

# *Pacific Coast Championships*

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WITH THE NATIONALS coming to the West Coast this year, there was some thought that the Pacific Coast Sectional Championships would not receive as much attention as in other years. In fact, the Competitions Committee looked for a registration of under one hundred and so scheduled their allotted ice time.

But when registrations at deadline had reached an all time high of 136, schedules were hastily revised and still registrations ran on up to 143! But every member of the Committee worked with clocklike precision and when the curtain was rung down on Saturday night, with every award made to happy hearts, there were still a few minutes to go to eleven o'clock!

Thus on February 25, 26, and 27, at East Bay Iceland, the Pacific Coast Championships for 1954 passed into history, one of the most successful competitions in its annals. Never a dull moment here! With suspense all the way, competitors came from far behind in compulsory figure placements to gain better positions in the finals by their spectacular free skating performances. Probably the two most outstanding of these were Gloria Linek, jumping from eighth place in figures to second in the finals of the Junior Ladies' division, and little Linda Ann Epperson (last year's Pacific Coast Juvenile winner) coming from eighth place in figures to third in the finals of the Novice Ladies!

Until the final placings, figured under the feverish pencils of the harried accounting force, were posted, no contestant was sure of his position. The fiery, inspired performance of Catherine Machado in the Senior Ladies' class overcame the number one position held by Sherry Dorsey, although the latter's program and manner of performance seemed a winner.

This year for the first time appeared a new skating club from a new State when a small band of fine young skaters came from Salt Lake City to represent their

club, the Utah Figure Skating Club, now in their first year of full membership in the United States Figure Skating Association. Among those who accompanied the young contestants were Mrs. George Baker, Club Secretary, Mrs. Frank Kennedy, Mrs. Kinsman, and Mr. James Cannon. I talked with them about the prospects for the new club and found that enthusiasm is keen and activity is at a high pitch. It looks like we are going to have some fine competition from them in the future. Best of luck to you, Utah FSC!

With the competition business all neatly wrapped up so early on Saturday, all the competitors, judges, officials, and their friends gathered shortly thereafter at a Supper Dance Party at the Athens Athletic Club in Oakland. Mrs. Margaret Bonnickson and Mrs. Alice Dockham were in charge of the party and again attendance was beyond all expectations; but the Club's Sunday larder was borrowed from so everybody had their fill.

And to show that he is as good at singing as at skating, our very popular young Toreador, Armando (Pancho) Rodriguez, entertained the crowd with a couple of well-received arias.

Interesting to note is the large number of entries in the upper classes which usually thin out near the top. Senior Ladies had a total registration of sixteen while Junior Ladies revealed fourteen entries. Unfortunately, though, the girls outnumbered the boys by better than three to one—and this in a sport that demands so much stamina and endurance!

The Novice Ladies' St. Moritz Perpetual Trophy (the only trophy in the Pacific Coast competition) went to Sally Gwaltney, whose fine performance won her the right of possession for the next year. This was won last year by LaRee Coyle who moved up into the Junior Ladies' class this year.

The St. Moritz Competition Committee, headed by Mrs. Roger Willis, is





#### PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONS

Front, left to right: Harvey Balch, Juvenile; Barbara Roles, Juvenile; Randy Phillips, Novice. Middle: David Hertz & Dawn May, Senior Pair; Tim Brown, Senior; Sally Gwaltney, Novice; Patricia Kilgore, Junior; Catherine Machado, Senior; Lorin Caccamise, Junior; Marilyn Busch & Robert Aamodt, Bronze Dance. Back: Ray Hanna & Marjorie Diamond, Veterans Dance; Charles Coulon & Joan Zamboni, Silver Dance and Junior Pair; Patsy Riedel & Roland Juno, Gold Dance. Photo by Udell Studio, Hollywood.

very grateful to the big assist from the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce in the handling of the visitors. The Chamber furnished identification badges reading "Berkeley, California—Home of the World's Largest University" and providing ample room for the name of the official or contestant or guest. They also furnished printed maps of Berkeley showing the location of the ice rink and also listing the names of leading eating places, hotels, and motels with their rates. Also Roos Bros., a large clothing store which is very active in support of collegiate and Bay Area athletic activities, presented the club with attractive blue and gold (University of California colors) cones for ice marking.

