



# Gloucester Skating Club 50<sup>th</sup> 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 **“FEBRUARY 2021”**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Digital Campaign...**  
**with our GSC family and friends!***

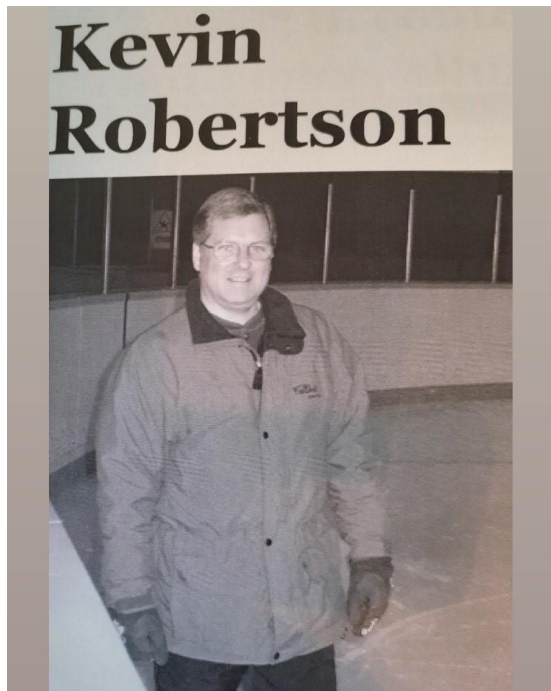


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## February 1, 2021

On February 1, 1974 in Moncton NB, former GSC coach Kevin Robertson became the Junior Men's Canadian Champion. Kevin was also the Junior Men's Silver medalist at the 1973 Canadian Championships, as well as the Novice Men's Champion in 1972. He competed for Toronto's Granite Club.

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THE CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION  
L'ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DE PATINAGE ARTISTIQUE

### Canadian Figure Skating Championships Championnats canadiens de patinage artistique

Men/hommes		
Senior	Junior	Novice
<b>1973</b>		
1 Toller Cranston (TCS & CC)	1 Ted Barton (Capilano WC)	1 Vern Taylor (TCS & CC)
2 Ron Shaver (Hamilton-Stoney Creek)	2 Kevin Robertson (Granite Club)	2 Ken Moir (Capilano WC)
3 Robert Rubens (TCS & CC)	3 Sandy Moore (Weston SC)	3 Billey Smith (Windsor FSC)
<b>1974</b>		
1 Toller Cranston (TCS & CC)	1 Kevin Robertson (Granite Club)	1 Kevin Hicks (Windsor FSC)
2 Ron Shaver (Hamilton-Stoney Creek)	2 Sandy Moore (Granite Club)	2 Gary Beacom (TCS & CC)
3 Robert Rubens (TCS & CC)	3 Brian Pockar (Calgary WC)	3 Gordon Forbes (Minto SC)



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**February 2, 2021**

On February 2, 2019, we held the first-ever GSC Skate in the Forest Night at River Oak.

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**February 5, 2021**

“The Gloucester Skating Club has certainly been a large part of my life, having been a coach here for over 40 years. They have always been very supportive to the coaches and skaters, providing many opportunities for us, and therefore helping us all on our journey to become the best we can be. So many, many thanks, and here's to another 50 successful years!” – Cathy Skinner [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)

A digital campaign graphic for the Gloucester Skating Club's 50th anniversary. The background is a light blue gradient. In the top left corner is the 50th anniversary logo. The main title is 'Gloucester Skating Club' in a large, dark font. Below the title, it reads 'CATHY SKINNER ( 1979 - present)' and '... grassroots skater to Ice Capades to Special Olympics Champion Coach'. There are three images: a black and white photo of a skater in a white, ornate costume; a photo of a young girl in a red dress in a gold ornate frame; and a photo of two women hugging, one holding a red Special Olympics award. At the bottom right, the text reads 'Champions Start at Home. Support Special Olympics Today.'





