

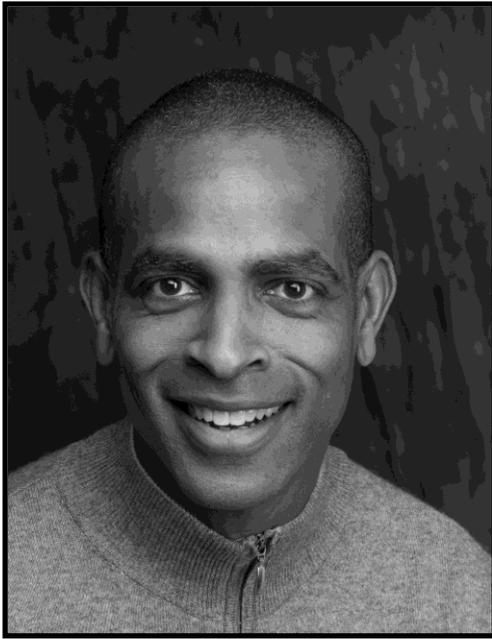


# **WASHINGTON ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION**

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*America's Future in Ice Sports*

## **INTERNATIONAL COACHING STAFF**



*“As Skating Director for the Washington Ice Skating Association, one of my initiatives is to aid interested families in choosing one of our staff coaches for private instruction who best supports your skater.”*

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**BYRON DARDEN** has been educating skaters and coaches for over twenty-five years. He is an international coach and choreographer and is currently accepting students on a referral bases for competitors, adult skaters and consulting services to other figure skating coaches and their skating clientele for singles, pairs, Theater on Ice and synchronized teams. He is Master rated in free skating, Moves in the Field and Senior rated in figures through the Professional Skaters Association (PSA). In addition, Darden is well versed in pair skating and ice dancing.

In addition to his competitive and professional coaching career, Byron skated as a principal for Ice Capades and is a professional stage actor with a background in voice and dance. He founded **MovesMaster®**, a consulting firm focused on skating education, leadership development and communication skills for the business world. Byron has an extensive background in consulting business executives globally since 2003 both independently and as guest faculty at Duke, Northwestern, Columbia and Harvard University’s Executive Education programs.

Byron also serves as a faculty member of educational schools for United States Figure Skating (USFS), the Ice Skating Institute (ISI) and the Professional Skaters Association (PSA), the latter for which he is a national seminar presenter focused on the new Moves in the Field and contributor to the Moves in the Field handbook instituted by USFS in September 2010.

Byron served as a member of the PSA Coaches Training Committee and continues as a mentor in its Apprentice Program for coaches and as a ratings examiner. He is a former columnist for *6.0 Skate Magazine*, a contributing writer for the *PS Magazine* and is currently working on his first book, a bridge to accomplishing your goals.



**PAUL ASKHAM** originated from Great Britain, prior to becoming an international coach. He was a member of the British figure skating team competing in the 1988 Olympic games, five world championships, five European Championships, gaining medals in many International events. Paul was also five times British Senior ice dance champion, and the World Professional champion.

He later went on to tour Europe as a principle skater with Holiday on Ice, produced and directed ice shows, performed in television shows and specials, advertising for Hitachi, Kellogg's, and many other famous products. Paul was also featured in many magazines.

Paul helped raise money, and helped charities for cancer, cystic fibrosis, and the World

Wildlife Foundation along with many other organizations

Paul has been coaching for over twenty years, helped and advised skaters of all levels from beginners through international competitors. He was a member of the British Olympic Coaching squad and guided skaters from grass roots to international events including the World Junior Championships. He was also team leader for an international competition in Rome.

Paul currently coaches for Washington Ice Skating Association (WISA) and is also the Director of the Ice Theatre of Seattle. He coaches skaters of any level or age and is PSA rated.

Paul specializes in ice dance, free skating, power development and edge control.



**SHARON JONES BAKER** has been coaching skaters for twenty years. She is a World and International coach and choreographer. She holds a Professional Skaters Association level 5 ranking and is Master Rated in Moves In the Field, Dance and Sports Science.

