

Sad News

Gloria Morgan Barren – January 5, 2021



It is with a heavy heart that our beautiful mother Gloria Morgan Barren passed away peacefully on January 5, 2021. A wonderful career as a skater with Ice Capades, a businesswoman, a mother and grandmother. A War baby that grew up wanting to travel and see the world. She taught herself to skate and auditioned for Holiday on Ice and got the job, then came Capades! Her time with Ice Capades was the best time of her life she always told us. A British girl from a small town goes to Hollywood. Her adventures and stories about Capades we will always cherish and keep close to our hearts. Joe Marshall and Archie Walker always kept her laughing hysterically!! They nicknamed her Glo Mogs (pronounced Mow-g-s). The friendships she formed lasted a lifetime. In her 50's Gloria opened a retirement home for the elderly in England and was very successful for 22 years. She was an extraordinary woman that never stopped giving. She retired in 2007 and came to Los Angeles to be with all of us in her retirement years.

Gloria was our rock, our strength and our courage. We will somehow find the strength to continue on life's journey without her. She passed away with grace and dignity in her own home surrounded by so much love from all of us. Rest in peace beautiful mom until we meet you somewhere over the rainbow. Your loving daughters Glynneth & Emma and Granddaughter Charlotte.

Richard 'Dick' Burch – Aug. 7, 2020



Some of you might remember Richard, who was our Prop man in East Company starting in 1966. I just received word of his passing and unfortunately, do not have any more information.

Our Alumni in the News

Meet the Inspiring 64-Year-Old Former Olympic Figure Skater

Who Feels Fitter than Ever

By [The Editors of Prevention](#)

Mar 9, 2016



Ageless: The Story of JoJo Starbuck

by Prevention

At 64, two-time Olympic figure skater JoJo Starbuck has still got it. See her full story—and get ready to be inspired.

[Click here to view the video](#)

Updated Reunion Information

New Dates – June 14 - 16, 2022



Announcing - NEW DATES for the Ice Capades Reunion – June 14, 15, 16, 2022, at the stunning and spacious OMNI Resort & Spa, Rancho Mirage (Palm Springs), CA.

Now that it is unlikely California will be allowing large gatherings in Spring, and our Canadian friends are still being asked not to travel... it became evident we needed to push our event - to 2022. Doing this will hopefully allow for more attendees to be vaccinated. We want to be safe,

and allow for as many skaters, and extended Capades family, to be able to attend as possible. Hope you'll want to be there too!

Yes, **if already registered**, your event registration will be transferred to June 2022! While it may seem to be a long wait The Ice Capades Reunion 2022 committee is still excited and committed to providing a fun experience, in what could very well be the last chance to gather 'this many' of us in one spot. Please save any requests for cancellations, for extreme personal situations only. Much appreciated.

If you already have a hotel reservation, know the OMNI Resort has moved all reservations over to the new date(s). Feel free to call and confirm, to ease your mind. The 2022 OMNI Resort Reservation Website is not up yet. Know they are working on a skeleton crew, but I am told the website will be Live in a few days. Info regarding the new OMNI Resort website will be posted soon. Our hotel rates, will remain the same in 2022.

We are all getting older. (Still glamorous, but older). And after all this Covid-19 craziness it will be so good to see old friends again! So, please make a plan to come join us, and fully enjoy this special, unique reunion!

[Click here for 2022 registration form, which can be printed out](#)

Click here to register: [New Hotel Reservation Link](#)

The OMNI LAS PALMAS RESORT & SPA is now taking reservations, and can be made by [clicking here](#) or by clicking the link on our Reunion Registration Web page, or from the link on our Facebook Reunion event page, or by **phoning (888) 444-6664**. **REMEMBER: You must use Our Code to get the Discounted Rate: 061420CAPADES .**

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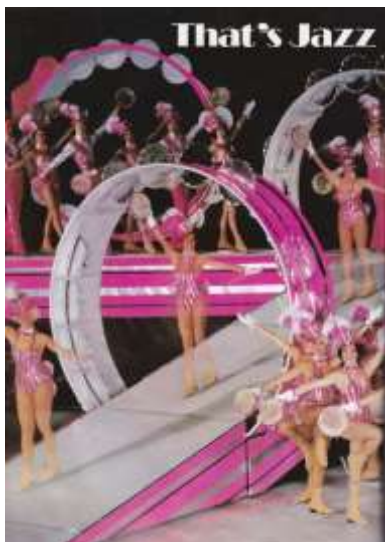
Videos of the Month



Torvill & Dean still have it after all these years. Chris & Jayne created this super swinging routine especially for this year's [#DancingOnIce](#) finale to [#FrankSinatra](#) it has touches of "Face The Music" from Olympics 1994, with [#TorvillandDean](#) signature imaginative Choreography.

