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The Opening of Arena Gardens Skating Club 1939-40 Season Brings Happiness to Detroit

SKATERS GLAD TO BE BACK HOME

Now that vacations are over and school has started and everybody is back in the city and settled for the winter, the Arena has again become the center of activities, and not a session goes by without seeing Mr. or Miss Skater enter and greet one another with that warm feeling of friendship which is so prevalent among members. It is quite thrilling to stand on the sidelines and watch all of this, for it brings to one's mind just how close a friendship has been built up in true sportsmanship. Most of the skaters, upon closing the rink for the summer, start traveling, or go to the lakes and remain there all through the hot season, and no doubt are so eager to return to roller activities when fall rolls around that happiness beams all over their faces when reentering the Arena. After some eight weeks of idleness and in many cases refraining from skating entirely, most everyone is so glad that the season is again starting that regardless of the extreme heat which happened to bring to Detroit and its vicinity the hottest days in history for September, the ticket line

Regular Skating 8 to 11:30
EVERY TUESDAY
Now 6 Nites
4 Matinees Weekly

formed almost two hours prior to opening time. The crowd on opening night, Sept. 2, was the largest first night in the Arena's history which also included many out-of-town skaters and groups. Our registration book shows visitors from various states and cities such as South Bend, Ind.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Canton, Dayton, Ashtabula and Toledo, Ohio; Spiceland, Ind.; Chicago, Ill.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Flint, Saginaw and Mt. Morris, Mich.; Takoma, Wash.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; Galesburg, Ill.; Windsor and Toronto, Canada, Texas, California, etc.

It was a great night, and a most enjoyable one. The staff with no changes remain in its entirety the same as last season with Russell Bice again featured organist at the console of the Arena Gardens Wurlitzer Grande Pipe Organ. Manager Martin is now planning many new and entertaining features for the future pleasure of the skater. Don't forget, an extra skating night has been added to our weekly program. By popular demand, regular skating will be featured every TUESDAY NIGHT, 8 to 11:30.



CHILDREN'S SAFETY CLUB

Meets Every Saturday Afternoon
2 to 4:30 o'clock

A few years ago, after the formation of the ARENA GARDENS ROLLER SKATING CLUB and its successful operation, it was decided that something should be done in order to take care of the youngsters who up to that time were skating all over Detroit's sidewalks and streets. Roller skating being a healthful recreation as well as a refined sport enjoyed by about ninety per cent of the juvenile population of this country, has also become a hazard, and a great deal of consideration has been given by the police and health safety departments in order to reduce the dangers of street skating accidents. SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE. Therefore, the formation of the ARENA GARDENS CHILDREN'S SAFETY SKATING CLUB for all children under 12 years of age, and in doing so, the featuring of a special Children's Matinee every Saturday.

"Gee, a reg'lar club with buttons a' everything!" Yes, that is one way of putting it. The youngsters have had a skating club at the Arena Gardens for three years past. Without a doubt, the kiddies are the most sincere of all skaters in singing the praises of the sport.

Every Saturday afternoon (or I should say NOON) the youngsters start lining up in the lobby. Nobody wants to be late, so the line starts forming about two hours before the session opens.

The skating program for the children is much like that for the adults. Couples numbers, Trio, Ladies Only and the popular Skaters Parade. In addition there are always races and games in which the lucky ones and those who have learned a little faster might win prizes. At the same time the spirit of fairness is impressed upon them for the winner of a race or contest must retire from the same event for the following four weeks in order to give the other fellow a chance to win.

The children do have a good time and many have brought Mother and Dad along to see where they spend Saturday afternoon. It has promoted much good feeling and the parents know that their kiddies are safe and off the streets.

On the other hand, taking the sports angle of the session, in these Saturday "Kid" sessions we find the champions to come. With roller skating bred into their minds, better skaters will be the result of this training.

Already (and only after three years' time) we are beginning to see faces in the

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A. G. R. S. CLUB— DETROIT'S FINEST

Boasts Greatest Membership in World

12,000 MEMBERS CAN'T BE WRONG!

