

# SCNV Annual Meeting

May 20, 2024 , 7 pm

In person and zoom

## Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Treasurer's Report
3. President's Report
4. Election of Board Members

Karen Adelstein  
Lynn Eisenhour  
Thuthuy Huynh

5. Member questions and comments
6. Adjournment

## **Skating Club of Northern Virginia**

### **Annual Reports 2023-24**

SCNV continued to promote and support skaters in Northern Virginia for the 49<sup>th</sup> year. Our year runs from May 1 to April 30<sup>th</sup> and we will celebrate the achievements of our skaters at the banquet in June but we provide a recap of our board and committee activities for the previous year at our annual meeting. The Treasurer's report is provided separately.

#### **Club Ice - Charles Park**

For the 2023-2024 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 sixth year. Monday evenings club ice at FIA continued instructor led classes beginning with Solo Pattern Dance (SPD) class followed by a single freestyle session of 60 minutes (up from 40). The SPD class was led by Coach Elizabeth Allgaier. We have continued Sunday morning club ice with a single freestyle session of 50 minutes (up from 40).

This season, we had a total of 17 subscribers that enjoyed full primary home club membership benefits (with one as a full secondary). This is an increase from 12 subscribers in the 2022-2023 season, and from 20 subscribers in the 2020-2022 season. Of the 17 subscribers, there were 11 subscribed to Sunday FS; 8 subscribed to Monday SPD; and 9 subscribed to Monday FS. There were 3 subscribers that have elected all club ice options.

For the Monday SPD class, there were 4 subscribers that took a total of 6 dance tests at the 12/10 test session at FIA. Also, we have invited 4 subscribers to take a total of 7 dance tests at the 6/16 test session at FIA. These dance tests range from Bronze, Pre-Silver, Silver and Pre-Gold levels. This test option remains a very popular benefit for SPD class subscribers.

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 plans to use a grass roots poll, along with 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.

#### **Competitions Committee - Melissa Mahle**

The 2023-2024 competition season was packed, as skaters registered in large numbers for competitions.

##### **2023 Cardinal Classic**

The Cardinal Classic 2023 held June 2-4, was a great success. We closed registration one day early, having reached our full capacity, with 400 starts, plus 11 teams. The competition was part of the Excel Series once again. We were required to have medical staff rinkside and our Medical Chair successfully recruited enough medical professionals as volunteers. The competition realized a profit of just under \$5,000.

The LOC included: Melissa Mahle, Thuthuy Huynh, Natalia Antsilevich, Michael Obar, Isabel Isidro, Lori Bachman, Justyna Beyer, Charles Park, Deb Spence, Natalie Wester, Delia Velculescu, Amelia Shuster, Jenn Rafael and Heather Hill.

### **2024 Cardinal Classic**

The Cardinal Classic 2024 is in the final stages of planning. The competition will be held May 31-June 2. Once again, we closed registration early, having reached full capacity, with 420 starts, plus 21 teams. The competition is part of the Excel Series, falling on the last weekend of the series, which has driven record Excel registration, from the Eastern region.

### **Stars and Stripes Synchro Invitational**

The first Stars and Stripes Synchro Invitational was held on November 4, 2023, at Prince William, drawing 34 teams. For the first year of a competition, this was a good turnout. The competition is on the official synchro calendar, which means its dates will be reserved in future years. National Blades volunteers led the LOC and served as the volunteer base during the competition, with some additional non-synchro volunteers from the club. The Medical Chair was successful in recruiting medical professionals to cover the entire competition. The competition realized a profit of just over \$7,000.

The LOC included: Teresa Yuengert, Melissa Mahle, Jennifer Galitsky, Kala Savidge, David Pietzman, Yaritza McCall, Amy Brooks, Stefanie Maynard Collier, Leilani Chu, Levon Simpson, Lynn Eisenhower, Beck Mueller, Sara Amalfitano, Shannon Augustine, Alexia Simpson, Derek Uithol, Jen Simpson and Megan Mellenkamp.

### **Eastern Sectionals Bid**

The Club submitted a co-hosting bid for Eastern Sectionals with WFSC for 2025. WFSC leadership is hoping that with a powerhouse LOC, our bid will be well positioned to win, bringing sectionals back to the mid-Atlantic region. Sectionals are held in mid-November and would not conflict with the Stars & Stripe Synchro Invitational. Should we win the bid, we have agreed to profit sharing based on volunteer hours.

### **Junior Board – Thuthuy Huynh**

This year, I've had the honor of collaborating with an exceptional group of skaters on our Junior Board. Together, we successfully raised over \$2000 for our Thanksgiving food drive benefiting FACETS, which provides crucial assistance, including emergency aid and personalized case management, to help individuals achieve self-sufficiency and break the cycle of homelessness, poverty, and hunger in Fairfax County.

