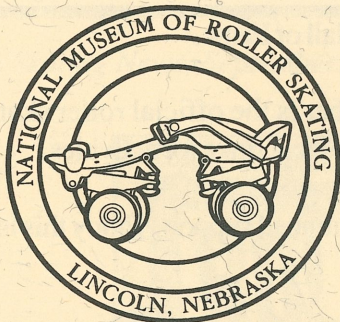

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Erney Whettler, in costume for the Skating Vanities — the only professional roller skating touring show, 1946.

Roller Skating Vanities closed in 1959 (82.25.92).

Gift of Richard & Marge McLauchlen

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

Greetings from the National Museum of Roller Skating!

Well, things have definitely been busy beginning with the United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating's midwest regional championship. The museum was open an extra hour during the week and on the weekends. Many roller skating enthusiasts and local patrons stopped by and visited our museum. If you didn't have the opportunity to visit during regionals or were not here, please stop by during National Championship action. When you arrive, show your membership card and receive a free gift. The extended hours are listed on the back page.

In September, I will be traveling to Las Vegas, Nevada for the National In-Line Hockey Association's Championships & Trade Expo at the Cashman Field House. The museum recently received a Nebraska Tourism Marketing Grant which will allow the museum to attend and showcase some of the museum's collection on roller hockey. So, if you are planning on attending, please stop by the museum's booth.

Over the past few months, the Museum Store has acquired a few new items including three postcards which depict Vaudeville Skaters, roller hockey from the 1930s, and a children's speed skating race from the 1940s. Other items include a new T-Shirt depicting an 1880s roller hockey drawing, a paperweight with the museum's logo, and new burgundy and tan coffee mugs. If you are interested in ordering any of these items, please check page 6.

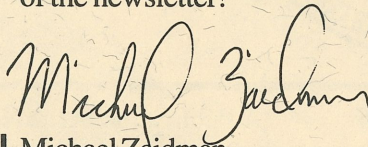
This newsletter's feature article is a recap from the 1946 United States Championship held at Gay Blades Roller Skating Rink in New York City.

Also, please check page 7 for the latest USAC/RS

inductees into the Hall of Fame.

Don't forget, October is the official roller skating month! Check your local rinks for activities.

Thanks for your continued support. Enjoy this issue of the newsletter!



Michael Zaidman
Director & Curator

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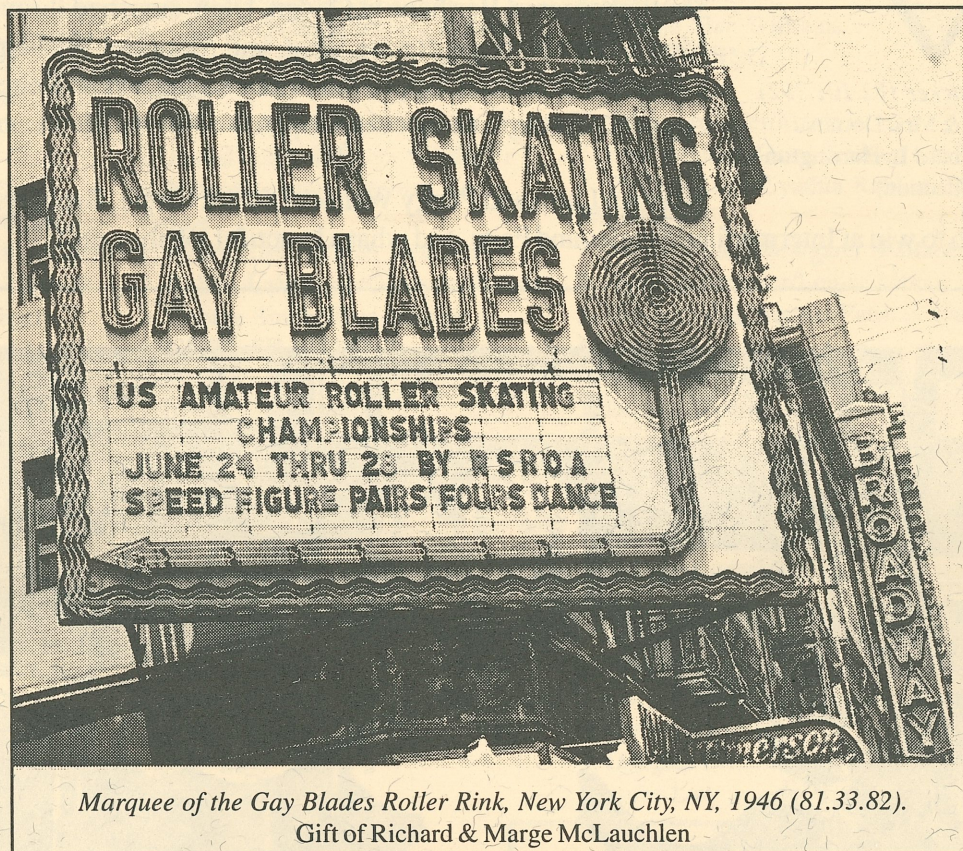
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1946 UNITED STATES CHAMPIONSHIPS

