

The  
Richmond  
Trophy



Souvenir  
Programme

MONDAY  
4th November  
1963

# THE RICHMOND TROPHY

## *Previous Winners*

JEANETTE ALTWEGG, C.B.E.

*Gt. Britain*  
1949-50



YVONNE SUGDEN

*Gt. Britain*  
1952-53-55



BARBARA WYATT

*Gt. Britain*  
1951



NICOLE HASSLER

*France*  
1960-61-62



PATRICIA PAULEY

*Gt. Britain*  
1954



JOAN HAANAPPEL

*Holland*  
1959



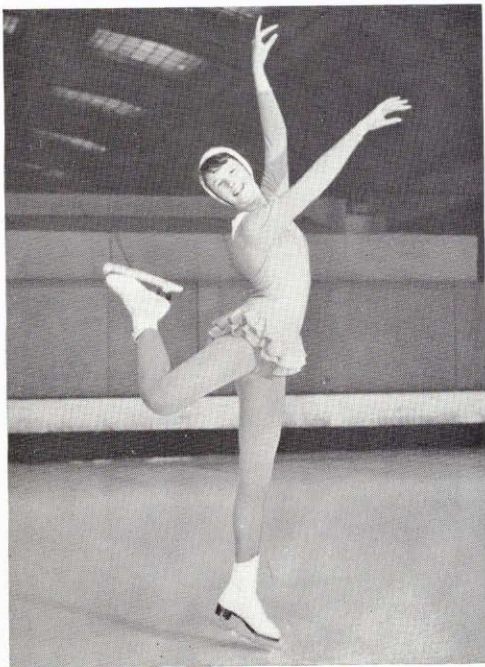
SJOUKJE DIJKSTRA

*Holland*  
1956-57-58

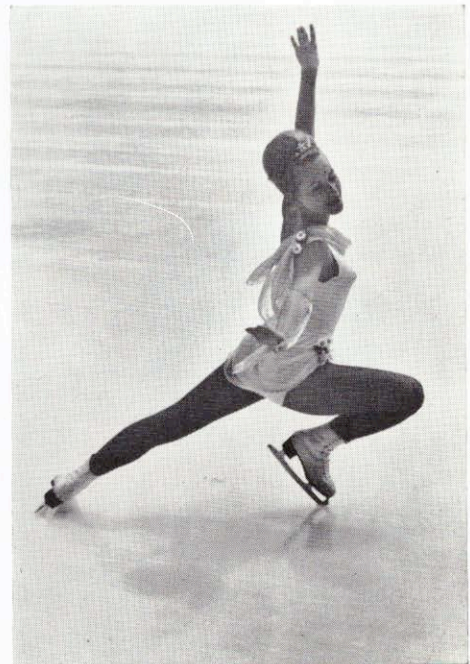




GUNILLA and CAMILLA VICTOR  
*Sweden*



PATRICIA DODD  
*England*



ANN-MAGRETH FREI  
*Sweden*

# THE RICHMOND AMATEUR ICE SKATING CLUB

An affiliated Club of the National Skating Association of Great Britain

have pleasure in presenting to you this evening the  
**International Skating Competition**  
(LADIES)

for the

## RICHMOND TROPHY

— FIFTEENTH YEAR —

Holder : Miss Nicole Hassler

and the

## TOMLINSON TROPHY

Open Ice Dance Competition

Holders : Miss Yvonne Suddick and Mr. Roger Kennerson

### ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

*Trophy Secretary:* Mrs. M. W. Groombridge

*N.S.A. Representative:* Mr. A. D. C. Gordon

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**ARNOLD GERSCHWILER** (Senior Instructor)

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ROY CALLAWAY  
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ROY LEE  
COLIN KEARNEY

