

The Sectional Championships

PACIFIC COAST

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GENEROUS HOSPITALITY, warm friendliness and fine sportsmanship filled the three days of our stay at the Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, for the Pacific Coast Championships, held there on Friday and Saturday, January 31 and February 1. Through storm and blizzard, we gathered on Thursday afternoon and were welcomed at Bill Wardman's delightful cocktail party before the officials' dinner and meeting.

Sixty-two competitors provided interesting and keen competition in the various classes. With no class larger than eight entries, the judges had plenty to do without the real grind that accompanies long entry lists. The well-planned program went along nicely on schedule until lighting difficulties were encountered late Friday afternoon. With nothing scheduled for Saturday morning, it was possible to postpone the finish of the Ladies' Senior figures until then, and they were completed under conditions more favorable to both competitors and judges. It was much regretted that, because of only one entry, the Men's Senior singles was not skated.

Of the eight judges, five were from the Mid-West area, namely, Mary Louise Premier Smersh of St. Paul, Katherine Sackett of Omaha, George Jenkinson of Tulsa, Walter Powell of St. Louis, and myself from Chicago, while Barbara Gingg Skerry, Howell Janes, and Alex Young came from the Coast section. I believe this is an innovation in Sectional Championships and seemed to meet with general approval. Certainly we who were "imported" enjoyed the experience immensely. New to us were two classes, the Juvenile and the Ladies' Pairs. The list of winners follows, so I will merely add that the skating generally was of a high order, and once again it was demonstrated that excellence in school figures is basic to championship skating. Titles

are not won on free skating alone. Neither can they be won without it. In the Senior Dance, the Three-Lobed Waltz was the nemesis of most, and the deciding factor in the results. Another general impression was that the judging showed no wide divergence in opinion or in standards. We were by no means unanimous, but I felt we were closer to a common standard than has so often seemed the case.

Bouquets should go to each and every one of the Competition Committee, whose careful planning and faithful execution of all duties kept the wheels running smoothly at all times. Bill Wardman as Chairman thought of everything and was a perfect host. John Heater did a fine job at the Microphone, Walter Powell's experienced refereeing kept us to schedule, Ted Strong marshaled us all, off the ice as well as on it, and Mrs. Johnson with her ever-ready hot coffee warmed the judges' hearts as well as their toes!

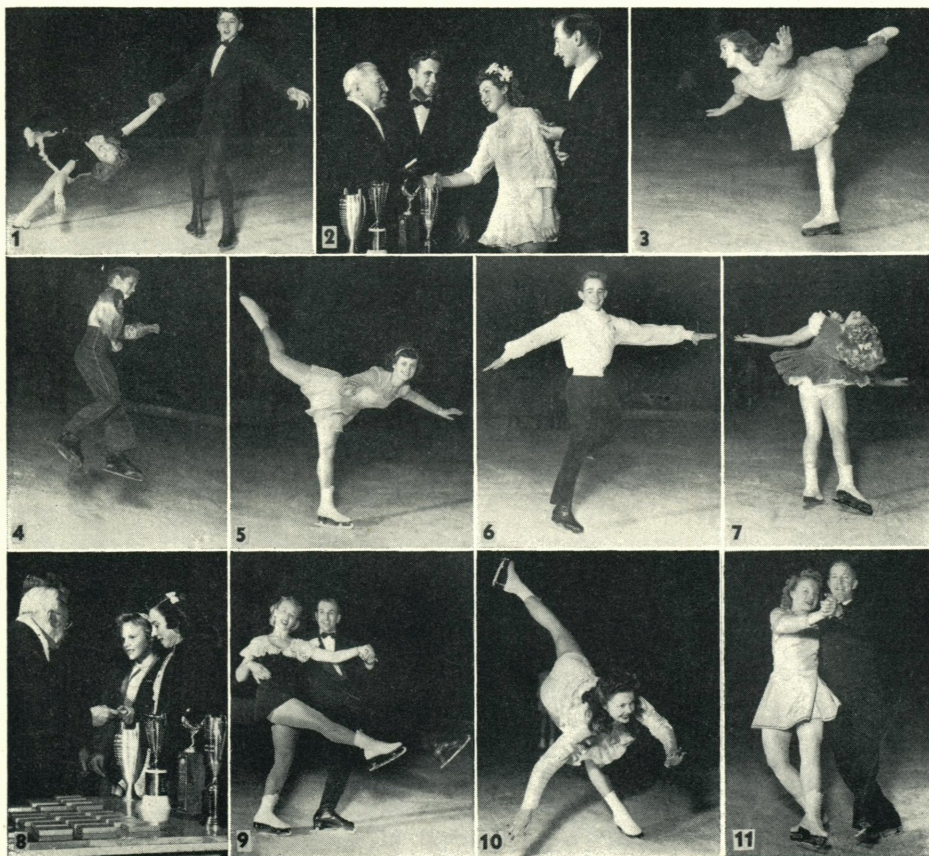
To Mother Nature, abetted it is true by man, goes the final award of a Purple Ribbon for dreaming up the perfect setting for such an event. The magnificent view of the mountains that greets one as you step out of the hotel for the short brisk walk around the end of the lake to the Ice Palace is an inspiration and a picture that remains with you. The hotel is the last word in comfort, convenience and service. And the fine rink, especially with the contemplated alterations, provides the final touch that makes Colorado Springs an ideal location for a National or for an Olympic Competition.