On the 12th of November the Arena Gardens Roller Skating Club will be just five years old (WHAT-A-BABY). How it has grown in such a short space of time. This great skating organization has done wonders in elevating skating in our fair city. The dress rules which are not too stringent but fair in maintaining a refined atmosphere are looked upon by the members with pride, creating a feeling of polished decorum for in looking over the crowd while skating you never see any clownish features such as pom-poms on shoes, sweaters, multi-colored jackets, tieless shirts, pants rolled up, collarless sport shirts, or unclean dress. Such things are strictly out of order and

we often wonder why the out-of-town visitor generally admire the Arena and its appointments.

The policy of the management has always been to maintain a clean rink where the skater can go skating dressed in their very best, and leave the rink after a night's pleasure just as clean looking as when they entered. Yes, Skater, dress rules are printed in each issue of this paper, and they are not extreme or difficult to follow, just pleasant and comfortable. The above may be the secret and the reason for the great popularity of the A.G.R.S.C. among young as well as older roller skaters.

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ARENA GARDENS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday
 WRESTLING THE YEAR ROUND.

Tuesday
 REGULAR SKATING, 8:00 P. M.

Wednesday
 SKATING. 8 till 11:30 p. m. Full Musical Program. Dance Class 7 to 8 p. m., no extra charges. 1 till 6 p. m. D.F.S. Club Practice.

Thursday
 SKATING. Matinee 2 till 4:30—Excellent time for beginners. Evening 8 till 11:30. Full Musical Program. Dance Class 7 till 8, no extra charges. 6 till 7 D.F.S. Club Practice.

Friday
 SKATING. Matinee 2 till 4:30—Excellent time for beginners. Evening 8 till 11:30. Full Musical Program. 6 till 7:45 D.F.S. Club Session. Figure and Dance.

Saturday
 SKATING. Morning 10:30 till 12, Juvenile Advanced Skating School. Miss Marjorie Martin, Bronze Medalist, teacher. Matinee 2 till 4:30, Children's Special Session, with Full Musical Program of entertainment. Evening 8 till Midnite. Full Musical Program. 5:30 till 7:30 D.F.S. Club Practice.

Sunday
 SKATING. 10 till 12 a. m. D.F.S. Club Session. Figures and Dance. Matinee 2 till 4:30, Full Musical Program. Evening 8 till 11:30, Full Musical Program.

PRICE SCHEDULE

Matinees	
Guests	30c
Club Members	25c
Children	20c
Saturday Matinee—Children	15c
Saturday Matinee—Children's Club	10c
Evenings	
Club Members ALWAYS	40c
Guests	50c
Special Events (Masquerades, Etc.)	
Guests	60c

Halloween Masquerade TUESDAY Oct. 31st
\$200.00 IN PRIZES

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Halloween Masquerade Tuesday, October 31

OUR ANNUAL DRESS PARTY ONE OF THE GAYEST

This is one of the biggest feature nights of the year and every skater and Club member goes to the extreme to "put it over" even on his best friend; and by the way, "Lucky You," this grand and glorious, stupendous, tremendous and what goes with it NITE will be a special one for it will be the first time in the history of the Arena Gardens that such a date has fallen on Tuesday, so this GIGANTIC party will be held on TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 31. DON'T MISS IT! From rumors already passing around, EVERYBODY is dressing this year but if you don't like all of the frills that go into a costume, or if you feel embarrassed wearing one, then come just as you are. You will have plenty of fun watching the other Masqueraders and you can join in and have one grand time just the same.



Many and various prizes will be awarded to the winners in the Masquerade this year, and whether or not you are among those on the receiving end, you will still

have your share of pleasant and enjoyable entertainment.