Our annual holiday party, held at the Blenheim Interpretive Center, was a success! With 120 RSVPs and 100 attendees, the event buzzed with energy, and everyone had a fantastic time. The success provided valuable insights for planning future events. The seamless orchestration of the celebration by our JB officers and members truly showcased their dedication.

In addition, we've revitalized our Spiritwear online store, offering members a chance to display their pride. Looking ahead to the next season, our Junior Board is enthusiastic and prepared to take on more challenges. This includes collaborating with the Washington Figure Skating Club's Junior Board, organizing bake sales, hosting our annual holiday party, and much more. We're eager to make a positive impact and continue fostering a strong SCNV community spirit.

## **Special Events Committee – Natalie Wester**

### **June 2023**

Annual Award Banquet was held at Belle Heaven Country Club. There were over 128 people attended including 50 skaters. Skaters and families enjoyed the event.

Some feedback

1. Great venue
2. Beautiful decoration
3. Food was good
4. Love the prizes
5. Show was too long, boring to some older kids.
6. Should have more time for dancing, games
7. Video slide show during dinner instead of at the end.
8. Have skater performance: talent show instead of hiring other performers

### **August 2023**

SCNV Picnic was held at LAKE ACCOTINK MCLAREN-SARGENT SHELTER with about 90 people attended (110 RSVP). Academic Award Certificates were presented to skaters. The picnic was very successful.

### **October 2023**

Bowling night had 10 skaters attended. We went to Uptown Alley in Manassas because this alley was closer to Prince William Ice Center. We would like to have more skaters from PWIC at our event, but it was too far for skaters from Fairfax. As a result, we had less attendant.

Sectional Send Off was held at Fairfax Ice Arena. We had 7 skaters at Eastern Sectional: Jesse Rafael, Brielle Beyer, Cory Haynos, Alan Fu, Edward Zhou, Emily Conant, and Kimmie Nguyen. The Send Off went really well. There were many skaters and parents came to watch and cheer on the qualified skaters.

### **November 2023**

Coach Appreciation was held at Paradise Spring Winery. We had 3 coaches and 1 spouse attended. A coach asked the club to host a seminar.

### **January 2024**

National Night Party was held at Mantua Swim and Tennis Club to watch Women Free Skate. There were 10 skaters attended including some new members joining our event for the first time. We had less skaters attended because it was late in the evening.

### **April 2024**

We had a Competition Preparation Session with Team USA Sport Psychologist, Dr. Caroline Silby via Zoom. There were 3 coaches and 9 skaters attended. We expected a lot more members but the timing was not convenient for many coaches and skaters. (The session was held on Thursday at 6.30 p.m.)

