

SCNV Annual Meeting

May 20, 2025, 7:30 pm

In-person and online (via zoom teleconference)

Agenda

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

Laura Koscho
Melissa Mahle
Charles Park
5. Member questions and comments
6. Adjournment

Skating Club of Northern Virginia

Annual Reports 2024-25

SCNV continued to promote and support skaters in Northern Virginia for the 50th year. Our season schedule begins May 1st to April 30th, 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.

Awards -- Amelia Shuster

For the 2024-2025 season, the awards committee had presented two specialty trophies to honor and recognize coaches that have embodied our club mission and positively affected our club skater's development and competitive careers.

In response to the tragedy of the 01/29 DC Air Disaster of AA Flight 5342, the committee has reworked an achievement trophy, and introduced three specialty trophies to honor our lost skaters. The new achievement and specialty trophies will be announced at the Annual Banquet.

Club Ice -- Charles Park

For the 2024-2025 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 seventh year. Monday evenings club ice at FIA continued with two freestyle (FS) sessions of 30 minutes each. The Solo Pattern Dance class was not offered this year. Sunday morning club ice at FIA continued with a single freestyle session of 40 minutes (down from 50).

This season, we had a total of 13 subscribers that enjoyed full primary home club membership benefits. This is a decrease from 17 subscribers in the 2023-2024 season, and a small increase from 12 subscribers in the 2022-2023 season. Of the 13 subscribers, there were 6 subscribed to Sunday FS; 9 subscribed to Monday FS sessions. There were 2 subscribers that have elected all club ice options. Also, there are 3 subscribers that have registered for club ice for the past 7 seasons.

For next season, the committee plans a return of the Solo Pattern Dance class at FIA on Monday evenings followed by a single FS session. The committee welcomes new and returning volunteers interested in helping with and improving the club ice program.

Competitions Committee -- Melissa Mahle

The 2024-2025 competition season was packed, as skaters registered in large numbers for competitions.

2024 Cardinal Classic

The Cardinal Classic 2024 held May 31 to June 1, was a great success. We closed registration four days early, having reached our full capacity, with 420 starts, plus 21 teams. We ended up buying extra ice to allow additional skaters, but the waiting list was still very long with over 70 not getting a spot. The competition was part of the Excel Series once again. We introduced to the East Coast the Competition LIVE system which provides situational awareness of the field of play, with monitors displaying the

name of the skater on the ice, length of program, progress of program and the schedule, so everyone knows where we are in the schedules. The system was a big hit, according to the post-event survey. The competition realized a profit of around \$19,000.

The LOC included: Melissa Mahle, Thuthuy Huynh, Natalia Antsilevich, Michael Obar, Isabel Isidro, Lori Bachman, Teresa Swihart, Justyna Beyer, Julia Wallace, Charles Park, Deb Spence, Natalie Wester, Olga Ryzhuk, Amelia Shuster, Natasha Sardanovski, Jenn Rafael and Heather Hill. Our Chief Ref was Cheryl Litman; Chief Accountant was Karen Adelstein.

2025 Cardinal Classic

The Cardinal Classic 2025 is in the final stages of planning. The competition will be held May 30-June 1. Once again, we closed registration two weeks early, having reached full capacity, with about 500 starts, plus 24 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. Additionally, May Day is not being held this year. We expanded the competition to three full days on two surfaces. The Competition LIVE capability will be returning this year.

Stars and Stripe Synchro Invitational

The second annual Stars and Stripes Synchro Invitational was held on November 2, 2024, at Prince William, with a good turnout of 25 teams. 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 \$8,200.

The LOC included: Teresa Yuengert, Melissa Mahle, Kala Savidge, Justin Savidge, David Pietzman, Steven Robbins, Ashley Harris

Junior Board – (open position)

This season started strong with participation at the Annual Picnic at Burke Lake Park, Halloween On Ice at Fairfax Ice Arena, Thanksgiving Food Drive and the annual Holiday Party held at Blenheim Interpretive Center.