#### SENIOR MEN

1. Tim Brown, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Armando Rodriguez, *Capitol City FSC*
3. William Nick, *Lakewood WC*
4. Tom Moore, *Lakewood WC*
5. Art Jenkins, *Arctic Blades FSC*
6. Noble Lee Rochester, *Los Angeles FSC*

#### SENIOR LADIES

1. Catherine Machado, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Sherry Dorsey, *Seattle SC*
3. Joan Schenke, *Lakewood WC*
4. Patricia Quick, *St. Moritz ISC*
5. Dee Dee Wayland, *Blade & Edge Club*
6. Agnes Tyson, *St. Moritz ISC*
7. Patsy Riedel, *Los Angeles FSC*
8. Kathy Hughes, *Los Angeles FSC*
9. Nancy Hammer, *St. Moritz ISC*
10. Sandra Hardin, *Arctic Blades FSC*
11. Kim Carson, *Los Angeles FSC*
12. Sally Price, *Lakewood WC*
13. Betty Jean Clark, *St. Moritz ISC*
14. Helen Burgenheim, *Blade & Edge Club*
15. Nancy Roberts, *Lakewood WC*
16. Margery Lawless, *St. Moritz ISC*

#### JUNIOR LADIES

1. Patricia Kilgore, *Arctic Blades FSC*
2. Gloria Linek, *Los Angeles FSC*
3. Joan Keller, *St. Moritz ISC*
4. Carol Smith, *St. Moritz ISC*
5. LaRee Coyle, *Blade & Edge Club*
6. Dorothy Ann Beideck, *Seattle SC*
7. Brenda Ferguson, *Los Angeles FSC*
8. Nanette Stranahan, *Seattle SC*
9. Kathleen Seabeck, *Lakewood WC*
10. Sandra Angle, *Arctic Blades FSC*
11. Annette Kennedy, *Utah FSC*
12. Patricia Crandall, *Skate & Ski Club*
13. Nancy Cropp, *Lakewood WC*

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# JUNIOR PAIRS FOR THE A. L. DYSART CUPS

JUDGES: (1) Cy Cartwright, Calgary; (2) Nigel Stephens, Toronto; (3) Pierrette Paquin, Hull; (4) Dr. J. A. Abra, Winnipeg; (5) Granville Mayall, Vancouver.

- Barbara Wagner & Robert Paul  
*Toronto SC*  
1 1 1 1 5
- Dianne Nelson & Edwin Cossitt  
*Hamilton SC*  
4 2 2 2 4 14
- Gale Rennie & Dennis McFarlane  
*Saskatoon FSC*  
2 5 3 3½ 2 15½
- Beverley McIntyre & Michael Healy  
*Connaught SC*  
3 3 4 3½ 5 18½
- Arlene McFarlane & Douglas Eaton  
*Connaught SC*  
5 4 5 5 3 22

# SENIOR DANCE FOR THE NORMAN V. S. GREGORY CUPS

JUDGES: (1) Roy Barnes, Saskatoon; (2) Nigel Stephens, Toronto; (3) Pierrette Paquin, Hull; (4) Mrs. A. C. Abbott, Winnipeg; (5) N. H. Anderson, Vancouver.

- Doreen Leech & Norman Walker  
*Connaught SC*  
1 3 3 1 1 9
- Geraldine Fenton & William McLachlan  
*Granite Club*  
2 2 2 2 2 10
- Claudette Lacaille & Jeffery Johnston  
*Montreal FSC & London SC*  
3 1 1 3 3 11

# JUNIOR DANCE FOR THE McLAUGHLIN STEPHENS CUPS

JUDGES: (1) Roy Barnes, Saskatoon; (2) Nigel Stephens, Toronto; (3) Pierrette Paquin, Hull; (4) Mrs. A. C. Abbott, Winnipeg; (5) N. H. Anderson, Vancouver.