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**February 6, 2021**

Gloucester Skating Club has had amazing success with our skaters competing at Canadian Nationals over the years – a huge number of skaters representing the GSC have reached this achievement since we first opened in 1971. To really understand the depth of our high performance roster of skaters, please see:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/59ee9f6e010027bbf03e7bd1/t/601bff364acdee5db5a42802/1612447543950/GscEventQualifiers.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2rLwwe6GWoufrM00wM-iD2hx8iyxS2cLTn7FcRERTGvzXYrDvYOEgcdQ>

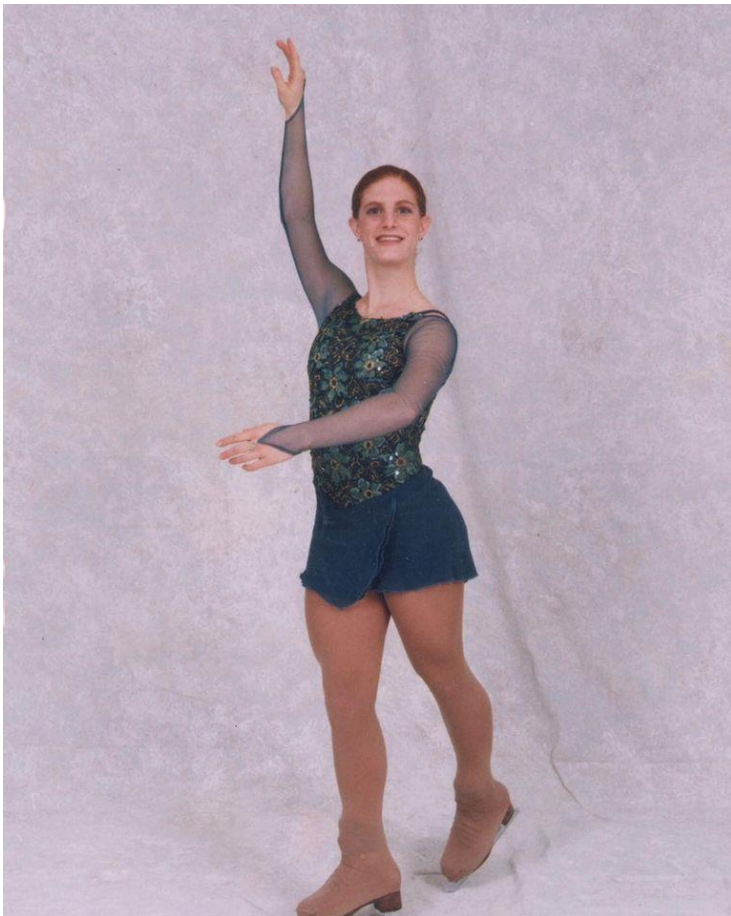
With sporadic record-keeping over the past 50 years, we have done our best to compile this list. Please let us know if we are missing any other names/dates so that we can be sure to include them.

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## **February 7, 2021**

In Vancouver, B.C. on February 7, 1997 in Vancouver, former GSC skater AND later off-ice Director, Stefanie Partridge, became the Canadian Junior Ladies Silver Medalist.

In the same event, GSC's Angela Derochie was the Senior Ladies Silver Medalist.

Stefanie's achievement at those '97 Nationals led to her representing Canada at 3 international Junior Grand Prix competitions in 1997 and 1998.

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**February 10, 2021**

On February 10, 2009 GSC's Kyle Mayhew became the Silver Medalist at the 2009 Special Olympic World Winter Games!. The event was held in Boise, Idaho. (Kyle qualified by winning Gold at the 2008 Special Olympic National Winter Games held in Quebec City.) [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)







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## February 13, 2021

GSC Coaches, PAs and volunteers have shared their passion for “Learning to Skate” during numerous Winterlude festivals.

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**February 13, 2021**

HIGH ACHIEVERS: Stay-at-Home Edition @OttawaSportsPage.ca

Keeping Local Sport Spirit High During the Pandemic

By Martin Cleary

<https://ottawasportspages.ca/2021/02/05/high-achievers-gloucester-skating-club-celebrating-its-50th-anniversary-in-many-ways/?fbclid=IwAR1cHRIMZr9jvbDL2JBqIFtAxFMKqp-dYbO7eGjPVk339XmLSmk4KquJx3w>

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**February 14, 2021**

GSC Skaters have performed often at Winterlude over the years. First with shows on the canal, later at the Rink of Dreams.

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Happy birthday to GSC Hall of Famer Yuka Sato who trained with us in the early 90s!

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## February 15, 2021

On Feb 15, 1988, the GSC hosted a send-off party for Liz Manley, Charlene Wong and Gina Fulton as they headed off to the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary. [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)



Gina Fulton, England's No. 2 skater, Coach Sonya Dunfield, Charlene Wong, Canada's No. 2 skater, Coach Peter Dunfield, and Canadian Champion Elizabeth Manley.

### Reception held for Olympian skaters

The Gloucester Skating Club recently held a reception for their Olympian skaters and their coaches, Peter and Sonya Dunfield, at the Orleans Recreation Complex.