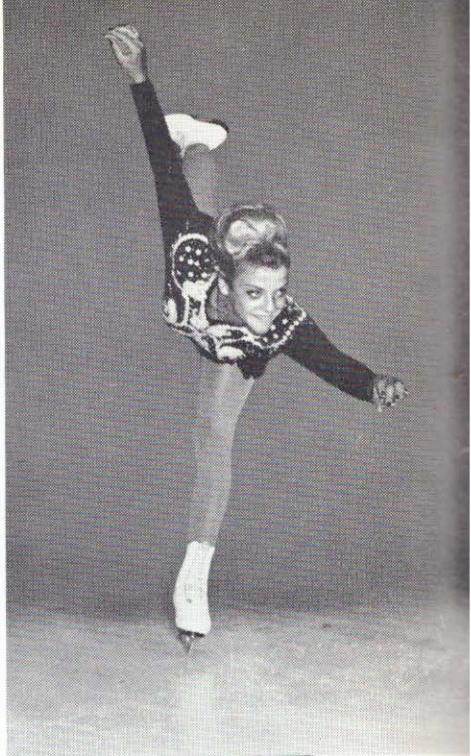
LALLAH VAN DER GOOT  
SALLIE THOMPSON  
PAT CURLE  
CELIA BROWN  
PAM GRIFFITHS  
ANNE PALMER  
ALISON SMITH

**LICENSED BARS — each floor — ENTRANCE END**

*Kindly keep clear of all Exits and Gangways*



JANICE LOWE  
*Scotland*

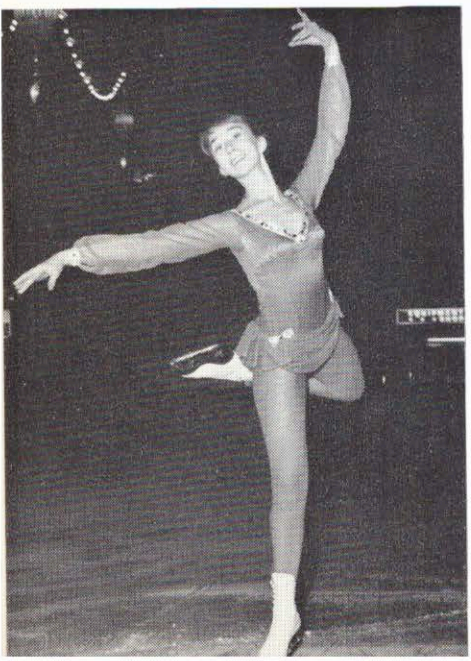


GENEVIEVE BURDEL  
*France*



ADELE PENNEY  
*England*

CHRISTINE VAN DE PUTTE  
*Belgium*



USCHI KESZLER  
*W. Germany*



# *The Richmond Trophy*

We feel that each year, with the ever increasing interest in Ice Skating, that there are many to whom the "Richmond Trophy" is symbolic of a competition which arouses considerable attention both in England, Continental Europe and even further afield, but the actual institution of same has never aroused a thought, so perhaps a few notes would be appreciated.

'Richmond' is and always has been primarily a SKATING rink, where people can come and skate throughout the year, Summer and Winter, except the odd occasions, e.g., Good Friday and Christmas and as such, facilities to develop and encourage skating have been created for teaching tiny tots and all ages up to—WELL!

Perhaps we'd better leave the age open, suffice it to say that we've had skaters here of 90 years of age! !

It was as the result of our interest in skating and a desire to encourage same at a difficult period, that this Trophy came into being; the first thought being to maintain an interest to many promising British skaters thwarted by Wartime conditions.

The end of the war coming whilst details were being formulated but not concluded, turned out to be a blessing in more ways than one, enabling a much greater scope for competition, resulting in the prestige in which it is held today.

The first event attracted fourteen competitors from six different countries whilst more recent events have attracted some 20 skaters from seven to nine countries as far apart as Poland and the U.S.A.

At the time of going to press the entry is unknown but we feel we shall not be disappointed in the entry and the countries represented and that those appearing will not only give pleasure to the public, but progress to greater honours; in any case we shall watch their progress with interest.