From Skating News, September 1946



*Marquee of the Gay Blades Roller Rink, New York City, NY, 1946 (81.33.82).
Gift of Richard & Marge McLauchlen*

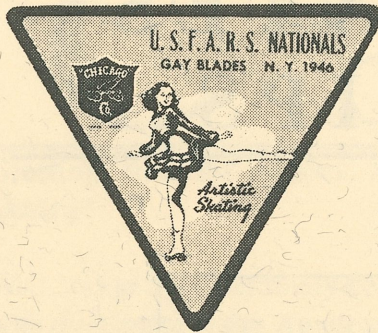
About six thousand roller skaters and their families converged on New York City for the 1946 National Championships which took place at Gay Blades June 24 through June 28. Considerable cooperation was received from all civic departments, hotels, and so forth, with the exception of the weather man who brought one of the warmest spells of the season-as if to provide a real torrid atmosphere for the hot contests.

With the thermometer standing at 100 degrees, the competitions got under way bright and early and, best of all, on time, Monday morning, June 24, with some fine speed skating preliminary races.

Henry Kirsche and Joan Westenberg of Wal-Cliffe, Elmont, NY, really mopped up the Junior Division. They won the Dance, Pairs, and Henry won the Boys' Figure event. Joan was in the money in the hot Junior Girls' Figure event but was topped by Nancy Lee Parker of Detroit and Kunnie Mae Williams of Cleveland. The personal competition of these two youngsters (formerly teammates) left the others well back.

Those Cincinnati speed skaters from Sefferino's did a bang-up job, too. They rolled up the Intermediate Boys, Senior Ladies, Intermediate Ladies, Junior Girls events and took enough OTHER places to make

ANY RINK happy.



*Gay Blades Sticker (82.101.292).
Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Dominic
Rotondo (Richard L. Harrington
Collection)*

Jimmy Costigan and Ruth Crause of Chez Vous, Upper Darby, PA, did **THE IMPOSSIBLE** by repeating on the Senior Dance and they knew that they had been through a real meet. The competition was great.

Columbus (Ohio) Skateland also set an enviable pace with Intermediate Dance champs and runners-up in Senior and Novice Dance. Teddy Shufflebarger of Berthana at Ogden, Utah, smashed through the Senior Men's Figures to win for the West, and Margaret Williams McMillan, Cleveland Skateland, topped the Senior Ladies' event. Robert Gormley of Arcadia, Chicago, came out on top in the Novice Men's event.

Norman Latin and Peggy Wallace of Park Circle, Brooklyn, did another impossible job to win at Intermediate Singles and Pairs, and what a beautiful job they did!



Margaret Wallace & Norman Latin posing at Gay Blades Roller Rink (81.33.139).