Elizabeth Manley and Charlene Wong have been training with Gina Fulton, the No. 2 skater in England who is also coached by the Dunfields.

Ladies competition at the Olympics began on February 24 with the figures, and the short program on the 25th. The long program will be shown live on CTV on February 27th.

Elizabeth announced that the Olympics and this year's World's will be her last amateur competitions.

Good luck!



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## **February 18, 2021**

The 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo were Elizabeth Manley's (GSC's too 😊) first Olympic Games! They opened on February 18, 1984. [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)

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Music Credit: Beyond the Gold by John Denver







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**February 20, 2021**

GSC's 'Green Machine' Precision Team (now known as synchro) dominated the competition by taking 1st in all 3 divisions (Novice, Junior and Senior) at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Precision Championships, held in Glencairn. These 53 young ladies ranged in age from 8-24, and these teams were used by CFSA in the making of training films, to promote the sport and train precision judges in both Canada and the United States. The Junior Team is not pictured here. [#GSC](#) [#GSCis50](#) [#skating](#)



**"GREEN MACHINE" SENIOR TEAM**

(left to right): Joy Dixon, Terry Richer, Margaret Jean Trainor (sr.), Claire St. Pierre (sr.), Yanik Guerette (sr.), Lisa Michaud (sr.), E. Richer, Karen Rutherford, Lisa Collins (sr.), Nancy Rooyakkers (sr.), Caroline Brandt, Wendy Palmer; Back row - Rachel Garvey, Sylvie Simard, Eleanor Dixon, Vicki Hogan, Natalie Gallimore, Lisa Curry, Alex Alwyn-Smith, Carole Crevier, Jennifer (sr.), Tracy Rossignol, Robin Charlesworth, Francine Belair (coach).

**NOVICE TEAM:**  
The Senior Team, which was fourth in Canada in 1981, climbed to the second position in 1982, being finalist at the Canadian International Competition held in London, Ontario, last April. The Senior Team also captured, for a second year in a row, the Eastern Ontario Sectional Championship.

**JUNIOR TEAM:**  
This team was first at the Ontario Sectional in February 1982, winning a Bronze Medal with a third place finish at the Canadian International Competition held in April 1982 against teams from Canada and the United States. It is to be noted that all 18 girls were also members of the Senior Team which won the Ontario Medal in their category.

**NOVICE TEAM (under 18):**  
This group of young ladies was first at the Eastern Ontario Sectional in February 1982, and the only team to not place at the National level because the Canadian Figure Skating Association did not hold a National in 1982.

The three teams are managed by a centralized committee which includes Coach Elise Belair, Assistant Coach Eleanor Dixon, and Chairman Lana Richer, and Coach Eleanor Dixon.

**"GREEN MACHINE" NOVICE TEAM**

Front row (left to right) Julie Leroux, Erika Szabo, Nathalie Ranger, Heather Mace, Jocelyne Voisin, Lisa Achter, Kirsten Quinn, Kristy Rath, Michelle Shimek; Back row - Eleanor Dixon (assistant coach), Ginette Souigny, Tracy Sivertsen, Shari Durrell, Julienne Hajdu, Gina Collins, Kim Beggs, Yvette Kharoubeh, Chantal Souigny, Leanne Fischer, Kim Sayre, Nicola Pfeifer, Francine Belair (coach).



