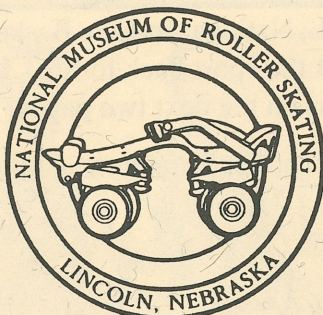


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# HISTORICAL ROLLER SKATING OVERVIEW

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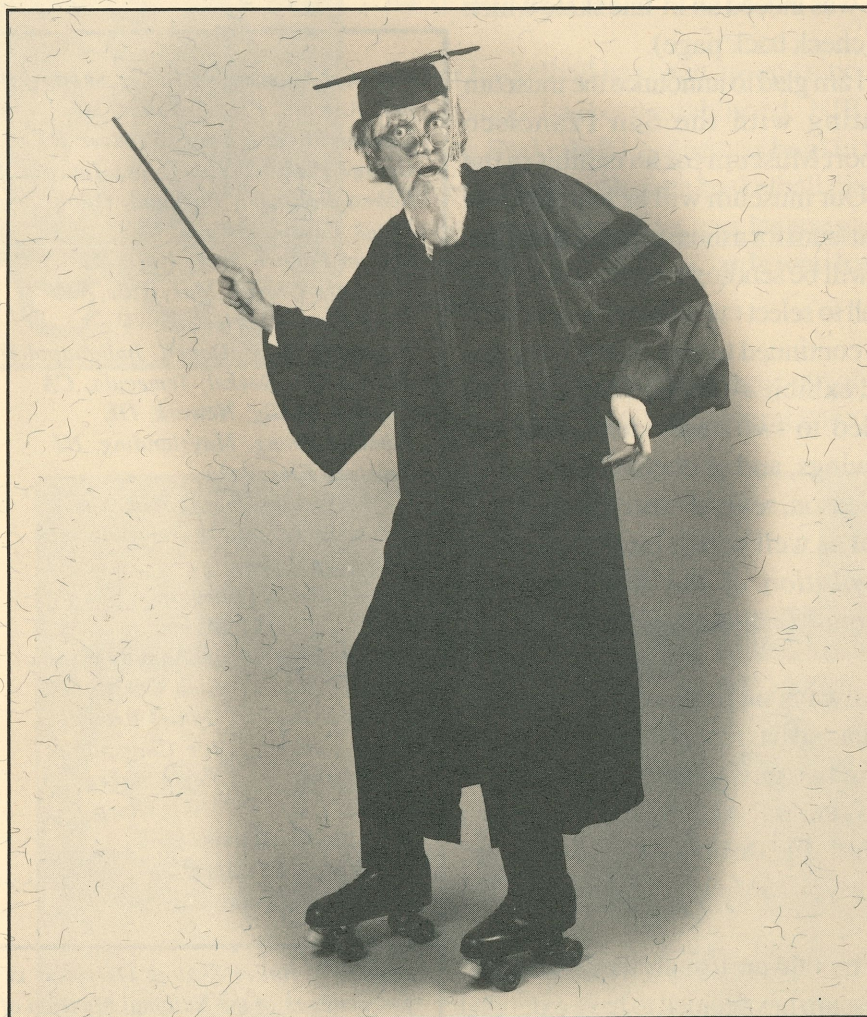
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*The "Professor Phantom" was designed for a new concept in rink music programming, circa 1983.  
(Gift of Douglas Willet, Sound Dynamics, Inc.)*

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# C u r a t o r ' s C o r n e r

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Raffle time is over, summer is here!

The museum sold over 500 tickets for this year's annual event. The museum received enthusiastic support from the RSA conventioners, museum members, and the roller skating community. The winners are listed on page 6.

Along with the raffle at the convention, the museum had a booth at the trade show. The booth displayed some of the three-wheeled skates in the collection and educated visitors about the history of the roller skate. Many were dumbfounded to know that the first patented skate was indeed an in-line skate which is in the museum (check back page).

On to other news, I am glad to announce the museum will be cooperating with the San Francisco International Airport Museum for an exhibit in the summer of 1997. Our museum will be loaning over 75 objects to this museum for a three month exhibition. The S.F. museum will be sending a field team to visit our museum this fall to select the objects for next year.

The museum has continued to stay on the busy end with a redesigned exhibit — *Roller Hockey*. This topic has expanded to two cases displaying old photographs, drawings, and of course, skates. For the summer busy season, several other exhibit cases will be redesigned as well which include; *Artistic Skating, The Evolution of the Wheel, Roller Hockey International League*, and *NIBBL* (page 3).

