32d Annual

SILVER SKATES

Official Program

MONDAY, January 9, 1956 8 P. M.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

Sponsored by THE NEWS Welfare Association, Inc.

32d ANNUAL SILVER SKATES

S POTLIGHTED tonight on the frozen floor of the Garden is a dazzling array of speed and specialty skaters, blending varied talents to bring you the greatest ice spectacle of them all. In no other skating extravaganza can you thrill to nip-and-tuck racing competition, delight in the artistry of graceful figure skaters, gasp at the precision of novelty skaters and share the excitement of adagio on ice, all in a single evening.

Major emphasis of the program, of course, remains focused on the scores of youngsters and veterans who vie in the speed tournament. From tiny Cubs to stalwart Seniors, they are the fleetest in the region, survivors of rigorous preliminaries.

Climax of the racing program is the famed Invitation two-miler, matching many of the nation's greatest champions. Always keenly contested, this epic event has produced some of the most exciting moments in sports—such as last season's down-to-the-wire duel between Arnold Uhrlass and Ray Blum.

Our warmest thanks and best wishes to all taking part—including you, the audience, for net proceeds of the Silver Skates are combined with those of the Golden Gloves and are donated to the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies, Inc., and the Red Cross. Over a span of years, such donations now exceed \$738,000.

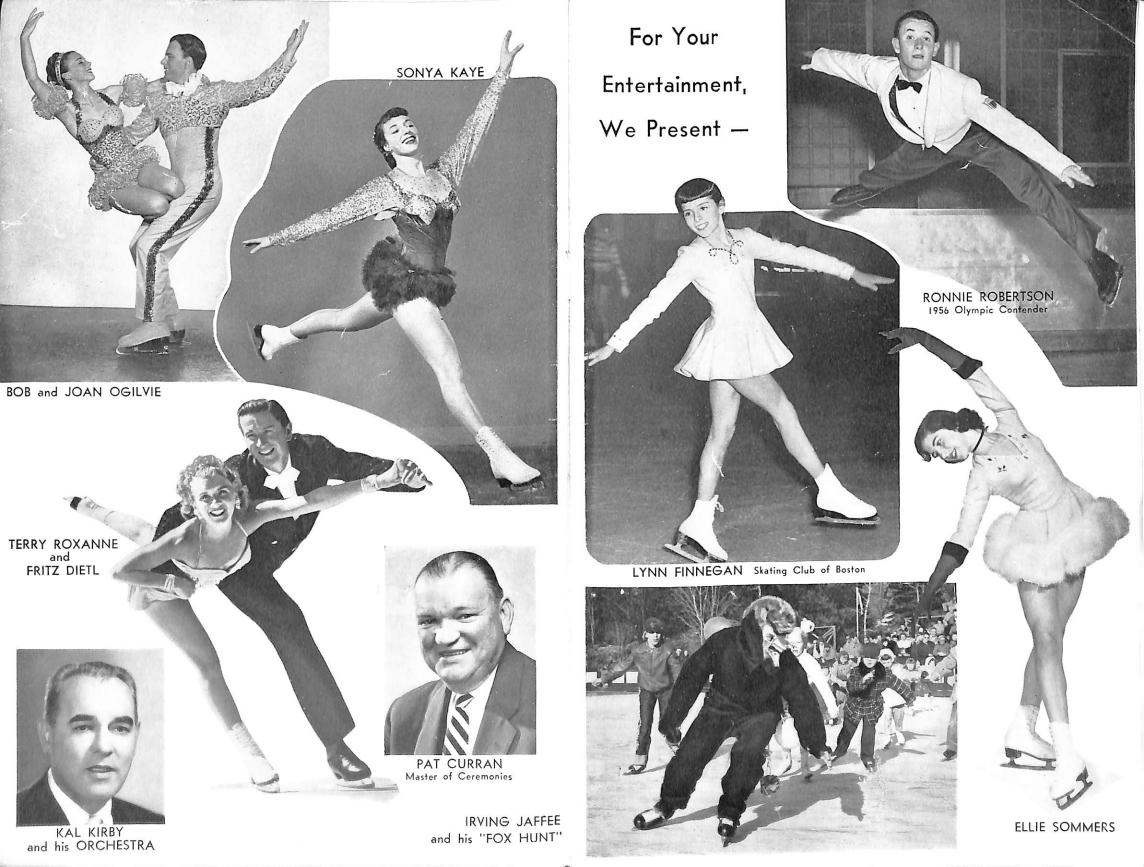
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CLASSIFICATIONS