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 2024-2025 season**

Annual Award Banquet in June

Parents education night

In person Competition Preparation Session with a sport psychologist

Skating Seminar

Picnic in August

Bowling night

Trampoline Park Party

Sectional Send off in October

Coach education and coach appreciation activities in November

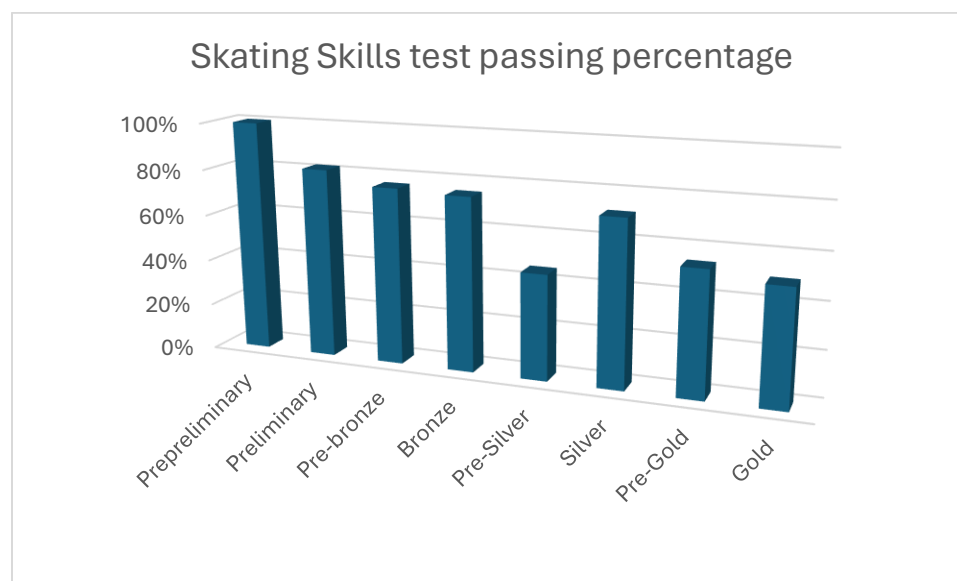
National Night in January

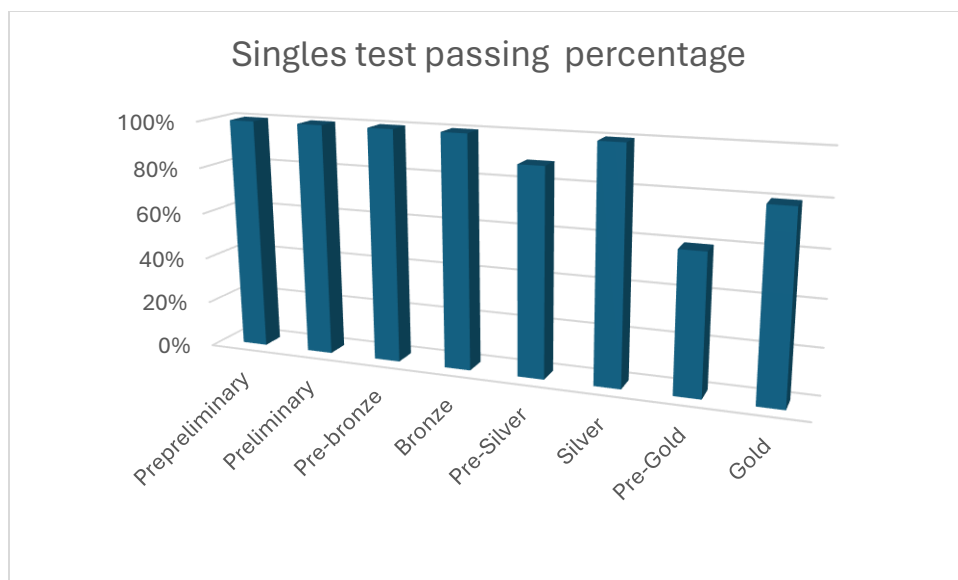
Outdoors skating in February

### **Tests Committee: Jenn Rafael**

The Club held six in-person test sessions and six virtual test sessions with a total of 310 tests; in the previous season, the club held eight in-person test sessions and five virtual test sessions, with a total of 439 tests.

These charts show the percentage of tests passed at the 12 SCNV test sessions for each level of skating skills and singles. Adult and dance test levels are not included in this chart because the sample set is too limited for meaningful analysis.





**Total tests:** 310; Skating Skills 141, Singles (FS) 76, Dance 76, Adult (SS, Singles, Dance, Pairs) 15, Adaptive 2

**Standard SS:** Pre-preliminary 32, Preliminary 33, Pre-Bronze 21, Bronze 20, Pre-Silver 11, Silver 7, Pre-Gold 13, Gold 4

**Standard Singles:** Pre-preliminary 15, Preliminary 17, Pre-Bronze 11, Bronze 8, Pre-Silver 9, Silver 6, Pre-Gold 5, Gold 5

The club's 12 test sessions were judged by 30 local and out-of-area judges, and the test chair is deeply appreciative of their time and talents. Additionally, some 27 current and prospective judges trialed at our in-person and virtual sessions, with some of those judges or their mentors judging at our sessions as well!

During the season May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024, 185 members of SCNV took at least one U.S. Figure Skating test, with a total of 411 tests taken. Of these, 360 tests were pass/honors/distinction, creating a pass rate of 86%. One-third of the tests taken by SCNV skaters, 137, were taken through our club, vs. out-of-club testing.

New for this season was the decoupling of competition level from highest test passed. As a result, SCNV has six new gold medalists in Singles for the season, as well as 10 new gold medalists in Skating Skills, plus one gold medalist in Adult Skating Skills 21+.

Gold Singles: Alan Fu, Ashley Fuentes, Meghan Hill, Genevieve Kim, Christina Romonoski-Dao, Darya Streke

Gold Skating Skills: Brielle Beyer, Jiya Doctor, Cory Haynos, Emily Haynos, Lindsay Hwang, Bridget Hill, Laura Rogers, Sarah Romero, Madeleine Wu, Edward Zhou

Adult Gold Skating Skills 21+: Jessica O'Hara

During the season, two skaters were the first in SCNV to pass the Adaptive Skating Pre-Bronze Skating Skills, a wonderful milestone.

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.

### **Website – Charles Park**

For the 2023-2024 season, the website committee has continued operations and maintenance of the club website and online store for club events (e.g. Dr. Silby seminar, annual banquet admission and raffle tickets) and competition item sales (e.g. programs, good-luck ads, spiritwear, etc.). For calendar year 2023, the web site traffic views metric was 39,657 and unique visitor's metric was 14,138 for the club website, now in its sixth year with Wordpress. This has been consistent with last year's figures. The committee has maintained a website calendar to provide 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 ad hoc test sessions and the annual Cardinal Classic (CC) competition.

Per website traffic analysis for 2024 year to date, our home web page is most popular (3,642 views) followed by our Cardinal Classic web page (2,761 views). However, the Testing web page has fallen dramatically to 777 views, compared to total of 2,996 views in 2023.

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

**Missing reports:** Theatre on Ice, Synchronized Skating, Membership Committee, Awards and Scholarships (banquet) Adult Skating