

The 1944 Sectional Championships

THE EASTERNS

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THE SKATING CLUB OF LAKE PLACID once again had the privilege of sponsoring the Eastern Sectional Championships, which were held in the Olympic Arena on January 28-29. We were proud of being awarded the Championships for the second time, although seven years have elapsed since the First Eastern States Championships were sponsored by the Club in 1938.

We were agreeably surprised to find that our previous judgment in that the geographical location of Lake Placid would in no way affect the number of entries was more than substantiated by the size of the entry list. Seventy competitors filed entries, all of whom competed, except two who unfortunately were prevented by illness. The problem of transportation was a considerable one, but with the excellent cooperation of the division and local staffs of the New York Central Railroad every competitor and members of their families were able to secure proper transportation. This matter was very ably handled by our Competitions Committee.

In winning the Ladies' Senior, Phebe Tucker skated one of the best exhibitions of her career. As one watched Dick Button's almost flawless free skating in the Men's Junior, with its excellent timing and rhythm, one could not help but think that he was a composite of Ralph McCreath and Bill Grimditch. Later we found out that Dick was still dancing even though he was working on competition figures and free skating, and much of his timing and rhythm could plainly be traced to this. New Junior Ladies' titlist, little Donna Jeanne Pospisil, deserves a great deal of credit for winning against an excellent field. In passing we must not fail to mention Eileen Seigh's free skating program, although it needs more dancing to give it the timing and rhythm that indicates perfection. An un-

usual phase of this event was that all nine Junior competitors skated in this class for the first time.

Jane Weiss is a well-rounded skater who showed up to advantage in capturing the Novice title in a field of sixteen skaters. The smooth free skating and balanced program of Dudley Richards, winner of the Men's Novice, was especially outstanding in this class. Title of Juvenile Lady was won by little Andra McLaughlin, whose excellent performance in both figures and free skating was surpassed only by the charm of her blonde pigtails. Corresponding title for Men fell to Justin Smith.

Anne Davies and Carleton Hoffner, Jr. won the Junior Pairs with a sparkling exhibition. In the Senior Dance, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Andresen's smooth performance gave them first place. Vera Halliday and Robert Elbourn won the Junior Dance with another exhibition of good dancing.

In addition to the splendid skating in the competitive events, we were privileged to see Donna Jeanne Pospisil and Jean-Pierre Brunet in an exhibition of their Senior Pair program on Saturday evening. Unfortunately they were the only entry in this event so no competition was held.

The preliminary organization for the Easterns involved considerable work by a few, because, as in every other part of the country, our members are extremely busy with important war work. Much credit must be given to the Chairman of the Competitions Committee, H. L. Garren, for his fine organization prior to and his assistance during the Championships. Very efficient work was also performed by the Music Committee, Mrs. J. Vernon Devlin and Mrs. Favor Smith. Mrs. H. L. Garren had a large and excellent Reception and Entertainment Committee on hand from early Thursday morning through the entire week-end, and served refreshments in the Lounge at the close of the Championships Saturday evening.

While the ice had been assigned throughout the entire week almost entirely to the competitors, it was exclusively theirs on

Thursday, with five patch sessions, three free skating sessions, and a dance session, in addition to time for each and every competitor to try his music. This music rehearsal period was also well organized, with the exact time of each event posted in advance. Those who did not arrive until Friday or Saturday morning were given an opportunity also to try their music.

We can but offer our heartfelt thanks to the Referee, Mr. Heaton Robertson, and the Assistant Referee, Mr. C. L. Parker, for the smoothness with which the events were run off, and our deep appreciation to the Judges, Timers, Recorders, Accountants and other officials for their great contribution to the success of the Easterns.

LADIES' SENIOR

1. Phebe Tucker, *The S. C. of New York*
2. Hildegarde Balmain, *The S. C. of New York*
3. Yvonne Sherman, *The S. C. of New York*
4. Dorothy L. Glazier, *The S. C. of Boston*

LADIES' JUNIOR

1. Donna Jeanne Pospisil, *The S. C. of New York*
2. Eileen Seigh, *Brooklyn Jr. F. S. C.*
3. Betty Jane Ricker, *Niagara Falls S. C.*
4. Charlotte Kaye, *Brooklyn Jr. F. S. C.*
5. Estelle DeWolf, *Providence F. S. C.*
6. Jacquelyn Sawyer, *Providence F. S. C.*
7. Alis Wrench, *Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.*
8. Catherine Trenholm, *Brooklyn Jr. F. S. C.*
9. Beverly Compton, *The S. C. of New York*

