

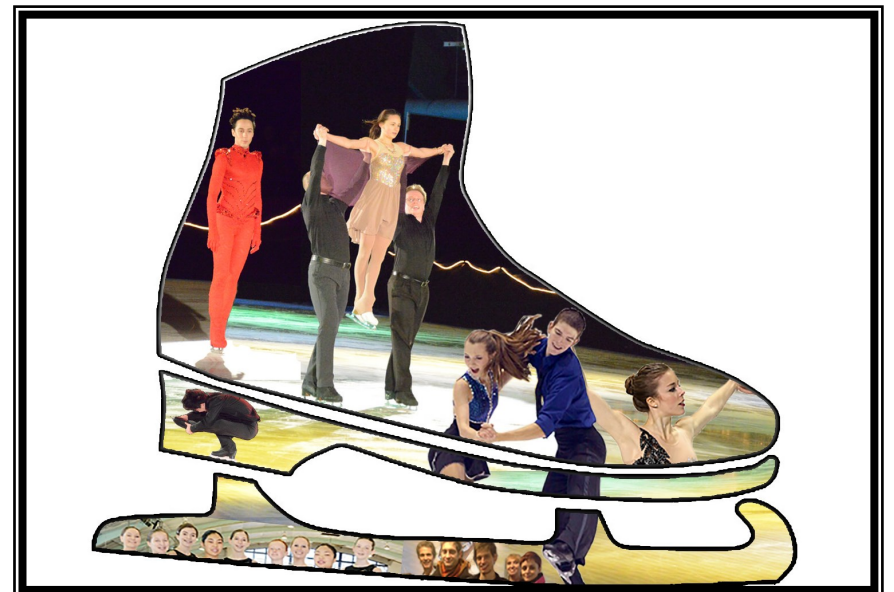
# **The Skating Club of Wilmington Reunion**

**July 23, 2016**

**7:00PM—10:00PM**



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# Program

7:00 PM: Check-in with Appetizers and Cocktails

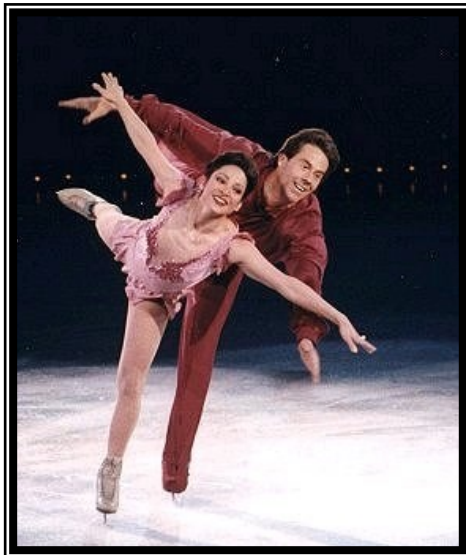
7:30 PM: Welcome Address  
Speakers  
Activities

8:00 PM Buffet Dinner  
Music  
Dancing

Cash Bar

Dress Code: Business Casual or Semi-Formal (No jeans or sneakers)

Event Photography: Norm Butler and Kristin Struven



# Attendees

Ann Adams	Jamie Loper
Diane Agle	Ron Ludington
Gregory Bak	Jennifer Lyon
Martha Baumeister & Guest	Sandy MacDonald
Luci Betzler	Gerald Miele & Guest
Peter Bilous & Guest	Laura Mitchell & Guest
Craig Bostwick	Ann Morton Neale
Alex Clark	Barbara Moyer & Guest
John Cole & Guest	Jeffrey Nolt & Guest
Jeff Czarnecki	Suzannah Nolt & Guest
Dan Danner	Leslie O'Brien
Jennifer Helfrich Eppes & Guests	Kevin Penfield
Dina Evans	Laura Everngam-Price & Guest
Brenda Flanagan & Guest	Carole Rebmann
James Freeman & Guest	John & Jane Reid
Lynne Freeman & Guest	Courtney Richardson & Guests
Frank Gibbin & Guest	Charles Rossbach & Guest
Barb Goodrich	Margaret Runde
Kathy Todaro Gotwalt	Suzy Schurman
Scott Gregory & Guest	Carole Smith
Marianne Gruber	Mary Smith & Guest
Dot Gualtieri & Guest	Stacey Smith
Hannah Stratton Gubanc & Guest	Laura Stratton
Ginny Harcke	Kristin Struven & Guests
Sharon Hatcherson	Keith Tindall & Guest
Elaine Hickman	Calla Urbanski-Petka & Guest
Honor Johnson	Todd Waggoner & Guest
Wendelyn Jones	Diana Wheeler
Robert Kaine & Guest	Anne White
Karl Kurtz	Christy Cullen Williams & Guests
Adam Leib	Diana Wisner
	Igor Yaroshenko & Guests