You know, something just occurred to me — an Halloween Masquerade is the only time in the year that you can GO NATIVE and wear overalls, jerseys, shorts, etc., etc., and the girls can wear slacks and other equally foreign (to them) costumes. Besides that, you will no doubt be or see Bathing Beauties, Queens and Kings of every nation on earth, then tramps (always a lot of them — why is it?) Zulus, South Sea Islanders, Eskimos, and always a MICKEY AND MINNIE MOUSE. Without a doubt this is the ONE big, unrestrained evening of complete enjoyment in the year for both the SKATER and the SPECTATOR. I think you'll regret it if you miss it!

NEXT CLUB NITE WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

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- Mildred Brown—Teacher of Plain Skating, \$1.00 hour.
- George Brett—Bronze Medalist of Figure and Dance, \$1.50 hour.
- Joe Parchem—Bronze Dance Medalist, \$1.50 hour.
- Joe Thomas—Bronze Dance Medalist, \$1.50 hour.
- Jess Bell—Teacher of Plain Skating, \$1.00 hour.
- Mickey Dunn—Teacher of Plain Skating, \$1.00 hour.
- Vlady Regentik—Teacher of Plain Skating, \$1.00 hour.

Calling "C Q"

Well, roll around all you lads and lassies for another skating season.

The place isn't quite so "homey" now that Les Willis and Pat Cavanaugh are leaving to get "ejakated"—which leaves us wondering what Honey Bea Laben will gather up next—you know, while Les is away Bea will play!

Orelta Zimmerman and Stew Harvey are still "olling around" together. Chuck Woodward has certainly improved and is going places fast on the little rollers (not saying how fast). Florine Hanchette, a new arrival, is certainly proving she can take it—for after suffering from a broken arm she is back for more.

That old Blanche Edwards-Box Larson affair seems to be in the refrigerator again—beware, boys. Blanche is a femme fatale (whatever that is)!!!

Frank Lovejoy, we hear, is quite a horseman—we have just got a bulletin about the time he took one of our femme skaters horse back riding—did she get a let down (right over the horse's neck) and when she came to, Frank was miles away chasing the horse, hummm—don't fall down in front of him, girls, 'cause he'll run after your skate.

George (Beau Geste) Linger seems to be doing all right for himself—every time we see him he has a blonde, brunette, or redhead hanging (yes, literally hanging) on his arm.

Happy landings, George!!! Harry Fleming, a very new skater, just can't be new long—are the girls mobbing him?? Saw him the other night trying to figure out just who (animal, vegetable or mineral) he would skate the next circle waltz with—have you figured it out yet, Harry?

Well, boys and girls, Junior will be signing off.
 —JUNIOR.

Stuff on the Staff

Just a couple of notes this issue.

First, we wish to compliment Mr. Fred Martin on his executive ability in handling a skooter bike. Fun, huh!

A personal note. Earl King confessed his actual age but says he doesn't feel a day over thirty-three.

Margie Martin did a lot of work on Club night without credit. We were sorry to note that she sang half a song before the P.A. system was turned on.

Met an awfully handsome man in a gray suit drinking coffee after session the other night—guess who, yep, Bob Reed, no wonder the girls like that personality. It was a very hot night but he said it was nice and cool in Dearborn—what would he be doing in Dearborn after session?

Then we heard that Milton Hibbs, Bob Burton, Dick Baker and Artie O'Neil went out to the Fair and what did we hear about four girls standing them up—whooops, boys, you're slipping. Maybe it's that "Oh, you girlie" style of speech you've acquired recently. But don't get gray, we like you just the same.

Remember "Mac" the Scotty who used to work in the skate room? Poor boy, he's hard to convince but with a very sore foot he now knows he just can't move a post in the middle of the skating surface at Crystal Beach. How long before you throw away the crutches, Mac? Then there's real skating spirit on our floor staff when Vlady Regentik will drive in from Farmington every day to work at Arena. What IS her name??

We just heard a bunch of the staff went out to Strong's Pavilion at Keego Harbor the other night—and a super grand time was had by all, except poor Pauline!