SENIOR LADIES

1. Helen Uhl, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Carolyn Welch, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Letha L. Linn, *San Diego FSC*
4. Joan Zamboni, *Arctic Blades FSC*
5. Jeannine C. Voigt, *Arctic Blades FSC*

JUNIOR LADIES

1. Marjorie C. Havenick, *Seattle SC*
2. Eleanor Levorsen, *Los Angeles FSC*
3. Zella May Harrington, *Blade & Edge Club*
4. Joyce Lockwood, *Los Angeles FSC*
5. Charlotte Campbell, *All Year-Mercury FSC*
6. Mary C. Firth, *Seattle SC*
7. Frances Pappas, *Skate & Ski Club*
8. Glory Sims, *Arctic Blades FSC*



PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONS: (1) Gloria Jeske & Edward G. Worth, Junior Pair. (2) Mr. Walter S. Powell, Chairman USFSA Competitions Committee, Mr. Oliver M. Gould, President Pikes Peak FSC, with Carolyn Welch & Charles W. Brinkman, Senior Pair. (3) Lois Secreto, Novice Ladies. (4) Richard Dwyer, Novice Men. (5) Marjorie C. Havenick, Junior Ladies. (6) Ronald E. Pugh, Junior Men. (7) Jacqueline Bredberg, Juvenile Girls. (8) Marlene Miller & Pat Sherrer, Ladies' Pair, with Mr. Powell. (9) Marcella May Willis & Frank H. Davenport, Senior Dance. (10) Helen Uhl, Senior Ladies. (11) Vera N. Logstrup & E. Ray Hanna, Junior Dance. *Photos by T. Ortis Johnson, Colorado Springs.*

JUNIOR MEN

1. Ronald E. Pugh, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Carl S. Chamberlin, *Pikes Peak FSC*

NOVICE LADIES

1. Lois Secreto, *Seattle SC*
2. Dixie Lomax, *Pikes Peak FSC*
3. Frances Dorsey, *Seattle SC*
4. Barbara Aden, *Arctic Blades FSC*
5. Jo Anna Kelley, *Arctic Blades FSC*
6. Joan Fisher, *Pikes Peak FSC*
7. Alba Jane Carr, *Pikes Peak FSC*
8. Alice Jangaard, *San Diego FSC*

NOVICE MEN

1. Richard Dwyer, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Barry Gorman, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Robert O'Connell, *St. Moritz ISC*
4. Ray Armstrong, Jr., *Seattle SC*

JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Jacqueline Bredberg, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Nancy Kay Bates-Lane, *Arctic Blades FSC*
3. Eleanor Banneck, *All Year-Mercury FSC*
4. Patricia Firth, *Seattle SC*
5. Barbara Sykes, *Pikes Peak FSC*
6. Bethy Blunt, *Pikes Peak FSC*
7. Barbara Johnston, *Pikes Peak FSC*

SENIOR PAIRS

1. Carolyn Welch, *St. Moritz ISC* & Charles W. Brinkman, *Pikes Peak FSC*
2. Joan Hompes & Calvin Cook, *Pikes Peak FSC*

JUNIOR PAIRS

1. Gloria Jeske & Edward G. Worth, *Eugene FSC*
2. Marcia Hutchinson & Fred Conrad, *San Diego FSC*

LADIES' PAIRS

1. Pat Sherrer & Marlene Miller, *San Diego FSC*
2. Diane Jacobsen & Patsy Hamm, *Lakewood FSC*
3. Shirley Ingham & Vivian Ingham, *Silver Blades SC*