# In Memoriam

Dot Abrahamson	Emory Mersereau, Jr.
David Anderson	Frederick Mitchell
Roe & Bea Blume	Bert Nichols
Arthur Burke	Bill Pilcher
Ed & Pat Carroll	Carol & Lyn Poole
Mike Dora	Ernie Rector
Lillian Flanagan	Jerry Renald
Tom Ford	Terry Rock
Phil Fraser	Jean Rule
Ethel Garwood	Dan Sullivan
Glen & Gladys Grantland	Edith & Tom Swabota
Tom Hazen	Doris June (DJ) Tindall
Jerry Hinchliffe	Rodger Tindall
Elizabeth Ingersoll	Bill Todd
Nancy Jehl	Marge Turner
Frederick Keidel	Dan Tynan
Albert Kretschmer, Jr.	Joan Walsh
Charles Lally	Moir W. Walsh
Pat Lalor	Joe Wheelock
Wayne Lalor	Virginia Wood
Hicks Lawrence	Ray Woodland
Janet Loper	
Dana McKinley	
Charlotte B. Mersereau	

## Welcome!

To Members, Friends, and Families,

Welcome to the first reunion of the Skating Club of Wilmington, commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Skate Wilmington competition!

The Skating Club of Wilmington has long been a fixture in both the local Wilmington community and the greater figure skating world. For over 50 years it has been a home and training ground for skaters of all levels, from tots (and parents) learning their first swizzles to world-class competitors performing leaps and gyrations that leave the rest of us speechless. It has also served our area as a place to enjoy recreational skating, play hockey, and develop the skills of Special Olympians as well as a spot for teens to safely have fun on Friday nights.

Annual Ice Shows have promoted our sport while providing a showcase for our skaters to highlight their developing artistry and athleticism. Competitions, including Skate Wilmington and Autumn Skate, as well as test sessions, have attracted skaters from around the region as they hone, test, and show off their increasing skills. There is a lot going on at the Skating Club of Wilmington!

This reunion is an opportunity for all to have fun, visiting with friends old and new, while celebrating the Club's proud history and promising future. I hope that you enjoy this event - and please, thank all of those who worked so hard to make it happen, including Sharon Hatcherson, Jennifer Lyon, Igor Yaroshenko, Carole Smith, Carole Rebmann, Peter Bilous, Dot Gualtieri, and Sheila Chambers.

Enjoy!

Kevin Penfield  
President, SCW Board



# A Brief History of the Club

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The Skating Club of Wilmington has been part of the Wilmington community for over 50 years, but its story began with a group of people who enjoyed ice skating on the Brandywine River. Unfortunately, their ice skating was limited to a few days every winter.

In 1955, they constructed an outdoor ice rink with portable ice making machinery. This small group contacted those whom they knew would be interested in forming and joining a skating club to form the Wilmington Skating Club in March 1955. On Feb. 4, 1956 the club applied for membership in the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA). Membership was granted in 1958 and the club continued to use the outdoor ice rink for the next few years.

On March 3, 1961, the club name was changed and incorporated as The Skating Club of Wilmington, Inc., and on March 20, 1964, members skated on their own ice for the first time, and ice skating was possible for 10 months of the year.

