



2023-2024

Annual Report





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a word from the board



As we reflect on another successful year at the Steamboat Skating Club, we are filled with gratitude for each of you—our dedicated skaters, supportive families, steadfast partners, and committed coaches. Together, we have fostered an environment that not only emphasizes athletic excellence but also personal growth and community spirit.

This past year has been remarkable, marked by significant achievements and memorable events. Our Spring Ice Show, “Beauty and the Beast”, showcased the incredible talents of our skaters across all age groups and skill levels. The enthusiasm and teamwork displayed during this performance truly exemplified the spirit of our club.

We are proud to report that our membership continued to grow, with over 50 skaters participating in our programs in the 2023-2024 season. This diverse group represents various backgrounds and abilities, all united by a shared passion for skating. The positive feedback from parents highlights the impact our club has on their children's confidence and resilience, reinforcing our commitment to providing a supportive environment.

We deeply appreciate the community's support through donations and participation in fundraising events. These contributions have been vital in keeping our programs accessible. Every dollar raised helps us maintain high-quality coaching, ice time, and essential resources that nurture our skaters' development.

As we look forward to the upcoming year, we are excited about deepening our training and fostering not just skilled athletes, but well-rounded individuals who embody the values of teamwork, perseverance, and sportsmanship.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Steamboat Skating Club family and for your support as we continue to build a vibrant community around our love for skating.

Warm regards,
The Board of Directors

02 about us



Our Mission:

The Steamboat Skating Club is an inclusive organization that provides figure skaters of all abilities the opportunity to develop personally, athletically and artistically in a positive, fun, and supportive environment.

Our History:

Founded in 1994, the Steamboat Springs Figure Skating Club began when the only rink was outdoor and subject to weather and equipment breakdowns. Two years later, Steamboat built Howelsen Ice Arena, and over the years since, the skating club has hosted a wide variety of shows, exhibitions and skating events, and served figure skaters from preschoolers through adults. Our skaters have traveled to competitions around the country, and we have hosted national-level skaters during our shows.

For several years in the early 2000's, the rink was also home to Team Volant, a 16-member Synchronized Skating Team. The team made multiple trips to regional and national competitions; the skating club grew to the point where there was also a Mini Team Volant, made up of skaters 5-11 years old.

meet our team

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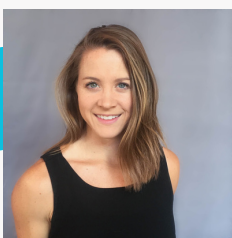
Kelli Standekar

Skating Director
and Coach



Courtney Gill

Coach



Rachel McCormick

Coach



Cheryl Fullerton

Coach



Dana Tracy

Coach

Board of Directors:

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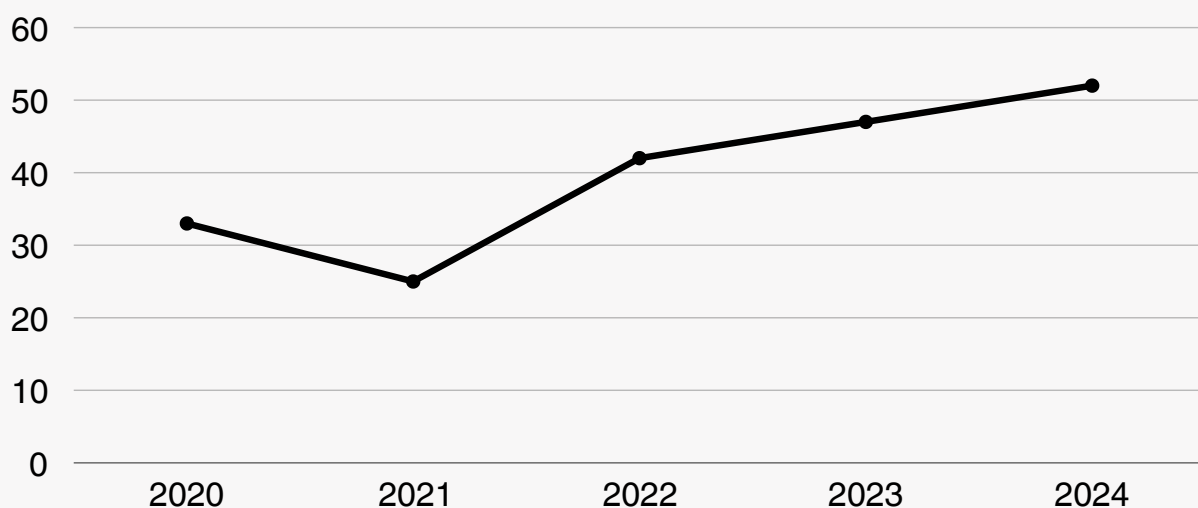
Kim Fox, Member

Nancy Engelken, Member

Nikki Politte, Advisory Member



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The Steamboat Skating Club has experienced significant growth and success in recent years, despite facing challenges with limited ice time. The Club has implemented innovative training methods and a team-based approach that has yielded impressive results. In fact, the US Figure Skating Association featured the Club in their summer 2024 magazine highlighting the innovate and collaborate approach that has developed and makes our Club thrive!