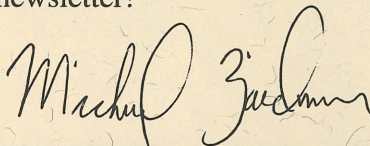
The museum is always on the look out for roller skating memorabilia and has recently purchased a life size bronze statue of two girls with their roller skates entitled, "To the Skating Rink," by Prince Monyo Mihailescu-Nasturel. Please check page 5 for more information on how you can help with much-needed funding.

Since the summer months are usually the busiest time for visitors, the museum has decided to have extended hours (check the back page).

This issue features the history of roller basketball which started in 1920 and then faded away.

Recently, the NIBBL, National In-Line Basketball League, has brought the sport back to life. Learn more about this sport on the next two pages.

Thanks for your continued support. Enjoy the newsletter!



Michael Zaidman  
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# ROLLER BASKETBALL

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.....*The New York Roller Club beat the Broadway Rink Five team three games to two in December, 1920 at the Broadway Roller Skating Rink in Brooklyn at Halsey & Broadway streets. These two teams have been playing basketball on roller skates and are pioneering this style. Large crowds have been witnessing this event and there seems to be a following starting. The final score of the tie-breaker game was N.Y. 28 Broadway 16. The stars of the game were Jack Lewis and Sam Heckler who were accountable for twenty of NY's total. . . . .*

Roller basketball has been around since the 1920's and a recent surge has been established. NIBBL, the National In-Line Basketball League was born in the fall of 1993 by former pro and collegiate basketball players who were also in-line skaters. This new league was founded by former NBA pro Tom LaGarde who has a passion for both sports.

Tom LaGarde formed this league out of frustration. After six years in the NBA with several knee surgeries, he took



*Basketball on roller skates at Lowe's Rink, Nevada, MO., spring of 1922 (82.103.28).*

*Gift from C.W. Lowe, Jr.*

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up in-line skating to aid in his rehabilitation. He decided to mix the two which allowed him to play without much pain. Since starting the league, NIBBL has hosted its first World Championship, at Wollman Rink in New York City's Central Park, in May of 1994 . Then in June, 1995, the second championship took place. A second world championship followed in June 1995. NIBBL toured the country with Team Gatorade at NBA Hoop-it-up tournaments. This year's championships will be held in New York in September.

NIBBL is a unique organization that bases their game on fast breaks and a few basic rules and regulations to follow. Each team consists of five players, four starters and a substitute. The court is played on the full 100 x 50 feet court. Basic skills such as starting, stopping, turning and going backwards are necessary to compete successfully. The ability to shoot, catch, and throw a basketball is also important, but not necessary to enjoy the game. All skaters are required to wear the universal 4-wheel in-line skates in sanctioned NIBBL competitions. No conventional or quad skates are permitted in NIBBL events.

NIBBL does operate in some similar ways to roller hockey, such as players must wear helmets in all competitions and is a non-contact sport. It is a sport of finesse, speed, endurance, ball handling skills, and of course skate skills.

The major rules of NIBBL are similar to those in college basketball. A field-goal is two points and a three point shot is from an arc of 21 feet. Fouls are called for holding, hacking, and tackling. Games are played in 40 minutes with two twenty-minute halves. Unlike basketball, substitutions can be made at any time during the game. The players involved in the change must tag each other for the substitute to enter the court. Another rule unlike the traditional no-skate game are free-throws. Free-throws are awarded only if the fouling team has eight or more fouls in a half which results in a penalty situation, or if a shooter is fouled in the last two minutes of the game.

If you are interested in NIBBL and would like further information, call 212/336.7831. Also check page 6 for a recent donation from Tom LaGarde.



*1994 NIBBL National Championship, NY Kryzptonics vs. CT Twincam (Gift from Tom LaGarde).*

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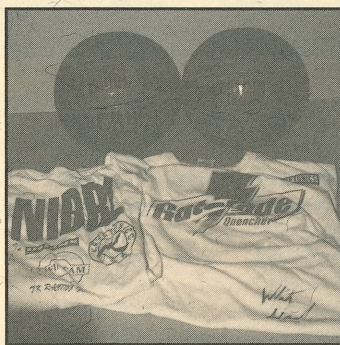
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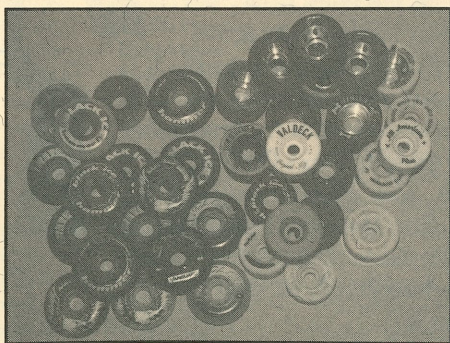
There have been numerous donations to the museum's collection in the last few months. Thanks to all who have aided the museum in strengthening the collection. Pictured here are several of the items the museum has received. Other donors include: Michael Ryder, Patti Shore, Robert Allen, Aldo Durante, Henry Zuver (IISA), Bullzeye Wheels, In-Line Skate Guards, and Chuck Menke (USA Hockey).



