



Gloucester Skating Club 50th Anniversary Digital Campaign



*Over the next 12 Months
GSC will share stories and memories
of the last 50 years.*

*GSC is excited to share our **“APRIL 2021”**
50th Anniversary Digital Campaign...
with our GSC family and friends!*



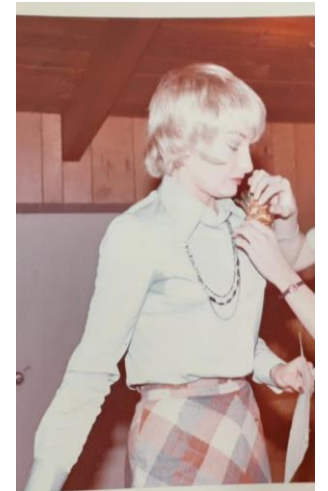
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April 1, 2021

While the first official day of spring is March 21st, the beginning of April always seems a more realistic day for us in Ottawa! And spring to us at the GSC means the end of the skating season to be celebrated at our Annual Banquet. An opportunity for our skating families to socialize with their friends, outside of the cold rink. Over the years we have had numerous dances, presentations, great food, fundraising auctions, games and challenges, held in a variety of locations... including arena halls, golf courses, and the Lone Star Ranch, among others.

Check out these banquet photos from the 1970s – the outfits were not for April Fools Day, that’s just 70s fashion!

(Photo captions: 1. Lana Richer on left, coach Bob MacAvoy presenting to Micheline Rioux, 2. & 3. The dancing, including Micheline Rioux 4. Barbara Graham from CFSA) [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)





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Before he was a GSC Hall of Famer, and Skate Canada Director at Large, Glenn Fortin was Canadian Novice Men's Champion in 1987. He shares his thoughts as we turn 50!

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From April 7-9, 2017 GSC hosted its 26th Annual Spring Festival Skate – this was the last time it ran following the amalgamation of Skate Ontario and before the launch of its new competition calendar. It was replaced with the Elizabeth Manley Winter Classic held each year in February. We had some special guest visitors presenting medals that year, including Marie-France Lalonde (then our MPP), Nathalie DesRosiers (then MPP for neighbouring Ottawa-Vanier) and Bob Monette (then our City Councillor).

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"I am thankful for what GSC has brought to me personally as a skater and a coach for over 43yrs. GSC has provided me incredible opportunities to travel and experience such wonderful memories. It has been amazing to witness how many people GSC and the incredible team of coaches have impacted in our community and around the world. To another 50!" – Nathalie Roy, Base Coach [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)

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Celebrating in 2021!

Gloucester Skating Club

NATHALIE ROY (1987 - present)
Grassroots skater to Iqaluit Resource Coach to National Championship Coach





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April 13, 2021

From April 13-14, 1990 GSC held its first Spring Festival Skate – it was chaired by Kay Bierko who went on to chair the competition for 21 years (culminating in 2011). It was then led by a couple of different volunteers until current President Lisa Elliot took over the reins in 2016. Club skater, Mercedes won the contest for the logo.

Kay recently returned to present medals at the 2020 Elizabeth Manley Winter Classic.

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GSC skaters are front and centre for Skate Canada! GSC skaters have been privileged over the years to often serve as Flower Retrievers, Medal Ceremony helpers and Ice Patchers at numerous Skate Canada events such as National Championships. [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)