MEN'S JUNIOR

1. Richard Button, *Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.*
2. Charles Brinkman, *Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.*
3. Jean-Pierre Brunet, *The S. C. of New York*
4. Arthur Levy, *The S. C. of Lake Placid*
5. Harry Barton, *Individual Member U.S.F.S.A.*

LADIES' NOVICE

1. Jane Weiss, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*
2. Kathryn Ehlers, Jr., *S. C. of New York*
3. Sandylee Weille, *The S. C. of Boston*
4. Marie McClenaghan, *International F. S. C. of Phila.*
5. Nancy Lemmon, *Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.*
6. Hope Taylor, *Providence F. S. C.*
7. Jane Lemmon, *Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.*
8. Lois Waring, *Sports Centre F. S. C.*
9. Rosemary Clement, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*
10. Joan Brummer, *Princeton S. C.*
11. Lila Kalcheim, *The S. C. of Lake Placid*
12. Marie Krall, *Brooklyn Jr. F. S. C.*
13. Irene Maguire, *Brooklyn Jr. F. S. C.*
14. Joan Marie Dembeck, *The S. C. of Lake Placid*
15. Mary Barbara McDonough, *The S. C. of Boston*
16. Patsy Farrell, *Providence F. S. C.*

MEN'S NOVICE

1. Dudley Richards, *The S. C. of Boston*
2. Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., *Washington F. S. C.*
3. Edgar Newbold Black IV, *Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.*
4. Walter H. Bainbridge, Jr., *Washington F. S. C.*
5. Hugh Nawn, Jr., *The S. C. of Boston*

LADIES' JUVENILE

1. Andra McLaughlin, *Philadelphia S. C. & H. S.*
2. Carole Jeanne Hoag, *Brooklyn Jr. F. S. C.*
3. Betsy Lyons, *The S. C. of Boston*
4. Hazel Sullivan, *Providence F. S. C.*

MEN'S JUVENILE

1. Justin E. Smith, Jr., *Providence F. S. C.*
2. Joey Sullivan, *Providence F. S. C.*

JUNIOR PAIRS

1. Anne Davies & Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., *Washington F. S. C.*
2. Hazel & Joey Sullivan, *Providence F. S. C.*

SENIOR DANCE

1. Mary & Jack Andresen, *The S. C. of New York*
2. Mrs. Nettie Prantel Meier & Harold Harts-horne, *The S. C. of New York*
3. Elisabeth H. Daub & William O. Hickok, IV, *Hershey F. S. C.*
4. Marjoribanks Dove & Vernon Duckett, *Washington F. S. C.*
5. Kathe Mehl & Wilfred MacDonald, *The S. C. of New York*
6. Ethel N. Chipman & Max Siegel, *Brooklyn F. S. C.*
7. Gertrude Meredith & Andrew Klots, *The S. C. of New York*

JUNIOR DANCE

1. Vera Halliday & Robert Elbourn, *Washington F. S. C.*
2. Anne Davies & Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., *Washington F. S. C.*
3. Vivian Halliday, *Washington F. S. C.*, & Howard Dayman, *The S. C. of Lake Placid*
4. Mrs. C. L. Parker & Walter H. Bainbridge, Jr., *Washington F. S. C.*
5. Marguerite Sherman-Feurer & F. K. J. Geisler, *The S. C. of New York*
6. Esther Kaplan, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*, & Ernest Burden, *Individual Member U.S.F.S.A.*

THE MID-WESTERN

By Rollett A. Carson
Cleveland Skating Club

THE MID-WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS were held on February 4-5 at the Cleveland Skating Club. The times were reflected in the number of competitors compared to previous years, there having been forty-nine in all, with thirty-four per cent of the entries coming from the Cleveland Skating Club. Of considerable interest, during a war year, was the fact that three clubs made their debut this season, namely: The Akron Skating Club; Arena Figure Skating Club of Cleveland; and the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club.

The same esprit-de-corps and unexcelled sportsmanship which we have become accustomed to find at Mid-Western Figure Skating Events was again very much in evidence, with all events running smoothly under the direction of that old Maestro of Mid-Western Skating Championships, Henry M. Beatty. There were numbers of newcomers in the novice events, boding well for the future of skating, and the

quality of the figures and free skating was of a high order. The spotlight of keen competitive interest was focused on the Ladies' Senior event, however, with the Judges hard put to mark comparatively; and audience-wise it was a wide open gate for the three top skaters until all marks were in.