SENIOR DANCE

1. Marcella May Willis & Frank Davenport, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Renee Stein & Sidney Moore, *Los Angeles FSC*
3. Mary A. Firth & Wilfred Brown, *Seattle SC*
4. Jeannine Voigt, *Arctic Blades FSC*, & Robert Leip, *Los Angeles FSC*

JUNIOR DANCE

1. Vera N. Logstrup & E. Ray Hanna, *Modern Tempo IDC*
2. Carolyn Welch, *St. Moritz ISC*, & Charles W. Brinkman, *Pikes Peak FSC*
3. Jo Anna Kelley & Ronald M. Junso, *Arctic Blades FSC*
4. Illa Belle Bobbitt & J. Howard Bobbitt, *San Diego FSC*

THE EASTERNS

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Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society

SKATERS AND SNOW descended upon us at the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society on February 7 and 8. We welcomed each competitor, chaperone and judge, but we certainly shuddered at the idea of more winter weather. Ice indoors was about all we wished to cope with at that time.

The competition ran smoothly, ahead of time the first day and way behind schedule the second—partly because of the blinding snow storm early Saturday morning. All the usual signs of a championship going on were seen: the reunions and glad greetings of skaters and officials who had not seen each other since the last competition; the Skating Fathers and Mothers who kept asking that same interminable question, "Why didn't my darling do better?"; the beautiful girls in their attractive and multi-colored dresses; the serious young men, and that special school figure hush.

In the ladies' dressing room a regular menagerie existed—every little girl seemed to have her pet stuffed animal with her. Tiny Betsy Lyons of Boston, with a big smile, blonde hair and gold bands on her teeth, was seen dashing about after her solid and peppy single, getting her pet rab-

bit autographed. The girls were all so pretty and sweet, especially in the Juvenile Class; it really seemed a shame that they all couldn't win something. Tenley Albright, The SC of Boston, was outstanding in this division, not only for her good figures, but for her very excellent free skating as well. Mr. Frank Goodwin refereed this event and it was a heart-warming experience to see him take care of all these little girls, making certain that they knew just exactly what came next and that they didn't get confused or scared.

One of the little Juvenile boys had a hard time—he had a very bad fall first and then a lapse of memory. This hard luck phased him not at all; but later when his father was eliminated in the Bronze Dance he appeared heartbroken. Billy Lemmon, Philadelphia SC & HS, skated to a win with nonchalance; except for his size one might think he'd been competing for years. These children! Our future champions! What would we do without them?

Anne Davies of the Washington FSC stole our hearts with her winning ways—personality plus and sure skating; while in the Men's Novice, Donald Laws, also of the Washington FSC, skated a sound program and good figures. John Michael Coerver, The SC of Boston, left us feeling we would like to see a lot more of him.

In the Junior Pair we saw a variety of types. Donald Laws and Ferne Fletcher, Washington FSC, came in first by virtue of their smoothness and good timing. Lucille Mohrey and Roy C. Miller of the Penguin FSC of Allentown (one of our newer member clubs) showed an interesting reserve power and speed gained from their training on outdoor ice. They started well but a bad fall put them completely off. Better luck next time!

Don Jacoby, Syracuse FSC, and Hugh Nawn, Jr., The SC of Boston, were very close. The only competitors in the Junior Men, they really fought it out, both being excellent. As everyone knows, the judges' marks are nowadays, during competition, a closely-guarded secret. The atom bomb plants are scarcely more carefully patrolled than the "Positively No Admittance Room!" The Junior Ladies was won by

Philadelphia's Marie McClenaghan (International FSC), with Sonia Klopfer, Brooklyn FSC, and pretty Josephine Barnum of The SC of Boston giving her a hard run for the medals. These Junior girls skated with the same confidence in themselves and intelligent lay-out of program as some of the more experienced Seniors.

The highlights of Saturday night were the Sherman-Swenning pair of New York—the nerve and dash of Donna Jean Pospisil, also of New York—the light-hearted approach of Newbold Black of Philadelphia—and the smooth dancing Davies and Hoffner of Washington. Yvonne Sherman and Bob Swenning are a most beautiful machine of artistry and precision. They skate as one and their strong edges are truly delightful to see. One cannot say enough about this true pair.