TREASURE CHEST SAT. NITE

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THOUGHTS WHILE ROLLIN'

(APOLOGIES TO O.O.McINTYRE)

By LITTLE ROLLO Edited by "WE"

SPEED SKATING

Hiya Skaters!

Yep! I'm back again! Hear folks been a-wondering what caused my absence—Well, folksies, I'm not one to cry on everybody's shoulders but I must admit I haven't had much time to keep track of the gang this summer. In brief, I had a lovely ring on my left hand. It's off again. My little Ford had a terrific crack-up—it's fixed again. I spent most of the summer in hospitals as a result of accidents, but I'm well again. Thought I'd never skate again, but that bug got into my blood and all the doctors in the world couldn't get THAT bug out—so I'm back again. With that, I'm watching folks again, and just to prove it, look what I found out . . .

I heard that Chuck Woodward has a girl friend at Wampplers Lake. What's the matter with our gals, Chuck? Gee, there's so much romance in the air. Remember M'Honey Angie Wojewski? Her's Mrs. George McCall now, and they led the Grand March the first time they came skating this season. Congratulations, kids, and those "Congrats" go for others, too—Lou Gorris went the way of all "Wise" (?) men and now he's "MR." Gorris. We hear Dot Pulver is practically in the saddle, too.

Fred Sturgis and Catheryn grabbed at the opportunity to have the whole floor to themselves when they skated in Mickey Dunn's Fairhaven skating revue. Incidentally, I'm betting there was a lot of work behind that show that some folks don't fully appreciate. Good work, Mickey and your gang. While we are out of town a minute, let's thank the folks who write in. A very fond how-de-dooo to "Happy Tom and Jerry" way out West somewhere. Remember them? I'll say, and "Jerry" is our own Miss Safran who joined the team over a year ago. For the information of those who had to stay home, they have been skating at the "World's Fair" in San Francisco. Then there are those Dayton folks—and yes, Jim Oswald has been about since I last was in this post and I've heard there was a spark of whatamacallit between that Daytonite and Orletta "Red" Zimmerman. May I mention again, we are always glad to have visitors and tickled pink when I get something on them that is "News" for this column. Which reminds me that Toledo folk were here the other day. Our own Ray Shields was their personal host. Funny, Ruby Thornton left her wrist watch at Arena just before Ray took them out to Mickey's—she says she forgot it, but we think maybe she wanted to come back—Yea, man! Ida May Hunt and Charlie of Toledo might bear out the story and tell us of some hidden mystic charm that Ray has been Shielding—ooo bad pun.

RULES OF DRESS

Arena Gardens Rink

GENTLEMEN—Skating is permitted in business suit. Coat may be removed providing party is otherwise attired in unobtrusively colored, shirt and tie. Suspenders, sweaters, jackets and uniforms other than those of active U. S. Services are not permissible. After May 1 and before **OCTOBER 1**, sport shirts with collars attached, providing they are not extreme, may be worn.

LADIES—Skating is permitted in your choice of dress providing the costume skirt reaches to the knees. Slacks, riding breeches, beach pajamas, etc., are not permissible.

MAKE A NOTE OF THIS!
NEXT CLUB NITE
Wednesday
Oct. 25



Treasure Chest - Saturday Nite



What'll I Wear for Skating?

THE DRESS ILLUSTRATED is an example of applying existing styles to roller skaters. It is of the swing design with very full skirt, close fitted at the waist. It may be done in satin, either with or without lining in harmonious or contrasting colors. The blouse is done in a very full cut as shown.

Our skating ladies have used this pattern with variations intensively during past seasons, and from all indications, this design will remain unchanged.

Home again, Jimmie Holmes was the king of the Summer "Castle" at Sand Lake. Even the Martin family were royal guests and we assure you the whole column COULD be devoted to that Summer Spot—but a grand time was had by all. That reminds me that Wally Stokosa, rather his brother "Joe" was seen a lot with Ann Manion. Queer how much Wally looks like "Joe," but they do talk differently. Oh, Jimmie, how is that "Babe from Jackson"?