MEN'S SENIORS: Entrants aged 18 or older.
GIRLS' SENIORS: Entrants aged 16 or older.
BOYS' INTERMEDIATES: Entrants aged 16 or 17.
BOYS' AND GIRLS' JUNIORS: Entrants aged 14 or 15.
BOYS' AND GIRLS' JUVENILES: Entrants aged 12 or 13.
BOYS' MIDGETS: Entrants aged 10 or 11.
BOYS' SPECIAL MIDGETS: Entrants aged 8 or 9.
GIRLS' MIDGETS: Entrants aged 11 or younger.
BOYS' CUBS: Entrants aged 7 or younger.
NOVICES are those who never have won a prize in skating.



	MEN'S SENIOR NOVICE SEMI-FINAL (Two heats)			1/2 Mile— 8 laps
2.	MEN'S SENIOR SEMI-FINAL (Three heats)	•	•	1 Mile—16 laps
	BOYS' MIDGET NOVICE FINA			
	BOYS' JUNIOR NOVICE FINAL			
	GIRLS' MIDGET FINAL			
	BOYS' JUVENILE NOVICE FIR			
	BOYS' SPECIAL MIDGET FINA			
	BOYS' JUNIOR FINAL			
	BOYS' MIDGET FINAL			
10.	BOYS' CUB FINAL	•	•	220 Yards— 2 laps
	GIRLS' JUVENILE FINAL .			
12.	BOYS' JUVENILE FINAL	•	•	440 Yards— 4 laps
13.	BOYS' INTERMEDIATE NOVI	CE		
	FINAL			
	GIRLS' JUNIOR FINAL			
15.	MEN'S SENIOR NOVICE FINA	\L		1/2 Mile— 8 laps
	ELEVENTH ANNUAL LT. ERNIE RIEDEL JR. N	MEM	OF	RIAL RACE
16.	BOYS' INTERMEDIATE FINAI			1 Mile—16 laps
17.	GIRLS' SENIOR FINAL			1/2 Mile— 8 laps
	THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SILVER	SK	A	TES DERBY:
18.	MEN'S SENIOR FINAL			2 Miles—32 laps
19.	THE INVITATION RACE OF CHAMPIONS			2 Miles—32 laps



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Ladies: Edythe L. Alexander, Mrs. Richard F. Becker, Marie Church, Jennifer Crimmins, Louise Hartshorne, Mrs. Frederic Hold, Mrs. James J. Lee, Nettie C. Prantel and Mrs. Walter Silbernagel.

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SILVER SKATES OFFICIALS



REFEREES

Robert Jahn, Chief Richard Werner Michael Heidt Joseph Bree Harry Wylan

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SPEED SKATING EVENTS are sanctioned and conducted by the Middle Atlantic Skating Association of the Amateur Skating Union of the United States.

AMATEUR FIGURE SKATING EXHIBI- TIONS are sanctioned by the United States
Figure Skating Association.

THE 1956 SILVER SKATES CONTESTANTS

MEN'S SENIOR NOVICE SEMI-FINAL

FIRST HEAT

- I Richard Clark, Century RC
- 2 Sverre Lunder, Brooklyn
- 3 Thomas Dodin, Bronx
- 4 Herbert Steffen, Manhattan
- 5 Alfred Frimmet, Century RC
- 6 Raymond Beyer, Bronx
- 7 Herman Schiller, Brooklyn
- 8 Joseph Stella, Parsippany, N. J.
- 9 Gus Savicky, Kearny, N. J.

