

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 for Members only from October to April. Fall Session (September to October), Spring Session (April to June) and Summer Session (June to early August) are open to the public. Our Learn to Skate group lesson program 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 a 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. Our annual Challenge Cup, held in September, draws competitors from up and down the East Coast.

HISTORY

We are the oldest figure 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 its current location, 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).