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**ISI's Newest**  
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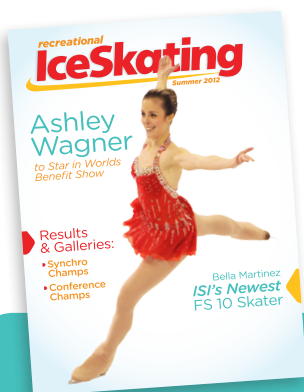
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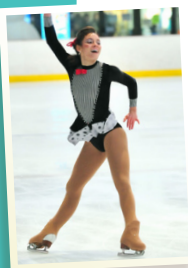
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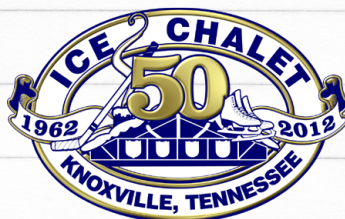
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### Ice Chalet Seeks Former Skaters for 50th Anniversary Celebration



If you ever skated at the Ice Chalet in Knoxville, Tenn., you know it is a special place filled with half a century of wonderful memories.

On July 21, the Ice Chalet will kick off a yearlong celebration of its 50th anniversary with "A Celebration and Reunion" featuring on-ice dancing to the tunes of the past and an outdoor dinner gathering.

The Ice Chalet was one of the first two skating rinks in the South to offer regularly scheduled public sessions. A year after the rink opened, a German skating professional named Robert Unger happened to visit Knoxville while on tour with Holiday On Ice, and he decided to stay and make the town and its new Ice Chalet his new home. He established the renowned Robert Unger School of Ice Skating and was instrumental in the development of the testing standards still in use by the Ice Skating Institute. The Ice Chalet also was home to one of the first ISI-endorsed recreational ice skating competitions.

Many Ice Chalet students and teachers have achieved individual success in the skating world as competitors, performers and instructors.

The facility has been updated through the years but retains its chalet-style charm. The mirror ball is still at center ice, the fireplace still burns real wood and the mural on the wall still welcomes visitors.

Details about the 50th Anniversary celebration as well as links to a Facebook discussion group, an online photo scrapbook and souvenir items are available on the Ice Chalet's website at [chaleticerinks.com/50thanniversary.htm](http://chaleticerinks.com/50thanniversary.htm).

### Share Your Pen Pal Story



Hundreds of ISI members have connected with other skaters through the ISI pen pal program. If you have participated in the program, please share your pen pal experiences with us.

How many pen pals have you communicated with? Did they live near you, or far away? Have you made any long-term skater friends? Learned helpful skating tips from them? Met any of your pen pals in person at an ISI competition? Send your pen pal stories to [editor@skateisi.org](mailto:editor@skateisi.org).

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# The Joy of Being Bella

by Lori Fairchild

It's almost impossible to hear the name "Bella Martinez" and not smile. That's the effect this 17-year-old has on those who have met her — her sunny outlook, exuberant expressions, personal discipline and extraordinary talent all contribute to the joy that she brings to everything she does, on the ice and off. It doesn't hurt that she has a happy, lyrical name that seems to have been created just for her.

Much to the delight of the ISI judging panel, Bella's signature exuberance and stunning discipline were on full display during her ISI Freestyle 10 test in Burbank, Calif. last December during the Artistic Challenge competition. It was without hesitation that the judges pronounced her only the 30th skater worldwide to master the rigorous requirements of the FS 10 test.

"Bella did not merely want to pass the test," says Jayne Throckmorton, her coach of more than 10 years. "She wanted to excel at it. She set very high standards for herself, and getting every element up to her standards took a lot of time and effort. But Bella has always set her standards high. Even as a much younger skater, she allocated 15 minutes a day to practicing jumps in the opposite direction, with the FS 10 test in mind. That work has advanced her skill in other areas, allowing her to combine complex moves in the opposite direction in her competitive repertoire."

Not surprisingly, Coach Throckmorton describes Bella as "a joy to coach," adding that the teen is passionate and determined, arriving at her home rink of Skatetown in Roseville, Calif. each morning at 5 a.m., ready to make every minute count. After three hours on the ice, she's off to school at Roseville Academy of Math, Science and Engineering, where she will be a senior this year. Then she's back at Skatetown for more practice before heading home for homework, family time and an early lights-out.

Bella first set foot on the ice at age 3 1/2, when an ice rink employee invited her to help him bring in the cones at closing

time during a family visit to Squaw Valley. He and her parents were stunned at her natural balance and seemingly instant love of the surface — but after all, she had been telling them for over a year that she was going to be an ice skater when she was "a big girl."

That feisty toddler did, indeed, become an ice skater as she grew up, and an accomplished one, as well. Passing FS 10 was a personal goal for as long as she can remember. "Once I was old enough to understand that FS 10 was the top of the ISI ladder — the most prestigious of all ISI Freestyle tests — I knew that I would work toward this goal until I was ready to take the test. I absolutely love doing three butterflies in a row, and I found that the Axels in both directions were really fun, once I got the hang of it. Believe it or not, it was the death drop that gave me the greatest challenge. I had to work for a long time on that one!"

Bella has participated in two ISI Worlds competitions, in 2005 and 2009, and as ISI's newest FS 10 skater, has been invited to perform in this year's Benefit On Ice show at Worlds in Dallas.

"There are so many advantages and benefits to ISI membership," says Bella. "ISI competitions are filled with fun, friends, artistry and absolutely no stress — I love it! Being a member of ISI gives you lots of opportunities to earn unique skills and be rewarded for your hard work by passing the next test."