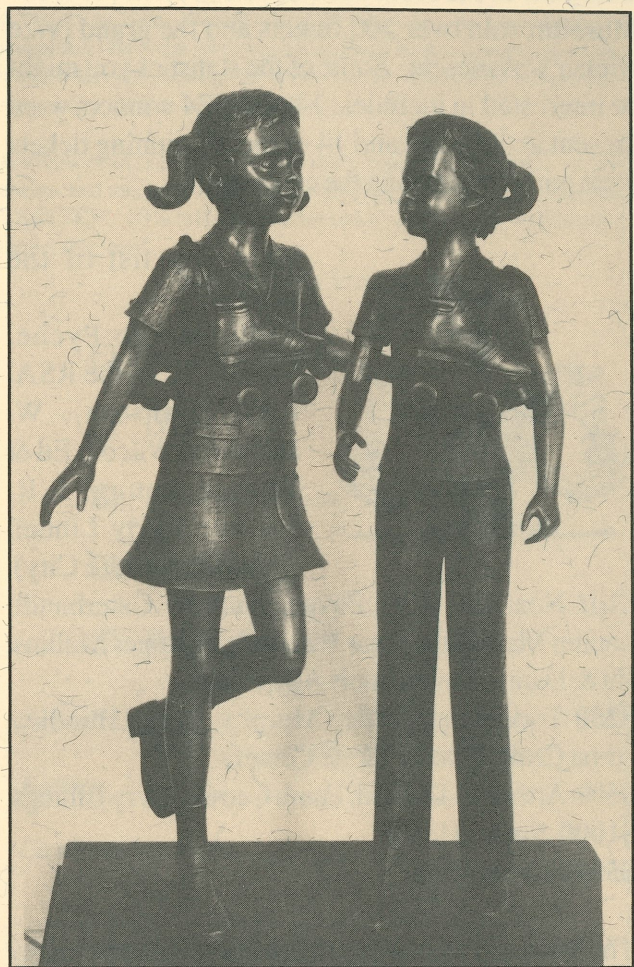
Above are several Roller Hockey International League team items donated to the museum from Kevin Lynch (RHI office), Kalli Quinn (Vancouver Voodoo), Henri Zevan (Long Island Jawz), and Renee Hawkins (LA Blades).



Tom LaGarde, from the National In-Line Basketball League donated two basketballs from the championship games and two jerseys located above.



Creative Urethanes (Hammer Wheels) donated a variety of wheels to the museum.



## MUSEUM PURCHASES FUND

The National Museum of Roller Skating is always on the hunt for more roller skating memorabilia. Recently, the Museum purchased a statue featuring two young girls carrying their roller skates. This statue has been placed near the entrance of the Museum. The funders who have helped pay for this statue will have their names placed on a plaque besides this acquisition. If you would like your name or company's name on the plaque, a minimum \$1000 is necessary.

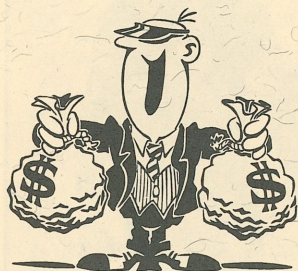
If you are interested in contributing to other purchase fund drives, please contact the Museum Director.

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# R A F F L E

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This year at the RSA convention in Reno, NV, the Museum sold over 500 tickets and the grand prize winner was present. Some of the statistics you might be interested in includes: 14 of the 24 winners were present at the raffle and 14 of the 24 winning tickets were purchased during the convention.



Here is a list of the winners:

**\$100**-George Pyche, Section 12 of the RSA, Roy Johnston, W. Hamilton Wilcox, Ed & Winnie Young, L.R. Brown, Sandy Lindell (Pendleton Skate City),

Cliff Nazzaro, Whit Payne, Andrew Osterhandt, Lauren Martinsen, Janie Wainwright, Roger Mullins, Jill & Danny Davis, Louis Ambruster.