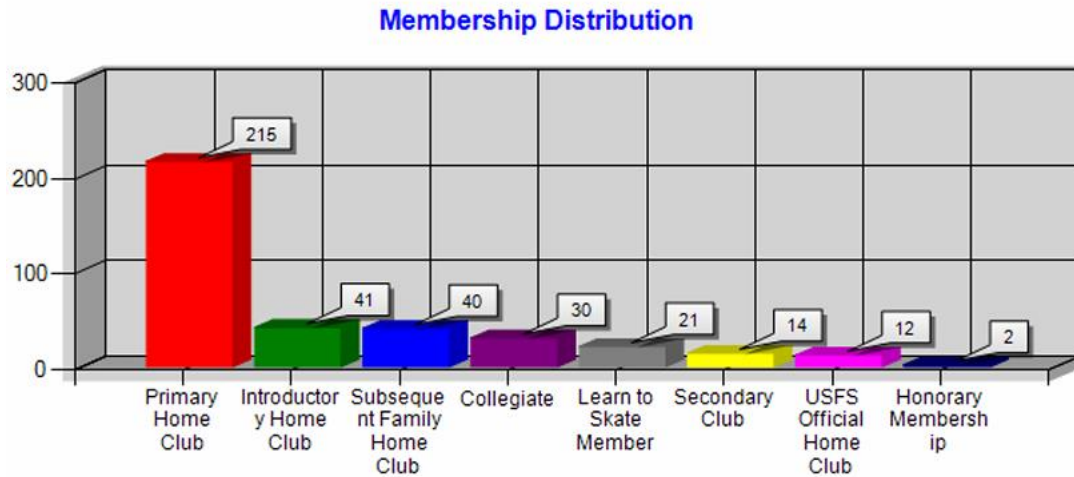
Sadly, the tragedy of the 01/29 DC Air Disaster of AA Flight 5342 had taken a key member of the Junior Board, Eddie Zhou. A Remembrance Event was held at Fairfax Church of Christ in February.

We look forward to a new chapter next season, while keeping the memory of our lost skaters from our club.

Special Events Committee – Lynn Eisenhour

For the 2024-25 season, SCNV membership is at 379 active members, including 215 primary home club members, 21 Learn to Skate members, 30 collegiate members, and 14 secondary club members. This is consistent with the 2022-23 season.

The 2024-25 club membership distribution is as follows:



As expected, US Figure Skating plans to increase dues for the 2025-26 season which may subsequently affect club membership costs. The upcoming season registration will open on June 1, and the committee urges all members to renew early to best utilize their SCNV membership.

Special Events Committee – Natalie Wester

June 2024

The Annual Awards Banquet took place at Belle Haven Country Club, with 165 attendees, including 67 skaters. This year's banquet featured a special tribute to Coach Olga upon her retirement, resulting in an increased presence of Theatre on Ice (TOI) skaters and coaches. The event was well-received and enjoyed by skaters and their families.

August 2024

The SCNV Picnic was hosted at Burke Lake Park and welcomed approximately 100 participants. Skaters received their Academic Award Certificates during the event. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with members appreciating the location's amenities, including a nearby playground and restrooms.

February 2025

The Remembrance Skate was held in honor of the skaters lost from AA5342. Approximately 50 skaters participated on the ice, supported by their families, SCNV members, and alumni. Therapy dogs were present to offer emotional support, contributing to a comforting and heartfelt atmosphere.

March 2025

The Johnny Weir Seminar was held at The St. James, drawing 60 skaters. The event was highly successful, with positive feedback highlighting a desire for smaller group sizes and scheduled breaks to enhance the experience.

Plan for 2025-2026 season

Annual Award Banquet in June

Parents education night

Skating Seminar

Picnic in August

50th Anniversary in October

Sectional Send off in October

Coach education and coach appreciation activities in November

National Night in January

Outdoors skating in February

Scholarship – Cheryl Litman

For the 2024-25 season, the committee chair has convened a committee of two adult members (Coach and Official) plus one collegiate member. The club received a total of five applicants, and all were found qualified for the club collegiate scholarship. The announcement of these awards is scheduled at the season ending Annual Banquet.

