising and events which has left us in a very strong financial position. Our membership is strong and we intend to grow our membership for 2023-24. Our skaters have had wonderful achievements this year which we will celebrate at our annual banquet in June. We also say farewell with our deepest appreciation to our outgoing board members Alexandra Williams and Melanie Brookes-Weiss. Thanks go to all of our volunteers for their hard work this year.

One big focus for 2023-24 on the part of our board of directors will be on better communication with all of our members. Look for new methods of communication including texts and more frequent educational opportunities. As always – desperately seeking feedback from all SCNV members to president@scnv.org

Website Committee – Charles Park

For the 2022-2023 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 high level (37,592) of web site traffic views and record number (13,561) of unique visitors for the club website, now in our fifth year with Wordpress. The committee has maintained 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 2023 year to date, our home web page is most popular (4,788 views) followed by our Cardinal Classic web page (2,896 views). Our neighbor club (WFSC) has markedly improved the appearance of their club website and is a good reference in comparison to our own club website.

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

Competition Committee – Melissa Mahle

The 2022-2023 competition season was packed, as skaters and families jumped at the opportunity to get back to “normal” with competitions without restrictive rules.

2023 Cardinal Classic

The Cardinal Classic changed its dates from the early April timeline to early June, taking advantage of an opening as other clubs changed their competition dates. The 2023 Cardinal Classic will fall into our next fiscal year. The competition is part of the Excel Series once again this year. Planning is in an advanced stage, with the competition having a record number of registered skaters for singles events, with 369 skaters and 412 starts, plus 11 teams with 20 starts. We had to close registration early as we reached our maximum capacity for the ice we had booked. Revenue is exceeding targets, and the competition is expected to turn a solid profit that will be invested in skater programs. As a reference point the 2022 Cardinal Classic brought in just under \$10,000.

TOI Nationals Bid

The Club submitted a bid to host TOI Nationals for 2024 or 2025. While we have not received word one way or another, the TOI National chair is planning a walk through of Ion International Training Center, a positive sign that we are contenders. Hosting TOI Nationals will benefit the Club in multiple ways. It will allow our TOI teams to compete “at home.” It will further raise the Club’s reputation within US Figure Skating as a highly capable organization focused on advancing the sport at the national level. It will also be a significant revenue generating opportunity for the Club. TOI Nationals are held in late June and will require significant volunteer support not just from our club but our wider skating community. We are mindful that hosting two competitions in one month will be a challenge, but we have successfully done this in the past when we hosted the Championship Series and the Blue Ridge Classic. Lessons learned from that experience are valuable and will inform planning.

Stars and Stripe Synchro Invitational

The Club is also planning a new competition, the Stars and Stripes Synchro Invitational, on November 4-5, 2023, at Prince William. We have been discussing this opportunity for several years as a way to support National Blades, as there is no synchro competition offered in our metro area, despite having six synchro organizations in the greater Washington area. Like the Theatre on Ice competition, it is an opportunity to pull our club closer together, cross pollinating among the different disciplines of singles, theatre and synchro. The LOC is made up of synchro parents for the most part as they know their discipline the best. While the volunteer base will be anchored by synchro families, we encourage the entire club to support the competition to make it a success – and to expose all our skaters to an exciting skating discipline. Like any new competition, we expect to start small and build in the out years. The competition is on the official synchro calendar, which is a major milestone of success.

The CRC Championships at Falling Leaves

For the first time the newly revived Capitol Regional Council will be holding a championship competition at the end of the season, September 29 – October 1, 2023. This competition will be held in Richmond, Virginia and will be the championship event for skaters in Maryland, DC, Virginia and North Carolina. We are so excited for our skaters to be able to participate. Final rounds will be held in all events and trophies will be awards. SCNV is thrilled to once again be a part of the Capitol Regional Council.