Always a joy to watch again.

[Click here to view the video](#)



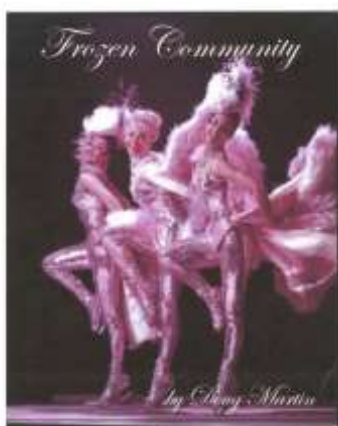
It never gets old

to watch a precision number again

Ice Capades of 1982, East, "Hello World, Hello!": "That's Jazz" - The Ice Capettes & Ice Cadets

[Click here](#)

RELIVING FOND MEMORIES



Doug Martin had published two books called 'Frozen Community' where he wanted to have skaters tell funny stories about their time on the road. Stories were posted before but worth sharing again. Read on.

Here is a great recollection from Darlene Ripepe (Pepe)

Whenever we were in Chicago, most of us stayed at the Croydon Hotel, which some of us called 'Menopause Manor,' because retired show people lived there year round. There was a great piano bar downstairs off the lobby where we would hang out after the show.

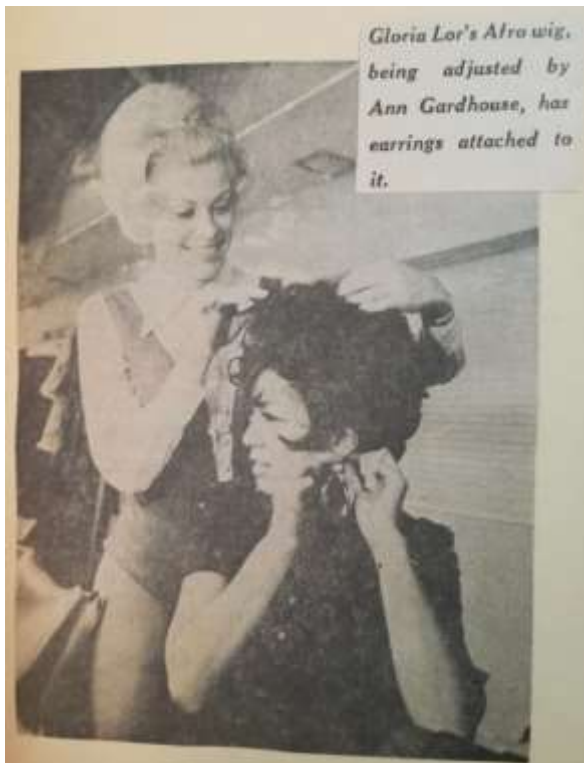
I was rooming with Jan Wood (Nurse) when a fire broke out on our floor. I was sick, so was in bed early. Jan came into the bedroom and asked if I was smoking. I said no, but I'd just blown out a candle. The next thing I know, Jan is yelling, {"Fire!) There's a trunk on fire!" While Jan was on the phone to the front desk to report the fire, I jumped out of bed, threw on some clothes, and ran to the window. We were on the 18th floor, so there was no escape there, nor could a fire truck ladder reach us. We went out into the hallway, trying to get to the fire escape, but the smoke was so thick we couldn't see. Our only option was to get to the elevator, so we got on our hands and knees and were crawling toward the elevator, trying to stay below the smoke level. Just then Bill Brenner and Terry Head came running out of the elevator. Bill reached the fire hose on the wall, broke the glass, turned on the water and aimed the hose at the burning trunk there in the hallway. In the meantime, Terry was knocking on doors, yelling, "Fire! Everyone out!" Just as Terry was heading back toward the elevator, Bill came around the corner toward Jan and me (still on our hands and knees) with the water going full blast, and hit Terry square in the chest, sending him flying backwards six feet, where he landed on his rear. It was like watching Laurel and Hardy. Jan and I finally made it to the elevator and down to the lobby... laughing all the way. Most of the girls were naked underneath their fur coats, holding

their taxes, jewelry or wine bottles! When it was safe to return to the hotel, most of us made a beeline for the bar, partying and laughing well into the night.

Oddly enough, it was never discovered who set the fire. After that, I never stayed higher than the 3rd floor. That way, either a fire ladder could reach me, or I could take my changes and jump! Wheeeee.