The club gradually made additions such as locker rooms, upstairs kitchen, bleachers, show lighting, audio system and ceiling insulation to their basic building. The rink was in such demand that for years it was open 24 hours a day - for 10 months of each year. The next big addition came in 1989 when the club renovated the rink to add a new refrigeration system, a longer ice surface, and many other features. As a result, The Skating Club of Wilmington was able to operate 12 months a year. In 1997, the Skating Club of Wilmington was granted non-profit, 501(c)3 status.

Over the years, SCW has hosted an array of events. SCW hosted the first United States Adult Figure Skating Championship (Adult Nationals) in 1995. Adult Nationals was such a success that USFSA made it an annual event and, ironically, it has grown too large to be accommodated at SCW, where it began.

Community activities included fundraisers for the Ronald McDonald House, local schools and PTA groups, the annual Wilmington Firefighters/Police hockey game which raises money for children with cancer, and Special Olympic training camps.

Today's members are a diverse group, and membership fees are structured so almost any family or individual can join. SCW caters to all age groups and strives to have a practical mix of hockey, serious competitors, recreational skaters and community service. One of our members, Jamie Loper went all the way through our skating programs and turned professional, skating with Disney On Ice for several years. Ashley Wagner, 3-time National Ladies Champion, 2014 Olympic competitor and current World Silver Medalist, claims SCW as her home club, as does international skater and TV commentator, Johnny Weir.

Maintaining an aging building and ice-making equipment comes at a cost. We depend on income from several sources: membership, hockey rentals, public skating, donations, two competitions every year and the annual show. SCW still operates as a club. We are one of only 5 ice rinks in the United States who are owned and operated by the membership and run by a volunteer Board of Directors.

# Past Presidents

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1961-1965	A. Hicks Lawrence
1965-1966	Fred L. Mitchell
1966-1967	Robert A. Moosman
1967-1968	Caroll F. Poole
1968-1969	Earl A. Abrahamson
1969-1970	Pauline S. Bowen
1970-1971	Frederick A. Keidel
1971-1973	Emory P. Mersereau
1973-1974	Thomas A. Ford
1974-1975	Frederick A. Keidel
1975-1976	Robert A. Bouchard
1976-1977	Caroll F. Poole
1977-1979	Daniel G. Tynan
1979-1981	Joseph A. Rosenthal
1981-1984	Dana Mc Kinney, Jr.
1984-1986	Norada M. Sharkey
1986-1988	Richard A. Stuckey
1988-1990	John C. Rodowski
1990-1992	Donald D. Thureau
1992-1993	John J. Hardy
1993-1995	Kathleen A. Casey
1995-1998	Valerie S. Pease
1998-2000	Carole S. Smith
2000-2001	Richard K. Rebmann
2001-2003	John P. Reid
2003-2005	Kim W. Snyder
2005-2007	Laura D. Stratton
2007-2009	Leslie O'Brien
2009-2011	Carole S. Smith
2011-2013	Virginia R. Harcke
2013-2015	Gregory Bak
2015-2017	Kevin Penfield

# Our Past Champions of the United States

Discipline	Name	Year(s)
Championship Ladies	Ashley Wagner	2012, 2013, 2015
Championship Pairs	Caitlin Carruthers/ Peter Carruthers	1981, 1982, 1983, 1984
	Gillian Wachsmann/ Todd Waggoner	1986
Championship Ice Dance	Stacey Smith/ John Summers	1978, 1979, 1980
Junior Pairs	Nicole Bateson-Rock/ Keith Tindall	1994
	Ginger Tse/ Archie Tse	1984
Junior Ice Dance	Anne Spiewak/ Keith Lichtman	1981
Novice Pairs	Andrea Catoia/ Paul Dulebohn	1991
Intermediate Ice Dance	Blake Rosenthal/ Calvin Taylor	2003
Championship Adult Ice Dance	Trisha Hessinger/ Chuen-Gun Lee	2013

# Club Leadership

## Board of Directors

Greg Bak	Kevin Penfield, President
Norman Butler	Mary Smith
Sharon Hatcherson, Treasurer	Kristin Struven, Secretary
Pam Kincaid	Melinda Weinstein, VP
John L Lerner	
Dawn Lord	