The final event on Saturday evening was followed by the presentation of trophies on the ice, after which competitors, visitors, club members and guests gathered in the club rooms to dance and make merry informally, to get better acquainted and spread the gospel of figure skating, and finally to drink to the ghosts of other Championships skated here in happier days and toast to yet unborn events which may bring us as much pleasure in the future.

LADIES' SENIOR

1. Janette Ahrens, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
2. Joan Yocum, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
3. Jeanne Peterson, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
4. Margaret Grant, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
5. Madelon Olson, *St. Paul F. S. C.*
6. Carole Gregory, *St. Louis S. C.*
7. Mary Frances Greshke, *Ann Arbor F. S. C.*

MEN'S SENIOR

1. Arthur Preusch, II., *St. Paul F. S. C.*
2. Michael McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*

LADIES' JUNIOR

1. Bonnie Paterson, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
2. Virginia Baxter, *Olympia S. C.*
3. Lois Johnson, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
4. Patricia Schield, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
5. Anne McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*
6. Margaret Ann Graham, *Tulsa F. S. C.*
7. Beverly Osborn, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
8. Marilyn Sahlin, *F. S. C. of Minneapolis*
9. Patricia Deuring, *Cleveland S. C.*
10. Slavka Kohout, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
11. Rosemary Hess, *Arena F. S. C. of Cleveland*

LADIES' NOVICE

1. Helen Geekie, *St. Louis S. C.*
2. Margaret Ann Greene, *Cleveland S. C.*
3. Joanne Scotvold, *F. S. C. of Minneapolis*
4. Yvonne Cameron, *Cleveland S. C.*
5. Joyce Scotvold, *F. S. C. of Minneapolis*
6. Ann Fauver, *Cleveland S. C.*
7. Betty Sigmund, *Arena F. S. C. of Cleveland*
8. Marilyn Lewis, *Ann Arbor F. S. C.*
9. Caroline McNerney, *Toledo F. S. C.*

MEN'S NOVICE

1. Edward Van Der Bosch, *F. S. C. of Chicago*
2. Dean Cameron, *Cleveland S. C.*
3. Hugh C. Graham, Jr., *Tulsa F. S. C.*

SENIOR PAIRS

1. Janette Ahrens & Arthur Preusch, II., *St. Paul F. S. C.*
2. Joanne Frazier & Michael McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*

JUNIOR PAIRS

1. Sally & Huntington Blair, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Sue McCleary & Frank Swedish, *Akron S. C.*

SENIOR DANCE

1. Nancy Blair & Michael McGean, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Janette Ahrens & Arthur Preusch, II., *St. Paul F. S. C.*
3. Barbara Griffin & Louis F. Cody, *Cleveland S. C.*

JUNIOR DANCE

1. Yvonne & Dean Cameron, *Cleveland S. C.*
2. Ann Fauver & John Parks, *Cleveland S. C.*
3. Rosemary Hess & Riki Bliss, *Arena F. S. C. of Cleveland*
4. Louise Thomson & William Schellentrager, *Cleveland S. C.*
5. Sue McCleary & Frank Swedish, *Akron S. C.*
6. Joanne Frazier & James Potts, *Cleveland S. C.*
7. Nancy Sue Jenkins & George B. Rankin, *Akron S. C.*

PACIFIC COAST

By Mary L. Paige

St. Moritz Ice Skating Club

THE PACIFIC COAST COMPETITIONS sponsored by the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club in Berkeley, California, on February 11 and 12, might have been a preview or dress rehearsal for the Nationals if a large entry list, smart organization, generous attention from the Press, and sold-out box office were any criterion. Over a hundred participants from fifteen clubs delighted five thousand warmly responsive spectators. Competition was keen but decisive with clean-cut victories for most of the title winners. Standards of skating were high. "Those youngsters all seem to have brackets ground right into their blades!" exclaimed one judge in amazement.

To Joanne Cassidy (Juvenile Girls) and Tom Gilshannon (Novice Men) went the distinction of winning unanimous decisions in both figures and free skating. Joanne delighted with her finished style; Tom with the assurance of his delivery. Remember twelve-year-old Douglas Tyler (Novice Men's runner-up). Continued work on his difficult program should win him a title soon. Ruth Edge (Novice Ladies) on the strength of her figures raised her ranking from 16th in 1943 to 2nd in 1944; the title winner, Eleanor Levorsen, rightfully taking first place with form and execution amazingly mature for a little twelve-year-old whose famous "pig-tails" had just been coiled into well-behaved braids. For the most closely contested title (Junior Ladies), Peggy Hoyt's lead in figures was large enough to win

her the coveted cup; but the experience of Barbara deJulio, runner-up, should prove a warning to competitors to take nothing for granted with war-time musical transcriptions.