In addition to her achievements in the ISI program, Bella also competes in U.S. Figure Skating's Senior Ladies division, in which she has placed third at regionals and qualified for sectionals.

She and her parents and two younger brothers are a close-knit, supportive family who enjoy outdoor activities together. Bella is a voracious reader and aspiring writer who plans to study journalism and child psychology in college.

"But no matter what, skating will always be a very big part of my life," she notes. "When I step on the ice, I feel free and light, and the possibilities are endless. Skating is magical for me, and I love everything about it!" **RIS**



Coach Jayne Throckmorton,  
FS 10 skater Bella Martinez and  
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Team Champions TBSA-Countryside  
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# TBSA-Countryside Tops at 2012 Conference Champs

**H**istory repeated itself on May 28, when Tampa Bay Skating Academy-Countryside was once again named the team champion of the ISI Conference Championships at RDV Sportsplex Ice Den in Orlando. The same team took the same honors three years ago at the very first Conference Champs — also hosted at RDV Sportsplex Ice Den. That year, TBSA-Countryside won an unprecedented three of the six ISI national events, and they've taken home numerous trophies both before and since.

"Many thanks to the always organized and efficient staff at RDV, who were on top of everything all weekend long. It was a pleasure to have our competition there again this year," said Randy Winship, ISI director of skating programs and events.

The Memorial Day weekend event featured 431 competitors from 13 states, including California and Alaska.



The enthusiastic team from Bowie Ice Arena in Maryland traveled 16 hours by bus, passing the time with photo scavenger hunts, a pajama fashion show and movies.

Timmy Chapman and Taylor Nordquist, both from the host facility, were the first-ever Open Pair competitors for an ISI national event. Timmy also competed in 21 other events, setting an ISI participation record for a single competition.

The incredible, creative team of adult skaters from Ellenton Ice & Sports Complex never disappoint — they keep coming up with new and exciting group numbers, and this year was no exception.

Those were just a few of the highlights of the third ISI Conference Championships. There will be no Conference Champs in 2013, but you'll still have five other national competitions to choose from, and we hope to see you in at least one of them! **RIS**

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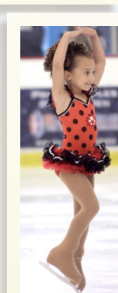
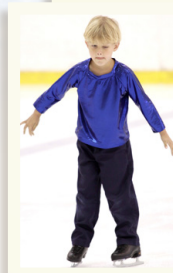
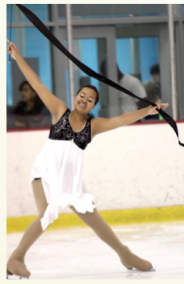
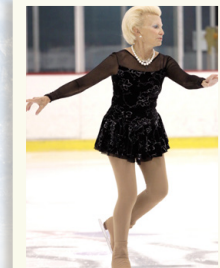
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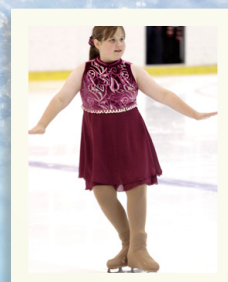
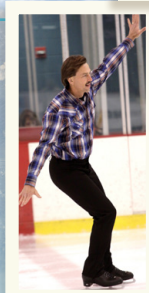
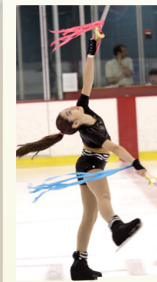
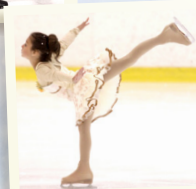
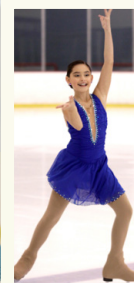
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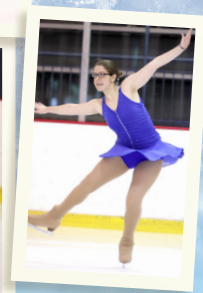
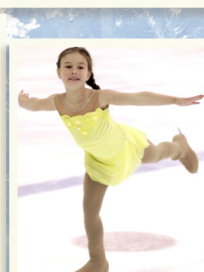
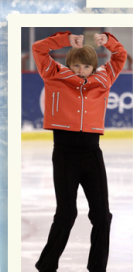
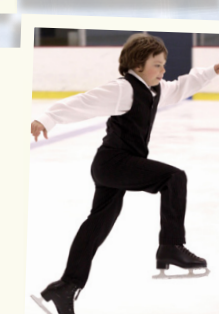
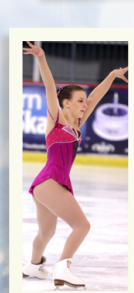
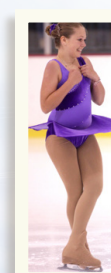
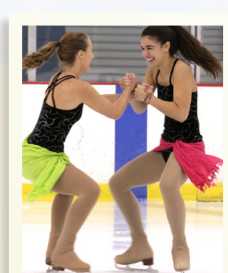
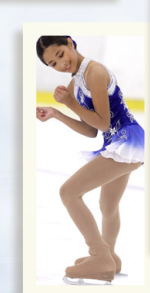
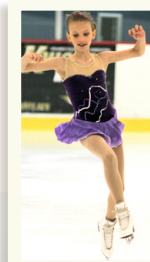
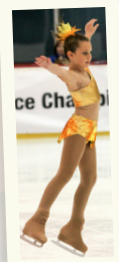
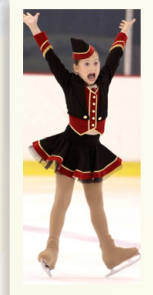
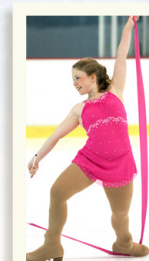
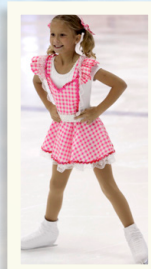
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1	Tampa Bay Skating Academy-Countryside	1443.5
2	RDV Sportsplex Ice Den	1328.5
3	City of Bowie Ice Arena	649.5
4	Ice Sports Forum	571.5
5	Clearwater Ice Arena	334.5
6	Tampa Bay Skating Academy-Oldsmar	230.5
7	Ellenton Ice & Sports Complex	171.0
8	Planet Ice	149.5
9	Herbert Wells Ice Rink	114.0
10	Skating Club of Greater Youngstown	93.0