New this season, the club has been approached by MITRE to establish the Edward Zhou Scholarship Award as a separate program from the club collegiate scholarship. MITRE has planned to review from our applicant pool and present the Edward Zhou Scholarship Award at our Annual Banquet. The club is very appreciative of the corporate sponsorship.

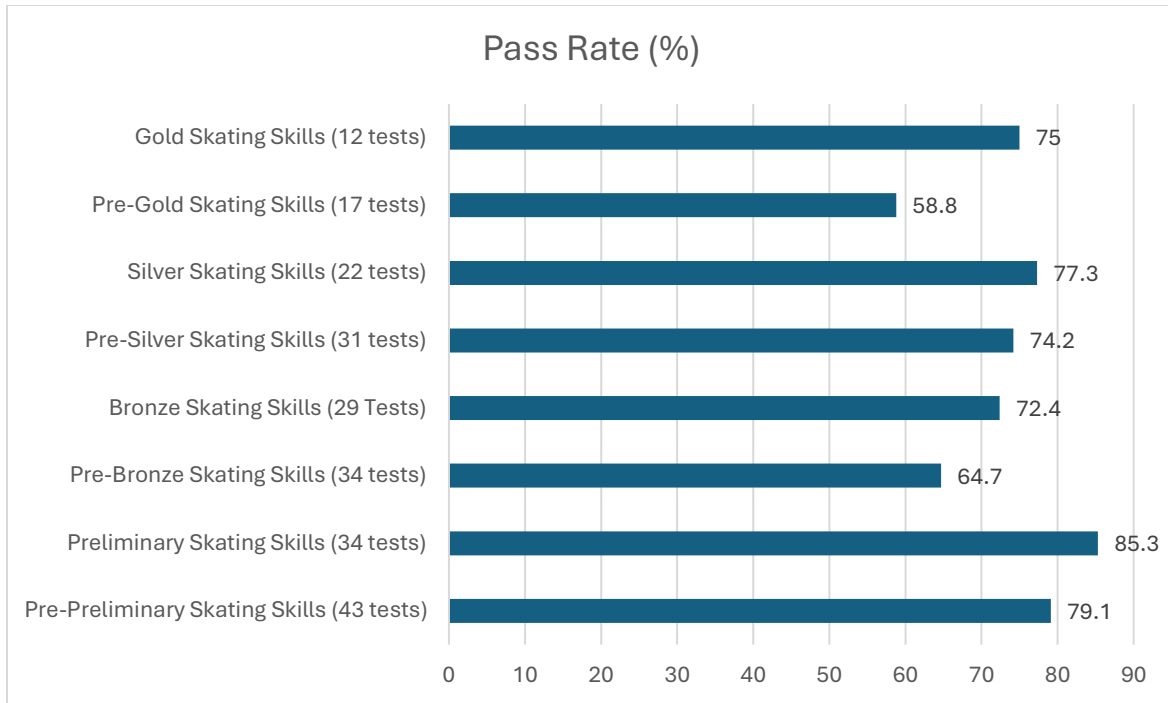
Tests Committee: Jenn Rafael

Overview of Member Testing Activity

Between May 1, 2024, and April 30, 2025, 176 SCNV members completed a total of 413 tests. Of these, 350 tests were pass/honors/distinction, creating a pass rate of 84%. Notably, more than 75% of these tests (316) were taken virtually or out-of-club, while only 94 (22.8%) were completed in SCNV-hosted sessions. In comparison, 185 members took 411 tests during the 2023-24 season, with a pass rate of 86%. During last season, one-third of the tests taken by SCNV skaters, 137, were taken through our club, vs. out-of-club testing.

This continued shift toward virtual testing presents both opportunities for flexibility and challenges for sustaining in-person session viability.