SCNV Adult Skating Report

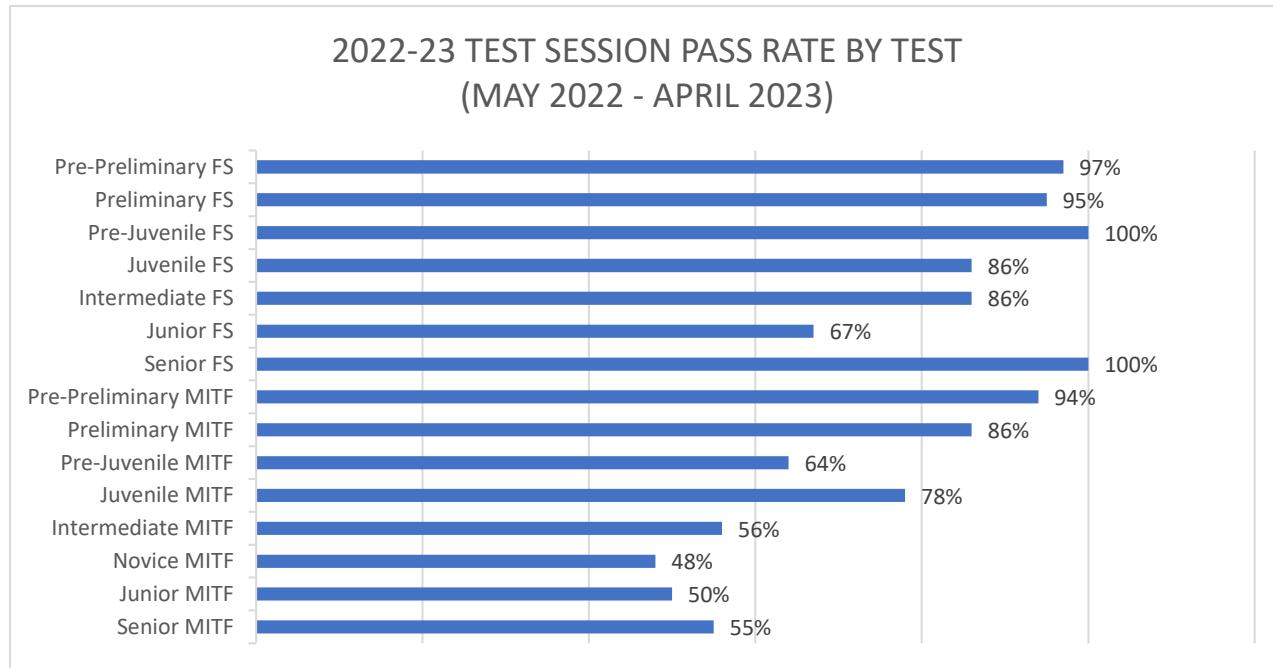
The Skating Club of Northern Virginia (SCNV) is a proud home for many adult skaters and is committed to actively building a lively community for adult skaters across Northern Virginia. The Adult Skating program at SCNV has continued to grow in the 2022-2023 season, totaling 47 members on our adult skating events email list, and 4 new members this season. We also had five members represent SCNV and compete at the 2023 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah this past April, with Laura Rogers qualifying for Adult Nationals (Championships) from the 2023 Eastern Adult Figure Skating Championships in March 2023. We have also had several members compete at several competitions across the region, and internationally, with adult skater Jessica O'Hara representing the USA and SCNV at both of the ISU Adult Skating Competitions in Ottawa, Canada in October 2022 and Oberstdorf, Germany in May 2023. We are excited to have adult skaters at all levels and working with nearly all of our club's coaches at Fairfax Ice Arena.

An exciting development this year is the completion of a centralized webpage on our SCNV website for all things adult skating, developed by our very own adult skater, Jen Kennery, who joined SCNV early in 2022 (2021-2022 season). Access to the page is available here: <https://scnv.org/about/adult-skating/>, located in the “About Us” tab on SCNV’s main website: scnv.org.

Additionally, the SCNV Adult Skating committee hosted our inaugural Skate and Sip event, along with co-hosting a Competitors Welcome Party with Washington Figure Skating Club (WFSC) at their 2023 New Year’s Invitational in February 2023.

I have served as member advisor both individually and jointly since 2017, and have had a sincere honor mentoring and expanding this program for our skaters, and supporting our adult skaters for the past six years. I am so pleased to continue to see so many adult skaters at all ages skating and sharing their love of the sport, and look forward to many more fun years, events, sport education seminars, and new faces!

Tests Committee - Thuthuy Huynh and Jenn Rafael



Total tests: 439; **Moves (MITF)** 231, **Free Skate (FS)** 96, **Dance** 84, **Adult (MITF, FS, dance, pairs)** 28

Standard MITF: Pre-preliminary 53, Preliminary 51, Pre-Juvenile 39, Juvenile 27, Intermediate 25, Novice 23, Junior 2, Senior 11

Standard FS: Pre-preliminary 38, Preliminary 19, Pre-Juvenile 12, Juvenile 14, Intermediate 7, Novice 0, Junior 3, Senior 3

The above chart shows the percentage of tests passed at SCNV test sessions during the 2022-23 test season.