There were 137 contestants; every class of event had competitors, including the Fours. Messrs. Goodwin and Maxwell; the judges and officials; and The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society's staff deserve a big hand for their untiring efforts to make this the biggest, and we hope, one of the best Easterns to date.

SENIOR LADIES

(The Skating Club of Lake Placid Trophy)

1. Yvonne C. Sherman, *The SC of New York*
2. Kathryn H. Ehlers, *The SC of New York*
3. Donna Jeanne Pospisil, *The SC of New York*
4. Jane Lemmon, *Philadelphia SC & HS*
5. Jane A. Weiss, *The SC of Boston*
6. Faris Nourse, *The SC of New York*
7. Andra McLaughlin, *The SC of New York*
8. Estelle DeWolf, *The SC of Boston*

SENIOR MEN

(Roger F. Turner Trophy)

1. Wilhelm Junker, *The SC of Boston*
2. E. Newbold Black, IV, *Philadelphia SC & HS*
3. Robert J. Swenning, *The SC of New York*
4. Dudley S. Richards, *The SC of Boston*
5. Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., *Washington FSC*

JUNIOR LADIES

1. Marie McClenaghan, *International FSC*
2. Sonja Helen Klopfer, *Brooklyn FSC*
3. Josephine Barnum, *The SC of Boston*
4. Nancy Lemmon, *Philadelphia SC & HS*
5. Anne Hall, *The SC of New York*
6. Leane Garthoff, *The SC of Lake Placid*
7. Nadine V. Kaler, *The SC of Boston*
8. Joan Marie Dembeck, *The SC of New York*

JUNIOR MEN

(Buddy White Memorial Trophy)

1. Donald Jacoby, *Syracuse FSC*
2. Hugh Nawn, Jr., *The SC of Boston*

NOVICE LADIES

1. Anne Davies, *Washington FSC*
2. Carole Jeanne Hoag, *Brooklyn FSC*
3. Betsy Lyons, *The SC of Boston*

4. Sally McGonagle, *The SC of Boston*
5. Dianne Catlin, *The SC of Boston*
6. Carol Hinrichs, *Washington FSC*
7. Harriet E. Beloff, *International FSC*
8. Ellen Beaumel, *Brooklyn FSC*

NOVICE MEN

1. Donald Laws, *Washington FSC*
2. John Michael Coerver, *The SC of Boston*
3. George E. Pettinger, *Brooklyn FSC*
4. James D. F. Phillips, *The SC of New York*

JUVENILE GIRLS

1. Tenley Albright, *The SC of Boston*
2. Jane McGonagle, *The SC of Boston*
3. Norma McCullagh, *Brooklyn FSC*
4. Sarahann Wilson, *Providence FSC*
5. Eleanor Vollmer, *Brooklyn FSC*
6. Margaret Bermingham, *The SC of New York*
7. Charlotte Ann Smith, *Baltimore FSC*
8. Virginia A. Mills, *Washington FSC*

JUVENILE BOYS

1. William T. Lemmon, Jr., *Philadelphia SC & HS*
2. Robert E. Goodfellow, Jr., *Rye FSC*
3. Jerome Langan, *Baltimore FSC*
4. C. Bruce Brackett, *Baltimore FSC*

SENIOR PAIRS

(Ruth Parkinson Memorial Trophy)

1. Yvonne C. Sherman & Robert J. Swenning, *The SC of New York*
2. Anne Davies & Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., *Washington FSC*

JUNIOR PAIRS

1. Ferne Fletcher & Donald Laws, *Washington FSC*
2. Betty Lee Dent & Richard Vass, *Washington FSC*
3. Lucile Mohrey & Roy C. Miller, *Penguin FSC*
4. Alise Richards & Sheridan Stover, *Philadelphia SC & HS*

FOURS

1. Mrs. W. P. G. Hall, III, Mrs. R. B. Royer, Henry C. Mayer, II, E. Newbold Black, IV, *Philadelphia SC & HS*
2. Anne Davies, Ferne Fletcher, Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., Donald Laws, *Washington FSC*

GOLD DANCE

1. Anne Davies & Carleton C. Hoffner, Jr., *Washington FSC*
2. Lois Waring, *Baltimore FSC*, & Walter H. Bainbridge, Jr., *Washington FSC*
3. Vera Halliday & Richard C. Queisser, *Washington FSC*
4. Barbara Heebner & Henry R. Heebner, *Philadelphia SC & HS*

