

55 Years of Fun



1942

- A new public skating rink, flood-lighted for night skating, will be officially opened January 31, 1942 in Franconia. The rink, operated by the Franconia Swimming and Skating Club, Inc. of which Gayton H. Greene is president, is 300' X 100' and is located at the rear of the Franconia Town Hall. It will be open for public skating daily from 1:00 to 11 pm, at a nominal charge which will include the use of a heated building for changing skates. Music will be furnished by means of a modern sound system which has been installed. Refreshments will be on sale. It was said this week that arrangements will be made at a later date so that hockey by be played on the new rink.

(The Courier, Thursday, Jan. 29, 1942 p.10)



1948 Franconia Ski Club's All-Star Softball Team

- “Softball Rules during summer at Franconia”

Read the headline of an article in the New Hampshire Sunday News, July 24, 1949.

“I swung, the bat cracked and the ball flew high and deep into center field smashing into the corner of the (Dow) school building above the second story window and careened back into the playing field for a triple. My hit had sparked a three run rally and we went on to win 4 to 3.”

Dick Lange Memories of the 1948 Team



1938-1941

Franconia Red Devils participates in the Profile Hoop League

- The formation of the first amateur basketball league in northern NH, comprised of seven teams from as many towns and to be known as the Profile League, was announced today by Enzo Serafini of Sugar Hill.
- The Courier, 1938.

Committee Members

1959-1973 Robert McLachlin

1974

Robert McLachlin
William Briggs
David Sullivan
Gertude Crowley

1975

Robert McLachlin
William Briggs
David Sullivan

1976

Robert McLachlin
William Briggs
David Sullivan
Joan Meade

1977

Robert McLachlin
William Briggs
David Sullivan
Joan Meade
John Hatch

1978

Robert McLachlin
William Briggs
David Sullivan

1979

Robert McLachlin
William Briggs
David Sullivan

1980

Kenneth Mosedale
Charles Casey
Tillie Stephenson
David Sullivan
Richard Segal
Robert McLachlin

1981

Richard Segal
Tillie Stephenson
Charles Casey
David Sullivan
Kenneth Mosedale

1982

Tillie Stephenson
Charles Casey
David Sullivan
Kenneth Mosedale
Barry Field
Laura Presby
Lissa Boissonneault
Bunny Ford
Marie Raynor

1983

David Sullivan
Kenneth Mosedale
Barry Field
Tillie Stephenson
Richard Segal
Laura Presby
Lissa Boissonneault
Pamela Clark
Ruth King

1984

Barry Field
Tillie Stephenson
Richard Segal
David Sullivan
Kenneth Mosedale
Laura Presby
Lissa Boissonneault
Pamela Clark
Ruth King

1985

Gretchen Bunker
Jeffrey Hultgren
Tillie Stephenson
David Sullivan
Lissa Boissonneault
Barry Field
Patricia Clark
Kathy Rader

1986-87

Gretchen Bunker
Jeffrey Hultgren
David Sullivan
Lissa Boissonneault
Barry Field
Patricia Clark
Kathy Rader

1988

Jeffrey Hultgren
David Sullivan
Jane Hughes
Joseph Flynn
Lissa Boissonneault
Barry Field
Patricia Clark
Kathy Rader

1989

Jeffrey Hultgren
David Sullivan
Jane Hughes
Joseph Flynn
Barry Field

1990-92

Jane Hughes
Nancy Sorensen
David Sullivan
Barry Field
Joanne Mogren
Patricia Every
David Matthews

1993

Steve Plant
Nancy Sorensen
Kevin Walsh
Colleen Foley
Joanne Mogren
Kelley King
Marge Libby

1994

Steve Plant
Kevin Walsh
Kim Cowles
Colleen Foley
Sally Field
Kelley King
Marge Libby

1995-96

Steve Plant
Kim Cowles
Carrie Hamblin
Laurie Henault
Sally Field
Kelley King

1997

Carrie Hamblin
Kate Marvelli
Kim Cowles
Amy Cyrs
Laurie Henault
Laurie Dexter

1998

Kate Marvelli
Kim Cowles
Carrie Hamblin
Gordon Johnk
Kathy Galligan
Laurie Dexter

1999

Kim Cowles
William McCarthy
Ted Marvelli
Gordon Johnk
Kathy Galligan
Laurie Dexter

2000

William McCarthy
Ted Marvelli
Kim Cowles
Gordon Johnk
Kathy Galligan
Laurie Dexter

2001

Ted Marvelli
Kim Cowles
William McCarthy
Gordie Johnk
Kathy Galligan
Laurie Dexter

2002-03

Ted Marvelli
William McCarthy
Kim Cowles
Laurie Henault
Gordie Johnk
Brian Canelas
Mike Kenney

2004

William McCarthy
Jeff Malcolm
Kim Cowles
Jean Serino
Gordie Johnk
Brian Canelas
Mike Kenney