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## PLACES OF INTEREST

ON SUCH AN OCCASION as this we know there are many whose first visit it is, whether English or Continental, and whilst time may not permit on this occasion, a few notes may be of interest should a return to the district provide those extra hours. Many of these programmes will find their way to Continental countries and those contemplating a skating trip—and there are many—would no doubt appreciate what is within a reasonable distance if not in the immediate vicinity.

**London** itself is only nine miles to the centre and details of what that has to offer, needs a Baedeker. **Kew Gardens, Hampton Court, Richmond Park, Richmond Horse Show, Henley (rowing), Windsor Castle and Park** are places of appeal, not only to the continental, but the English public—and these all within easy reach of Richmond.



MONIKA ZINGG  
*Switzerland*



MARGARET HANKINSON  
*England*



ANNE LENTON  
*England*

# THE RICHMOND TROPHY

## Abstract of Rules

The competitors must be amateurs who have never won the World or European Championship or Olympic Competition, who are members of an Association or Special Club, member of the I.S.U.

The prizes consist of "The Richmond Trophy" (which will be held by the winner for one year, but remains in the custody of the Organising Club), a souvenir replica being awarded to the winner for possession, prizes of honour to the second and third.

The competition shall consist of two sections:—

- (a) Compulsory figures not to exceed five in number.
- (b) Free skating—four minutes duration.

### The Compulsory Figures

skated during the day, have each a factor value, as laid down by the International Skating Union; this year's being—

No. 34			Maximum number of points from each Judge:
No. 21			
No. 32	Compulsory Figures ...	156	
No. 37	Free Skating ... ..	103.2	
No. 39	*Factor 8.6	_____	
	Total	259.2	

To be skated only on one foot, as drawn.

Marks for each figure range from 0 to 6. Intermediate values to one decimal place may be given (Red displayed figure).

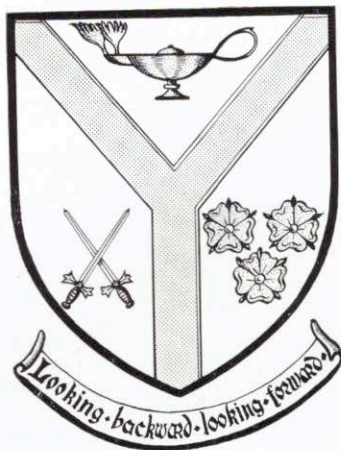
\*The factor is calculated so that the total marks for Free Skating come as near to, but do not exceed, two-thirds of the possible marks awarded for figures.







*Looking  
Backward*



*Looking  
Forward*

Whilst the above is Coat of Arms of our local Borough at present, we can not envisage under any future merging of boroughs, one which has a more apt motto, either for a Borough or a business, especially one such as ours.

To us the activities of our public are most important and also of interest, both as regards our skaters of the past, their successes and present occupations and whereabouts; likewise those who have more recently brought honour to "Richmond" by their own achievements, give us a further interest of even greater honour and success.

The holding of the "Richmond" Trophy competition virtually opens each Winter Skating Season, being the first major event to be held; this year it heralds the approach of an Olympic year, and whilst we have hopes of a local trained skater to take the Ladies title—Miss Sjoukje Dijkstra—of Holland, we shall naturally follow the progress of all tonight's competitors, some of whom may also be participating in the Olympics early in 1964.

Should such success come the way of Miss Dijkstra we can be sure that one person will be more than happy—Mr. Gerschwiler—who has devoted a great deal of attention to the present World Champion and achievement is some satisfaction to both pupil and teacher.

Such Olympic success would not be an isolated event for Mr. Gerschwiler as, over the years, pupils have achieved untold honours in National, European and World events besides Olympic Winter Games.

Traditionally, Leap Year coming once in four, is a Ladies opportunity—may this be Sjoukje's, at least as regards Skating honours.

**Looking forward** is to a certain extent tied up with the present, for it is with the present one thinks and speculates as to the possibilities of promising skaters, who can tell what the future holds at a glance—at least one member, a product of our Children's Classes, achieved world success; others, honours of varying degrees.

