

THE PHILADELPHIA SKATING CLUB & HUMANE SOCIETY

# ABOUT THE CLUB

## MISSION

At the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society, America's first skating club, our mission is to preserve and promote the sport, art and history of figure skating for recreation and competition.

## SKATING SEASONS

The club is open to members only during our Winter Season, from November 1, 2020 to April 4, 2021. Membership is required during this time. A variety of skating plans are available. From April 5 to early August, the Club is open to the public. Learn to Skate USA is offered to the public year round.

## TRADITIONS AND EVENTS

The Club has many traditions including Saturday Tea & Exhibitions, Winter and Spring Skating Shows, and parties for members and their families. In the summer, we host the Junior Awards Luncheon where skaters receive Club awards as well as pins and medals for passing US Figure Skating tests. The Club also hosts USFS test sessions and competitions including Challenge Cup and Boots & Blades.

This season many events have been affected by Covid-19. Our Saturday Teas & Exhibitions have been temporarily replaced by a virtual Skater Spotlight Series. This year's performance of the Nutcracker will also be presented virtually.

## HISTORY

We are the oldest skating club in the nation. Our club traces its roots to 19th Century Philadelphia when skating on frozen lakes and rivers was a favorite winter pastime. The Club was founded in 1861 when two clubs merged: The Humane Society of Philadelphia and the Skater's Club of the City and County of Philadelphia. The Club moved to Ardmore in 1938 on land purchased from Haverford College.

In 1941 and 1949, the Club hosted the North American Figure Skating Championships. Between 1923 and 1945, members held 16 national titles. Since then, we have had four national title holders and numerous national medalists and competitors.

Two of our most famous competitors are Dick Button (North American, European, World and Olympic Champion) and Scott Hamilton (National, World and Olympic Champion).



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