- Doreen Leech & Norman Walker  
*Connaught SC*  
1 2 2 1 1 7
- Claudette Lacaille & Jeffery Johnston  
*Montreal FSC & London SC*  
2 1 1 2 2 8
- Leone Miller & Dennis McFarlane  
*Saskatoon FSC*  
3 3 3 3 3 15

# WALTZ FOR THE HENRY G. BIRKS CUPS

JUDGES: (1) Roy Barnes, Saskatoon; (2) Nigel Stephens, Toronto; (3) Pierrette Paquin, Hull; (4) Mrs. A. C. Abbott, Winnipeg; (5) N. H. Anderson, Vancouver.

- Geraldine Fenton & William McLachlan  
*Granite Club*  
2 2 2 1 2 9
- Doreen Leech & Norman Walker  
*Connaught SC*  
1 3 3 2 1 10
- Claudette Lacaille & Jeffery Johnston  
*Montreal FSC & London SC*  
3 1 1 3 3 11

# TENSTEP FOR THE VICTOR SIFTON CUPS

JUDGES: (1) Roy Barnes, Saskatoon; (2) Nigel Stephens, Toronto; (3) Pierrette Paquin, Hull; (4) Mrs. A. C. Abbott, Winnipeg; (5) N. H. Anderson, Vancouver.

- Geraldine Fenton & William McLachlan  
*Granite Club*  
2 2 1 1 3 9
- Doreen Leech & Norman Walker  
*Connaught SC*  
1 3 3 2 1 10
- Claudette Lacaille & Jeffery Johnston  
*Montreal FSC & London SC*  
3 1 2 3 2 11

# PACIFIC COAST

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# JUNIOR MEN

- Lorin Caccamise, *Los Angeles FSC*
- Robert Lee Brewer, *Blade & Edge Club*
- James Short, *Los Angeles FSC*
- Bobby Hubbard, *Capitol City FSC*
- Harry Craycroft, *Utah FSC*
- Roy Cofer, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Richard Aitkens, *Seattle SC*

# NOVICE LADIES

- Sally Gwaltney, *Blade & Edge Club*
- Marlene Gaynor, *Los Angeles FSC*
- Linda Ann Epperson, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Joan Hardnock, *Blade & Edge Club*
- Sandy Carson, *Los Angeles FSC*
- Dianne Dutton, *Arctic Blades FSC*
- Melinda Lelliott, *Arctic Blades FSC*
- Barbara Blair, *Lakewood WC*
- Betty Delano, *Seattle SC*
- Sharon Kinsman, *Utah FSC*
- Judy Trenholme, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Lynn Brough, *Seattle SC*
- Laurence R. Owen, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Anne Middleton, *Utah FSC*

# NOVICE MEN

- Randy Phillips, *Blade & Edge Club*
- Wesley Hart, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Bill Hickox, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Bill Thomas, *Seattle SC*

# JUVENILE GIRLS

- Barbara Roles, *Blade & Edge Club*
- Karen Howland, *Seattle SC*
- Carlene Mooslin, *Los Angeles FSC*
- Diane Swanson, *Los Angeles FSC*
- Sheila Wells, *Capitol City FSC*
- Patty Wentz, *Blade & Edge Club*
- Carolyn Frampton, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Lyn Martinez, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Marilyn Frampton, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Sally Ann Kaufman, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Babs Schwartz, *Seattle SC*
- Barbara Baker, *Utah FSC*
- Susanne Shipstad, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Sharon Constable, *Seattle SC*
- Judie Lynn Brown, *Los Angeles FSC*
- Marsha Deen, *Seattle SC*
- Allana Mittun, *Seattle SC*
- Kristin Mittun, *Seattle SC*
- Susan Beideck, *Seattle SC*

# JUVENILE BOYS

- Harvey Balch, *Blade & Edge Club*
- Sanfrid Swanson, *Lakewood WC*
- James Cannon, *Utah FSC*
- Ronnie Frank, *Blade & Edge Club*
- Robert McClain, *Seattle SC*
- James Bigelow, *St. Moritz ISC*

# SENIOR PAIRS

- Dawn May & David Hertz, *Seattle SC*
- Melinda Lelliott & Art Jenkins, *Arctic Blades FSC*
- Sandra Hardin & James Barlow, *Arctic Blades FSC*
- Nancy Copeland & Roy Cofer, *St. Moritz ISC*
- Karen Howland & Bill Thomas, *Seattle SC*