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SECOND HEAT

- 10 Vincent Cantatore, Bronx
- 11 Harold Uretsky, Bronx
- 12 Robert Anderson, Brooklyn
- 13 Frank Boyle, Olympiad SC
- 14 Lloyd Hamilton, Whitestone
- 15 William Robertson, Century RC
- 16 Anthony Wetzel, Woodside
- 17 Raymond Chodkowski, Flushing
- 18 Jack Kelderman, Manhattan

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MEN'S SENIOR SEMI-FINAL

FIRST HEAT

- 19 Stephen Stenson, Skateland SC
- 20 Fritzie Bruckner, Grossinger SC
- 21 J. J. McCarthy, Queens Village 22 Charles Shattenkirk,
- Queens Village
- 23 Phil Keller, Packanack Lake, N. J.
- 24 Amos Ottley, L. I. Wheelmen
- 25 Alfred Givens, Concord SC
- 26 Arthur Rauhauser.
 - Flushing Meadow SC
- 27 Bill Linn, Century RC

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SECOND HEAT

- 28 Lewis Barbieri, Olympiad SC
- 29 Dick Walton, Wollman Rink SSC
- 30 Ron Linn, Century RC
- 31 Jasper LaBarbera, Wollman SSC
- 32 David Newmark, Olympiad SC
- 33 Nelson Bruckner, Norsemen SC
- 34 Paul Eschenfelder, Skateland SC
- 35 Josesph McCarthy Queensbrook SC

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THIRD HEAT

- 36 Jay Hasbrouck, Newburgh SC
- 37 William Van Der Est,
 - Grand Street Boys
- 38 John McCarthy, Queensbrook SC
- 39 Bob Adams, Skateland SC 40 Cliff Murtaugh, Brooklyn
- 41 William Carlos, Century RC
- 42 Matthew Meade, Brooklyn
- 43 Robert Muller, Brooklyn
- 44 John Hanst, Englewood, N. J.

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BOYS' MIDGET NOVICE FINAL

Record 0:29.2 Set by Ronald Peters in 1955

- 45 Buddy Braue, Whitestone
- 46 Robert McAdams, Ossining, N.Y.
- 47 Bill Young, Bronx
- 48 Thomas Falco, Tuckahoe, N. Y.
- 49 Robert Johnson, Corona
- 50 Bernard Herron, Liberty, N. Y.
- 51 Vincent Monroe, Century RC
- 52 Martin Saltzman, Forest Hills

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BOYS' JUNIOR NOVICE FINAL

Record 1:19.0 Set by Emil Tarsitano in 1949

- 53 Bill Wright, Wollman Rink SSC
- 54 Terry Byrne, Long Island City
- 55 Anthony Crichlow, Brooklyn
- 56 Dick Kusick, Jackson Heights
- 57 Robert Fischer, Hollis
- 58 Richard Ruggiero, L. I. C.
- 59 Tom Werder, Rego Park 60 William McKeon, Elmhurst

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GIRLS' MIDGET FINAL

Record 0:26.5 Set by Kathleen Mulholland in 1953

- 61 Claudia Gagas, Jackson Heights
- 62 Deborah Smith, Empire SC
- 63 Victoria Keller, Wollman Rink SSC
- 64 Judith Sherman,

Flushing Meadow SC

- 65 Lynn Adams, Skateland SC 66 Mary Ellen Powers, Skateland SC
- 67 Barbara Sulc, Flushing Meadow SC
- 68 Lauren Fraysse, Century RC

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BOYS' JUVENILE NOVICE FINAL

Record 0:39.4 Set by Leo Dooley in 1945

- 69 Ray Nickel, Jackson Heights
- 70 Gus Braun, Century RC
- 71 George Joeckel, Denville, N. J.
- 72 Martin Zaretsky, Flushing
- 73 Ronnie Basini, Flushing
- 74 Richard O'Connor, Forest Hills 75 Vernon Sheley, Newburgh SC
- 76 Peter Wolter, Brooklyn

