

## *The Cranberry Open*

The Cranberry Open, originally named the Yarmouth Open, started in February 1979 just after the Club successfully hosted the 1979 New England Championships.

Organized and developed by Phoebe Weston, the competition was first held in February at the Cape Cod Coliseum in South Yarmouth MA. The competition quickly became an important event for skaters in the New England area. When the Coliseum closed in the mid 1980's, the Club moved the competition to the Gallo Ice Arena. With the relocation, the Club changed the name of the competition to the Cranberry Open, and the date was moved to August. These changes gave the competition a new popularity due to its new proximity to the qualifying competitions season.

On the suggestion of world judge and club member, Ron Pfenning, the club expanded the officials list to include judges from all over the country. This in turn drew skaters from, not only the entire United States, but also international skaters who were training in the US.

This popularity has sustained, and to this day, The Cranberry Open is one of the premiere skating competitions in the United States. To adapt to the ever-changing nature of competitive figure skating, the event continues to expand and adapt its format to develop new and current programs that encourage participation for all competitive levels.

Most recent adaptations to the competition week notably now include:

**PEP** – A Performance Enhancement Program that offers one-on-one in-depth critiques of IJS elements to help regional skaters gain the most points from their program elements.

**IJS Competition** – Separate IJS competition for juvenile through senior level singles and pairs competitors.

**ENTRY FEE WAIVER** – The entry fee is waived for USFS envelope A, B, and C athletes.

Cranberry Open is one competition your skater shouldn't miss!