

## Sad News

### Dick Button – January 30, 2025



Two-time Olympic champion Richard “Dick” Button, whose pioneering style and award-winning television commentary revolutionized the sport of figure skating, died Jan. 30 in North Salem, N.Y. He was 95 years old.

Born Richard Totten Button on July 18, 1929, in Englewood, New Jersey, Button was inducted into the inaugural classes of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame (1976), the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame (1976) and the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame (1983).

Well known as “The Voice of Figure Skating” from 1960 to 2010, Button was inducted into the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2015. While with ABC, his no-holds-barred analysis and caustic commentary earned him the first Emmy Award for Outstanding Sports Personality (1981).

Button won consecutive Olympic gold medals (1948 and 1952), five-consecutive World titles (1948–52), three-consecutive North American titles (1947, '49, '51), seven-consecutive U.S. titles (1947–52) and a rare European Championships (1948), making him the only man to hold these titles at the same time. After he and Canadian Barbara Ann Scott won the European Championships in Prague, North Americans were no longer invited to the competition. His only career defeat was at the 1947 World Championships, where he earned silver behind Switzerland’s Hans Gerschwiler. Button’s coach, Gustave Lussi, chastised the judges for not being able to properly score Button’s innovative and athletic jumps.

Button was the first to land a double Axel in competition (1948 Olympic Winter Games, St. Moritz), the first to land a triple jump (loop) in competition (1952 Olympic Winter Games, Oslo) and invented the “Button camel,” now known as the flying camel spin.

A serious student while competing internationally, he attended Harvard University from 1948–52, where he earned his bachelor’s degree and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1956. Button retired from amateur skating in 1952 and skated professionally with Ice Capades and Holiday on Ice.

In 1959, Button and Paul Feigay founded Candid Productions, which produced the popular made-for-TV broadcasts such as the World Professional Figure Skating Championships (1973–2002) and the World Challenge of Champions (1985–’98). Button also was the visionary behind ABC’s “The Superstars,” a popular TV series in the 1970s and ’80s that pitted top athletes against each other in a variety of sports.

In 1949, Button became the first figure skater to earn the prestigious James E. Sullivan Award, which honors the best American amateur athlete.

Button is survived by his longtime partner and spouse Dennis Grimaldi, and his two children, Edward Button and Emily Button.

## In the News



“Legacy on Ice” Benefit at Capital One Arena to Support Victims of the Tragedy at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport

Click here for details: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/news/press-release/legacy-ice-benefit-capital-one-arena-support-victims-tragedy-ronald-reagan>

## Our Alumni in the News

### **Stephanie Perom, Recognized by BestAgents.us as a 2025 Top Agent**

Feb. 20, 2025



Stephanie Perom: Your Trusted Real Estate Advisor with BVO Luxury Group at Keller Williams Beverly Hills

(Isstories Editorial):- New York City, New York Feb 20, 2025 (Issuewire.com) – Stephanie Perom is making waves in the Southern California real estate market as a dedicated advisor with BVO Luxury Group at Keller Williams Beverly Hills. With over two decades of experience in legal and corporate real estate law, Stephanie seamlessly transitioned from her esteemed roles in high-powered law firms in Century City to become a trusted name in real estate.

Stephanie’s unique skill set is rooted in her extensive background in contractual law, litigation, and family law. Her roles as a legal assistant and office manager

have equipped her with the tools necessary to navigate complex real estate transactions with precision and care. This legal acumen, combined with her passion for helping clients, positions her as an invaluable asset to anyone looking to buy or sell property.

In addition to her legal expertise, Stephanie has a rich history in the entertainment industry. She has worked in music and concert production, managing large conferences and live events, and has toured as a production director and tour manager for renowned artists like Bobby Womack. Her time as a show skater with **Ice Capades** further showcases her dynamic skills and ability to thrive in fast-paced environments. These experiences have honed her organizational skills, professionalism, and upbeat attitude, making her a reliable partner for clients seeking smooth and efficient property transactions.

Having lived in Santa Monica for over 30 years, Stephanie has a deep connection to the Westside community and a genuine passion for helping others find their dream homes in an area she loves. Her impressive credentials, which include GREEN, SRES, RSPS, FTVS, PSA, CPRES, AOD, CLS, and CREN, reflect her commitment to ongoing education and professional development.

Stephanie's client-centric approach ensures that the real estate process is as simple and stress-free as possible. She prioritizes open communication and support throughout every stage of her clients' purchases or investments. Her unwavering dedication to treating clients with respect and care guarantees a seamless and positive real estate experience.