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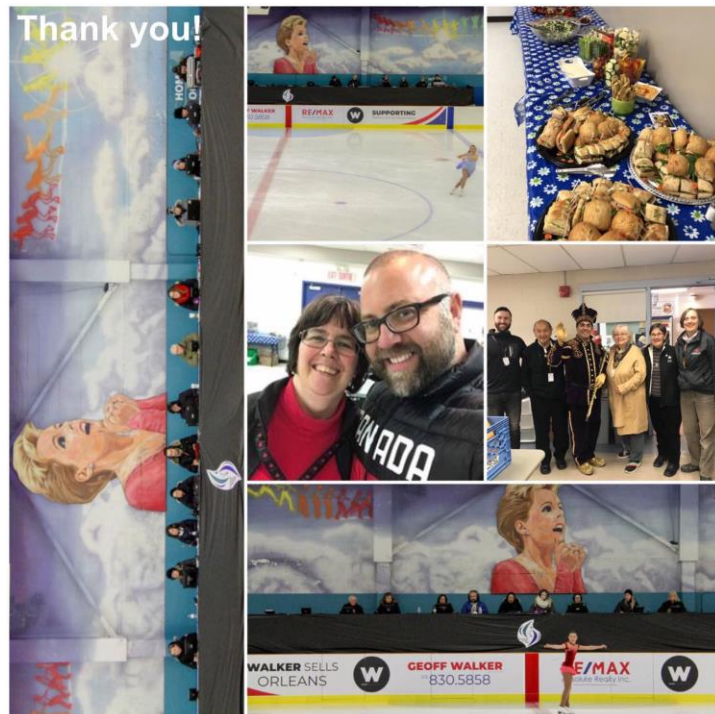


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A giant GSC thank you to all of the amazing officials for their tireless contributions year after year at GSC's Spring Festival Skate and the Elizabeth Manley Winter Classic.

Here's but a small selection of them hard at work, and play, over the years. [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)





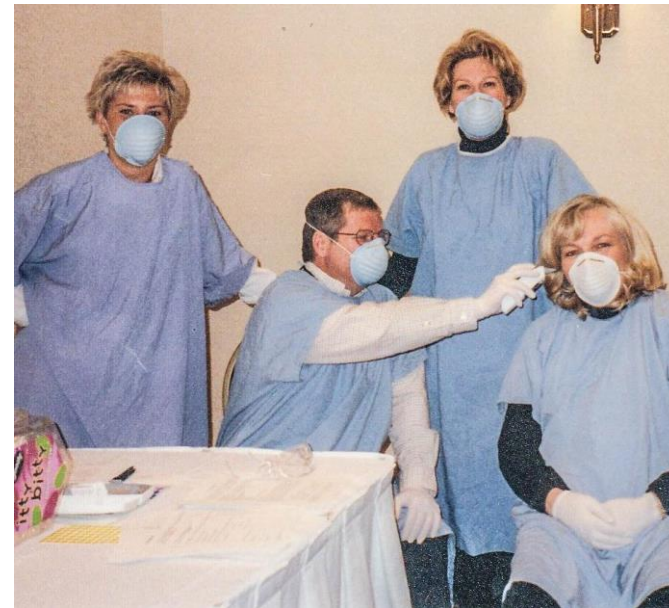
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COVID-19 isn't the first time figure skating's had to deal with viruses.....at the Synchro World Championships hosted by Ottawa in 2003, massive testing was done for SARS. Pictured here you can see Kay Bierko, Registration Chair, with part of her team Lori Baker and Pat Marcus getting ready to start testing skaters, coaches and team leaders upon arrival from around the world. Coach Kevin Robertson takes Sheilagh McCaskill's temperature with Jodie Bierko and Debbie Montgomery watching intently, practicing for the massive undertaking checking everyone's temperatures and asking medical questions upon arrival to the hotel (sound familiar?)

Canada's Les Suprêmes were the Bronze Medalists.

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GSC supporter The Walker Group is all about community. They live, work and raise their families in our community and support many local groups and projects. Throughout the month of April they are donating \$1000 for every sale to mental health initiatives in support of our heroic Essential Health workers - [#4TheFrontLine](#). If you want more information on this initiative, or want to buy or sell a home, visit www.walkerottawa.com

Did you know: Lindsay Walker, co-founder of Walker Real Estate, represented the Gloucester Skating Club in the late 1990s? [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)

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We're very lucky to have a close, productive relationship with our national organization. Over the last 50 years, we've been asked to participate in pilot projects, test out new programs, and put on demonstrations for Skate Canada. Our Director of Skating even sits on the board as the Director for Ontario. Here are a few words from Skate Canada CEO, Debra Armstrong.

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