'Tis very much like walking through Windsor and speculating as to which of the little Eton boys will eventually be Prime Minister (or even War Minister).

Whatever the outcome we feel sure our younger skaters are keen and enthusiastic and whilst skating success may not be achieved we are confident their health, physical and mental capacity will have benefitted as the result of a healthy recreation.

# Skating To-day

In compiling this programme we feel there are many—young, middle aged and elderly, whose association or interest is limited, probably due to residence, self-consciousness or lack of facilities.

No doubt last winter did provide greater natural opportunities but the regular skater will always return to haunts he knows, where the surface is better and regularly available, combined with the fact that all or most of one's wants are catered for, e.g., Social atmosphere, refreshments, including licensed bars and for his use equipment and furthermore advice in respect of maintenance.

There are few, if any, Rinks where the management have been associated longer than at 'Richmond'.

Similarly, many of the staff have also been associated with Skating for something like 20 years, so we pride ourselves that at least we know something about skating and also the requirements of a skater, both as regards teaching and the essentials—Boots and Skates.

We not only have produced champions but have produced, from small children upwards, many thousands of skaters, who, if they've never achieved fame have probably achieved a fine healthy constitution and mental outlook contributing to longer life and a more fertile brain to cope with the daily problems of business.

Today there is every opportunity for everybody to learn.

Children's Classes, Adult Classes and private Instruction from highly qualified teachers. It is no accident that brings skaters to 'Richmond' from all over England and the Continent to improve their skating, whether it be as a soloist, pair or dance couple.

One continually finds things in life synonymous, and so with Skating, viz., Boots and Skates.

These are on sale at many shops, but what is the experience generally in any shop? One must give some credit for experience and we are fortunate to still have with us a man who has been fitting boots and skates approximately 30 years—Mr. D. J. Vickers and who has made friends with nearly every leading skater, amateur and professional over this period.

By purchasing at a Rink Shop one not only has experienced staff, but the opportunity of "trying out" on the spot. Furthermore should some slight adjustment be necessary it can be done almost immediately.

Regrinding of skates—at reasonable charges; but please do not ask for a "while you wait" service, they don't lose their edges at home.



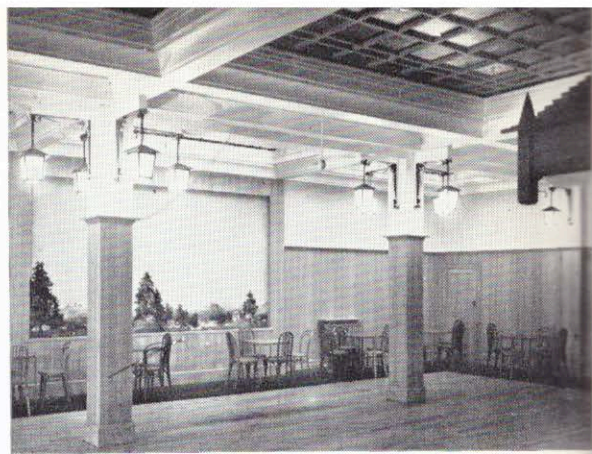
**ARNOLD  
GERSCHWILER**

who heads our highly  
qualified staff of  
instructors

“L’AIMANT,” that magnetic expression, typically French, but so applicable to the Sports-Drome, so often referred to, due to its situation, as the Richmond Ice Rink.

Those who know it, never fail to return, service-men, visitors from abroad and various parts of Great Britain, make it the first “Port of Call” when returning to the district after a long absence.

Two features contributing to its popularity are the general atmosphere *AND* its “AROSA” amenities which have been the scene of so many Club and Private parties.