Gift of Richard & Marge McLauchlen

1946 U.S. Championship Results

SPEED SKATING

Senior Men

1. Harold Wyant
2. Orville Godfrey
3. Norman Archer

Intermediate Boys

1. Charles Oppelt
2. Ray Martinez
3. Thomas Allen

Junior Boys

1. Dale Godfrey
2. Steve Hromjak
3. Robert Smith

Juvenile Boys-Class A

1. Joseph Hakim
1. Robert L. Martin
3. Lauris Muellenhagen

Juvenile Boys-Class B

- 1 Donald Michael

Juvenile Boys-Class C

1. Charles Michael
2. James Johnson

Senior Ladies

1. Mary Lou Dauer
2. Norma Whitney
3. Dorothy Kohls

Intermediate Girls

1. Charlotte Roos
2. Marian Wagner
3. Charlene Orr

Junior Girls

1. Dolores Pirrman
2. Shirley Martin
3. Julia Boone

Juvenile Girls-Class A

1. Alice Plumb
2. Ernestine Davis
3. Dorothy VanDamme

Juvenile Girls-Class B

1. Donna Lee Hill
2. Jackie Heidebreicht

Juvenile Girls-Class C

1. Phyllis Markley

SKATE DANCING

Senior

1. James Costigan/Ruth Crause
2. Jack Boyer/Eleanor Boyer
3. Douglas Breniser/Louise Moore

Intermediate

1. Otto Lund/Dolores Devlin
2. Charles O'Connell/Mary Abbott
3. Thomas Lane/Patricia Fifield

Novice

1. Thomas White/Fay Johnson
2. James Schmoll/Laura Schneider
3. Nicholas Andre/Dephine Andre

Junior

1. Henry Kirsche/Joan Westenberg
2. Robert LaVenture/Gertrude Pichette
3. George Smith/Eliza Mahoney

FIGURE SKATING

Senior Men

1. Ted Shufflebarger
2. Thomas Lane
3. Elbert Patten

Intermediate Men

1. Norman Latin
2. J.W. Norcross, Jr.
3. Ted Rosdahl, Jr.

Novice Men

1. Robert Gormley
2. Robert Cawley
3. Robert Allar

Junior Boys

1. Henry Kirsche
2. Roger Fuerst
3. Rudy Goldman

Senior Ladies

1. Margaret Williams McMillian
2. Shirley Snyder
3. Dolores Molla

Intermediate Ladies

1. Margaret Wallace

2. Patricia Carroll

3. Joan Blazek

Novice Ladies

1. Gloria McCarthy

2. Grace D'Andrea

3. Geraldine Specht

Junior Girls

1. Nancy Lee Parker

2. Joan Westenberg

3. Kunnie Mae Williams

PAIR SKATING

Senior

1. Clarence Rader/Marie Reed

2. Pual Bauman/Carol Bodden

3. Thomas Lane/Cynthia Ranlett

Intermediate

1. Norman Latin/Margaret Wallace

2. Douglas Breniser/Louise Moore

3. William Van Wagner/Patricia Carroll

Novice

1. Richard Lynch/Violet Farina

2. Donald Tuohy/Jeanne Kuester

3. Homer McMahan/Mary Lou Orr

Junior

1. Henry Kirsche/Joan Westenberg

2. Raymond Murtha/Audrey Murtha

3. George Kuzma/Vernie Bauer

Fours

1. William Van Wagner/Patricia Carroll/Donald Tuohy/Jeanne Kuester

2. Cecil Davis/Phyllis Bulleigh/Kenneth Johnson/Barbara Laney

3. Douglas Breniser/Louise Moore/Charles Little/Dorothy Law

October is the official Roller Skating Month!



First's in 1946

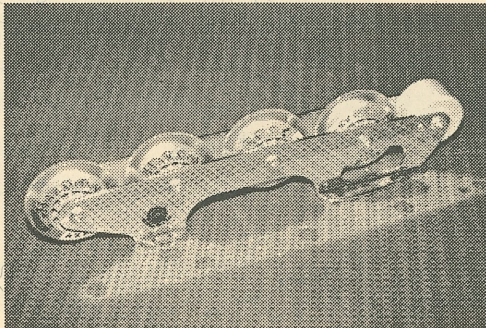
- ★ the first commercially made toe stop went on the market
- ★ the first plastic coated roller skating surface made its appearance in rinks
- ★ the first American Gold medal roller skating figure test took place at the Arena Gardens rink in Detroit--six out of 23 passed

Donations

There have been numerous donations to the museum's collection in the last few months. Thank you to all who have aided the museum in strengthening the collection. Pictured below are several items the museum has received. Other donors include: Sunna Roulston (*NJ Rockin Rollers*), JoAnn Marie Oracz, Dan Ross (*Square Wheels*), Linda Kunze, Nadine E. Pokorny-Meis, Chester Fried, Jim Nelson Cheney, Karla Kay, Wynne De Rosa, Joe Leanza, Emily Norton, Jackie & Joe Minisavage, and James Pollard.

