



Rolling Through Time

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Who We Are

The National Museum of Roller Skating is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in Lincoln, Nebraska and the only dedicated roller skating museum in the world. We are committed to the preservation of the history of roller skating. With over 50 display cases, the museum educates the public on all aspects of roller skating, which dates back to the first patented skate from 1819.

Curator's Corner

Derby Donation



Last week derby member Scissor Pit from Springfield, Missouri's Queen City Roller Derby donated this official jersey to the museum.

This Queen B's jersey notably has a collar. In the early days of roller derby, women's jerseys all had a collar while men's jerseys did not. Today most derby jerseys are tank-top or t-shirt constructed. It is nice to have a modern derby jersey hearkening those early derby days.

Twitter News



This week the museum shared the photo above of Gold Medal Olympian Tara Lipinski from her roller skating days. We included Ms. Lipinski's official Twitter handle in the tweet so she would possibly see it. As it turns out, she did!

Lipinski went on to favorite the tweet as well as retweet the photo! This reached her nearly 50,000 Twitter followers! So far over 35 people have favorited this tweet, with three retweets.

This is good news as the museum name is attached to this initial tweet and included every time someone shares the photo, including Ms. Lipinski. This is great exposure for the museum over social media.

New and Renewing Members

Edie Plimpton Fleeman

Steve & Gloria Poulsen

Ted Hansford

Formation of Co-Ed Rollerdrone: Allston, MA



On April 6, 1942 Co-Ed Rollerdrone opened its doors. Located at 20 Griggs Street in Allston, MA, Co-Ed promoted itself as the largest roller skating rink in New England. Originally an automobile storage site, the building quickly defined the area as a top notch rink.

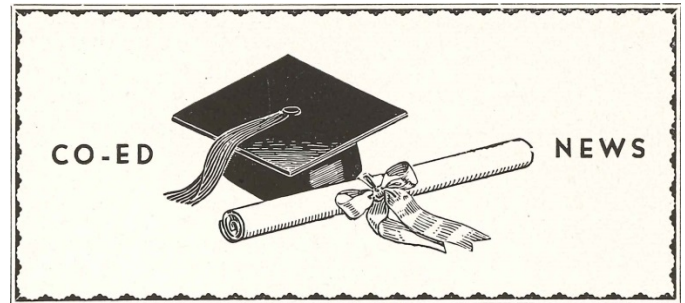


The main floor measured 220 feet long and 78 feet wide. In the center of the floor laid four and five meter circles designed for the school figures. The floor was described as "a floating type and smooth as velvet." Two carloads of Michigan Rock Maple Flooring, which measured one inch and a quarter thick, was installed as a top floor throughout the building.

All areas of the rink showcased quality. The Ladies' and Men's lounge areas included separate rest rooms and dressing rooms divided by a fireproof wall. Utilizing only Chicago rink skates, the skate room had a modern feel. The check room featured a large space capable of housing 1,500 garments.



The refreshment area would not be outdone either. Soft drinks off all kinds refreshed patrons year-round, while during the winter season hot drinks were available as well. Ice cream, candy, and sandwiches rounded out the smorgasbord.



The Co-Ed News was published monthly and featured future events and parties held at the rink. A copy was mailed to each serviceman from the rink as well.

EVENING SCHEDULE	MATINEE SESSIONS
8:00— 8:20 OPENING-All Skate	Doors open at 1:30
8:20— 8:30 Couples Only	Session 2 to 5 P. M.
8:30— 8:40 All Skate	Admission and Skating27c
8:40— 8:50 Ladies Only	Plus Fed. Tax03c
8:50— 9:00 All Skate	Total30c
9:00— 9:20 Dance Couples	Spectators12c
Straight Waltz;	Plus Fed. Tax03c
Type B Circle Waltz	Total15c
Two Step Prom.	
Barn Dance	
International Two Step	
9:20— 9:30 All Skate	
9:30— 9:40 Special	
9:40— 9:50 All Skate	
9:50—10:00 Ladies' Choice	
10:00—10:10 Reverse (All Skate)	
10:10—10:30 Dance Couples	
Tango	
Fox Trot	
Collegiate	
Fourteen Step	
Mohawk Waltz	
Continental	
10:30—10:38 All Skate	
10:39—10:45 Singing Trio	
10:45—10:55 All Skate	
10:55—11:00 Moonlight Couples	
	EVENING SESSIONS
	Doors open at 7:30 P. M.
	Session 8 to 11 P. M.
	Admission and Skating45c
	Plus Fed. Tax05c
	Total50c
	Spectators20c
	Plus Fed. Tax05c
	Total25c
	Wednesday Eve. — Parents..... 5c