**\$250**-Todd Reese, Helen Murphy, Becky Hundley, Anna Craft (Galaxy Skate Center).

**\$500**-Arthur H. Durand, Frank Cernik, Larry Billings.

**\$1000**-Susan Means

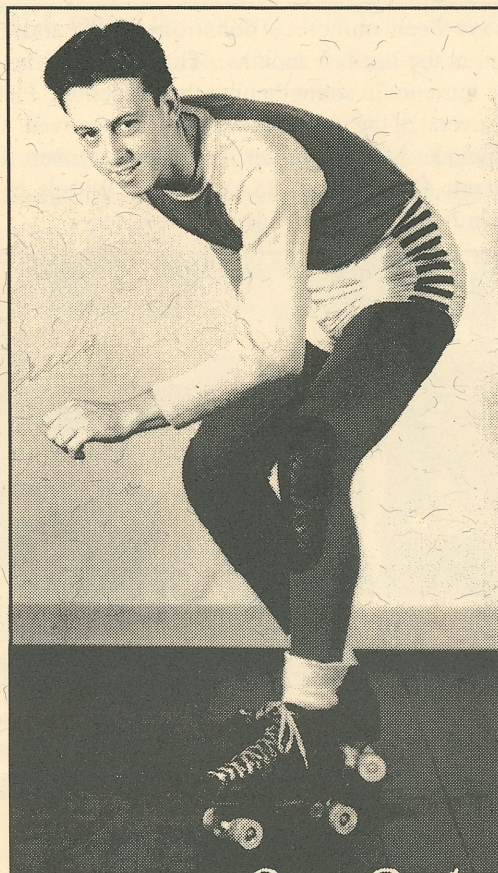
**\$5000**-Omar Dunn

The Museum would like to thank everyone (to many to list everyone's name) who participated in this year's raffle. The funds raised for this raffle will help support the museum's operating budget, outreach activities, and create new exhibits.

The Museum would also like to thank the RSA staff for their contribution in making the raffle a success and the Museum Board of Trustees who were at the convention to help out with ticket sales and raffle night (Bert Anselmi, Bob Bollinger, Frank Cernik, Charlotte Groves, Katherine McDonell, Mills Lynn, and Ed Young).

***Thanks for all your support!***

***See you next year in Las Vegas!***



*During the RSA trade show, the Museum's exhibit had many visitors tell their story of roller skating history. Pictured above is Bob "the security guard" Pringle. He participated in the professional roller derby in 1937. This photo is Bob in the late 1930s.*

## Information Wanted

Lou Brooks is looking for some interesting anecdotes from people that were actually active from 1941 to 1972... participants, rink owners, rink employees, etc. Any story or even just fond memories of what the roller rink's Golden Age was like. Also any information on the history of the Universal Roller Skating Sticker Exchange (U.R.S.S.E.). Please contact Lou with your response at:

e-mail: [nutwerk@acy.digex.net](mailto:nutwerk@acy.digex.net)

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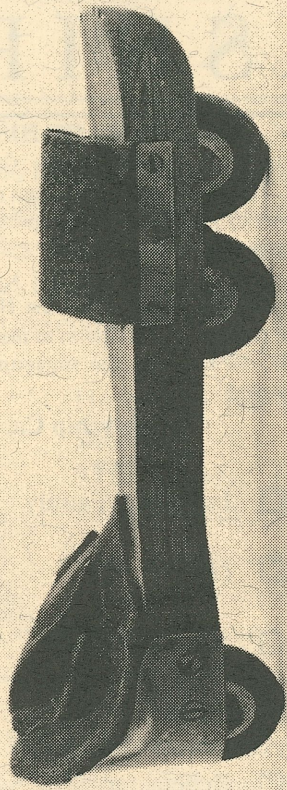
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## Another Museum artifact



*The first patented roller skate (1819) featured 3-in line wheels, a wood plate, and leather straps to attach to the foot. Wheels were available in wood, metal, or ivory.*

*(Gift of W.C. Ludascher)*

### **Extended hours this summer!**

Saturday, June 22	1-6 p.m.	Sunday, June 23	12-4 p.m.
Saturday, June 29	1-6 p.m.	Sunday, June 30	12-4 p.m.
Saturday, August 3	1-6 p.m.	Sunday, Aug. 4	12-4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 10	1-6 p.m.	Sunday, Aug. 11	12-4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 17	1-6 p.m.	Sunday, Aug. 18	12-4 p.m.
		Saturday, Aug. 24	10-1 p.m.

Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28 the Museum will be open until 6 p.m. Then starting Thursday, Aug. 1, the Museum will be open until 6:30 p.m. M-F until Friday, Aug. 23.

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