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This is one shindig you won't want to miss! Be sure to order your tickets from the ISI office by July 15 for advance reservations and pricing. (Tickets will be available at Worlds registration desk for an additional \$5 per ticket.)

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Barbra Wietector (front left) and ISI Executive Director Peter Martell (right) present the Boyd Wietector Trophy to the Synergy team from Webster Groves Ice Arena.



Kevin Devine Photography

## 2012 Synchronized Champs Features 3rd Annual Showcase

Jason Cohn of St. Louis performed a special Novice program in the 3rd Annual Synchro Showcase.



Nearly 1,000 spectators watched and cheered during the 3rd Annual Synchro Showcase exhibition on March 31 during Synchronized Championships in St. Peters, Mo. Teams were invited to skate based on being part of this year's Fun Facts in the Synchro Champs program book. Other variety performances included Couples Spotlight, Family Spotlight, Team Compulsories and Production. A special Novice program was performed by St. Louis skater Jason Cohn.

The Rec-Plex proved once again that its top-notch, efficient staff and spacious facility make it a great place for an ISI national event.

Congratulations to the Synergy team from Webster Groves Ice arena, winners of the Boyd Wietector Trophy. Barbra Wietector presented the trophy named for her late husband, a beloved ISI event announcer and former president of both the ISI board of directors and the ISIA Education Foundation.

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| 1 | Synchro St. Louis Onyx Ice | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex   |
| 2 | Texas All Stars            | Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney |
| 3 | Team Chiller               | Chiller LLC-Easton            |

#### Sr. Youth Skating Compulsory

- |   |                            |                                     |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Synchro St. Louis Ice Gems | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex         |
| 2 | Synergy                    | Webster Groves Ice Arena            |
| 3 | Silver Blade Brigade       | Wayne C. Kennedy Recreation Complex |
| 4 | Teach Chiller              | Chiller LLC-Easton                  |

#### Teen Skating Compulsory

- |   |                                 |                                     |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Synchro St. Louis Diamond Edges | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex         |
| 2 | Gold Blade Brigade              | Wayne C. Kennedy Recreation Complex |

### FORMATION TEAMS

#### Tot Formation

- |   |                         |                                     |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | Precicettes             | Center Ice of DuPage                |
| 2 | Synergy                 | Webster Groves Ice Arena            |
| 3 | Jr. Basic Blade Brigade | Wayne C. Kennedy Recreation Complex |

#### Jr. Youth Formation – Small

- |   |                             |                               |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Fusion                      | Toyota Sports Center          |
| 2 | Revolution                  | Carlson Ice Arena             |
| 3 | Extreme                     | Rick Side Ice Arena           |
| 4 | Texas All Stars             | Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney |
| 5 | Dazzlers                    | Downers Grove Ice Arena       |
| 6 | Fleur de Lis Minis          | Brentwood Ice Arena           |
| 6 | Pleasant Prairie Patriettes | RecPlex Ice Arena             |

#### Jr. Youth Formation – Large

- |   |                |                          |
|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Chicago Skates | McFetridge Sports Center |
| 2 | Teams Elite    | Northbrook Sports Center |

#### Youth Formation – Small

- |   |                                  |                             |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Dazzlers                         | Downers Grove Ice Arena     |
| 2 | Synchro St. Louis Emerald Blades | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex |
| 3 | Revolution                       | Carlson Ice Arena           |
| 4 | 32 Degrees                       | US Ice Sports Complex       |

#### Youth Formation – Large

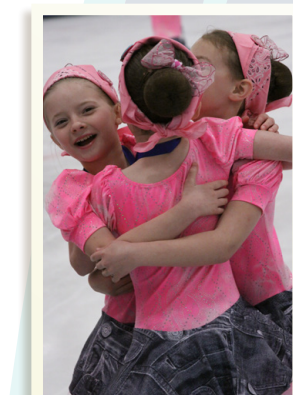
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| 1 | Teams Elite         | Northbrook Sports Center            |
| 2 | Mini Blades         | Glenview Ice Center                 |
| 3 | Silver Leafs        | Leafs Ice Centre                    |
| 4 | Precicettes         | Center Ice of DuPage                |
| 5 | Basic Blade Brigade | Wayne C. Kennedy Recreation Complex |

#### Sr. Youth Formation

- |   |                             |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Synchro St. Louis Ruby Edge | City of St. Peters Rec-Plex |
| 2 | Arctic Snowflakes           | Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena   |

#### Jr. Youth Advanced Formation

- |   |                             |                          |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Kansas City Illusion        | Line Creek Ice Arena     |
| 2 | Extreme                     | Rink Side Ice Arena      |
| 3 | Synergy                     | Webster Groves Ice Arena |
| 4 | Pleasant Prairie Patriettes | RecPlex Ice Arena        |