Then of course we all recognize Florence Brierly as a fine skater. But, she isn't spending nearly as much time on the floor since she gave up the skating "uniform" (Joe Parchem) for a lesser skater with the result that we have even seen Florence SITTING while the music was rolling. M.M.m.m. (Except when Hugo D. Laine's around.)

Chuck Mack has become a very popular person and we hear Betty Ford fits in just about here. Jack Weir has been seen occasionally with Blanche Edwards but it was Jan Yearick that he took for an out-of-town skating exhibition. Which is alright, too, cause those two gals go a-riding in their just-a-like breeches and I'll bet Jack gets a good goin' over. Where's Bob Larson? Guess who is back—none other than Doug Solomon and Al has the cecceatist little moosetache. He Ewers hasn't been seen lately with "Joe" Schroeder, maybe she's changed her mind again. Marvia Stayman has settled down to one but as yet we can't tell you who she is.

Now just a note that it was grand to see all the old crowd around on last Clut night. Verna Picton even won the ladies' speed race—the should, she still holds Michigan State Championship. Now what? Just this, I'll be seeing you doing things about—and print it! Soooo, be good and be careful!

Very sincerely yours,
"LITTLE ROLLO."

NEXT CLUB NITE
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25

Don't Forget!



REGULAR SKATING
EVERY
TUESDAY NITE
8 to 11:30

Children's Safety Club

(Continued from Page One)
contests which only a short time ago were "regulars" on Saturday afternoon. If the balance of the generation of roller skaters are as good as those we have already seen, we have nothing to worry about in the 1940s. The sport is growing up!

This year's added feature to the children's activities is the formation of the juvenile **FIGURE AND DANCE** skating division. This division meets every Saturday morning at 10:30 under the supervision of Miss Marjorie Martin, skating teacher, who, through proper instruction, will bring out the finer qualities and talent which are so prominent in the child of today. Monthly fees for this unit, \$1.50.

New Unit Added to Skating Club

Now that the A.G.R.S. Club has completed plans for the activities of the **DETROIT FIGURE SKATING CLUB**, and the **CHILDREN'S FIGURE AND DANCE UNIT**, good news is in store for the skater who likes speed racing, for the management has just finished organizing a committee under the leadership of Jess Bell for registration in the **SPEED UNIT**.

The D.F.S.C. has the distinction of bringing to the City of Detroit, National Championships in Figure and Skate Dancing, and now it is the desire of Manager Fred Martin to give the Speed Skaters in both boys and girls division a chance for trials and with proper coaching it is hoped to bring National Speed Honors to our city.

The above unit will be formed under the very same plans as the Figure and Dance Club and will be held strictly under the Amateur Rules governing such contests as stipulated by the R.S.R.O.A. which is the governing body over all roller skating activities in the U.S.A.

Detroit has been a city of **CHAMPIONS** for many years, in roller skating as well as other sports, and with the formation of this club and with such skaters as L. Lindberg, Norman McGinnis, Erving Resnick, Mac Wingate, Verna Picton, Shiloh Hill, Virginia and Beatrice Hancock and many, many more who are eager to try out and make a bid for their Junior Bar tests and climb up to the very top until they reach the Gold Medal stage there is no reason why, with good, proper training, that Detroit should not give a good account of its skill in the next National Championship events which are now being planned by the Association.

Every applicant must register and receive full information from Head Coach Jess Bell, the first meeting to be held on Tuesday night, Oct. 3, at the Arena Gardens, 7 p. m.

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R · S · R · O · A



This page is dedicated to the Roller Skating Rink Operators Association of the United States of America, in appreciation of its wonderful accomplishments since it was formed in April, 1937. This body is now recognized by the Amateur Skating Union as the sole governing body over the sport of roller skating in this country.