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BOYS' SPECIAL MIDGET FINAL

Record 0:27.4 Set by Dick Rittmuller in 1955

- 77 Mark Geller, Wollman Rink SSC 78 Edward Somerville, Wollman SSC
- 79 John Murphy, Ridgewood
- 80 Robert Stenson, Skateland SC
- 81 Paul Cain, Flushing Meadow SC
- 82 Robert Leto, Skateland SC
- 83 Lawrence Shannon, Skateland SC
- 84 Ed Brickley, Skateland SC

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BOYS' JUNIOR FINAL

Record 1:29.2 Set by Stephen Stenson in 1954

- 85 Aaron Phillips, Grossinger SC
- 86 Daniel Mount, Flushing Mdw. SC
- 87 Bruce Hanusek, Century RC
- 88 Les Feist, Flushing
- 89 Art Larkin, Wollman Rink SSC
- 90 Joseph Dodds, Grossinger SC 91 Adolph Springel
 - Flushing Meadow SC

92 George Kojac, Flushing Mdw. SC 1st_____

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BOYS' JUVENILE FINAL **BOYS' MIDGET FINAL** Record 0:46.2 Record 0:24.5 Set by Aaron Phillips in 1955 Set by Stephen Toth in 1955 117 Paul Rittmuller, Skateland SC 93 Ronald Peters, Wollman SSC 118 Charles Ciccarelli. 94 William Dodds, Grossinger SC Wollman Rink SSC 95 Tom Nelson, Flushing Mdw. SC 96 Dick Rittmuller, Skateland SC 119 Stephen Toth. Flushing Meadow SC 97 J. P. Mulholland, 120 Bob Larkin, Wollman Rink SSC Flushing Meadow SC 121 James Martin, 98 Peter Kreindler, Grossinger SC 99 Ken Nelson, Flushing Meadow SC Wollman Rink SSC 122 Robert Fenn, Concord SC 100 Wm. Vreeland Jr., Century RC 123 Skippy Nelson, Flushing Meadow SC 2nd_____ 124 Bruce Albert, Grand Street Boys 1st______ Time____ 2nd 3rd_____ BOYS' CUB FINAL Record 0:31.2 Time____ Set by Ed Somerville in 1955 101 Glenn Albert, Wollman Rink SSC 102 Michael Heidt, Skateland SC **BOYS' INTERMEDIATE NOVICE FINAL** 103 Barth Levy, Manhattan Record 1:42.4 104 Chuck Finch, Ozone Park Set by Ray Lanflisi in 1947 105 Bill Larkin, Wollman Rink SSC 125 Kenneth Monroe, Century RC 106 James Adams, Skateland SC 126 Stephen Bacon, Brooklyn 107 Gerow Mangan, Grossinger SC 127 Sy Shpiz, Brooklyn 108 Albert Tinston Jr., Empire SC 128 Vincent Simone, Mahopac, N. Y. 129 Jerry Haas, Brooklyn 1st_____ 2r.d 130 Ronald Stephens. Springfield Gardens 3rd_____ 131 John Pokrywka, Jackson Heights 132 Wes Dickman, Time_____ Greenwood Lake, N. Y. GIRLS' JUVENILE FINAL 1st_____ Record 0:37.3 Set by Christine Markley in 1954 109 Carole Widom, B'klyn Ice Palace 3rd_____ 110 Patricia Dodds, Century RC Time III Celia Sherman, Flushing Mdw.SC 112 Leslie Fishman, Forest Hills 113 Sandra Henik, Flushing Mdw. SC

114 Patricia Shannon, Skateland SC

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115 Gayle Fannin, Empire SC

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116 Sheila Graham, Empire SC