### Youth Advanced Formation

- 1 Texas All Stars
- 2 Ice Cubes
- 3 Team Chiller

Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney  
University of Illinois Ice Arena  
Chiller LLC-Easton

### Master Advanced Formation

- 1 Synchro Belles
- 2 Kettering Ice Kadettes

Alpine Ice Arena  
Kettering Adult Figure Skating Club



## SKATING TEAMS

### Jr. Youth Skating

- 1 Arctic Blaze
- 2 Sapphire Jewels

Arctic Ice Arena  
Robert Crown Center

### Youth Skating Select

- 1 Teams Elite
- 2 Arctic Blaze
- 3 Chicago Skates
- 4 St. Louis Fleur de Lis
- 5 Ruby Jewels
- 6 Bloomington Blades

Northbrook Sports Center  
Arctic Ice Arena  
McFetridge Sports Center  
Brentwood Ice Arena  
Robert Crown Center  
Pepsi Ice Center



### Youth Skating Premier

- 1 Silver Leafs
- 2 Synergy
- 3 Starr Blades
- 4 Fusion
- 5 Kansas City Illusion
- 6 Capital Classics
- 6 Dazzlers

Leafs Ice Centre  
Webster Groves Ice Arena  
Franklin Park Ice Arena  
Toyota Sports Center  
Line Creek Ice Arena  
Washington Park Ice Arena  
Downers Grove Ice Arena



### Sr. Youth Skating Select

- 1 Junior Blades
- 2 Silver Blade Brigade
- 3 Dazzlers
- 4 Pleasant Prairie Patriettes
- 5 Precicettes
- 6 Bloomington Blades
- 6 Team Chiller

Glenview Ice Center  
Wayne C. Kennedy Recreation Complex  
Downers Grove Ice Arena  
RecPlex Ice Arena  
Center Ice of DuPage  
Pepsi Ice Center  
Chiller LLC-Easton

### Sr. Youth Skating Premier

- 1 Synergy
- 2 Kansas City Illusion
- 3 Synchro St. Louis Ice Gems
- 4 St. Louis Fleur de Lis
- 5 Capital Classics
- 6 Silver Leafs
- 6 South Suburban Stars
- 6 Synchro St. Louis Jade Blades

Webster Groves Ice Arena  
Line Creek Ice Arena  
St. Peters Rec-Plex  
Brentwood Ice Arena  
Washington Park Ice Arena  
Leafs Ice Centre  
South Suburban Ice Arena  
City of St. Peters Rec-Plex



### Teen Skating Premier

- 1 Synergy
- 2 Synchro St. Louis Diamond Edges
- 3 Capital Classics
- 4 Gold Blade Brigade

Webster Groves Ice Arena  
City of St. Peters Rec-Plex  
Washington Park Ice Arena  
Wayne C. Kennedy Recreation Complex

### Collegiate Skating

- 1 Lindenwood University Synchro

Lindenwood University

### Adult Skating

- 1 Revolution 1
- 2 Revolution 2
- 3 Last Call

Carlson Ice Arena  
Carlson Ice Arena  
US Ice Sports Complex



### Master Skating

- 1 La Furia
- 2 Kettering Ice Kadettes
- 3 Radiance on Ice

Ice Center @ The Promenade  
Kettering Adult Figure Skating Club  
Seven Bridges Ice Arena

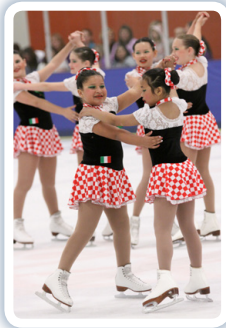






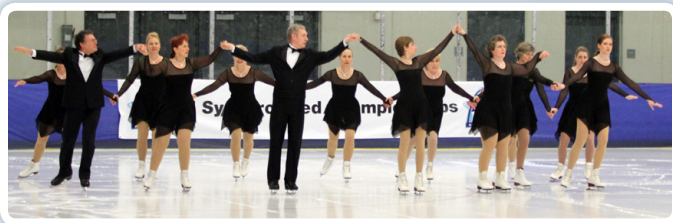
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**November 30-December 2, 2012**

***Entry & Test Deadline: October 1, 2012***

**Danbury Ice Arena  
Danbury, CT**

\*Replaces Artistic Challenge

**[skateisi.org/holidaychallenge](http://skateisi.org/holidaychallenge)**





# Holiday Challenge Debuts in Danbury

The newest ISI national competition, Holiday Challenge, will be introduced Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Danbury, Conn. This competition replaces Artistic Challenge and includes all ISI competition events — both technical and non-technical — including the popular new Open Freestyle events. These expanded event offerings mean there is truly something for everyone at Holiday Challenge.

The competition will be held at Danbury Ice Arena, a two-sheet facility located just 70 miles north of New York City. What better time to visit the Big Apple than the holiday season? Great shopping, the Radio City Christmas Spectacular and the world-famous Rockefeller Center Christmas tree are just a few of the attractions you can reach within 60-90 minutes by bus, train or car.

In addition, Danbury is just 45 minutes from West Point, 60 minutes from the renowned Woodbury Commons outlet mall, and close to many top northeastern colleges and universities for those interested in campus tours.