# Professional Staff/Coaches

Ronnie Biancosino	Dennis Phan
Stuart Bradley	Courtney Richardson
Alex Clark	Irina Romanova*
Jeff Czarnecki	Suzy Semanick Schurman*
Philip Dulebohn	Irina Shoumeikina
Jennifer Eppes	Laura Stefanik
Dirke Hill	Marcia Walkney
Elizabeth Hollett	Emily Walsh
Marcie Kierpiec	Sara Weymouth
Mojca Kopac*	Igor Yaroshenko*
Jamie Loper	Leslie Boyer Yeager
Andrew Newberry	
Viktor Pfeifer*	

\*Olympians

# SCW Staff

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Many thanks to our Superstar Staff listed below. The Skating Club of Wilmington would be hard-pressed to operate as efficiently as we do, without your countless hours of hard work and dedication!

**Peter Bilous**

**Dot Gualtieri**

**Sheila Chambers**

**David Giles** (not pictured)

**Alex Clark** (not pictured)



# Our Past Olympians & World Medalists

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Name	Title	Years	Worlds
	World Silver Medalist, Ladies	2016 Worlds	4 World Championships
Ashley Wagner	Olympic Bronze Medalist-Team	2014 Olympics	
	7th Place Ladies	2014 Olympics	
Gillian Wachsman & Todd Waggoner	5th Place Pairs	1988 Olympics	3 World Championships
	Olympic Silver Medalist, Pairs	1984 Olympics	
Kitty Carruthers & Peter Carruthers	World Bronze Medalist, Pairs	1982 Worlds	
	5th Place Pairs	1980 Olympics	4 World Championships
Stacey Smith & John Summers	9th Place Ice Dance	1980 Olympics	3 World Championships
Elisa Spitz & Scott Gregory	10th Place Ice Dance	1984 Olympics	3 World Championships
Lea Ann Miller & William Fauver	10th Place Pairs	1984 Olympics	4 World Championships
Carol Fox & Richard Dalley	5th Place Ice Dance	1984 Olympics	5 World Championships

The above list reflects members who represented SCW during their competitive careers

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Grace Ferwerda



# SCW Officials

Name	Level
Martha Baumeister	Sectional Accountant
Holly Cole	Intermediate Figure Test Judge Gold Singles/Pairs/(Intl) Dance Test Judge National Dance Referee/Competition Judge Sectional Singles/Pairs Referee/Competition Judge Sectional Dance Tech Controller National Showcase Referee/Competition Judge National Theatre On Ice Competition Judge
John Cole	Intermediate Figure Test Judge Gold Singles/Pairs/MITF/(Intl) Dance Test Judge National Dance Referee/Competition Judge National Singles/Pairs Referee/Competition Judge ISU Dance Referee/Judge National Dance Tech Controller/Tech Specialist National Singles/Pairs/Dance Video Replay Operator National Singles/Pairs/Dance Data Entry National Showcase Referee/Competition Judge National Theatre On Ice Referee/Competition Judge
Dorothy Dodson	Gold Figure/MITF/Singles/Pairs Test Judge Silver Dance Test Judge Gold Singles/Pairs Test Judge Novice Sectional Dance Competition Judge National Singles/Pairs Referee/Competition Judge Sectional Dance Referee
Cynthia Drayton	Gold MITF/Singles/Pairs/Dance (Intl) Test Judge National Dance Competition Judge National Singles/Pairs Referee/Competition Judge Sectional Dance Referee NQ Dance Technical Controller NQ Singles/Pairs/Dance Video Replay Operator
Lynne Freeman Lauer	High Figures Test Judge Gold Singles/Pairs/MITF Test Judge National Singles/Pairs Competition Judge Sectional Singles/Pairs Referee NQ Singles/Pairs/Dance Video Replay Operator
Barbara Goodrich	Gold Figure/MITF Test Judge Gold Singles/Pairs/Dance (Intl) Test Judge Sectional Singles/Pairs/Dance Competition Judge