SILVER DANCE

1. Nancy Miller & Donald Laws, *Washington FSC*
2. Irene Maguire & Walter Muehlbronner, *Metropolitan FSC*
3. Dorothy Rudy & H. R. Josephine, *Washington FSC*
4. Betty Lee Dent & Robert D. Elbourn, *Washington FSC*

BRONZE DANCE

1. Rose Bojes & William Lofgren, *Brooklyn FSC*
2. Jean Raines & Joseph R. Brown, *Baltimore FSC*
3. Lucille Mohrey & Roy C. Miller, *Penguin FSC*
4. Anne Walsh & Sidney Reiss, *Metropolitan FSC*

MID-WESTERNS

Maurice W. Cogan
Cleveland Skating Club

FOR THE SECOND consecutive year and for the seventh time in its ten year career (in its own club house), the Cleveland Skating Club was most happy to be host for the Mid-Western Championships on Friday and Saturday, February 7 & 8 at the Club Rink.

Everyone was impressed by the very fine caliber of skating in this year's Mid-Westerns which contrasted very sharply with that displayed at the first Mid-Westerns held at the Cleveland Skating Club in 1938. This splendid brand of skating was displayed by every class in the Championships.

For instance, in the Senior Ladies' the pace was really terrific with the final result decided by Virginia Baxter's (of Chicago) all-out marvelous free skating, which brought the house down in little pieces, to nose out cute little Joanie Swanson of the St. Louis SC. This field of six excellent skaters, in which Helen Geekie of St. Louis SC (last year's Junior winner) placed third, was the most hotly contested Mid-Western Ladies' Senior in many a moon.

Another very enjoyable feature was the large number of entries (eight) in the Novice Men's class—a very healthy sign for the future of our sport. Incidentally, in this class, Jack Jost from the St. Louis SC came through with flying colors after being knocked out in a fall during his free skating on Friday night. He was allowed to skate again the next day and came through to win over two little fellows: Evy Scotvold, Chicago FSC, and David Jenkins, Cleveland SC.

John Lettengarver, St. Paul FSC, repeated his previous year's victories: in the Men's Senior with his usual fine job; and in the Senior Pairs with Harriet Sutton of Minneapolis FSC, winning over Jane Schellentrager and Riki Bliss of the Cleveland SC, last year's Junior Pair champions.

The Jenkins family of Cleveland SC did their usual fine performance with Hayes Alan winning the Junior Men's

title. He then teamed with Nancy Sue to annex the Silver Dance title over Mary Elizabeth Anderson and Malcolm McConnell, also of the CSC. Nancy Sue and Hayes also placed second to Norma Lee Caine and Walter Sahlin of Chicago FSC in the Junior Pairs. David Jenkins (age 10), as mentioned above, was third in the Men's Novice.

The Scotvold twins helped in the Ladies' Junior to win the Trophy for Chicago in placing first (Joanne) and third (Joyce) with two marvelously similar free skating programs. Margaret Ann Graham of Tulsa FSC got in between them for a second with a fine performance. Sonnie Gene Murray, also of Tulsa FSC, won the Ladies' Novice over a very large and hard-skating field.

The competition started at 9:30 A.M. Friday with the Men's Senior school figures and ended with the Awarding of Prizes, at exactly 10:45 P.M., by our Henry M. Beatty, USFSA President and 1947 Mid-Western Championships Chairman, and also Walter S. Powell of St. Louis, Chairman of USFSA Competitions Committee. During the evening it looked as if Henry would end the Competitions 15 minutes early, but the plane which was flying the Cleveland Skating Club Memorial Trophy in from Chicago had been grounded due to bad weather. The Trophy was delivered in the nick of time and presented to Harry N. Keighley of the Chicago FSC to be taken back again to Chicago as that club had scored the most points, followed by Cleveland SC and by St. Louis SC.

A fine crowd was in attendance during the two days. An expected capacity crowd for Saturday night was cut slightly but not much by zero weather. The competitions were a great success in every way and our hats are off to Henry Beatty and his Committee for another grand job well done. At the Championship Dance, held after the awarding of prizes, Mr. Beatty was presented with a beautiful Dunhill lighter by Willard J. Crawford, Jr., President of the Cleveland Skating Club, on behalf of the Trustees—a fitting close to two marvelous days of the 1947 Mid-Westerns.