# JUNIOR PAIRS

- Joan Zamboni, *Arctic Blades FSC*, & Charles Coulon, *Los Angeles FSC*
- Vickie Grivé & Francis Sakakibara, *Skate & Ski Club*
- Bevin Dahlberg & John Jarmon, *Lakewood WC*



#### GOLD DANCE

1. Patsy Riedel & Roland Junso, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Rose Morganroth & Bruce Hannah, *All Year FSC*
3. Myrtle & Philip Girten, *All Year FSC*

#### SILVER DANCE

1. Joan Zamboni, *Arctic Blades FSC*, & Charles Coulon, *Los Angeles FSC*
2. Barbara Stein & Ray Sato, *Los Angeles FSC*
3. Elda Stillwell, *Los Angeles FSC*, & Bert Wright, *Arctic Blades FSC*
4. Jeanne Landresse & Cliff Paige, *The SC of Fresno*

#### BRONZE DANCE

1. Marilyn Busch, *Los Angeles FSC*, & Robert Aamodt, *Arctic Blades FSC*
2. Sally & Jerry Gwaltney, *Blade & Edge Club*
3. Maurine Lewis & Sam Tiessen, *Seattle SC*
4. Susan Patrick & Alfred Perry, *Los Angeles FSC*
5. Janet Roberts & Robert McLeod, *Arctic Blades FSC*
6. Pat Schwartz & David Stair, *Seattle SC*
7. Karen Howland & Bill Thomas, *Seattle SC*
8. Jeanne Eriksen & Louis Rosenthal, *St. Moritz ISC*
9. Sandra Pape & Clemens Stehle, *St. Moritz ISC*

#### VETERANS DANCE

1. Marjorie Diamond, *Arctic Blades FSC*, & Ray Hanna, *St. Moritz ISC*
2. Abbie Murphy & Victor M. Kostainsek, *St. Moritz ISC*
3. Ellen M. Hoffman & Henry Silveira, *Golden Gate SC*

### Middle Atlantic Correction

THE RESULTS of the Junior Dance in the Middle Atlantic Championships were incorrectly reported to SKATING. Peggy Wootton & Sam Hopkins, Jr., IC of Baltimore, placed third, and Ruth Weaver & Nicholas Royal of the same club, who were listed as third in the April 1954 issue, were fourth.

#### THE CALENDAR OF

## Coming Events

### April

- 23-25 St. Moritz ISC Carnival
- 24-25 Great Falls FSC Carnival
- 25-26 Butte FSC Carnival
- 29-May 1 Cleveland SC Carnival
- 29-May 1 Minto SC Carnival

### May

- 7- 9 USFSA Annual Meeting, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago

### Addition to USFSA Film Library

THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION for Infantile Paralysis has kindly donated to the USFSA a copy of the TV film featuring Tenley Albright. This film (black and white, 16 mm with sound) was taken last summer. (See News About Skaters, SKATING, November 1953.)

The film outlines some of the practice necessary to attain Tenley's level of achievement and traces the development of her skating program. It shows her practicing figures at the rink, doing exercises at home and at ballet class, listening to music for possible skating numbers and inspecting costumes with Mrs. Albright.

Her process of choreography is depicted: the noting of possible movements and the general paper work preparatory to actual performance on ice.

Tenley is shown at the Children's Hospital with youngsters afflicted with polio, and makes an appeal for contributions to the March of Dimes. The film also contains portions of two numbers skated by Tenley.

### Winter Sports Film

AN ALL WINTER SPORTS FILM, entitled Skyways to Holidays, has been made available for skating clubs, skiing clubs and winter sports organizations in general by K.L.M., Royal Dutch Airlines.

The 16 mm film shows in color and sound some of K.L.M.'s skating and skiing tours through Europe's Alps. It also includes part of the 1953 World Figure Skating Championships at Davos.

Thirty-five minutes long, the film can be obtained at no charge, except for transportation costs, by contacting the nearest K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines office. A first and second choice of play dates and the name and size of the group should be given.