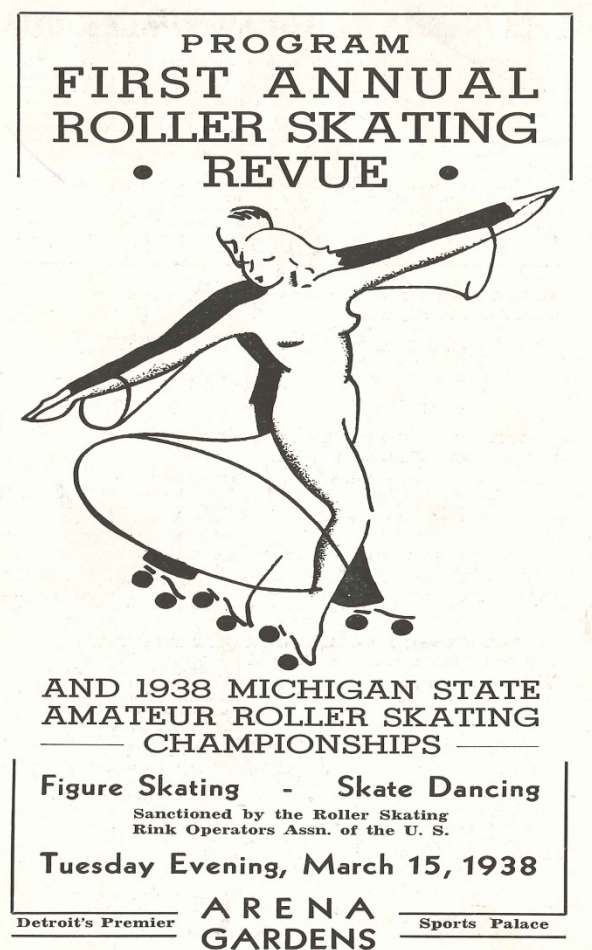
Co-Ed Session Information

Special events were abundant during the year for Co-Ed. Some of these events included: 4th of July Midnight Party, Halloween Costume Party, U.S.O Armistice Party, and a Thanksgiving Turkey Skate.

Skating Clubs at the Co-Ed

Victory Rollers
Rolling Co-Eds
Starlight Rollers
Rhythm Rollers
Co-Ed Rollerettes
Sweethearts in Service
Owls

Forming the Arena Gardens Roller Skating Club
As stated in the following 1938 program



This roller skating club was formed on November 7th, 1935, with 12 members. Its primary aim being to improve and contribute toward skating in Detroit and Michigan. During the first twelve months of its organization, the club grew by 2100 members. This was the largest first season that any roller skating club has grown to a present membership of 6,925. This in itself is a living proof of the club's popularity in the roller skating world.

When skaters in this locality became aware of figure skating just one year ago, the future looked anything but bright. It has taken hundreds of hours of tedious drill for this unit to acquire sufficient knowledge of school figures and their accompanying turns, spirals, jumps, and spread eagles. The figure group at the present time number 98, with about an even membership of ladies and men. The instruction so far has been entirely through study and criticism within the Figure Skating Unit.

In September 1938, it is planned to make the figure group the first real club of its kind in this country. Russell Bice, the Arena Gardens Organist, will play at these morning skating sessions and the unit will use figure skating dress for the occasion. It is also planned to acquire the services of a professional to instruct at these sessions.

Rink Sticker Collection

The museum has an extensive collection of roller skating rink stickers. Many skating rinks used to produce stickers as both an advertisement and fun way to for skaters to interact with one another, comparing the different location in which they skated. These were even traded as collectibles both informally and formally, under the Universal Roller Skating Sticker Exchange founded in 1948. Each newsletter, we will feature different rink stickers. Here are a few examples of the numerous stickers in the collection and on display at the National Museum of Roller Skating.



Thanks for supporting the museum!



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