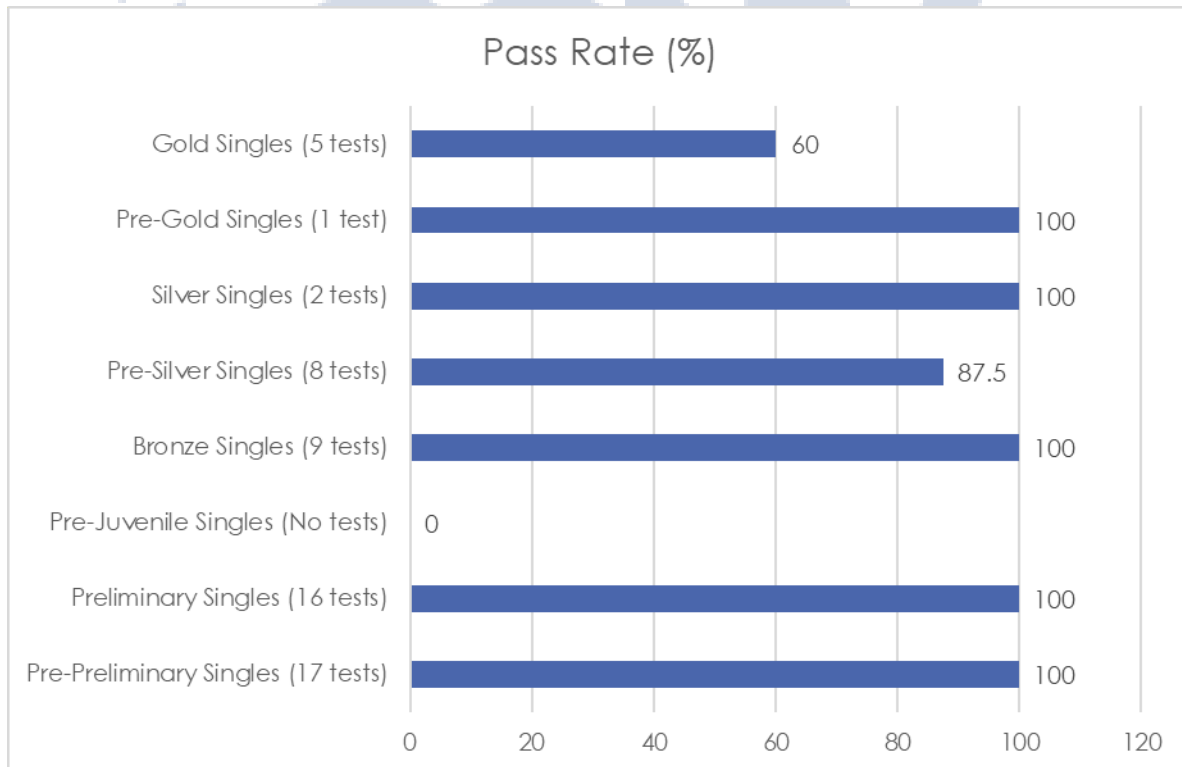
What follows is a look at standard-track skating skills and singles test pass rates (includes honors and distinction results) for all members this season, regardless of test session type/location.



There was a strong showing at Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary levels.

Interestingly, the lowest pass rate (58.8%) was at Pre-Gold, signaling a potential area for skater development.

We saw consistent performance across all other levels in the 70-85% range.



We saw the highest activity at Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary levels, both with 100% pass rates.

There was a notable drop-off at Gold Singles (60%), suggesting a greater challenge at the highest level.