Outstanding male competitor proved to be William Blocker (Junior Men) who demonstrated it is possible to charm an audience with the grace and finish of a dancer's technique while winning points from judges for technical skill. Undoubtedly, however, the sensation of the Finals was the free skating of Shirley Lander, who overcame Barbara Uhl's ordinal lead in figures to take the Senior Women's title back to Seattle. Her program was unbelievably difficult and so flawlessly skated it was hard to believe that at one point she did "a one-foot outside Axel to inside back toe jump, landing into an inside Axel, stepping forward to a regular outside Axel and finishing with a double Salchow." (We got that description from a former nine-times National Champion!)

Jim Lohead and Marcella May, National Dance Champions (of course they retained their Pacific Coast Senior Dance title) and William Hoyt and Marilyn Grace, winners of the Junior Dance, all brought into their dancing that "plus" quality which is derived from years of competitive free and figure skating.

Refreshing to spectators, slightly worn down by the long program of singles, were the Junior, Senior, and Ladies' Pairs. Edith and Vern Hale received a storm of applause for a highly individualistic routine in the Junior Pairs, as did the ever-popular little Kennedys from Seattle in the Senior Pairs; Gloria Suess and Glee Patten interjected the illusion of a carnival high-light with their much appreciated Ladies' Pair.

A special cup for little Jimmie Grogan of Lakewood Figure Skating Club rewarded a Juvenile exhibition for which there was no competition. An exhibition by the St. Moritz Four (Peggy, Bill and Fletcher Hoyt and Barbara deJulio), another by James Lohead (3rd National Junior Singles in 1943), and still another by Gretchen Merrill (1943 Senior Champion) strengthened our conviction that this competition must be considered as a dress-rehearsal for the long delayed and

eagerly anticipated California Edition of the Nationals.

Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the work of Dr. Glendon H. Terwilliger, Competition Chairman, who closed his office to give full time to this job. His kindly good-humor and unflinching patience kept a young army of assistants and officials working with such cheerful efficiency that the finals were over and the jolly buffet supper in full swing well before midnight.

LADIES' SENIOR

1. Shirley Lander, *Seattle S. C.*
2. Barbara Uhl, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
3. Helen Uhl, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
4. Britta Lundquist, *Seattle S. C.*
5. Margaret Field, *Skate & Ski C.*

LADIES' JUNIOR

1. Peggy Hoyt, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
2. Barbara deJulio, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
3. Jeannine Voigt, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*
4. Patricia Hoyt, *Lakewood F. S. C.*
5. Dorothy Lindgren, *Oakland F. S. C.*
6. Glee Patten, *Seattle S. C.*
7. Carolyn Welch, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
8. Barbara Franklin, *Pikes Peak F. S. C.*
9. Constance Bissell, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
10. Mary Lou Bassett, *Spokane F. S. C.*
11. Letha Lou Linn, *Mercury F. S. C.*

MEN'S JUNIOR

1. William Blocker, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*
2. Fletcher Hoyt, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*

LADIES' NOVICE

1. Eleanor Levorsen, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*
2. Ruth Edge, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
3. Gloria Suess, *Seattle S. C.*
4. Audrey Eggert, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
5. Jeannette Peters, *Skate & Ski C.*
6. Joan Zamboni, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*
7. Mary Lou Walker, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
8. Nadine Thompson, *Skate & Ski C.*
9. Zella May Harrington, *Blade & Edge C.*
10. Patty Stratton, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
11. Marilyn McDonald, *Capital City F. S. C.*
12. Jewel Thomas, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*
13. Valla Ramey, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
14. Carolyn Donaldson, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
15. Joan Wilson, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*

(22 Entries)

MEN'S NOVICE

1. Tom Gilshannon, *Lakewood F. S. C.*
2. Douglas Tyler, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
3. Peter Kennedy, *Seattle S. C.*
4. Raymond Alperth, *Oakland F. S. C.*

LADIES' JUVENILE

1. Joanne Cassidy, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
2. Gloria Peterson, *Seattle S. C.*
3. Karol Kennedy, *Seattle S. C.*
4. Glory Sims, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*
5. Lois Secreto, *Lakewood F. S. C.*
6. Marilyn Richards, *Oakland F. S. C.*
7. Jeanne Hills, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
8. Joan Clarke, *Lakewood F. S. C.*