Now's the time to start planning to be a part of this brand new national competition. Entry and test deadline is Oct. 1. **RIS**

**For more information:**  
[skateisi.org/holidaychallenge](http://skateisi.org/holidaychallenge)



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## competitors' corner

BY RANDY WINSHIP | ISI Director of Skating Programs & Events

# GR8 SK8ing – Have you seen it, too?

**W**e've seen some great skating over the past few months at our Winter Classic, Synchronized Championships and Conference Championships events. If you weren't able to attend one of those national events, I'm sure you have also seen some great skating in your own area during this competition season. I'm always amazed at the overwhelming enthusiasm and support that all participating ISI skaters, coaches and parents have during all of our national competition events.

I know it will be another "Wonderful Week of Worlds" in Dallas for our upcoming 32nd Annual ISI World Team Championships in July! Be sure to check out the Worlds page on our website ([skateisi.org](http://skateisi.org)) for all the latest updates, including the event schedule. Polish your programs so you'll have plenty of time to attend all of the exciting events planned in Dallas!

Our opening ceremony on Wednesday night will be held at a local dude ranch, complete with a barbeque supper and lots of indoor and outdoor fun. Bring your team banner and your Texas spirit!

Reserve your spot now for the John Nicks and Ashley Wagner clinics on Friday. Space is limited and they are filling up fast!

As always, the "crown jewel" of the week will be the annual ISIA Education Foundation Benefit Show on Friday

night featuring the current U.S. National Ladies Champion, Ashley Wagner.

Details and registration for each of these Worlds activities are available in this issue and on the website.

If you can't make it to Worlds this year, there will be another ISI local, district or national event coming to your area soon.

Adult skaters should make plans for the annual ISI Adult Championships event before the Aug. 10 entry and testing deadline. Grab your skating friends and make your plans now for another fun holiday weekend in fabulous Las Vegas.

How about a special new event to kick off the holiday season? Plan to join our first-ever Holiday Challenge competition (which replaces Artistic Challenge and now offers all ISI events) Nov. 30-Dec. 2 in Danbury, Conn. Entries and tests are due by Oct. 1. Why not try one of the newer ISI national events like Open Freestyle, Rhythmic Skating (with a ball, hoop or ribbon prop) or Ensemble (a "small group" event similar to production team for 4-7 skaters)? All national event descriptions are listed on the ISI website.

Summer might mean a break from school and time for vacations, but many skaters find that the local ice rink is the coolest place in town during the hot summer months! Have fun with your skating friends while you make your time on the ice really count this summer. You can even get a head start on your new skating levels, music, programs and costumes for the next skating season! **RIS**



# Learn from the Coach of Champions!



Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in a clinic conducted by legendary World and Olympic coach John Nicks, featuring his current student, U.S. Champion Ashley Wagner.

John Nicks, a World Pair Skating Champion, is among the top figure skating coaches in the world. His students have included such champions as Peggy Fleming, Tiffany Chin, Sasha Cohen, Naomi Nari Nam and Ashley Wagner, as well as pair skaters Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner, JoJo Starbuck and Ken Shelley, and Jenny Meno and Todd Sand.

Mr. Nicks will conduct clinics on the morning of Friday, July 27 during the ISI World Team Championships, exclusively for Worlds competitors. The clinics, which will feature 2012 U.S. Champion Ashley Wagner, will focus on technical tips to improve your jumps and spins, with sessions divided by ISI test level. Each skater may participate in only one session, based on your highest test passed.

You must be entered in at least one event of the ISI World Team Championships to participate in the clinic. Participants will receive an autographed photo from Ashley Wagner at the conclusion of their session.

**Worlds Clinic with  
Ashley Wagner &  
Coach John Nicks**

**Friday, July 27**

**Dr Pepper Arena-Frisco**



Leah Adams  
Photography

#### Check ONE:

- ☐ 9-9:45 a.m. Freestyle 4 skaters only  
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# Focus On

## Footwork!

Fabulous feet and exciting energy are important ingredients for a great Footwork program

**Who can do Footwork events:** Footwork events are open to all skaters in Freestyle 1 level and higher.

**Note of clarification:** Many skaters (and some coaches, too) use the term “footwork” to describe the required dance step sequences in our ISI Freestyle tests, but they are not the same thing.

Dance step sequences (for Freestyle test levels) require strong edges, turns and flow to complete a required pattern of steps. The dance step sequence requirement scores as much as any required jump or spin in each freestyle level. It is even possible to win or lose a freestyle competition event by the quality of your dance step sequence.

Some parts from those required dance step sequences can be incorporated into a Footwork program, *but you should not use the entire dance step sequence in your Footwork program*. You must use variety to create a unique footwork program routine. Footwork in a freestyle program would include the connecting steps, turns and edges placed between other skating maneuvers like jumps and spins.

**Tips for a “winning” program:** Most Footwork program music is peppy — but it doesn’t have to be. Be creative and come up with the best program for you to fit the specific judging criteria below.

The main emphasis for all Footwork programs should be using correct turns and edges, flow, music interpretation and general overall. Special energetic choreography that fits the music and can get the crowd going to “bring down the house” is always a big plus!

**The best thing:** Like Spotlight and Artistic programs, you can use the same Footwork program for more than one Freestyle test level. You don’t need to get a new program every time your test level changes, so you can save some money by using the same music and costume for several competitions throughout the year. Of course,

with your coach’s help and advice, you can always change the choreography in your routine between competitions as your skill level improves.

Some skaters (especially adults) think the best thing about a footwork program is that you can keep both feet on the ice while perfecting the connecting moves that will improve all of your skating programs.