In addition to being a former 4 times National Ice Dance Champion, a World and Olympic representative and World Professional Champion and U.S. Masters Cup bronze medalist, Sharon skated for the Royal Families of the U.A.E and the United Kingdom.

She was awarded the “Keys to the City” of her hometown Altrincham Cheshire, for outstanding achievement.

After emigrating to the U.S.A. to accept a coaching position with former World Champion Bernard Ford, Sharon went on to coach many National Champions and International Competitors for the United States.

As a member of the Moves in the field task force, Sharon was instrumental in the development of the NEW MOVES in the Field for United States Figure Skating and currently sits on the National Dance Sub Committee as the Pacific Coast Representative, responsible for the development of ice dance development.

In addition to her competitive and professional coaching career, Sharon skated as principal for Holiday on Ice, touring Europe.

Sharon’s passion is to help skaters of all abilities to gain the confidence and belief in themselves that with perseverance goals can be achieved.



**STEVE BAKER** has been coaching ice skaters to National and International competition for twenty-seven years. He holds a Professional Skaters Association level 3 ranking.

In addition to being a former National Champion for Great Britain and a former competitor at the Junior World Championships and the World Professional Championships, Stephen founded **Sportstrax** in the U.K., which specialized in International ice show production and promotion; He was also approved as a Skaters Agent by the National Ice Skating Association of Great Britain.

After coaching many national champions he emigrating to the U.S.A. to accept a coaching position with the Seattle Skating Club. Stephen was then appointed as the skating director and then joined the Board of Directors of the Washington Ice Skating Association W.I.S.A. and was appointed General Manager of Lynnwood Ice Center.

Later he and his business partner formed the Non-Profit company "Production Sports" which went on to be awarded 2008 Skate America where the all time ticket record is still currently held.

He sat on the Basic Skills Committee and the Parents Committee for the United States Figure Skating Association and he now sits as a board member of the Snohomish County Sports Commission.

Stephen is currently accepting students of all ages from grass roots through national level competitors in all disciplines. However all potential students must be willing to enjoy themselves as a sense of humor is a must in his lessons.



**ARLENE MCSORLEY** is one of the Pacific Northwest's premier figure skating coaches. Ms. McSoreley's 24 year coaching career has focused primarily on free skating. She coaches students of all ages and ability levels and has taken several students to Senior level national and international competitions.

Arlene developed a base of strong coaching methods from her own competitive skating experience with world-famous and respected coaches, John Lettengarver, Michele Monnier and John Nicks. Over her extensive teaching career, Arlene has added her own unique flavor and style to the art and science of figure skating. Students and parents appreciate her coaching style and philosophy that is highly professional, nurturing, supportive, dedicated, energetic, upbeat and competitive.

Arlene is widely recognized as a jumping specialist in the Northwest. In recent years, she has developed a dynamic new clinic titled, "Launch it! Land it!" Participating clubs and students can benefit from this new clinic by learning the base techniques for setting up and successfully landing solid jumps. Students work within their ability level to grow their jumping confidence, power and security.

Arlene is a PSA Senior rated coach in Free Skating, coaching free skating, Moves in the Field and pairs as well as being rated in the International Judging System (IJS).



**BARBARA MURPHY** has been an ice skating coach for the last 18 years. She is a PSA rated coach in free skating, Moves in the Field, Sports Since and synchronized skating. She is also a PSA ranked coach.

Barbara works with skaters all ages and levels – on the ice and in the ballet studio.