There'll Be No Pulling Hair Here

By Zedra Aranow



There will be no hair pulling among the cast of Ice Capades visiting here this week in a blaze of graceful color. It would be much too expensive a scene.

Wigs are the crowning-dash glory touch in each scene. Every girl skater wears six, which means that at least 300 wigs travel in huge crates whenever the show takes to the road.

The girls are all blonds in their precision number, white wigged for the ballet, and brown-haired for the zodiac scene. The brown wigs, all long and natural hair represent a considerable investment and are securely locked up when not on show.

“We did have a few stolen in the past” explained Taffy Wood, wife of skating star, Tim Wood ‘so we don’t take any chances with them now. The others are horsehair and lacquered. You wouldn’t wear them on the street, so they’re not tempted to the light fingered.

The tightly curled Afro wigs worn with dazzling gold mesh costumes are fussiest to keep looking right. Each as its own earrings attached and each girl keeps her own in curl. So if they have a post – show date, they have two heads of hair to set.

Does anyone flip her wig during the show, blonde Ann Gardhouse was asked?

She shrugged.

“When you fall, the wig goes. You just scramble up and plop it back on. And go madly to keep up with the rest of the line. It’s quite funny, actually.

Ann is a Hollywood Cinderella story. The understudy who got her chance to step into the role she was practicing. This year she plays the role of the little girl looking for an old fashioned circus in the opening number.

Gloria Lor, as brunette as Ann is blonde, is the line captain. She’s in charge of all the girls. “I keep them in shape.” She smiles. And she skates too and wears the appropriate number of wigs.

“They’re comfortable. Easy. The wigs. But not the headdresses.

The headdresses, each representing a different sign of the zodiac are magnificent = five foot high handmade creations. Each is brilliantly colored, outlined in shimmering sequins and beads. They are worth about \$2,000 each.

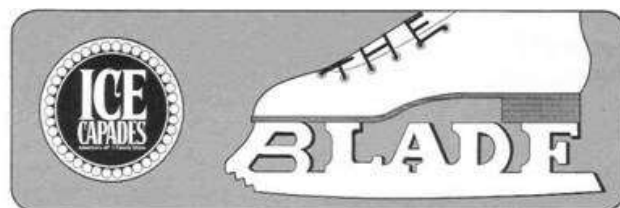
Sturdy slim silver wires keep the panels rigid and their size dictates that only the tall showgirls wear them. They weigh 10 pounds but the problem of balance is more urgent than the problem of weight.

“You can’t skate fast in them.” Explains Jan Wood who is tall enough to wear them. “They create so much wind resistance so you are thrown off balance.”

They are easier on the eye than they are on the skater – and the showgirls know it.

“They kill your neck, they are so unwieldy” sighs Jan.

Then she tried one on and it was instant glamor.



The website, www.icecapadestheblade.com has been revamped and more information has been added. It’s still a work in progress. If you have something to add, please send them.

Look here for **2022 Ice Capades Reunion** information, including the list of **who’s coming**

Cast, Precision & Production Pictures – Relive some memories.

Past reunion Pictures – Check them out for some you may have missed.

Rosters – Looking for someone or remembering who you skated with in the show?

Video links – have been collecting skating 'You Tube' links from the early years.

Program Covers – we had the most beautiful covers

Past Issues of The Blade – just in case you missed an issue

Past Reunion Pictures – relive the times you attended the reunions

In Memorium – remembering those who have left us too soon

Check it out!

Upcoming Events



ProSkaters Upcoming Events

April 1, 2021 last day to sign-up for the 2021 Virtual U.S. Open Pro Figure Skating Championships on Sunday, May 23, 2021:

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=531>

ProSkater Sun Valley, Events, Sun Valley Skating Center, Sun Valley, Idaho:

ProSkaters Live in Sun Valley Competition - **July 25, 2021:**

<https://proskaters.wufoo.com/forms/s1owo9bg17vp4f6/>

Want to Audition for a Professional show?

ProSkater Live Auditions - **July 26, 2021:**

<https://proskaters.wufoo.com/forms/r18usj7100xonv8/>

ProSkater Workshop - **July 27, 2021**

<https://proskaters.wufoo.com/forms/r18h7hwi1oiyug5/>

Knoxville Ice Chalet, Knoxville, TN

ProSkater Live Auditions & Performance Camp - **October 2 - 3, 2021:**

<https://proskaters.wufoo.com/forms/r1fkhsbw1jo57s1/>



<http://www.icetheatre.org/>

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