SENIOR LADIES

1. Virginia Baxter, *Chicago FSC*
2. Joan Swanston, *St. Louis SC*
3. Helen Geekie, *St. Louis SC*
4. Lois Johnson, *Chicago FSC*
5. Ann McGean, *Cleveland SC*
6. Evelyn Fasnet, *St. Louis SC*

SENIOR MEN

(The Cleveland Skating Club Trophy)

1. John Lettengarver, *St. Paul FSC*
2. Gary Wilson, *Cleveland SC*

JUNIOR LADIES

(Raymond Cup)

1. Joanne Scotvold, *Chicago FSC*
2. Margaret Ann Graham, *Tulsa FSC*
3. Joyce Scotvold, *Chicago FSC*
4. Carol Olsen, *Chicago FSC*
5. Harriet Sutton, *FSC of Minneapolis*
6. Nancy Sue Jenkins, *Cleveland SC*
7. Barbara Jane Carr, *Cleveland SC*
8. Mary Lou Rolfson, *Chicago FSC*
9. Margaret Anne Greene, *Cleveland SC*

JUNIOR MEN

1. Hayes Alan Jenkins, *Cleveland SC*
2. Marlyn Thomsen, *St. Paul FSC*
3. Hugh C. Graham, Jr., *Tulsa FSC*

NOVICE LADIES

1. Sonnie Gene Murray, *Tulsa FSC*
2. Cynthia Hanson, *WC of Indianapolis*
3. Nancy Mineard, *Akron SC*
4. Miggs Dean, *Olympia SC*
5. Sandra Rittinger, *Cleveland SC*
6. Dorothy Will, *Chicago FSC*
7. Patsy Herrick, *Cleveland SC*
8. Barbara Bancroft, *St. Paul FSC*
9. Betsey Todd, *WC of Indianapolis*
10. Eleanor Keimel, *Arena FSC*
11. Eleanor Bond, *WC of Indianapolis*
12. Nancy L. Wilson, *Cleveland SC*
13. Kay Crum, *Akron SC*
14. Phyllis Romain, *Chicago FSC*
15. Joanne Kohnen, *FSC of Minneapolis*

NOVICE MEN

1. Jack Jost, *St. Louis SC*
2. Evy Scotvold, *Chicago FSC*

3. David Jenkins, *Cleveland SC*
4. Philip B. Skillings, Jr., *Duluth FSC*
5. Robert J. Knoll, *St. Louis SC*
6. Robert Alan Keyes, *Cleveland SC*
7. Burton Weymier, *Chicago FSC*
8. George H. Scragg, Jr., *Cleveland SC*
9. Paul Van Voorhees, *WC of Indianapolis*
10. John Carlow, *Chicago FSC*

SENIOR PAIRS

(Radix Pair Cup)

1. Harriet Sutton, *FSC of Minneapolis*, & John Lettengarver, *St. Paul FSC*
2. Jane Schellentrager & Riki Bliss, *Cleveland SC*

JUNIOR PAIRS

(Metternich Trophy)

1. Norma Lee Caine & Walter F. Sahlin, Jr., *Chicago FSC*
2. Nancy Sue Jenkins & Hayes Alan Jenkins, *Cleveland SC*
3. Margaret Anne Greene & Gary Wilson, *Cleveland SC*
4. Beverly Young & Gary Kepler, *Akron SC*

SILVER DANCE

(Radix Dance Trophy)

1. Nancy Sue Jenkins & Hayes Alan Jenkins, *Cleveland SC*
2. Mary E. Anderson & Malcolm E. McConnell, *Cleveland SC*
3. Jackolyn Phillips & Kirk Tischler, *Chicago FSC*
4. Mildred Messer & William Lang, *Akron SC*
5. Jane Schellentrager & Riki Bliss, *Cleveland SC*

BRONZE DANCE

1. Laverne Buettlich & Matthew Solomon, *Chicago FSC*
2. Kay Crum, *Akron SC*, & Burton Weymier, *Chicago FSC*
3. Nancy Mineard & Gary Kepler, *Akron SC*
4. Mary Lou Rolfson, *Chicago FSC*, & Jack B. Jost, *St. Louis SC*
5. Margaret Anne Greene & Gary Wilson, *Cleveland SC*

CHECKING OF MARKS

ATTENTION is called to the fact that no competition is official until the marks and ranking have been checked and approved by the Chairman of the USFSA Competitions Committee. Since there was no time to study and approve the results of the competitions reported in this issue, they are published subject to correction.

MARKS

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