MEN'S SENIOR NOVICE FINAL

Record 1:36.8 Set by Alfred Givens in 1952

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GIRLS' JUNIOR FINAL

Record 0:49.8 Set by Lynn Finnegan in 1954

133 Kathleen Mulholland, Flushing Meadow SC

134 Barbara Olma, Empire SC

135 Linda Resnick, Brooklyn Ice Palace

136 Melinda Gardner, Wollman Rink SSC

137 Joan Ratti, Wollman Rink SSC

138 Margaret Grant, Wollman Rink SSC

139 Arlene Fenn, Concord SC

140 Carol Anderson, Century RC

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BOYS' INTERMEDIATE FINAL

Record 3:05.6 Set by Howard Speed in 1929

141 Robert Nelson, Flushing Meadow SC

142 Daniel Denehy, Concord SC143 Alan Meravi, Century RC

144 Edwin Peters, Wollman Rink SSC

145 Donald Beam, Grossinger SC

146 Gene Weiss, Flushing Meadow SC

147 Ronald Toth, Flushing Meadow SC

148 Kevin O'Brien, Concord SC

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MEN'S SENIOR FINAL

Record 6:35.1 Set by Arnold Ubrlass in 1954

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GIRLS' SENIOR FINAL

Record 1:44.2 Set by Myra Shapiro in 1949

149 Christine Markley, Newburgh SC

150 Micky Finch, Ozone Park

151 Gwen DuBois Finley, Grossinger SC

152 Rae Leppanen, Flushing Meadow SC

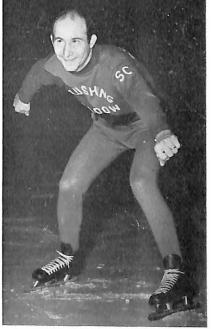
153 Mary Herz, Wollman Rink SSC

154 Beverly Raab, Newburgh SC

155 Barbara Dermond Budrock, Flushing Meadow SC

156 Virginia Walton, Wollman Rink SSC

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CHARLES RUSSO, winner of the 1955 Men's Senior Championship

INVITATION RACE OF CHAMPIONS

Record 6:39.4 Set by Arnold Ubrlass in 1955

RAY BLUM, Nutley, N. J.
... Middle Atlantic Skating Assin.

AL BROADHURST, Norwood, Mass. . . . Northeastern Skating Ass n.

TERRY BROWNE, Detroit, Mich. . . . Michigan Skating Ass'n.

BILL DISNEY, Pasadena, Calif.
... Southern Calif. Skating Assin.

KENNETH LeBEL, Lake Placid, N. Y. . . . Northern N. Y. Skating Ass n.

BOB OLSON, Glendale, Calif.
... Southern Calif. Skating Ass n.

CHARLEY RUSSO, Astoria, L. I.
... Middle Atlantic Skating Ass n.

FRANK TILL, St. Louis, Mo. . . . Missouri Skating Assin.

ARNOLD UHRLASS, Yonkers, N. Y. . . . Middle Atlantic Skating Ass'n.

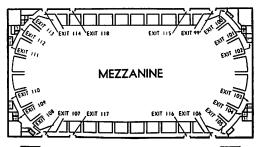
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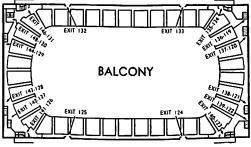
1945 Joe Bree, New York City

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EDWARD F. CAVANAGH Jr., Fire Commissioner







1955 Arnold Uhrlass, Yonkers, N. Y.

WINNERS OF PAST SILVER SKATES RACES OF CHAMPIONS

NAME and CITY NAME and CITY 1929 Irving Jaffee, New York City 1946 Roy Erickson, New York City 1936 Joe Bree, New York City 1947 Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J. 1937 Cliff Spelman, New York City 1948 Frank Briggs, 1938 Don Johnson, St. Paul, Minn. Pompton Lakes, N. J. 1939 John Roukema, New York City 1949 Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J. 1940 John Roukema, New York City 1950 Don McDermott, 1941 Charles Leighton, Englewood Cliffs, N. J. Minneapolis, Minn. 1951 Don McDermott, 1942 Herman Van Putten, Englewood Cliffs, N. J. New York City 1952 Mario Trafeli Jr., Detroit, Mich. 1943 John Simmons, Boston, Mass. 1953 Edgar Dame Jr., Revere, Mass. 1944 Ray Blum, Nutley, N. J. 1954 Mario Trafeli Ir., Detroit, Mich.