The Club held eight in-person test sessions and five virtual test sessions with a total of 439 tests; in the previous season, the club held nine in-person test sessions and two virtual test sessions, with a total of 567 tests.

For the 2022-23 season, the average tests per session for virtual and in-person sessions was roughly equal (average 33 tests per virtual session vs. average 34 per in-person session).

- ***Novice and Junior MITF*** had the lowest passing rate, with roughly half of skaters passing. Novice and higher MITF tests 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 the sample set is too limited for meaningful analysis.
- ***18 SCNV skaters*** became gold medalists this season:
 - **Free Skate:** Miranda Rose DellaVedova and Elizabeth Chuang
 - **Moves in the Field:** Amelia O'Brien-Weston, Ashley Fuentes, Eleanor Choe, Anna Weiss, Katie Kim, Jastirath Singh, Harkiran Singh, Maya Singh, Emma Goldsmith, Katherine Konzelman, Carina Salsberry, Elizabeth Howe-Goldstein and Genevieve Kim
 - **Free Dance:** Ava Galitsky, Alana Cadoff and Kara Mueller

Virtual test sessions are an increasingly important vehicle for USFS testing, and while SCNV will continue to offer in-person test sessions, the club will also have a robust schedule of virtual test sessions.

Changes are coming to USFS Testing:

- For the 2023-24 season, test levels and names are changing. Free Skate will be known as Singles and Moves in the Field will become Skating Skills.
- Test progression (Standard) will be as follows for Singles and Skating Skills tests: pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-bronze (formerly pre-juvenile), bronze (formerly juvenile), pre-silver (formerly intermediate), silver (formerly novice), pre-gold (formerly junior) and gold (formerly senior). Pair, Free Dance and Solo Free Dance test progression is as follows: bronze, pre-silver, silver, pre-gold, gold.
- Additionally, the window to record videos for virtual tests will be reduced from 30 days to 14 days; this aligns with the 14-day waiting period some tests have for retesting.

Special Events Committee – Natalie Wester

June 2022

We had the Annual Award Banquet at Mantua Swimming and Tennis Club. There were over 110 people attended. Skaters and families enjoyed the event. Only downside was the venue was somewhat small, because we had a lot more people than we had expected.

August 2022

We had SCNV End of Summer and Back to School Picnic at LAKE ACCOTINK MCLAREN-SARGENT SHELTER with about 60 people attended. Academic Award Certificates were presented by Melissa Mahle.

October 2022

Bowling night had about 50 attendants.

Sectional Send Off

We had 4 skaters at Eastern Sectional: Cory Haynos, Alan Fu, Edward Zhou, and Alexis Adelstein.

November 2022

Coach Appreciation Month

Posters of Coaches were available for skaters to sign at Fairfax Ice Arena and handed to each coach before Thanksgiving.

December 2022

Holiday Party was held at Mantua Swimming and Tennis Club. There were about 60 people attended

January 2023

National Nite PJ Party. There are about 20 skaters attended including some new members joining our event for the first time.

February 2023

Outdoor Skating Party at Harris Pavilion in Manassas. We had 13 skaters and 1 coach attended.

March 2023

Parents Education Night, Topic: 6.0 judging system was held on Zoom by Melissa Mahle.

April 2023

Parents Education Night, Topic IJS was held on Zoom by Cheryl Litman.

Throughout the year, our social media channels: Instagram and Facebook, were updated very frequently. We recognized our USFS Gold Medalists, skaters who passed their tests and

participated in competitions. We also encouraged parents and coaches to share their skaters' pictures and videos from on ice and off ice practice.

Plan for 2023-2024 season

Annual Award Banquet in June
More parents education night
Picnic in August
Pool Party
Bowling night
Trampoline Park Party
Sectional Send off
Coach education in October and #ThanksCoach, coach appreciation activities
Holiday Party in December
National Night in January
Outdoors skating in February

SCNV Junior Board Report – Alexandra Williams

The SCNV Junior Board is intended to promote camaraderie, add voices, and provide leadership opportunities for our high-school age skaters. Open to SCNV skaters in 7th through 12th grades, the members of the Junior Board practice responsibility, compassion, dedication, time-management, and other positive traits through their efforts to assist the Club with activities and new ideas, while serving as role models for younger skaters. The Junior Board is not limited in size; every SCNV skater in these grades is welcome and encouraged to participate.