2005-07

Kim Cowles
Tracy Chardon
Jeff Malcolm
Gordie Johnk
Jean Serino
Mike Kenney
Brian Canelas

2008

Jeff Malcolm
Mark Massei
Gordie Johnk
Cindy McLaren
Brian Canelas
Tammy Gearhart

2009

Jeff Malcolm
Beth Horan
Gordie Johnk
Cindy McLaren
Brian Canelas
Ashley Garrison

2011

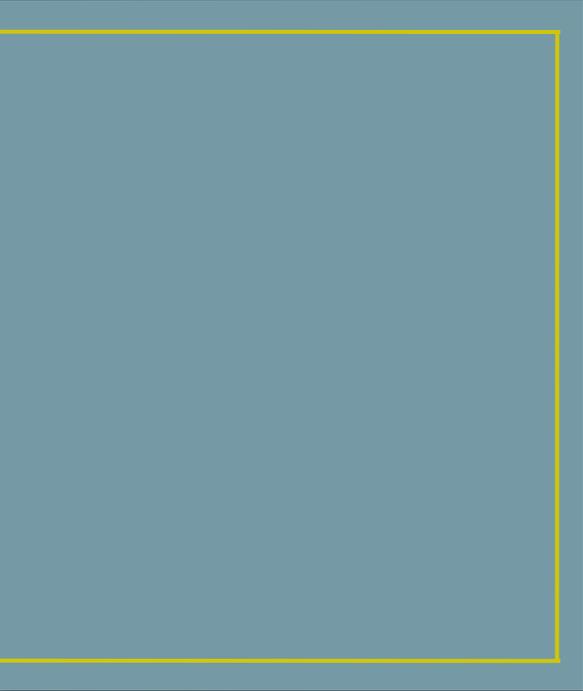
Beth Horan
Adam Boyer
Jeff Malcolm
Gordie Johnk
Cindy McLaren
Sue Ford
Matt Koehler

2012

Adam Boyer
Jeff Malcolm
Beth Horan
Gordie Johnk
Cindy McLaren
Sue Ford
Matt Koehler

2013

Jeff Malcolm
Beth Horan
Adam Boyer
Haley Ireland
Launa Glover
Sue Ford
Matt Koehler
Gordie Johnk

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- 1952 Auto Races on Echo Lake
 - 1953 Auto Races on the Easton Road Air Strip
 - 1953 Gay Franconia Frolics; nine days of winter frolics, including a ski lesson by Paul Valar

1954

- Franconia children have the free use of the skating rink at the Horse and Hound Inn every afternoon, through the courtesy of the management. Music and warming room are enjoyed, and the rink is lighted for night use. Beginning next week, “Family Night” will be held every Thursday, with free skating instruction available.
- (The Courier, Thursday, Jan. 28, 1954 p.8)

Time Line

1959 – Skating rink on the Dow

**1963 – Ski Tow at Forest Hills
(Franconia College)**

**1965 – Town budgets for parks &
playgrounds**

1968 – First summer program staff

1969 – Little League

1973 – New Hockey Rink behind library

1974 – Warming Hut

1974 – First recreation committee

1982 – Tri-town committee

Time Line

- 1983 Lafayette Skating Association
- 1990 based at the Peabody Lodge
- 1996 Multi-purpose room
- 1996 First year of Adventure
- 2000 paved the skating rink
- 2004 New playground
- 2005 new fields on the Dow
- 2008 Park & Recreation position created
- 2008 Gazebo

Ski Tow

There was a ski lift (rope tow) at the Forest Hills Hotel. This was used by the guests at the hotel, as well as by the kids from Dow Academy. Later, it was used as a sledding hill. It was a nice slope, wide with a fairly steep pitch and just long enough to make you wish you were at Cannon Mountain. There was a ski jump across Route 18 from the Forest Hills Hotel, in Fox Hill Park which was part of Dow Academy.



1959-1993

Skating on the Dow Field.



1990 Darald & Juliet Libby donated the Dow property to the town and athletic fields replaced the skating area

Summer Recreation Staff



1968

Sandra Frazer
Pam Messengill

1969

William Grady
Jane Weadock

1970

William Grady
Paul Williams

1971

Janet Peabody
William Grady

1972

Mary Harkelrode
Ellen Burrows

1973-74

Sally Small
Gordon MacEwan

1975-76

David MacMath
Jacqueline Werner
John Purinton

1977

Mark Galvin
Cary Williams
Marilyn Collins

1978-81

Starcy Branch
Karen McKenzie

1982

Starcy Branch
David Matthews
Virginia Briggs

1983

Starcy Branch
Rick Simmons
Susan Hoagland
Virginia Briggs

1984-85

Starcy Branch
Rick Simmons
Heidi Golden

1986

Richard Simmons
Elizabeth Andross
Sue Greenlaw
Mattie-Jean Hunt

1987

Elizabeth Andross
Sue Greenlaw
Jean Serino
Carol Briggs
Mattie-Jean Hunt

1988

Karen Smith
Jean Serino
Jennifer Larabee
Jennifer Peters

1989

Karen Smith
Jean Serino
Kathy Stroup
Linda Sawicki

1990

Wendy Mitton
Jean Serino

1991

Jennifer Mynter
Wendy Mitton
Ginny Clark
Matt Vaughn
Debbie Daigle
Amanda Jones
Jean Serino