Calla Urbanski-Petka



# SCW Officials

Name	Level
Hannah Harberg	Gold Figure/MITF Test Judge Gold Singles/Pairs/Dance (Intl) Test Judge Sectional Dance Referee/Competition Judge Regional Singles/Pairs Competition Judge
Eileen Hardy	Gold MITF/Dance Test Judge Silver Singles/Pairs Test Judge
Sharon Hatcherson	National Accountant National Data Entry/Video Replay Operator
Elaine Hickman	Gold Figure/MITF Test Judge Gold Singles/Pairs/Dance (Intl) Test Judge Sectional Dance Competition Judge Regional Singles/Pairs Competition Judge
Jennifer Lyon	Sectional Accountant Silver Singles/Pairs/MITF Test Judge
Janice Merrill-Rossi	Gold (with International Cert) Dance Test Judge Gold Moves in the Field II Test Judge
Gerald Miele	Gold Figures/MITF Test Judge Gold Singles/Pairs/Dance (Intl) Test Judge National Dance Referee/Competition Judge Sectional Singles/Pairs Referee/Competition Judge Sectional Singles/Dance Technical Controller Sectional Singles/Pairs/Dance Video Replay National Theatre On Ice Referee/Competition Judge
Ann Morton Neale	Sectional Accountant
Alice Rakowski	Gold Singles/Pairs/Dance (Intl) Test Judge
Margaret Runde	Bronze Singles/Pairs Test Judge
Lynn Ryan	Silver Dance/MITF Test Judge
Diana Wisner	Gold Singles/Pairs/Dance (Intl) Test Judge National Dance Competition Judge Sectional Singles/Pairs Referee/Competition Judge Sectional Singles/Dance Tech Controller Regional Data Entry Operator Sectional Video Replay Operator National Showcase Referee/Competition Judge



SCW Pre-Juvenile Synchro Team

Peter Liu, Art2Skate, April 15, 2016



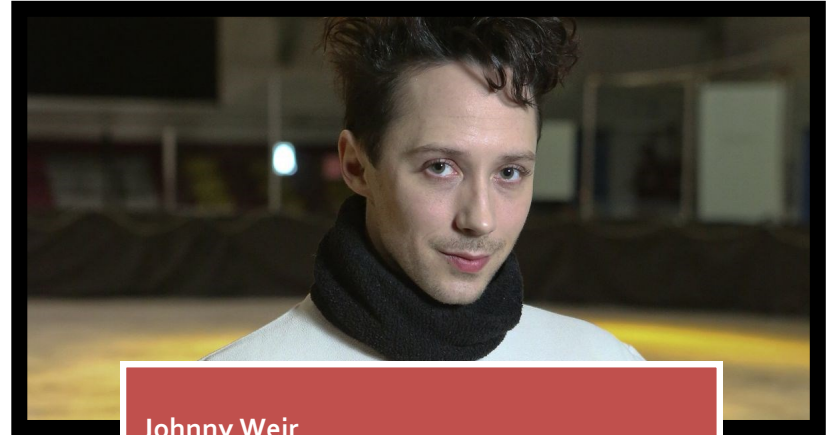


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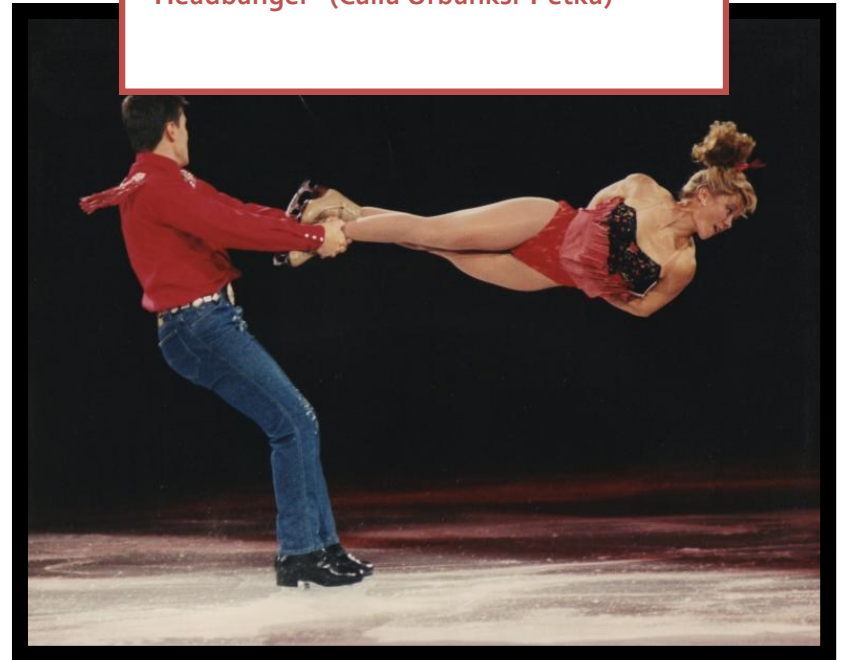
Stacey Smith & John Summers