The letters R.S.R.O.A. mean ROLLER SKATING RINK OPERATORS ASSOCIATION OF THE U. S. A. This Association was formed by leading rink operators of the United States with a purpose in mind, to elevate roller skating; and with an unselfish motive on the part of everyone concerned. To say that this has been an easy road would be to avoid mentioning all of the headaches and hard work put forth by its officers and members. The cost has been tremendous, but at that you do not hear a "peep" out of all these hard working people. On the contrary,

all members are working extra hard to try to develop and accomplish things in a very short time with the work of research, instructions, classes, demonstrations, Dance and Figure Instruction Books, test accomplishments, etc. All such work should take years to set up and translate to the rollers, but instead so much pressure has been put on the R.S.R.O.A. National Offices by skaters in general, that such has become a mill of continuous activity.

THE DETROIT ROLLER SKATER will dedicate this particular page to all mem-

bers of the R.S.R.O.A. and each month insert a diagram and instructions of one of the advanced dances sponsored by the Association. We trust that in doing so it will assist skaters and members in advancement in this work. We take this means of thanking the Association for the splendid cooperation given the skaters of the U. S. A., who were sadly in need of assistance.

Many rink operators have had in mind such a question as "WHAT HAS THE R.S.R.O.A. to sell?" Gentlemen, the an-

swer is, NOTHING. Nothing but good will and hard work on your part to show your appreciation to the SKATER who is the life of your business, the road to advancement so that ROLLER SKATING in the future can rest on a pedestal just the same as any other major and refined sport. Our heartiest congratulations and support to this splendid organization.

In our November issue the DETROIT ROLLER SKATER will print the names of all skaters who have passed their tests under the R.S.R.O.A. Rules.

Thank You!

The National Offices of the R.S.R.O.A. wish to thank the following members for their R.S.R.O.A. Night proceeds contributed to the Treasury:

Fred Charles, Winston-Salem, N. Carolina.

Lois Reynolds, Arcadia Gardens, Chicago, Ill.

W. J. Betts, Redondo Rink, Redondo, Wash.

A. O. Johnston, Twelfth Street Skating Rink, Erie, Pa.

Every operator's cooperation is solicited for the advancement and progress of our skaters in the United States.

J. CHAS. McCORMACK

Owner and Operator, Madison Gardens Rink, Chicago, Ill.

The death of John, or better known to his many skating friends as "Charlie" McCormack, is a real blow to roller skating, for the name Madison Gardens Rink, Chicago, is well known throughout the entire country.

Originally opened in 1907 by Harry McCormack, Madison Gardens has been the mecca of visiting rink men from near and far and has always been looked upon as a leader. It has been the pleasure of the writer to have known both father and son McCormack, and only the highest of praise can be given to the calibre of such men.

The passing of Harry McCormack

several years ago left son "Charlie" in full control of skating activities at Madison Gardens and therefore the rink continued to function under the very same refined and so well established by the father. To say that John has done a fine job is to put it mildly, for in his untiring efforts to always do something better, he became very active in business organizations and also became the respected leader of many of them. His success as a rink operator was greatly due to his efforts of using business tactics in its development.

In losing Mr. McCormack the R.S.R.O.A. has lost a real worker and Chicago has lost a fine and upright businessman.

The New Dance Book

As this issue goes to press, the Dance Committee's compiled data on the International Style Dances has just been received and will be in circulation for the benefit of everyone by the first of October. Take your work seriously for the 1940 Contests will be judged according to this information.

Copies will be sent to all operator members and clubs of the R.S.R.O.A., no charge. Non-members may purchase same.

