



MEMORIAL FSC  
OF HOUSTON

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# MEMORIAL TROPHY



**We are excited to announce that MFSCH will host the Memorial Trophy Competition May 19-21 2017! This is the club's annual USFSA sanctioned Basic Skills through IJS figure skating competition.**

**Registration is open for all skaters who are interested in competing at the Memorial Trophy event. Please register through Entry Eeze:**

**[www.memorialfsch.org](http://www.memorialfsch.org)**

**Deadline is April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11:59pm CST, so register soon!**

**If interested in contributing donations/auction items, please contact:**

**[memorialfsch@gmail.com](mailto:memorialfsch@gmail.com)**

# DID YOU KNOW...



## Father of Figure Skating

The first figure skating association was founded in 1742. It was called the Edinburgh Skating Club, which helped develop the sport of figure skating. Candidates who wanted to join the club must pass a series of tests such as performing a figure eight and jumping over a number of hats to be admitted into the club.

## Inspirational Insight

### Brittyni Marr

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**“Skating is life because it gives us life. It fills us with a sense of euphoria, accomplishment, and inspiration. It is the boundless frozen canvas where dreams are etched and worries are swept away. It is the home that travels to wherever ice exists.”**

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We wish all of our skaters who are turning another year older in the months of April, May, and June a big happy birthday!

## ***April***

Joshua Austad 1  
Anahl Garcia 4  
Courtney Stubblefield 5  
Lilla Khakimova 8  
Melody Tanigawa 8  
Alejandra Gibson 12  
Bethany Gordon 13  
Irina Herbert 13  
Carmen Vargas 15  
Lahee Yun 15  
Avery Debow 19  
Ablgall Swanson 19  
Tiffany Vongxay 26  
Leslie Wang 26  
Andrea Aragon 27  
Cricket Darling 28  
Jlyoun Kim 28  
Allison Davis

## ***May***

Olivia Nigro 4  
Stephanie Lam 5  
Anna Vera Lageras 6  
Glen Norman 6  
Limulaki Paluval Davis 8  
Charles Jacobs 8  
Leah Pullin 8  
Olga Swanson 10  
Thomas Bunch 12  
Sarah Kim 17  
Meagan Byrd 19  
Florence Tanigawa 19  
Amber Forbes 21  
Ablgall Zhang 22  
Priscilla Flores 26  
Lydia Lane 26  
Alyssa Skof 27  
Kacey Dockum 29  
Samantha Melancon 29  
Andreas Skof 30  
Michael Jones 31

## ***June***

Jade Rubenstein 2  
Ellery Ekblad 6  
Carl Lam 6  
Karla Atwood 8  
Hannah Hereford 8  
Brian Capone 12  
Byrdee Darling 13  
Altana Gorrita 13  
Verona Calderin 14  
Hue Quach 15  
Madellne Pham 16  
Yulla Pearce 16  
Katrina Purifoy 18  
Amy Rueve 19  
Monique Thornton 20  
Roger Davis 21  
Blythe Leonard 21  
Brenda Leiber 22  
Thanh-Be Chen 22  
Sandi Weberlein 23  
Jessie Chan 26

# Congrats Testers!

**Congratulations to all MFSC skaters for passing their move in the field, free skate, and dance tests from January - March 2017.**

## Move in the field

Valeria Rodriquez - Preliminary

Joseph Buie - Adult Pre Bronze

Isaac Fulton - Pre-Preliminary

Christina Le - Pre-Preliminary

Ianna Caitlin Palmones - Pre Preliminary

Ellen Joowon Seok - Pre-Preliminary

Andrea Giovannucci - Pre-Preliminary

Vivienne Azuaje - Pre-Preliminary

Casie Law - Pre-Preliminary

Lahee Yun - Pre-Preliminary

Samantha Melancon - Pre-Preliminary

Ayshin Karayaka - Pre-Preliminary

Zoe Byrd - Pre-Preliminary

Valeria Rodriquez - Preliminary

Sophia Genuzio - Preliminary

Ellery Ekblad - Preliminary

Ella Grace Jones - Preliminary

Audrey Lee - Preliminary

Rachel lee - Preliminary

Annie Swanson - Preliminary

Kate Rangel - Preliminary

Paisley Tang - Preliminary

Sara Buheis - Pre-Juvenile

Natasha Herbert - Pre-Juvenile

Brendan Siswanto - Pre-Juvenile

Romi Bobovnikov - Pre-Juvenile

Abigail Zhang - Juvenile

Paris Cudini - Juvenile

Courtney Bessell - Intermediate

Stephanie Lam - Intermediate

Annabel Shen- Intermediate

Thomas Bunch - Novice

Vanessa Pham - Novice

Byrdee Darling - Senior

Madeleine Gustafsson - Senior

Jasmine Zaretsky - Senior

## Free Skate

Joseph Buie - Adult Pre Bronze  
Valeria Rodriguez - Pre-Preliminary  
Ella Grace Jones - Pre-Preliminary  
Zoe Ormond - Pre-Preliminary  
Isaac Fulton - Pre-Preliminary  
Samantha Melancon - Pre-Preliminary  
Sara Bubeis - Preliminary  
Abigail Zhang - Preliminary  
Kate Rangel - Preliminary  
Grace Golden - Pre-Juvenile  
Stephanie Lam - Juvenile  
Muren Pyc - Juvenile  
Alice Gee - Junior

## Dance

Alyssa Skof - Preliminary Dance  
Phoebe Stubblefield - Pre Bronze Dance  
Rachel Skof - Bronze Pre- Silver Dance  
Vanessa Bham - Pre-Silver Dance  
Susan Tran - Adult Hickory Hoedown  
Annie Swanson - Fiesta Tango  
Boris Cudini - Fourteenstep, Foxtrot  
Hannah Hereford - Adult Foxtrot, Adult Fourteenstep

# Skater Spotlight

**RUFINO**

**LOPEZ**

**Age: 50**

**Level: Adult Silver**

**How many years: 14 years**

**Coaches: Nicole Nicols, Mark Janoschak, Paige Schurman**

**Favorite Skater: Tessa Virtue  
and Scott Moyar**

**Favorite Move: Combo Spins**

**Short Term Goal: Pass  
freestyle gold test and to pass  
all dance tests**

**Favorite Color: Blue**

**Other facts: likes to go to the  
gym, black belt fighter**