SILVER SKATES PAST SENIOR CHAMPIONS

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MEN		GIRLS
Al Leitch	1922	Elsie Muller
West Becker		Hattie Dose
Paul Forsman	1924	Dorothy Jackson
Lou Morris	1925	Caroline Breiter
Irving Jaffee		Esther Zimmerman
Eddie Searle	1927	Olga Fisher
William Casey	1928	Lee Bertsche
Andy Roesch		Gene Mackie
Carl Springer	1930	Mildred Mangold
Bert Taylor		Lillian Corke
1932 and	1933	(no ice)
Joe Bree		Muriel Wilson
_	1935	(no ice)
Cliff Spelman	1936	Àlice Burnham
Joe Dille		Helen Bahil
John Roukema	1938	Edna Hanley
Dick Werner	1939	Hilda Reuther
Roy Erickson		Esther Williams
Herman Van Putten		Virginia Jahn
Robert Jahn	1942	Margie Cummings
Ray Blum	1943	Helen Carlesco
Frank Briggs		Theresa Renton
Gilbert Swordsma	1945	Marion Hanley
John Strasser	1946	Norma Davis
Henry Swordsma		Marion Davis
Al Casale	1948	Mary Lynch
Don McDermott	1949	Myra Shapiro
Joe Walsh	1950	Louise Daub
John Storm	1951	Marion Tomlinson
Dick King	1952	Caroline Crudele
Bill Cooney		Gloria Rattay
Arnold Uhrlass	1954	Joan Russell
Charles Russo	1955	Lynn Finnegan

SILVER SKATES PRIZES

Forty-eight pairs of prize skates and four trophies, all of them engraved as a permanent record of achievement, tonight will be awarded the fleetest skaters and the top-scoring club. Solid silver racing blades await the winner of the Men's Senior Final, the Silver Skates Derby, from which the entire tournament gets its name. The winner in the Invitation Race of Champions receives a gold-plated trophy, the runner-up a silver-plated trophy and third place finisher a bronze-plated trophy.

THE SILVER SKATES TEAM TROPHY

To recognize and encourage the ever-increasing interest in speed skating clubs, THE NEWS Welfare Association again will award a handsome engraved trophy to tonight's top-scoring team.

Team scoring is computed by awarding five points to a club member winning a race, three points to the runner-up and one point to the third place finisher. While club members compete in the Invitation Race of Champions, this event is excluded from the team scoring tally since the skaters are selected by the Middle Atlantic Skating Association and do not earn places in the Finals by qualifying in preliminary competition.

Last season the Flushing Meadow SC retained its team title with ease, tallying 29 points to 13 for the runner-up Grossinger squad. Flushing Meadow thus equalled the record of 29 points set by the powerful Paterson SC team of 1948. In addition, Flushing Meadow set a new mark as its members won five of the 16 championship Finals. The best previous record had been made by the 1949 Paterson aggregation, with four champions in 13 events.

A new mark also was established last year when skaters representing 11 of the 16 accredited speed skating clubs earned a total of 107 points out of a maximum of 144. The previous high had been 99 points, set in 1949 by ten clubs and tied by the same number of teams in 1954.

SILVER SKATES TEAM STANDINGS: 1948-1955

Year	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
1948	Paterson SC	Brooklyn Ice Palace	Queensbrook SC
1949	Paterson SC	Tie: Empire SC- Grossinger SC	
1950	Paterson SC	Queensbrook SC	Norsemen SC
1951	Queensbrook SC	Grossinger SC	Tie: Empire SC-Norsemen SC
1952	Grossinger SC	Norsemen SC	Tie: Empire SC-Grand St. Boys
1953	Norsemen SC	Flushing Meadow SC	Empire SC
1954	Flushing Meadow SC	Norsemen SC	Newburgh SC
1955	Flushing Meadow SC	Grossinger SC	Tie: Newburgh SC- Wollman Rink SSC



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skating pros

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HAVING FUN AT GROSSINGER'S



A section of the outdoor artificial ice skating rink at the Grossinger Country Club, Grossinger, N. Y.