1992

Wendy Mitton
Libby Cossaboom
Matt Vaughn
Amanda Jones
Rachel Mosedale
Linda Yoki

1993

Patrick Riggie
Libby Cossaboom
Rosey Shea
Paula Giacobbe
Jason Henry
Theresa McGovern
Jean Serino

1994

Patrick Riggie
Libby Cossaboom
Paula Giacobbe
Keisha Luce
Jen Collins
Wayne Smith
Jean Serino

1995

Scott Kelly
Paula Giacobbe
Libby Cossaboom
Keisha Luce
Jen Collins
Brian Frenkiewich
Jean Serino

1996

Wendy LeClair
Brian Frenkiewich
Jen Collins
Amy Cyrs
Libby Cossaboom
Sheila King
Jean Serino

1997

Lisa Kessler
Jennifer Collins
Brian Frenkiewich
Sheila King
Maime Rambach
Kate Powers
Jean Serino

1998

Wendy Lyndes
Brian Frenkiewich
Jonathan Dodge
Jeff Frenkiewich
Mamie Rambach
Jean Serino
Krista Simmons
Kate Powers

1999

Heidi Locke
Jon Dodge
Jeff Frenkiewich
Brian Frenkiewich
Lindsay Gilbert
Katie Powers
Mamie Rambach

2000

Wendy Lyndes
Matina Tricoulis
Jeff Frenkiewich
Jon Dodge
Laurie Lang
Haley Boissonneault
Gina Hoyt
Heidi Locke
Sarai Stroup
Dan Walker
Jean Serino

2001

Kris Kappler
Haley Boissonneault
Jessica Bunker
Chris Colongeli
Jeff Frenkiewich
Heidi Locke
Casey McCauley
Ryan Ross
Jean Serino

2002

Kris Kappler
Chris Colongeli
Anne Cowles
Heidi Locke
Casey MacCauley
Elspeth Richardson
Ryan Ross
Haley Boissoneault
Jean Serino

2003

Kris Kappler
Johanna Serino
Haley Boissonneault
Chris Colongeli
Anne Cowles
Elspeth Richardson
Erin LaRose
Jean Serino

2004

Kris Kappler
Jean Serino
Chris Colongeli
Anne Cowles
Erin LaRose
Nicholas Alberts
Johanna Serino
Matthew Santy
Elspeth Richardson

2005

Kris Kappler
Jean Serino
Chris Colongeli
Anne Cowles
Erin LaRose
Jenna Serino
Zach Johnk
Molly McLean
Lizzy McKinnon
Adrian Hixon

2006

Kris Kappler
Jean Serino
Chris Colongeli
Anne Cowles
Amy Cole
Cathy Mayo
Lizzy McKinnon
Ethan Wells
Kyla Pillsbury
Jenna Serino

2007

Kris Kappler
Julia Canelas
Anne Cowles
Tucker Horan
Zach Johnk
Adam Judkins
Cathy Mayo
Margaret North
Kyla Pillsbury
Ethan Wells
Jean Serino

2008

Kris Kappler
Tara Bailey
Julia Canelas
June Carr
Tucker Cowles
Tucker Horan
Zach Johnk
Nicole Knowlton
Cathy Mayo
Joanna Merrill
Maggie North
Kyla Pillsbury
Ethan Wells

2009

Kris Kappler
Tara Bailey
Julia Canelas
Cathy Mayo
June Carr
Tucker Horan
Tucker Cowles
Joanna Merrill
Ethan Wells

2010

Tara Bailey
Taylor Boucher
Julia Canelas
June Carr
Tucker Horan
Tucker Cowles
Cathy Mayo
Ethan Wells

2011

Kris Kappler
Julia Canelas
June Carr
Tyler Doyle
Cathy Mayo
Joanna Merrill
Ben Mulkigian
Ethan Wells

2012

Kris Kappler
Julia Canelas
June Carr
Christopher Chardon
Tyler Doyle
Sam Johnk
Cathy Mayo
Robyn Scott
Megan Soukup

2013

Kris Kappler
June Carr
Christopher Chardon
Rebecca Abbott
Nick Christoffersen
Tyler Doyle
Sam Johnk
Angelo Figallo
Maggie Hadlock
Amy Kelley