Silver Test Dance Instruction Series Begins This Issue

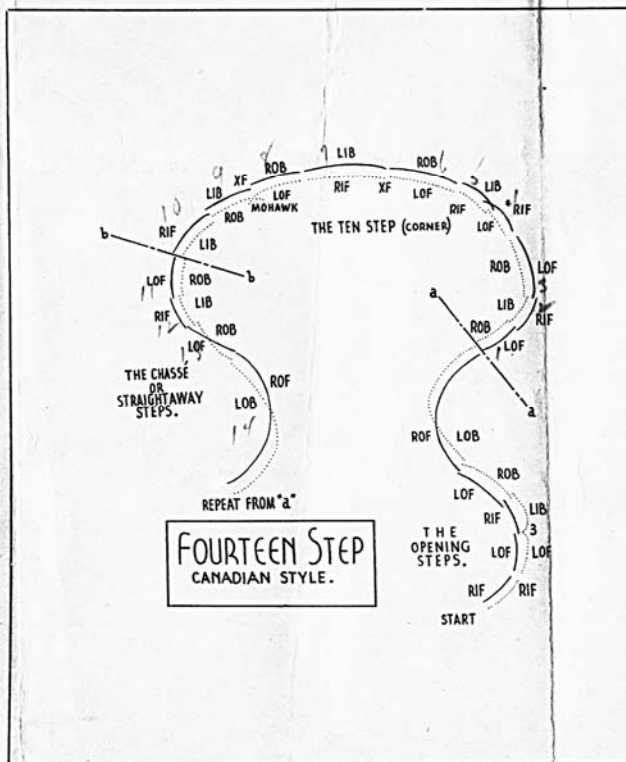
This dance is being published for the roller skating public. It is particularly an enjoyable dance step when attempting to skate dance with a partner on a crowded floor which might make it impossible to skate the International version of the step (which is printed in the Skate Dance Test Book). You will find it very easy to maneuver your partner thru the crowd and you will also find that the ease with which the dance is skated will make another point in its favor.

The opening steps are identical with those of the International Fourteen Step. They are skated to the tempo of 92 to 104 metronome. Be sure that the step is taken CLEANLY on the DOWN BEAT or the HEAVY BEAT only.

Beats	Man	Step No.	Lady
2	RIF	A	RIF
1	LOF	B	(LOF 3 Turn
1	RIF	C	(
2	LOF	D	ROB
4	ROF	E	LOB

The opening steps bring the couple from a forward side-by-side and hand-in-hand position to the standard closed (Waltz) position. This sequence of opening steps brings the couple into position for the corner or Ten-Step.

Beats	Man	Step No.	Lady
1	LOF	1	ROB
1	RIF	2	LIB
2	LOF	3	ROB
1	RIF	4	LOF
1	LIB	5	RIF
2	ROB	6	LOF
2	LIB	7	XF-RIF
1	ROB	8	LOF
			Mohawk.
1	XF-LIB	9	ROB
2	RIF	10	LIB



In the turn between steps 3 and 4, both the lady and man execute the turn above their own center, NOT REVOLVING AROUND THEIR PARTNER. This brings about a "change of side" from skating with left shoulders together TO skating with right shoulders together and traveling in a position exactly opposite to that which they had been skating.

The counts 1, 2 and 3 are all cleanly stepped. NOT TWO-STEPPED! The counts 6 and 7 are held for two beats each, the free feet being brought clear of the floor to facilitate the longer glide but under no circumstances with a KICK!

The balance of the steps are exactly the same as the International Style of skating the dance.

Beats	Man	Step No.	Lady
1	LOF	11	ROB
1	RIF	12	LIB
2	LOF	13	ROB
4	ROF	14	LOB

Upon completing the Ten-Step, the skaters are now ready for the four extra steps which are used one or more times on the straightaway. The 11, 12 and 13 are exactly like the 1, 2 and 3 of the Ten-Step. The 14 is taken on a steady edge with a slightly bent employed knee. The unemployed leg is brought easily in a swing traveling slowly and passing the employed foot closely from a trailing to a leading position with the resulting rotation of body and shoulders to allow for the follow through. In the case of the man, the follow through kick is taken BETWEEN himself and his partner in the manner of the Tango swing.

Other than the directions above, follow closely the general directions for skate dancing which are printed on page 27 in the R.S.R.O.A. Test Booklet.

Next Club Nite - Wed. Oct. 25