(16 Entries)

SENIOR PAIRS

1. Karol & Peter Kennedy, *Seattle S. C.*
2. Marcella May & James Lohead, Jr., *Skate & Ski Club*
3. Peggy Egan & Arnold Hillstrom, *Oakland F. S. C.*

JUNIOR PAIRS

1. Edith & Vern Hale, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
2. Catherine McDonald & Tom Gilshannon, *Lake-wood F. S. C.*
3. Ann Dillon & Glen Seaburg, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*

LADIES' PAIRS

1. Gloria Suess & Glee Patten, *Seattle S. C.*
2. Jeanne Hills & Jennifer Wellington, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*

SENIOR DANCE

1. Marcella May & James Lothead, Jr., *Skate & Ski Club*
2. Jeannine Voigt & Robert Leip, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*
3. Camilla Cliff & Fred Kienle, *Mercury F. S. C.*
4. Carmel Hawkins & Ed Ribles, *Modern Tempo Dance Club*

(7 Couples)

JUNIOR DANCE

1. Marilyn Grace & William Hoyt, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
2. Edith & Vern Hale, *St. Moritz I. S. C.*
3. Ann Dillon & Glen Seaburg, *Arctic Blades F. S. C.*
4. Bernice & Thomas Hocking, *Modern Tempo Dance Club*

(6 Couples)

Owing to the lack of time between the Competitions and the deadline for this issue, it was impossible to include pictures of the Mid-Western and Pacific Coast winners. They will appear in May.



New Englands

THE SECOND ANNUAL New England Championships were held on January 8 & 9 at The Skating Club of Boston. This year the standards were raised to place the competitions on the same level with the standards of the Sectional Competitions, and last year's winners were allowed to enter the same classes again because of the raise in standards. Continuing with the idea put into effect last year, one or two less experienced judges were chosen

in each class in order to give them an opportunity to work in competition.

Skaters representing five clubs competed before an unexpectedly large audience. The Committee consisted of Mr. Charles M. Rotch, Chairman; Mrs. L. Gordon Glazier; and Mr. Philip P. Sharples.

SENIOR LADIES

1. Betsy Nichols, *The S. C. of Boston*
2. Dorothy Glazier, *The S. C. of Boston*
3. Leslie Glazier, *The S. C. of Boston*

JUNIOR LADIES

1. Kay M. Lindstrom, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*
2. Barbara Littlefield, *The S. C. of Boston*

NOVICE GIRLS

1. Jane Weiss, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*
2. Rosemary Clement, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*
3. Hope Taylor, *Providence F. S. C.*

(4 Contestants)

NOVICE BOYS

1. Hugh Nawn, Jr., *The S. C. of Boston*
2. Dudley Richards, *The S. C. of Boston*

JUVENILE GIRLS (Class A)

13 years and under

1. Dianne Catlin, *The S. C. of Boston*
2. Janet Littlefield, *The S. C. of Boston*
3. Hazel Sullivan, *Providence F. S. C.*

(10 Contestants)

JUVENILE GIRLS (Class B)

Over 13 years

1. Mary Barbara McDonough, *The S. C. of Boston*
2. Nadine Kaler, *The S. C. of Boston*
3. Florence Newcomb, *Commonwealth F. S. C.*

(7 Contestants)

JUVENILE BOYS

1. Justin E. Smith, Jr., *Providence F. S. C.*
2. Joseph Sullivan, *Providence F. S. C.*

GIRLS PAIRS

1. Dorothy Dexter & Jackie Hunt, *Providence F. S. C.*
2. Betty Ann & Patsy Farrell, *Providence F.S.C.*
3. Sally & Jane McGonagle, *The S. C. of Boston*

DANCE

1. Doris Schubach & Walter Noffke, *Springfield Ice Birds, Inc.*
2. Dorothy Glazier & Lt. Lyman Wakefield, *The S. C. of Boston*
3. Dorothy Carroll & Ashton Parmenter, *The S. C. of Boston*

(6 Couples)

Washington State

By Nellie Jensen
Seattle Skating Club

THE WASHINGTON STATE Figure Skating Championships, first state competition ever held, were sponsored by the Seattle Skating Club at Seattle on January 10. Clubs represented were: Spokane F. S. C., Lakewood F. S. C., Bremerton F. S. C.,