**Duration:** Footwork program duration time is 1 minute for all levels.

**Maneuver limitations:** The focus should be on “footwork,” so your feet should be moving while doing turns and edges, too. You can include other types of skating maneuvers like spirals and arabesques, pivots and spins (less than three revolutions), and half-revolution jumps (such as half flips, waltz jumps, bunny hops, etc.) to help make a creative program.

Also keep in mind, there is no score for technical merit. Props are not permitted in Footwork events.

**Competition event groups:** Since there is no score for technical maneuvers, the competition director may group skaters together by combining levels and genders.

**Judging criteria:** Presentation and posture, pattern, correctness of turns and edges, variety of turns and edges, continuity and flow, music interpretation, originality and creativity, duration and general overall. **ISI**



# High-Level Tests

**Congratulations to the following ISI skaters who have recently passed high-level tests:**

## DANCE 9

Hannah Foust  
Ice Chalet (TN)

Dai-Rei Sun  
Dr Pepper StarCenter McKinney  
at Craig Ranch (TX)

## DANCE 8

Snigdha Dhar  
Ice Chalet (TN)

## FREESTYLE 8

Marissa Beachell  
Brett Memorial (AK)

Jennifer Beattie  
Nashoba Valley Olympia (MA)

Katherine Brittner  
BladeRunners Ice Complex (PA)

Lily Harvison  
Sioux Falls Figure Skating Club (SD)

Makenna Leik  
Schwan Super Rink/NSC (MN)

Genevieve Silverman  
Nashoba Valley Olympia (MA)

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Jiale Turner  
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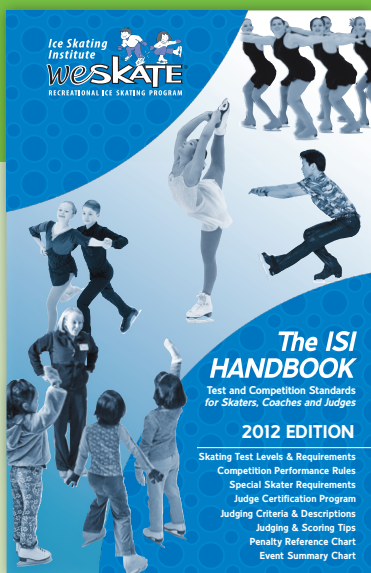
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Updated and revised to include the 2012 Rule Revisions, plus event descriptions for new national events (Advanced Formation teams, Open Skating teams, Theater Production teams and Open Pair tests & events).

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# 2012 ISI Scholarship Recipients Announced

The ISIA Education Foundation awards annual scholarships to ISI skaters, with recipients announced at the annual ISI Conference in May. This year's honored scholars, who will be profiled in an upcoming issue, are:

**Erika Galloway**  
Downers Grove, Ill.  
Downers Grove Ice Arena

**Blair Mack**  
Deerfield, Ill.  
Northbrook Sports Center

**Erin Sprenger**  
Jefferson City, Mo.  
Washington Park Ice Arena

**Jacqueline Sullivan**  
Yonkers, N.Y.  
E.J. Murray Skating Center

## Recent Donations

For information on tax-deductible donations as well as memorial or honorary gifts, please go to [www.skateisi.org/foundation](http://www.skateisi.org/foundation). Special thanks and appreciation go to the following generous individuals and groups who made pledges and donations during the first quarter of 2012:

**5-YEAR PLEDGE: GUARANTOR (\$5,000)**  
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# ISI IS COLLEGE-BOUND!



College students don't have to put ice skating on hold! The ISI Collegiate Skating Program gives students the opportunity to maintain or improve their skills, stay fit, be part of a team and compete in ISI events.

ISI member skaters of all skill levels are welcome. There is no minimum or maximum requirement for team size; even a single skater can represent a school. The Collegiate Championship trophy is awarded annually at the ISI Adult Championships.

*"Attending practices is good exercise and a great way to take a break from a hectic college schedule and enjoy the ice."*

Elisabeth Pitruzzella,  
Alpha-Level Collegiate Skater

*"The ISI program is a wonderful vehicle for collegiate teams to explore their talent and experience a stress-free atmosphere."*

Monica Malcomson,  
Platinum-Level Collegiate Skater

*Participation in the ISI Collegiate Skating Program offers all of the opportunities, rewards and — most of all — FUN that ISI skaters have come to know and love!*

## ISI COLLEGIATE SKATERS:

- Continue to participate in and enjoy a sport they love.
- Become part of a group of new friends who share their love of skating.
- Participate in ISI competitions.
- Stay fit and maintain or improve their skating skills.

For more information, go to [skateisi.org/collegiate](http://skateisi.org/collegiate) or contact the ISI office at (972) 735-8800.

# Ice Poets

## I-C-E S-K-A-T-I-N-G

I is for ice  
C is for cooperation with coaches  
E is for exhilarating

S is for skating  
K is for kids  
A is for axels  
T is for toe pick  
I is for Ina bower  
N is for nationals  
G is for gold medal

**Francesca Cilluffo, 8, FS 5**  
**Great Neck, N.Y.**  
**Great Neck Parkwood Sports Complex**



## On the Ice

Your first step  
on the ice  
feels like  
you're on top  
of the world  
and can fall off  
at any second.  
With one stumble  
or misstep,  
your three minutes of fame  
could end miserably.  
All eyes  
are on you.  
You know everyone  
can sense your nerves.  
When the music starts  
and echoes  
through the rink,  
all you feel  
is your routine  
escaping your mind.