To maximize their limited rink access, the Club has incorporated off-ice training, including early morning dryland practice and ballet training. While these creative solutions have helped the Club flourish, the constrained ice time remains a significant hurdle, especially when compared to competitors who often have two to three hours of daily ice time while our Club averaged three hours per week in 2023-2024.

Despite these limitations, the Club has managed to achieve remarkable competitive success and continues to be a vital part of the community, showcasing their talents through annual ice shows and fostering a supportive environment for skaters of all abilities.

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	2021 - 2022	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
REVENUE	\$64,426	\$129,452	\$182,204
EXPENSES	\$56,246	\$114,647	\$167,759
PROFIT	\$9,180	\$14,805	\$12,968

Profits

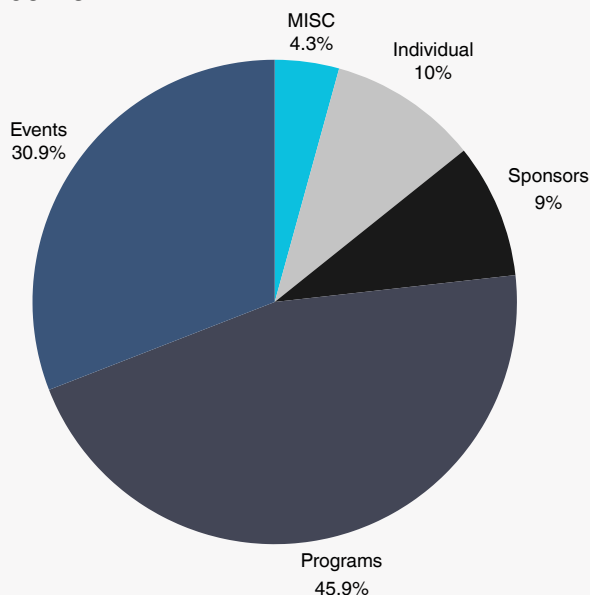
Club annual profits are maintained in a savings account to provide the Club with financial stability as well as resources to support items such as additional scholarship opportunities and equipment purchases. As an example, these reserves allowed the Club to survive the COVID-19 shutdown.



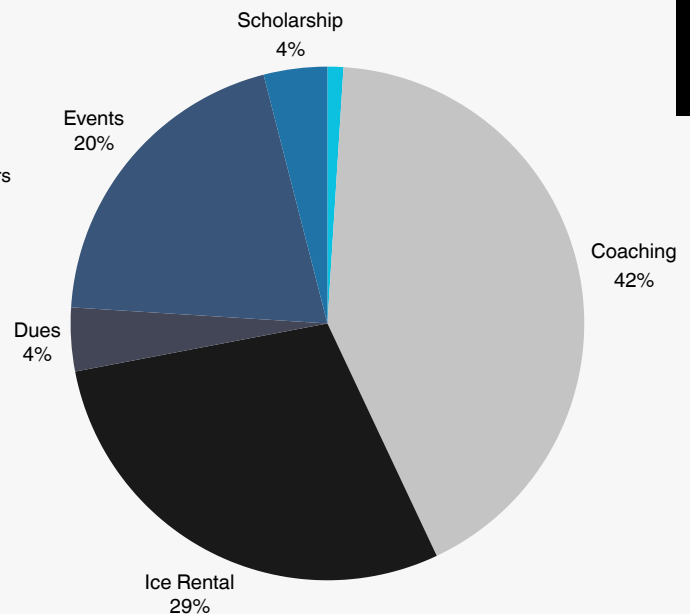
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Income



Expenses



Scholarships

The Club dedicates funds each season to support members who would otherwise be unable to afford ice time and instruction. Although these scholarships are needs based, they require recipients to maintain Club standards for sportsmanship and team-building while demonstrating a positive attitude and work ethic. Families must fulfill additional work hour requirements to maintain scholarships.

Off-Ice Training Programs


Program funds support comprehensive off-ice training programs, which include ballet classes, yoga sessions, and strength and conditioning classes.

Ice Time and Instruction

Securing and paying for ice time for practice and training is one of the Club's largest expenses, eclipsed only by coaching fees.



07 highlights of the year



EVENTS

The Club hosted two nights of both Fright Night on Ice and Skate with the Grinch. These events not only raise funds for the Club, but are a great community engagement opportunity!

SPRING ICE SHOW


The Ice Show this year was Beauty and the Beast on Ice and was a magical weekend for our skaters! New this year was a matinee performance and the option for VIP seating.

COMPETITIONS SUMMARY

32 skaters competed in competitions! Competitions included Vail Invitational, Cup of Colorado, CSI, Fright Fest, Aspen Invitational, Denver Invitational, Ft. Collins Classic, and Funtastics. The skaters brought home (17) 1st place medals, (8) 2nd place medals, and (11) 3rd place medals, and more!

HIP CAMPAIGN

The Club was part of a committee that launched the capital fundraising campaign for the Howelsen Ice Pavilion expansion project. This committee was a collaborative effort that also included the Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association (SSYHA) and Steamboat Curling Club. The three user groups pledged \$40,000 to kick off the fundraising campaign. Although the project did not move forward, it is still being considered for the future.



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thank you for your support

Our vision is of a club where skaters can build their skills, confidence, and love of skating. This would not be possible without your ongoing generosity and support.

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