Johnny Weir



"Headbanger" (Calla Urbanski-Petka)



SCW  
1986

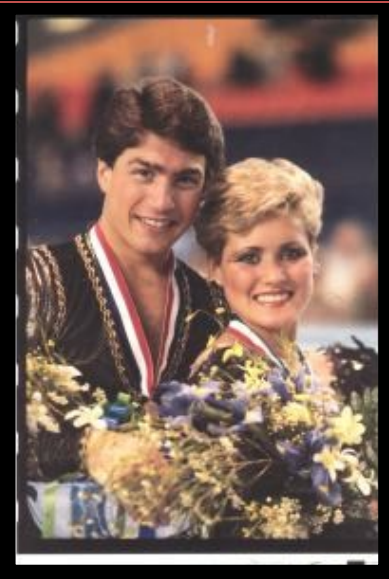


Brandywine  
Blades Ice  
Show Party,  
1982



# MEMORIES

Suzy Sernanick & Scott Gregory, 1987



Gillian Wachsmen & Todd Waggoner, 1988 Olympics



Laura Everngam & Jerry Santaferarra



# MEMORIES

Peter Bilous



Ashley Wagner

Team SCW





# MEMORIES



Anne (Thomas) White with Danny Danner (Anne's Argentine Tango test)--1971



1980 — Bound for South Atlantics in Atlanta

# MEMORIES



Lee Ann Miller & William Fauver, date unknown



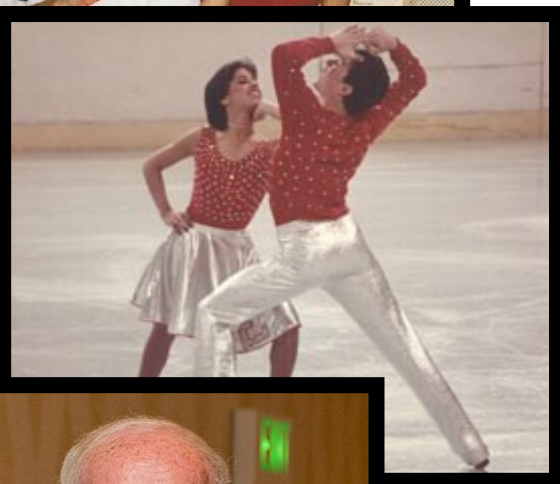
Irina Romanova and Igor Yaroshenko practising at the 1995 World Championships

# MEMORIES

Early Morning Training! Calla Urbanski & Shawn Rettstatt



Elisa Spitz & Scott Gregory, 1982 US Figure Skating Championships

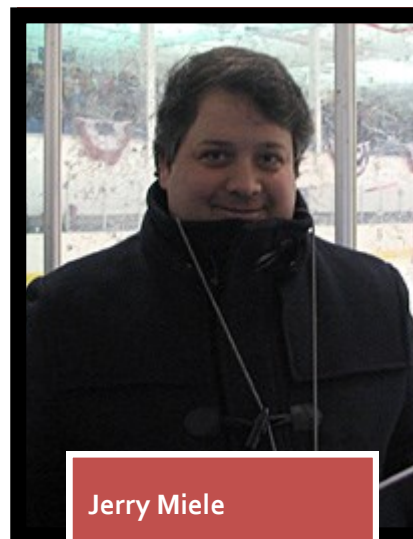


Ron Ludington



# MEMORIES

Jerry Miele



Kitty & Peter Carruthers



Viktor Pfeifer at 2010 Skate America