## “AROSA”

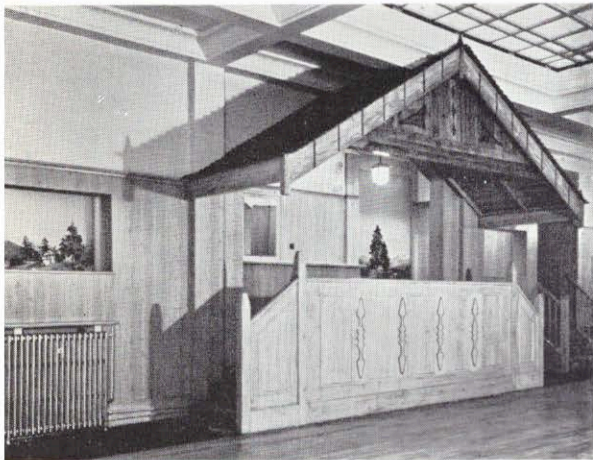
### THE AROSA ROOMS

EVERYONE at some time or another enjoys a Party, although the venue often presents a problem; to find a hall—large enough to be accommodating, small enough to be friendly.

We feel, in these rooms, we have just the thing for most occasions—Party, Dance or Social. Perhaps a Birthday is in the offing, maybe an Engagement or even a Silver Wedding Anniversary, or possibly some of the “teenagers” want an excuse for “throwing a party.” This room we are sure will certainly act as an incentive. “*A Party at home certainly makes a lot of work.*” For the sake of a few pounds, is it really worth “turning the place upside down”

Complete with cloakrooms, licensed bar, running buffet (if required), these rooms have recently been redecorated and lighted with a Swiss setting.

We welcome enquiries from Clubs, parties or individuals, and will be pleased to quote you terms according to the particular requirements and give you an opportunity to inspect the premises.



Chalet Bar—Arosa Rooms

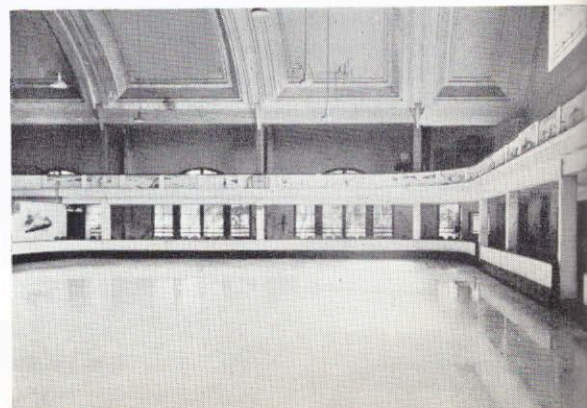
## AMENITIES

THIS UNIQUE RINK was constructed to give to the skating enthusiast facilities unobtainable elsewhere, whether he be beginner or expert.

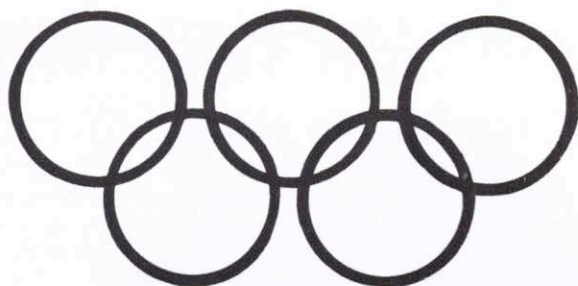
Should you be a party or Club organiser the entire rink is available for hire at most advantageous terms.

THIS ICE SURFACE IS SEPARATE  
FROM OUR MAIN RINK

T.V. Advertisers also find it a most interesting “location” for various products.



The Arosa Rink



## *Winter Olympic Games* National Skating Association's Appeal

With the advent of another Olympic, practically every branch of sport will be faced with meeting the necessary expense of sending its leading participants as representatives of Great Britain.

Great Britain still retains the strictly amateur outlook, at least there is no National subsidy, so we feel everybody athletically minded or with some interest in a particular sport, either personally or as a parent, should make some voluntary contribution towards supporting our athletes and relieve them and their governing body of any anxiety as regards travel, uniform, etc.

Continental and World travel is quite an item, and each branch should not be left to send its best representatives to other countries feeling like the "poor relation".

