

Being Real

Photo:Tommy Lawler

effort to encourage ice skating in recreation and a participant sport and also became one of the charter members of IS.

In 1977, Fritz was elected to the Directorate that set the way in which all the services and contributions to the ice rink industry in its international activities, strategy, professional interaction and ice rink issues. In 1979, he was given the International Achievement Award.

"Fritz has contributed so much to the ice skating industry," says Michael Kirby, Director and first president of IS. "Fritz is an accomplished skater, an accomplished show performer for a number of years, and an extremely good teacher and rink owner/manager. There are teams of members IS, and he has contributed to all of them."

"The first thing he thinks will become an instantly successful idea here, Fritz is at the rink every time a week. Whether on the ice skating with skaters or on a ladder making repairs, Fritz is an active participant in his rink world."

"After he had 20 years, I'm almost sure," he doesn't give in, and I've never met anybody so positive. He matter what the problem is, he has a tremendous gift for problem solving. He comes up with new ideas—always positive ideas."

"When asked what advice he might offer younger skaters, Fritz said, "Learn. Learn. Knowledge is power. You never succeed in learning something, because there's always something new coming. It isn't skating only it's in tennis, in basketball just improve. You never get 100 per-

cent but get as close as you can. It's a way of life."

"What is Fritz's greatest accomplishment?" "To get the old and willing to do full games," he says with a laugh. "I don't take myself very seriously."

"Will Fritz ever retire?" "When I stop sking," he responds.

May you live much longer and continue to prosper, Fritz. You, with your wealth of knowledge and experience, are one of IS's great treasures. ■



Fritz will soon have his sign.