When you begin  
your program,  
you don't have time  
to doubt yourself.  
You go,  
you push,  
you jump,  
pull yourself in  
and land perfectly.  
You fly through footwork  
and approach  
another element.  
You spin until you  
can't see anything,  
and you hold your  
composure when you land.  
Finishing your routine  
is a huge relief,  
and you are quick  
to exit the ice.

Even though you can  
barely breathe,  
the practice  
and nerves  
are worth it  
when you hear the  
crowd applaud.  
Once you get  
off the ice,  
hugs, kisses, and compliments  
are quick to follow.  
When you hear  
your event called,  
all your nerves  
come back again.  
You hear third place,  
not you.  
You hear second place,  
not you.  
You hear  
first place announced  
with your name  
quick to follow,  
and all the  
applause starts again.  
In your sigh of relief,  
you remember,  
you have  
practice tomorrow,  
and another performance  
soon to follow.

**Sydney McGraw,**  
**14, FS 6**  
**University of**  
**Illinois Ice Arena**  
**Forsythe, Ill.**





## I Am...

I am a girl filled with spirit as I take the ice.  
I wonder how this will go.  
I hear the crowd cheering.  
I see my friends walking through the door.  
I want to get this over with!  
I am a girl filled with spirit as I take the ice.

I pretend that I will win.  
I feel as cold as the ice underneath my blades.  
I touch my sparkly dress.  
I worry that I will fall.  
I cry because I have.  
I am a girl filled with spirit as I take the ice.

I understand if I lose.  
I say I got first place!  
I dream of being in the Olympics.  
I try to stop shaking.  
I hope my coach is happy.  
I am a girl filled with spirit as I take the ice.



**Sarah Frazier, 12, FS 4**  
**K Lynn Skating School**  
**Montgomery, Ala.**

## Artistic Program

Graceful as a swan  
Yet powerful as a lion:  
The figure skater.

The audience falls still  
All eyes fixed upon one spot:  
A young ice skater.

Music fills the air  
the skater begins to move.  
A story blossoms.

Lost somewhere alone  
trying to find her way home  
when she is attacked.

Fleeing from the beast,  
running as fast as she dares;  
then she trips and falls.

Looks at the creature  
fear clawing under her skin  
staring at her death.

Then the music ends.  
She stands up and smiles big,  
curtsies joyfully.

That's a skater's goal.  
to create a universe  
around her program.

Later on she grins  
Showing off her greatest win:  
A gold medal — first.



**Wini Kibre, 12, FS 5**  
**Redwood City, Calif.**  
**Nazareth Ice Oasis**

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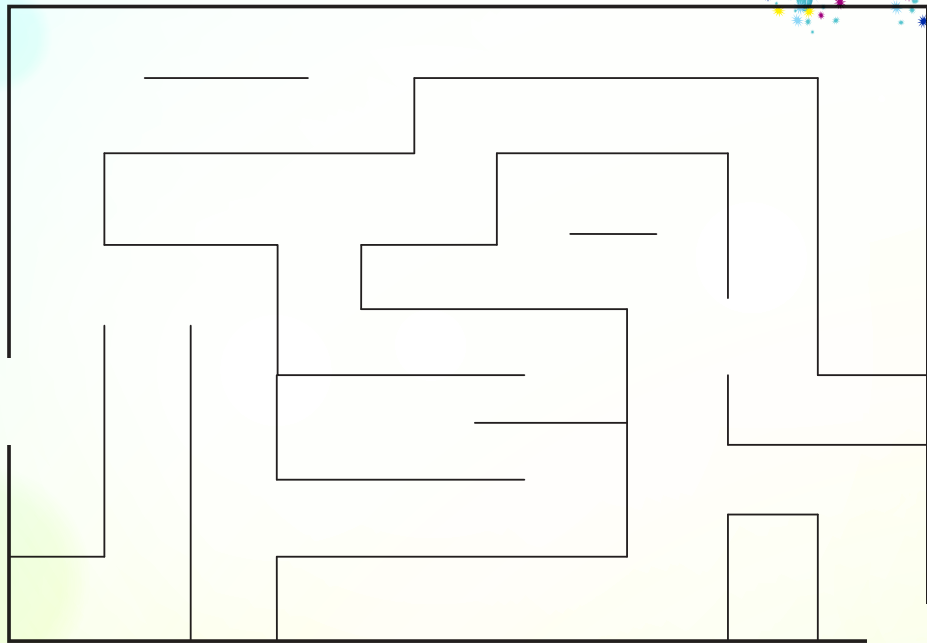
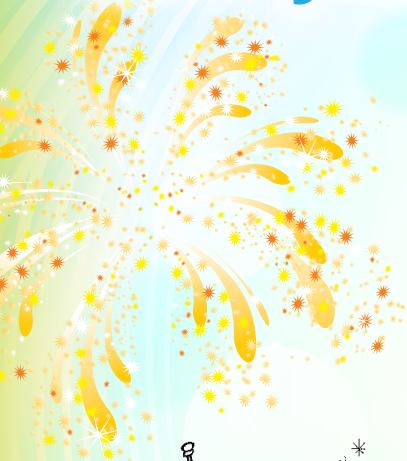
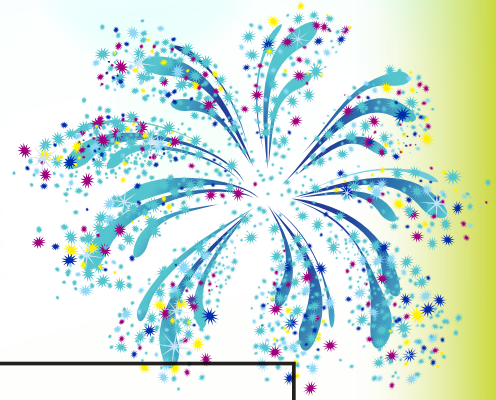


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# ARE YOU EARNING YOUR BADGES?