For the 2022-2023 season, SCNV's Junior Board maintained a record-high group number again this season of 24 members, the same as the previous 2021-2022 season, even with seeing six members off to college and high school graduation last May. This year, SCNV's Junior Board will have five graduating members. Our Junior Board membership consists of all types of skaters at SCNV: Virginia Ice Theatre (VIT) members, male and female single skaters, and National Blades synchronized skaters.

The Junior Board this year has co-hosted some fun events both for the whole club and for Junior Board members, ranging from the Halloween On Ice hosted by Fairfax Ice Area, SCNV's Christmas Party with our SCNV Special Events chair, a food drive for the Valentine's/Spring outdoor SCNV skating event, Spirit Week in March, and the inaugural Escape Room Junior Board bonding event.

It has been a sincere honor mentoring and expanding this program for our skaters, and supporting your skaters for the past six years. I am excited to see such interest and camaraderie within our SCNV skaters of all teams and disciplines grades 7 th through 12 th grade, and looking forward to further growth and opportunities in the 2023-2024 season.

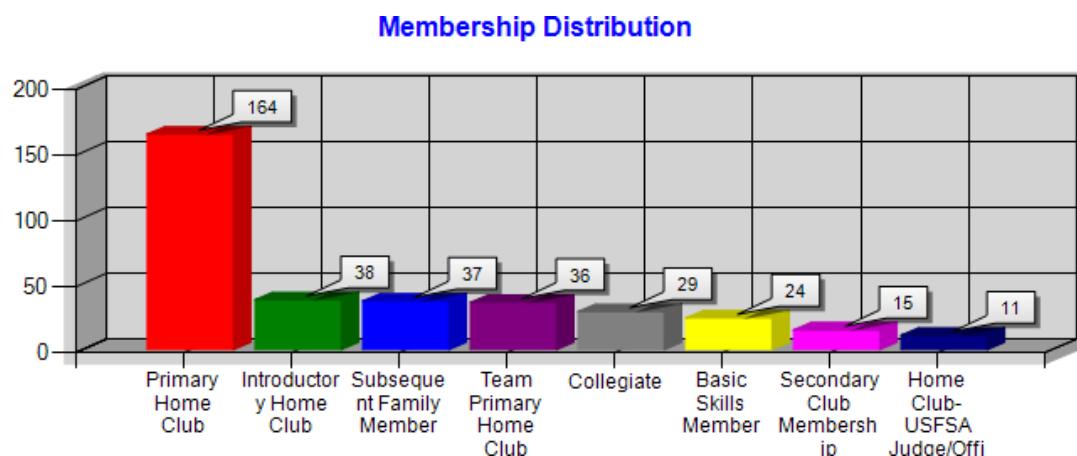
Membership Committee – George Conant

For the 2022 – 2023 skating season, SCNV membership finished the year at 371 active members, including 283 primary home club members, 24 basic skills members, and 16 secondary club

members. This is up slightly from recent years' totals of around 360 members, and represents a healthy membership gain, given the drop in membership during the pandemic.

Notably, the number of basic skills members is up slightly to 24, which represents a healthy pipeline into the skating sports. The team membership category is up to 58 members, which is a record high. The one notable area of reduction is in secondary club memberships, which is down to 16, with one of these memberships being a secondary team club member. While this is a reduction, the sense of the membership committee is that these members have mostly decided to join SCNV as their primary home club.

The chart below represents current membership distribution.



Finally, US Figure Skating is increasing dues for the 2023 -24 season. SCNV membership dues will likely increase to reflect its increased costs. Membership registration for the 2023 – 2024 season will open on June 1. The Membership Committee urges all members to renew early to get the most from their SCNV membership.

Club Ice – Charles Park

For the 2022-2023 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 fifth year. Monday evenings club ice at FIA continued instructor led classes beginning with Solo Pattern Dance (SPD) class followed by a single freestyle session. The SPD class was led initially by Coach Christine Valente then replaced by Coach Elizabeth Allgaier. We have continued Sunday morning club ice with a single freestyle session.

This season, we had a total of 12 subscribers that enjoyed full primary home club membership benefits (with one as a full secondary). This is a decrease from 20 subscribers in the 2020-2022 season, and from 21 in the 2019-2020 season. Of the 12 subscribers, we had two skater withdrawals; with one approved for prorated refund. 5 subscribed to Sunday FS; 7 subscribed to

Monday SPD; and 9 subscribed to Monday FS. There were 4 subscribers that have elected all club ice options.

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

For next season, the committee plans to release a club-wide customer satisfaction survey as part of next season's planning. The committee welcomes new and returning volunteers interested in helping with and improving the club ice program.