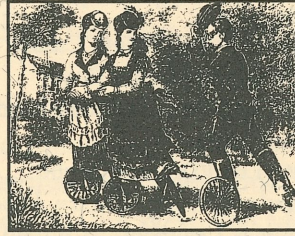


Kelly Miller (*In-Line Skate Guards*) donated the original design of the "Blox Skate Guard" and some of the latest designs. These guards will fit any size of in-line skate. It lets you walk when you need it most.



Jon Petell, (formerly *Roller Stop*, now *Harmony Sports, Inc.*) has donated this Pic frame which can now be seen in the redesigned artistic exhibit.

Museum Store



A. T-Shirt - 19th Century Roller Skating Scene - \$10



B. T-Shirt - 1880s Roller Polo Scene - \$10

C. Hall of Fame T-Shirt "Built For Speed" featuring George Moore & Vivian Bell \$5

D. Hall of Fame T-Shirt "Coaches" featuring Earl & Inez Van Horn \$5

E. The Evolution of the Roller Skate: 1820-Present \$10

F. Museum patches & pins \$3

G. Tan museum logo on burgundy mug \$5

H. Limited edition Cheret Lithograph-from the 1870s \$16

I. Museum logo on silver paperweight \$6

J. Museum postcards: Vaudeville Skaters, 1930s roller hockey team, 1940s children's speed skating race, drawing depicting "The Judge", and a drawing depicting woman on skates in the late 19th century. .50 each

K. William Wegman's "Roller Rover" postcard .75 each

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United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating
 Halls of Fame inductees for 1996 include:

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- Skip Clinton
 Robbie Coleman
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 Ken Benson & Robin Young

Coaches

- Ray & Cindy Chaput
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The reception will be held on Friday, August 9, 1996 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 141 North 9th Street, Lincoln, NE. Invited are all new Hall of Fame inductees and their guests. Hall of Fame members, National Museum of Roller Skating members, USAC/RS Board Members, National Championship Officials, and USAC/RS Member Coaches.

BE A PART OF HISTORY

The history of roller skating is fragile. Once it is lost, it may never be regained. Help the National Museum of Roller Skating preserve our rich history by joining one of our special membership categories. Future roller skaters will thank you.

Contributors of \$25 or more become Honorary Members of the museum and receive a subscription to the *Historical Roller Skating OVERVIEW*, 10% off in the museum store, and a museum membership card.

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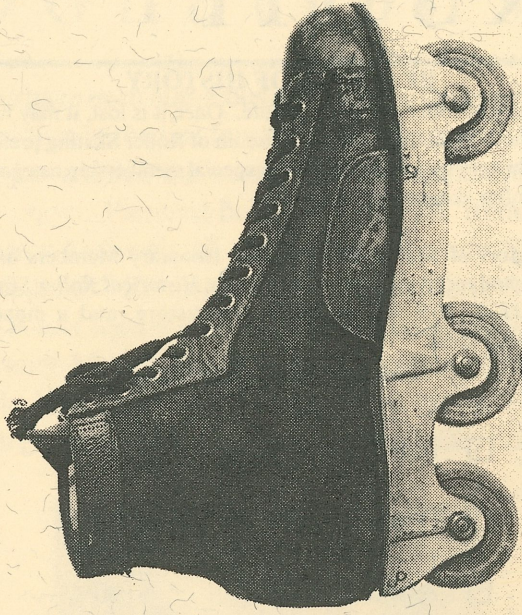
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Another Museum artifact



*This in-line was made specifically for roller hockey by the Roller Hockey Skate Company of New York City, NY, circa 1910. The boot was made by the Brooks Athletic Shoe Company. Note that the rear wheel is raised to allow the skater to pivot on the center wheel.
(On loan from Chester Fried)*

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Saturday, Aug. 17 1-6 p.m.	Sunday, Aug. 18 12-4 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 24 10-1 p.m.		

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