*As an ISI member, you are eligible to earn badges to mark the different levels of your accomplishments. You may also compete at the last level earned.*

*See if you know some of the requirements of the first five badges, by drawing a line from the skill listed to the badge test that it's on.*



- a. Bunny Hop
- b. Forward Crossovers
- c. One Foot Glide
- d. Hockey Stop
- e. Backward Crossovers
- f. Forward Swizzles
- g. T-Stop
- h. Outside 3-Turn
- i. Lunge
- j. Two Foot Glide
- k. Inside 3-Turn
- l. Forward Stroking
- m. Mohawk Combinations

*Find the answers at [skateisi.org/testinglevels](http://skateisi.org/testinglevels).*

## competitions

### june

- 28-July 1** Natick MA  
FMC William Chase Arena  
22nd Annual District 1 Championships
- 30-July 1** Paramount CA  
Paramount Iceland  
ISI Open Competition
- 30-July 1** Las Vegas NV  
Las Vegas Ice Center  
Red, White & Blue ISI Open Competition

### july

- 7-8** Evanston IL  
Robert Crown Center  
July Open
- 13-15** South St. Paul MN  
Wakota Civic Arena  
Summer Breeze Competition
- 14** Wilmette IL  
Centennial Ice Rinks-Wilmette  
Mid-Summer Classic
- 14-15** Eagle River AK  
Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center  
Once Upon a Time-District 16 Summer Competition
- 21-22** Westminster CA  
The Rinks- Westminster Ice  
2nd Annual Westminster Ice ISI Open
- 28** Gurnee IL  
Rink Side Family Entertainment Center  
The Summer Chiller



- 23-28** Dallas TX  
Dr Pepper Arena-Frisco  
Dr Pepper StarCenter  
McKinney at Craig Ranch  
ISI World Recreational Team Championships

### august

- 9-12** San Diego CA  
Ice Town-La Jolla  
Skate by the Sea
- 11-12** Oxnard CA  
Channel Island Ice Center  
Summer Skatefest
- 14-16** Honolulu HI  
Ice Palace Hawaii  
ISI Hawaiian Open

### september

- 14-16** Arlington TX  
ICE at The Parks  
9th Annual Open Competition
- 15-16** Valencia CA  
Ice Station Valencia  
7th Annual Autumn Classic
- 21-23** Gatlinburg TN  
Ober Gatlinburg Ice  
Ober Gatlinburg ISI Invitational

### october



- 5-7** Las Vegas NV  
Las Vegas Ice Center  
ISI Adult Championships
- 20-21** Irmo SC  
Plex Indoor Sports & Ice  
Palmetto Skate Club  
Palmetto Classic

### november



- 30-Dec. 2** Danbury CT  
Danbury Ice Arena  
ISI Holiday Challenge

## 2013

### february



- 8-10** Oxford OH  
Goggin Ice Center-  
Miami University  
ISI Winter Classic

### april



- 12-14** Blaine MN  
Schwan Super Rink  
ISI Synchronized Championships

## shows & exhibitions

### july

- 14** Roseville CA  
Skatetown  
Adventures at Sea
- 22** Fort Myers FL  
Fort Myers Skatium  
Skating Through the Decades

### august

- 4** Taunton MA  
FMC Alexio Arena  
Summer Show Off Exhibition
- 6** Evanston IL  
Robert Crown Center  
End of Summer Exhibition

### november

- 24-Dec. 16** Arlington TX  
ICE at The Parks  
Holiday at The Parks

### december

- 4-8** Knoxville TN  
Ice Chalet  
Nutcracker On Ice
- 5-6** Honolulu HI  
Ice Palace Hawaii  
Winter Show
- 9** Escondido CA  
Iceoplex Escondido  
Viva Las Vegas Holiday Show



# Adult Skaters Love to Live It Up in Vegas!

ISI Adult Championships  
October 5-7  
Las Vegas Ice Center  
Las Vegas

*Entry & Test Deadline: August 10*



*"Through my participation in ISI national events, including Adult Championships, I have enjoyed excitement, challenge and new friendships. Each competition has brought its own special meaning into my life. Just being there is an explosion of fun!*

*The events are geared to all levels, so each competitor has an equal opportunity to express, improve and be a champion. There is so much support and encouragement among all the competitors toward each other to be all you can be. It's like a big family caring for each other — you're never alone when skating in an ISI competition."*

**Cheryl Graffi**  
Pasadena, California

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# ISI NATIONAL COMPETITIONS



**July 23-28**

Dr Pepper Arena-Frisco  
Dr Pepper StarCenter  
McKinney at Craig Ranch

Entry & Test  
Deadline:  
May 1, 2012



**Oct. 5-7**

Las Vegas Ice Center  
Las Vegas

Entry & Test  
Deadline:  
Aug. 10, 2012



**Nov. 30-Dec. 2**

Danbury Ice Arena  
Danbury, CT

Entry & Test  
Deadline:  
Oct. 1, 2012



**Feb. 8-10**

Goggin Ice Center  
Oxford, OH

Entry & Test  
Deadline:  
Dec. 1, 2012



**Apr. 12-14**

Schwan Super Rink  
Blaine, MN

Entry Deadline:  
Feb. 1, 2013



**July 22-27**

The Rinks - Anaheim ICE  
Anaheim, CA

Entry & Test  
Deadline:  
May 1, 2013