Might we ask you on behalf of our leading skaters for some donation towards the fund organised by the

**NATIONAL SKATING ASSOCIATION**  
of Great Britain

to meet the expenses incurred in participating in **World, European and Olympic** events.

The management would be pleased to receive cheques or cash and forward to the above body

or

if you prefer to send direct, their address is

**The National Skating Association of Great Britain,**  
Charterhouse,  
E.C.1.

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### Championships of Gt. Britain (Junior)

in

### *Ice Skating*

**MEN · LADIES · PAIRS**

also

**ICE DANCING COMPETITION**

WILL BE HELD *AT THIS RINK*  
**THURSDAY 23rd APRIL 1964**

**7.45 p.m.**

*Compulsory Figures will commence 9 a.m.*

**BOOK EARLY**



**SAVE THE 'Q'**

## To Our Visitors

### Competitors and Officials

On behalf of the R.A.I.S.C. and the management we extend a most cordial welcome to all those who through their ability and interest have made this evening's event possible and which we trust will give pleasure to all, both spectators, competitors, and officials.

No doubt there will be some tension due to the occasion, but nevertheless skaters in their less serious moments are a happy and healthy crowd.

We would express our sincere appreciation to all the officials, both Continental and British who so willingly devote so much time in the furtherance of the sport—for little reward—but we hope a great deal of satisfaction.



ANNE-KARIN DEHLE  
*Norway*



SYLVAINE DUBAN  
*France*

## Our Art Gallery

We could probably fill the Rink with photos of V.I.Ps. both socially and as regards skaters, so we felt when making necessary alterations we should introduce features which were not only symbolic of our business but reminded us of friends.

The two large windows have caused many enquiries, so we felt it would not be amiss to mention it again; the soloist **Aja Vrzanova** (now Zanova) World Champion 1949 and 1950 from Czechoslovakia but trained here by Mr. Arnold Gerschwiler, while at the other end of the rink the pair **Otto and Maria Jelinek** also World Champions and to whom Mr. Gerschwiler devoted some time when visiting America a few years ago.

# *Curling at Richmond*

Every Tuesday evening throughout the Winter season from September to April the sound of "soop," "soop" is in the air almost drowning the roar of the stones as they sail up the rink to the "head." It is the "Province of London" members indulging in Scotland's national game. With very limited ice time, for Richmond is famous for its skaters, it is always enjoyable to watch curling on Tuesdays for with the development and evolution of modern curling there has come a natural desire to understand and master the basic principles and mechanics of the game. Curling is controlled by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club of which H.R.H. The Prince Philip is President-Elect—and it is hoped that the International Game between Scotland and England will be staged once again in 1964 at Richmond.

A new club, "London Watsonians," has been added to the six clubs in the "Province," and competition is very keen, especially for the lovely "Fleming Trophy" which was presented in memory of Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, who was himself a keen curler.

Ice fees include the use of a pair of Stones which weigh approximately 40 lbs. each.

Membership is rather limited because of playing time, but any person interested in this wonderful game is invited to contact Ronald Alpe, Hon. Secretary of the Province, at the rink either by letter or phone. Brochures are available at the office.

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## CURLERS IN ACTION AT RICHMOND ICE RINK





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**Three sessions every day**

**BOOTS AND SKATES FOR HIRE**

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THE AROSA RINK—referred to elsewhere—is open to the public:

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday—AFTERNOONS

Monday, Thursday and Sunday—EVENINGS

at a Supplementary Fee

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS**

**FIGURE SKATES ONLY**

45 Minutes ICE DANCING to

**ARTHUR SYLVESTER'S STRICT TEMPO ORCHESTRA**

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**TUESDAY NIGHT**

**CURLING 6.0 to 8.30 p.m.**

Headquarters: **Province of London of the R.C.C.C.**

**Arosa Rink: 8.0 to 10.0 p.m. SKATING    Large Rink: 8.30 to 10.0 p.m.**

Skating **2/6**

Skate Hire **6d.**

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