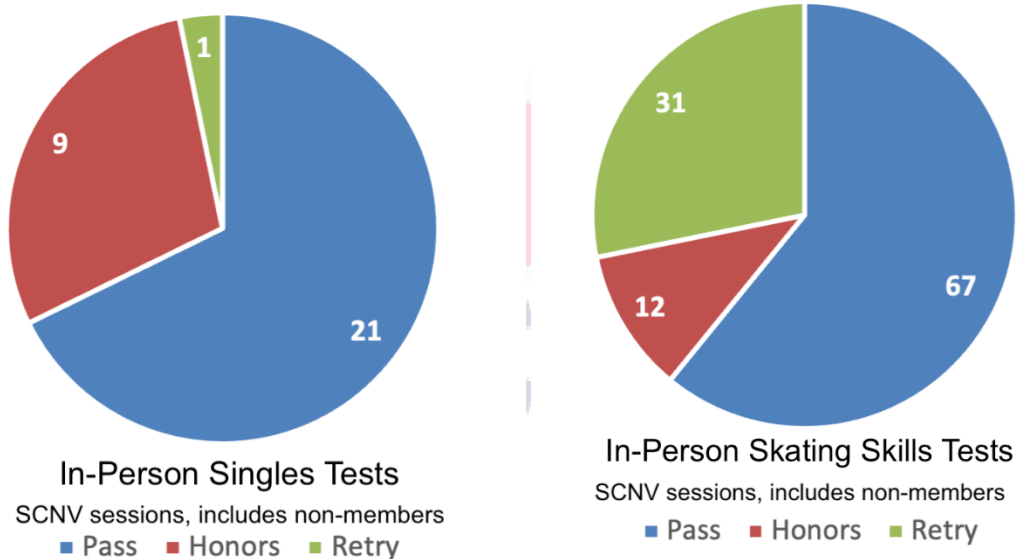
(No activity at Pre-Juvenile this year.)

The decoupling of test and competition levels continues to drive attempts at higher-level tests.

Hosted Test Sessions Participations

SCNV hosted 193 tests across multiple sessions this season, providing valuable in-person opportunities to both members and the broader skating community. Of these, 94 tests (49%) were taken by SCNV members, while 81 tests (42%) were taken by skaters from Washington Figure Skating Club (WFSC)—highlighting the strong demand from skaters across the region who seek quality, accessible testing opportunities.

Our in-person sessions included a significant number of honors results for both singles and skating skills (stand track).



Importantly, nearly half of all tests conducted were in Pre-Preliminary or Preliminary Skating Skills or Singles, confirming the ongoing need to offer lower-level testing options that serve the developmental needs of area skaters, coaches, and families.

Gold Medal Achievements

We proudly recognize the following SCNV members who became Gold Medalists this season:

SINGLES:

Emily Conant

Laura Rogers

Carina Salsberry

SKATING SKILLS:

Uma Antsilevich

Isabel Arenas

Michaela Kieffer

Scarlett Koscho

Yvonne Lien

Emma Lindenfeser

Tatiana Loos

Calla Spignardo

Joanna Xu

ADULT SINGLES:

Carol Wong

DANCE:

Carina Salsberry, Gold Dance Test (Follow Solo) & Gold Standard Solo Free Dance

(With her two dance medals and singles medal, Carina became a rare quadruple Gold Medalist.)

Pre-Season Critique Participation

In addition to formal testing, SCNV once again offered a Pre-Season Critique to help skaters prepare for competition season. This year's event drew 57 participants, ranging from Basic 5 through Senior Excel. Notably, two skaters joined SCNV specifically to participate in the critique, demonstrating the program's reach and value as both a developmental and membership-building opportunity.

Operational Considerations

SCNV continues to serve skaters both in-club and beyond, but the low in-club participation rate threatens the financial sustainability of in-person sessions. Adjustments to scheduling, ice time management, or member engagement strategies may be required to ensure continued offerings.

Website – Charles Park

For the 2024-2025 season, the website committee has continued operations and maintenance of the club website and online store for club events (e.g. Johnny Weir clinic, annual banquet admission and raffle tickets) and competition item plus other items sales (e.g. programs, good-luck ads, spiritwear, club jackets, etc.). For calendar year 2024, the web site traffic views metric was 33,057 and unique visitor's metric was 13,838 for the club website, now in its seventh year with Wordpress. This was a 17% and 2% drop respectively from 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 2025 year to date, our home web page was most popular (9,398 views) followed by our Cardinal Classic web page (3,902 views). Johnny Weir Skating Seminar was third most popular at 1,017 views. The Testing web page has fallen a bit more at 761 views compared to 777 views in 2024 and 2,996 views in 2023. Device traffic sources were 58% mobile and 40% desktop with the iPhone OS the most popular device.

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, Adult Skating