With her diverse background and passion for service, Stephanie Perom is ready to help you navigate the dynamic real estate market in Southern California with ease and confidence. For more information or to schedule a consultation, please contact her at BVO Luxury Group, Keller Williams Beverly Hills.

#### Learn More about Stephanie Perom:

Through her Best Agent's profile, <https://bestagents.us/profile?agent=2123663>, or through BVO Luxury Group at Keller Williams Beverly Hills, <https://www.bvoluxury.com/team-california/stephanie-perom>

## Who remembers going to the first reunion?

1989 - 50<sup>th</sup> reunion in LA







## 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion – Las Vegas





**It's almost time to make NEW memories**

**Ice Capades 2025 Reunion New Cruise Update**  
**Ahoy there Mateys!**

**The Reunion is almost here.**  
**Are you packed yet?**

**Attendee's list updated as of January 29, 2025**

[Click here](#)

**For those attending –**



I am charging a \$50.00 party gift fee, payable to me in cash or check at registration at the hotel.  
It is for the bags, the surprise party gifts that go in them and the pizzas and salads at the pool party.  
I have paid for some out of my own pocket. J

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Johnna "J" Bates is HOSTING and COORDINATING.**

**APRIL 10th Cocktail Party - on land, at close/local hotel.**

**APRIL 10th CRUISE LEAVES** - Boarding generally begins at Noon, so plan to get to ship early, to get settled in your room. We'll be getting the party started early, while also starting to reconnect with friends!

**MORE DETAILS TO COME...** as the Event starts to come together!

You can reach J at [dabatej@bellsouth.net](mailto:dabatej@bellsouth.net)

**‘Escapades 2025 Cruise’.... We'll have a good time! 🎵🎵**  
**Please click below to join the Escapades 2025 Cruise – events page**  
**and get all updates relating to the cruise.**

<https://facebook.com/events/s/ice-capades-escapades-cruise-a/746073810575573/>

THIS EVENT IS BEING CREATED AND COORDINATED BY Johnna "J" Bates...

**NOTE: PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED!**

**Just in case you forgot the Backstage rules, and of course we followed them to the letter**

## Ice Capades – 1967

TO: All Skaters

A few suggestions are needed backstage to enable us to have a smoother operation of the show. If you will please aid by the following rules – you will greatly eliminate many difficulties.

1. No hanging on or peeking out curtain – my pet peeve.
2. No sitting on props, prop table and wardrobe tables, dashlights – put nothing on the dashlights.
3. No littering backstage – if you are not working a number – stay out. Be aware of props and scenery changes and stand aside. This is part of your routing as well as out front performing. Keep quite under the set.
4. In the office stand area – deposit your litter in Trash Containers – don't leave your coffee cups, cold drinks, popcorn, hot dogs, etc. all over the seats, wardrobe and prop table, or packing crates. Do not be careless- HELP keep your backstage neat and clean.
5. Wear your robes out of the dressing rooms when not in costume.
6. Skate-guard bags are provided – do not lay your guards on tables, scenery or props.
7. Take Pride and Care of your hand Prop and Costumes; they cost Ice Capades a great deal of time and money. In doing so, you can save enormously on maintenance.



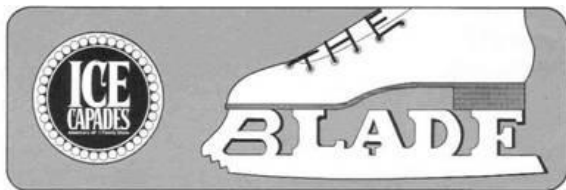
8. EVERYONE is responsible for his or her own dressing table. Keep it neat at all times. Please do not careless litter with Kleenex, and hair spray cans, baby oil bottles, old towels or any other litter. Each person empties his own paper bag. It's your litter: Keep skates, shoes, slippers off the floor after the show each night to allow the building sweepers to properly clean the dressing rooms. On opening nights, you find the dressing rooms neat and clean – please leave them that way on closing nights. No smoking – food – or drink in the Costume Rooms.
9. Noting should be posted on the Bulletin Boards without permission of the Company Manager.

If anyone will offer 100% cooperation, you will be rewarded with improved and far more pleasant working conditions. Do not hesitate to bring your backstage difficulties and suggestions to me.  
Thank you and good luck!

## Pictures from Past Reunions

[All Skater's Reunion – May 1-3, 2023 Las Vegas](#)

[Ice Capades 2022 Reunion – Palm Springs – June 14-16, 2022](#)



The website, [www.icecapadestheblade.com](http://www.icecapadestheblade.com) has been revamped and more information has been added. If you have something to add, please send them.

Look here for **2022 Ice Capades Reunion** information, including reunion pictures

**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



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