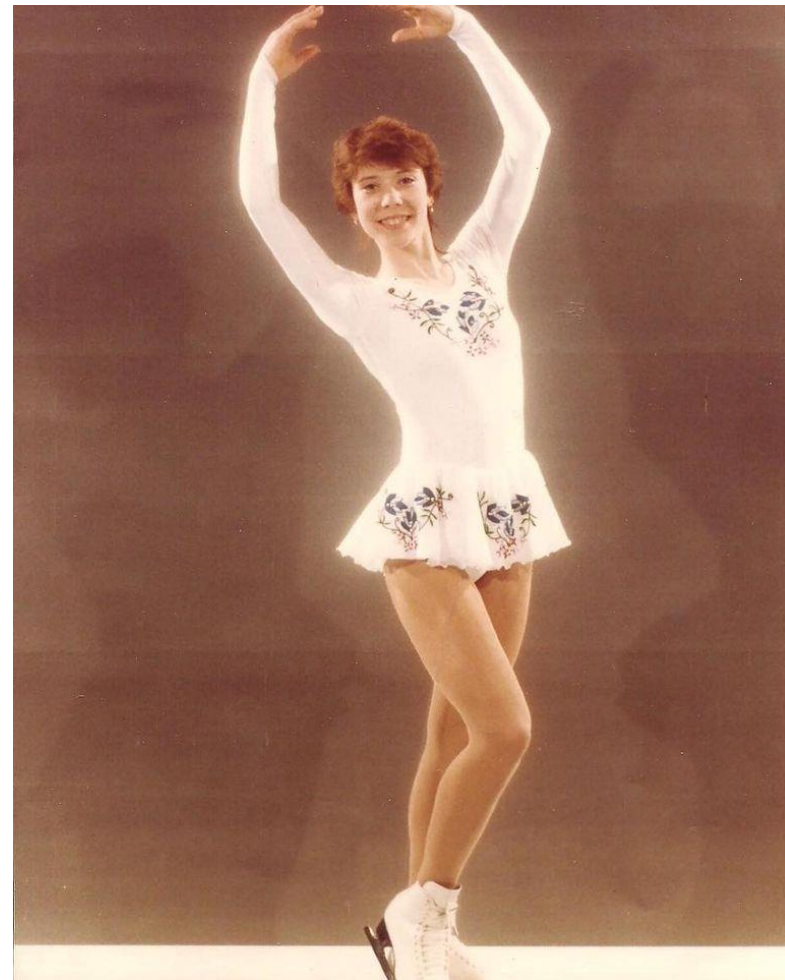


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## **February 22, 2021**

On Feb 22, 1983 GSC's Janice Calnan became Canada Winter Games Junior Silver Medalist. The Games took place in Saguenay Lac St. Jean, Quebec from February 17th – March 2nd, 1983.

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## February 23, 2021

On February 23, 2002 GSC's Emerald Blades Adult Synchro Team stood on the podium as the Silver Medalists at the Canadian Synchronized Skating Championships in Quebec.

This was just 1 of the 5 times that they medalled at the Championships - they also made the podium in 1999, 2001, 2003 and 2004!

Please check out the Hall of Fame section of our website for the names and photos of these skaters.

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*Hall of Fame*

**"Emerald Blades" Synchronized Skating Team**  
1999 & 2001 Canadian Synchronized Skating Championships Adult Bronze Medalists.  
2002 Canadian Synchronized Skating Championships Adult Silver Medalists.  
2003 & 2004 Canadian Synchronized Skating Championships Adult Champions.



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## **February 24, 2021**

Feb 23rd-25th, 2018 saw us celebrating the Inaugural Elizabeth Manley Winter Classic – we had a red carpet, ribbon-cutting, the Mayor, as well as other local politicians and, of course, Liz!

A giant thank you to the many wonderful volunteers and sponsors who have made hosting this event possible...hopefully in Feb 2022 you can help us ensure it continues to be such a success.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6aeS18qh8k>

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**February 25, 2021**

The Garlic King has been serving up delicious, healthy fresh food for over 26 years. Did you know that the Garlic King has donated thousands of meals to first responders in the Orléans Ottawa area during the COVID pandemic? The Garlic King is a big fan of the Elizabeth Manley Winter Classic. The Garlic King has presented medals and donated his delicious food to the judges and data specialists over the years of EMWC competitions!

<https://www.thegarlicking.ca>

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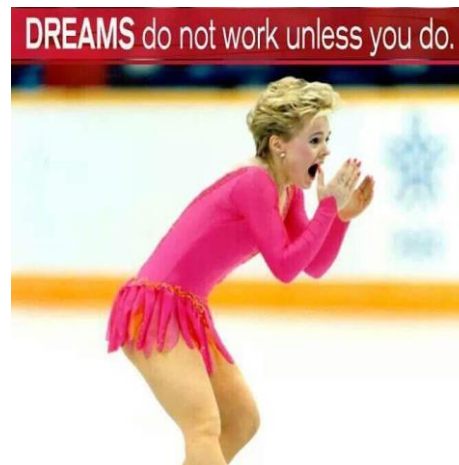
## **February 27, 2021**

On February 27th, 1988 Elizabeth Manley won the “silver medal” at the Winter Olympics in Calgary. Her reaction to her awesome free skate inspired the giant wall mural in our main rink, the Elizabeth Manley rink. Charlene Wong (Canada) and Gina Fulton (Great Britain) who both also trained with GSC, placed 13th and 23rd respectively.

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Music credit: David Foster





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**February 28, 2021**

To cap off an exciting month of memories, here's a few words from former GSC skater and 1998 Canadian National Ladies Champion, Angela Derochie!

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**Angela Derochie**

1992 Canadian Junior Ladies Champion.  
1998 World Competitor.  
1998 Canadian Ladies Champion.