

MEMBERSHIP:

- \$10. individual
- \$10. husband & wife
- \$25. family membership
- \$ 5. non-comp. Sr. Citizen

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Phone: _____ Home

_____ Business

Birthdate: _____ for Novice or
Racing Team Skater**SUPPORT:**I do not wish to join but here is my donation _____
in support of your activities.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in the **Saratoga Winter Club, Inc.** is composed of senior (voting) and junior (under age 18) members.

Dues are:

- \$10. per individual skater
- \$10. per husband & wife*
- \$25. per family membership
- \$ 5. per non-competitive Senior Citizen

*This is especially for parents of young skaters so that they can support the aims and activities of the Winter Club and have a voice in these activities which affect their youngsters.

To carry out our programs other funds are solicited or fees charged, although they are kept to a minimum. The cost of sanctioned competition is supported by separate donations and fund-raising.

To skate in a sanction meet, a skater must register with the Northern N.Y. Skating Association (NNYSA).

Classes are:	Senior	18 and up
	Intermediate	16-17
	Junior	14-15
	Juvenile	12-13
	Midget	10-11
	Pony	8-9
	Pee Wee	under 8

Transportation pools to practices, meets, etc. can be set up with everyone's cooperation. Help will be especially given to newcomers on the availability of used skates, and other equipment, and on the formalities of meets, places to stay, etc.

Competition skating is meant to be enjoyable. It provides all the excitement of Olympic skating to which our skaters can aspire.

You are invited to join us and participate as a skater, trainer, or observer and supporter.

THE SARATOGA WINTER CLUB



SPEEDSKATING

ORIGINS & AFFILIATIONS:

The **Saratoga Winter Club** was organized in December 1934 to promote winter sports activity in the Saratoga area. The annual speedskating competition was already three years old at this time. In the next few years the Club's activities were to be concentrated on this meet which had become known as the Eastern States Outdoor Championships and on training, equipping and transporting its skaters to various competitions. Present activities still concentrate on these same goals but have expanded in scope. Training is provided to youngsters from age 4 and up, recreational speedskating is encouraged and we have also supported and conducted novice competitions.

We are now affiliated with national and international organizations, such as the Northern New York Speedskating Association, the Amateur Skating Union of the United States, the U.S. International Skating Association and the U.S. Olympic Association.

In 1976 we officially incorporated as a tax-exempt not-for-profit organization under the laws of New York State.

Our meets draw competitors from across the U.S. and Canada, as well as from other countries on occasion. Our skaters have won National and International acclaim. John Wurster was a member of the '68 and '72 U.S. Olympic Team. Rich Wurster, a member of the '72 U.S. Olympic Team. Pat Maxwell placed fifth in the '76 World Short Track (indoor) Competition and won the U.S. National Championships in 1983. Pat was named the National and World Team Coach in 1984 and has been offered the position of Head Coach of the U.S. World Indoor Team for the next four years. We have several young skaters who are ranked number one in the country in their class. Most notably is Maura D'Andrea who held both the indoor and outdoor National and North American titles in the Midget Girls Division, Juvenile Division, and was a World Short Track Team member in 1983.

SO COME & SKATE WITH THE CHAMPIONS!

SPEEDSKATING TRAINING:

Training is available to any skater who possesses the skating skills basic to his or her age. Although primarily designed for the skater intending to compete in championship or novice competition, it is also available to those interested in the health and recreational aspects of the sport and whose only competition, if at all, will be against themselves or a clock.

OFF-SEASON EXERCISE: May 1 to Oct.30

This training is to exercise and improve the general condition of the skater, including leg strength and stamina. It is led by coach Pat Maxwell who is able to give us advanced training techniques based on his experience and training.

EARLY ON-ICE TRAINING: Nov. 1 to Mid Dec.

Ice sessions are held each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday during this time, at the Saratoga Youth Commission Rink, East and Excelsior Avenues, Saratoga. The sessions last approximately one and a half hours each and concentrate on speedskating technique—such as starts, cornering, speed, etc.

Time is spent with both our novice (or beginning) skaters as well as the Racing Team, who need to perfect these techniques for competition.

OUTDOOR ICE TRAINING: Mid Dec. to Mid Feb.

Weather permitting we move our skating sessions outdoors in mid-December. The East Side Recreational Rink on Lake Avenue, Saratoga is available each night during this time, as is the 400-meter track at the Saratoga State Park.

LATE INDOOR SEASON: Mid Feb. to Mid April

As a natural extension of the skating season, training sessions again go indoors to the Saratoga Youth Commission Rink.

This segment concentrates on skating positions and techniques for indoor speedskating which differs slightly from the outdoor due to the smaller ice surface. And with this opens a whole new world of indoor competitions.

ADULT RECREATIONAL SKATING:

In recent years, some adults have joined the club for recreational speedskating. They have been interested in learning to skate farther and faster. Some, although inexperienced in competition, have willingly assisted the novice training program. The adult recreational program will continue and any ex-skater, parent, or other adult who wishes, may participate in the speedskating workouts.

FUND-RAISING:

Ice time is just one of the many expenses of a club. Instead of charging members additional fees for ice time, training, etc., we have requested members to work on at least one fund-raiser during the year to support the club and its activities.

SPEEDSKATING COMPETITIONS:

Supporting both novice and sanctioned meets is an important activity of the **Saratoga Winter Club**. We provide personnel to conduct the competitions and skaters to race in them. Along with the traditional Eastern States Outdoor Championship we have also held other Meets.

1. The Eastern States Outdoor Championships

We are nearing our 53rd anniversary of this event—which is one of the oldest meets in the U.S. Traditionally held the second week-end in January, it attracts the finest skaters with over 150 racers. This meet is a major undertaking with many people pitching in to help with publicity, printing and mailing, skater check-in, ice conditions, track layout, presentation of awards and trophies, as well as solicitation of funds.

2. The Saratoga Springs Grade School Meet

This inter-school competition provides much excitement and fun for the youngsters who wish to try their skills in a speedskating race.

It is open to any youngster in the Saratoga Springs Grade Schools — both public and private. Ribbons are awarded to each 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers with a special trophy going to the Skate-off Champions in each division. The school whose skaters score the most points keep the traditional Winter Club trophy for one year until it is passed on to the next year's winner.

Saratoga has also held various novice competitions as well as some indoor meets.

We have also hosted the 1980 North American Outdoor Championships. This meet attracts some of the top skaters in the country. Five new speedskating records were set here.

The Annual Convention of the A.S.U. (Amateur Skating Union of the United States) was also held here in Saratoga in May, 1979.

We actively promote speedskating activities both for skaters, parents, officials and the general public.

Speedskaters may be few in number compared to figure or hockey skaters and our facilities few and far between, but we have produced the most medals won for the United States in all the Winter Olympics.

We're proud to say ERIC HEIDEN is one of us!