

Sad News

Tom Huff – May 2, 2021



Survived by Partner of 34 years Kristofer Carlson. And also survived by his siblings, Sandra McGuire, Randall Huff and Leanne Stewart. Born in Pasadena, Ca., attended West Covina high school, Cal Poly Pomona, Ca. He skated in the **Ice Capades**, US Championships, Coaching over 40 yrs. in Redwood City and Belmont. He loved Cabo San Lucas, Broadway shows in New York, and tending his flower garden. He travelled extensively. A Realtor since 1986 he was loved by his clients and colleagues. In lieu of flowers make donations to your charity.

Our Alumni in the News

Aging Gracefully on Ice



Living a life filled with purpose is important at all stages of life. As we age, staying engaged in activities we enjoy is associated with better physical and mental health. Being active and connecting with others helps our brains to function better. After ending her professional figure skating career, JoJo Starbuck decided to share her passion for figure skating with others by coaching. JoJo began teaching an adult skating class and found that the benefits of figure skating for older adults extend far beyond learning axels and spins.

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<https://youtu.be/oAzReDibCm4>

Updated Reunion Information

HOTEL RESERVATIONS UPDATE FROM STEPHANIE... Here's who the OMNI Resort & Spa has **reservations for - in 2022!** If you have made a reservation for 2020 or 2021, *but your name is not here*, please call the hotel with your Confirmation Number to be sure your reservation has been changed to 2022. They feel confident all reservations have been moved... but please check if your name is not here, and you know you already made a reservation. Remember to use our Code to get our Special Rate: **061422Capade** Thank you! Sorry for any confusion.

Adams Traci
Alarid Larry J
Baldwin Jean
Beard Margaret
Beckett Mary
Belmonte Ray
Bertz Gretchen
Briley Robin
Bronstein Arlene
Brown Robert D
Bullock Ann
Byron Randall
Chalmers Robi
Christiansen Lomi
Coopman Jan
Crowley Robert
Delio Rebecca
Dellinger Judy
Donahue Joan
Donovan Sara
Estiloz Timothy
Everett Kathleen
Farrell Amy
Fountain, Iii Thomas J
Givens Lynn-Holly
Griffiths Sally
Handy Lindy
Harms Patricia
Harton Juliette
Harvey Elaine
Hill Shirley
Horner Nanette
Howard Cortez
Hyink Karen
James J Eva Marie
Kinder Cliff
Konovalchick John
Laforte C K
Leinberry Beth

McCladdie Michelle
McGrath Stefani
McIlwain Kathy
McShane Elizabeth
Miller Pamela
Milner Traci
Mitchell Sharon
Moody Jane
Morgan Kim
Nakano Jean
O'Gara Barbara
Patterson Valerie
Patterson Julie
Pickard Nancy
Polson Sonia
Ramos Liv Lunde
Reilly Synnove
Ritoch Kristi
Ross Corazon
Sabharwal Kelly
Scott Gayna
Spoden Gloria
Starbuck Jo Jo
Stewart Ronny
Tassone Vickie
Taylor Liz
Taylor Eric
Tepper Lauri
Thibert Heidi
Thompson Jannat
Upton Robin
Vachon Louis
Von Kaufmann Sonya
Wassil Roxanne
Watson Don
Williams Steve
Wilsey Susan
Wilson Kim
Zwicker Cynthia Jill

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** .**

Questions: -- Stephanie Perom, Event Producer, (310) 962-5908 -Cell, IceCapadesReunion@outlook.com

Let There Be Girls



1945 Mounties



1950 – Flashing Foils



1954 Kitchen Capers



1965 Precision



1967 Strike Up the Band

"Let There Be Girls," precision number for the Ice Capets, 1968

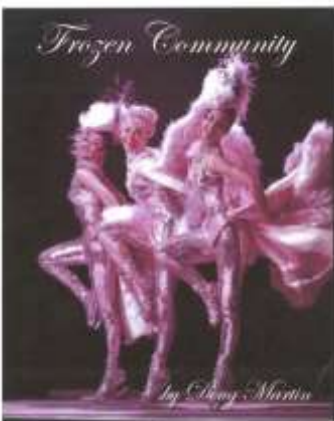


"Sporting Ariens" with the Ice Capets as the Fans, 1971



1980 Gershwin Years

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.

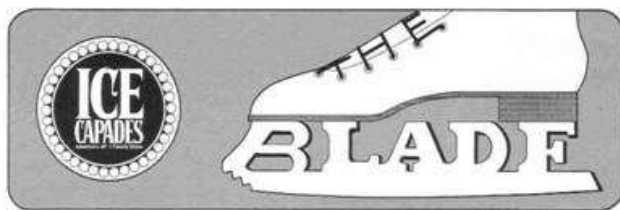
Here's a great one Doug got from **Ric Prada**. It could have gotten him fired if they knew who had done it – read on.

While I'm talking about personalities in the show, I can't go any further without mentioning Ric Prada, a slim, talented Hispanic Chorus skater who could make you laugh even if you were having a lousy day. One of the things Ric did almost daily to make us laugh was to pretend to have broken his makeup mirror. He usually dressed in the Principals' dressing room – don't ask me why – and would take two or three minutes setting up a 'pretend' makeup mirror. He'd put the makeup on his face and neck and smooth it all out as if he could see everything he was doing. Then he'd proceed to put on all the eye lines with

the makeup pencil and do his eyebrows too. It was amazing to watch, and you couldn't help wonder how he could put on his makeup without a mirror, night after night, and do as good a job than most of the glamour girls who were part of the show.

I also must say a little more about Aja Zanova, a truly memorable skater from Czechoslovakia. She was one of the great Principals in Ice Capades from 1954 – 1972, but I'm going to focus on the mid – 1960's. We used to do a couple of opera numbers that our audiences loved. The number that Aja was starring in had the shortest girls from the Chorus line backing her up as she skated, and posing by the front of the set. As I said before, performers leaving the ice would exit through tunnels on the extreme right or left edges of the stage.

One night, one of the cast members decided to have a little fun with Aja's introduction announcement, which lasted nearly a minute, and always ended with '...twice World Champion, Aja Zanova!'. That night, as the announcer was nearing the end of Aja's intro and was just about to say her name, the cast member, who was just leaving the ice, yelled out, 'King Kong'. The lights came up on this *very tall woman* surrounded by these *very short backup skaters*, and the audience began to laugh. Well, I can tell you all hell broke loose when she finished her number and went looking for the guy who'd ruined her intro. I'm pretty sure he'd have been fired – if they could have figured out who it was, but it's still a mystery to this day. That's a memory a lot of people still talk about.



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



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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