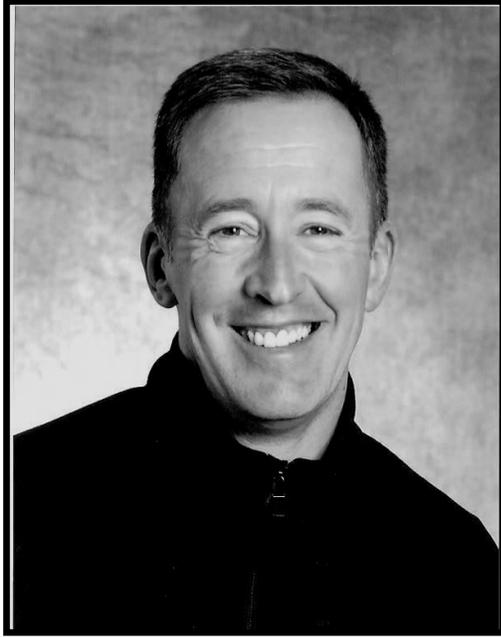
Barbara began skating at the age of four in her native Poland. She achieved senior level in singles, figures and pairs. She became a Polish Silver Medalist in pairs and represented Poland in many international competitions before moving to the US.

During her competitive skating career Barbara received 12 years of classical ballet training. She also completed 11 years of music

school with a focus on piano.

After turning professional Barbara traveled around the world with many professional ice shows (Fantasy on Ice, Germany Theater on Ice, Holiday once, etc)

In 1991 Barbara and her family settled down in Seattle.



**XAVIER VIDEAU** has coached figure skating since 1982 following his third World Championships in Copenhagen. He was a pair competitor for seven years at the international and world level in addition to reining as the French National Champion for all 7 years and a gold medalist in singles.

He attended the National Institute for Physical Sport Education in Paris and graduated with a Professors degree in figure skating.

He taught in Paris for four years and he was invited to Seattle to teach with Lorraine Borman, coach to Olympic Silver Medalist, Rosalynn Summers.

Xavier consistently develops regional, sectional, national and Junior National competitors.

He is a rated coaching member of Professional Skaters Association (PSA) and a US Figure Skating level A competitive coach.

Xavier is dedicated to producing skaters for competitions and for their best development as young athletes. Making sure that skater's learning curve is in alignment with life lessons, discipline being one of them, that shape a youngster's life for the future.



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**PATTI BRINKLEY** had been teaching figure skating for seventeen years. She taught for fifteen years in the Chicago area and for the past two years at Lynnwood Ice Center and Olympic View Arena. During her last four years in the Chicago area Patti was the skating director for a brand new ice rink and skating program in Hoffman Estates, a suburb northwest of Chicago.

Currently, Patti is accepting students. She has coached recreational, competitive and adult skaters. Patti is a strong advocate of solid basic skating skills and she works to instill a lifelong love of skating in her students. To her credit, she also serves as the coordinator for the WISA Bridge Program at Olympicview Arena.

Patti is a Certified Arena Programmer through the Ice Skating Institute. She also holds the following Professional Skaters Association ratings: Certified Program Director, Registered Moves in the Field, and Registered Free Skate. In addition to her figure skating background Patti also holds the Hockey I & II accreditation through the Professional Skaters Association.

Patti's life in figure skating is coupled with a background in law and is a licensed attorney in Illinois. She is also the proud mommy to Lucas who is in Kindergarten and Kaianne who is a toddler.



**SUSIE LENSSEN** has been coaching figure skating for several years through the Bozeman Figure Skating Club, located in Bozeman, MT. Her first coaching experience was in 2005, where Susie co-produced the Bozeman Figure Skating Club's Christmas Show. They worked from August through December on 30 group numbers with skaters ranging from five to eighteen years of age. Susie's coaching experience extended from August 2005 through May 2010 with some interruptions, due to my academic studies at Montana State University.

In 2009 she began private coaching after a hiatus. Susie worked with four different skaters, ranging from Basic 2 to Pre-Juvenile. In addition, during the summer of 2009 she resided in Brookings, SD and was asked to coach a few students because of her familiarity with the US Figure Skating testing system and standards (their club used IFS testing and standards).

Susie was a competitive figure skater for 16 years and has achieved all eight Moves in the Field tests as well as all eight free skating tests. She has achieved most of her ice dance tests and one free dance test. Part of the reason Susie continued to skate over the years was due to her passion for this sport and the other part was the fun she continues to experience every time she steps on the ice. Susie's goal for all skaters is to inspire them to have fun while learning different skills. She has competed state wide, regionally and nationally. Susie trained extensively throughout the United States and Canada holds a degree in Industrial Engineering.