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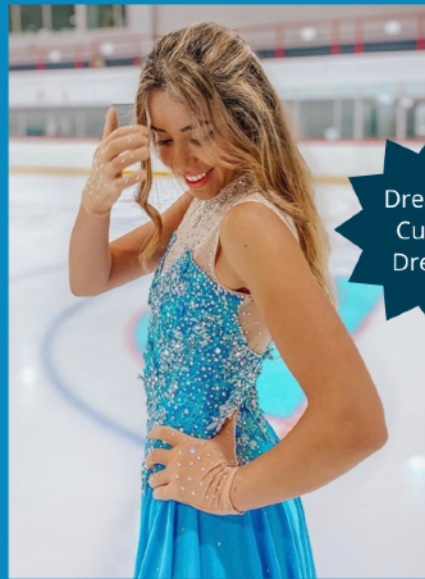
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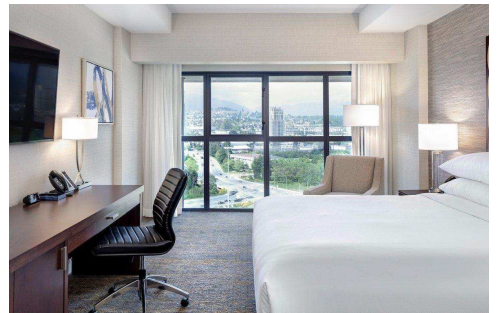
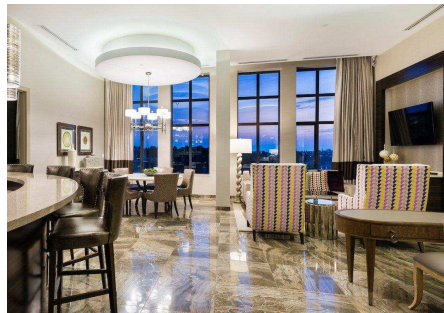
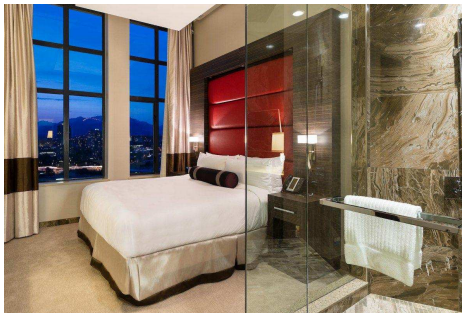
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May 6th, 2023**

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**62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BC/YK SECTION – SKATE CANADA
Saturday, April 30, 2023
Online Meeting**

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Hilary Quick welcomed everyone to the online meeting and expressed her appreciation for all the hard work from the clubs and volunteers over the past year. At this time, we remembered those who left us this past year: Barb Cleese-President-Mission SC, Heather Egilson-Board Member-Abbotsford SC, Helen Matousek-Totem SC, Robert Mandley-Skate Canada Honorary Official and Barb Stott-BC/YK Section Office Employee and Official.

2. Introduction of the Board and Committee Chairs for 2021-2022

The following Board members were introduced:

Shannon Downing, Joanne Nickel, Sharon Dahl, Braden Davie, Shelley Verhelst, Janice Hunter, Margaret Warwick, Diane Nielsen, Laura Carr, Aaron Lowe.

The following Committee Chairs were introduced:

Kevin Gordon, Carol Geisbrecht, Leanne Beddie, Janet Gordon, Karen Mallon, Dawn Williams, Syd Hughes and Cheyenne Irvine.

The following staff members were introduced:

Ted Barton (Executive Director), Danielle Williams (Director of Operations), Bev Viger (Financial Administrator), Haley Adams (Coaching & Communications Coordinator), Jamie McGrigor (Director of Development), & Steve Muff (Director of Development).

3. Reading of the Notice of Meeting

Notice was duly circulated on the 18th of March 2022 by e-mail.

4. Report of Credentials Committee

We have 75 of a possible 117 voting members present. Quorum is present.

5. Review of Voting Procedures

Hilary reviewed the procedure of the online voting. Online voting is being conducted by Data on the Spot.

6. Declaration of meeting duly called and in order, if a quorum present -

MOVED BY Shelley Verhelst **AND SECONDED BY** Kari Adams **AND RESOLVED TO** duly call the 62nd Annual General Meeting to order, as there is quorum present. Carried.

7. Motion to amend the agenda as necessary

MOVED BY Alex Clarke **AND SECONDED BY** Margaret Warwick **AND RESOLVED TO** Amend the Agenda as necessary. Carried.

8. Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED BY Leanne Beddie **AND SECONDED BY** Braden Davie **AND RESOLVED** that the agenda be approved as amended with flexibility where necessary.

9. Minutes of the preceding AGM of May 1st, 2021 -

MOVED BY Janice Hunter **AND SECONDED BY** Sharon Dahl **AND RESOLVED TO** Approve the Minutes of the 61st AGM from May 1st, 2021. Carried.

10. Report of Nominating Committee - Lorraine Mapoles

There are 3 positions to fill - Chairman (2-year Term), Vice Chairman (2-year Term) and Director (2-year Term) positions.

11. Skate Canada Report

Shae Zukiwsky, Skate Canada Senior Director, Performance Excellence, read the Skate Canada message.

12. Executive Director Report - Ted Barton

Ted provided an update of Section activities during COVID-19 and what we hope to accomplish during the upcoming season.

13. Chairman's Report - Hilary Quick

Hilary provided a highlight of successes and challenges within our Section this past year.

14. Director of Finance Report - Joanne Nickel

Joanne thanked the finance committee - Lorraine Mapoles, Bev Viger, Hilary Quick, Shannon Downing, Ted Barton and Danielle Williams. Joanne then reviewed our income and expenses with a net gain of \$199,948.

MOVED BY Joanne Nickel **AND SECONDED BY** Lorraine Mapoles **AND RESOLVED TO** Accept the Financial Statement as circulated. Carried.

15. Board & Committee Reports

MOVED BY Karen Mallon **AND SECONDED BY** Braden Davie **AND RESOLVED TO** Approve the Committee Reports as circulated. Carried.

16. Election of Officers

All positions were acclaimed. Chairman - Hilary Quick, Vice-Chairman - Braden Davie, and Director - Shelley Verhelst

17. Appointment of Auditor

MOVED BY Shannon Downing **AND SECONDED BY** Robynne Shaw **AND RESOLVED TO** Appoint Loewen Kruse Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors for the BC/YK Section - Skate Canada for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Carried.

18. Appointment of Legal Counsel

MOVED BY Ryan Sutherland **AND SECONDED BY** Sad Hughes **AND RESOLVED TO** Appoint Norton, Rose and Fullbright LLP as Legal Counsel for the BC/YK Section - Skate Canada for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. Carried.

19. New Business**19.1. Presentation to Retiring Board Members**

Gifts were presented to Shannon Downing as she is retiring from the Section Board of Directors. Gifts were also presented to Kevin Gordon and Carol Giesbrecht as they are retiring as a Committee Chairs. We wish to thank them for their years of service and we wish them well.

19.2. Skate Canada AGM

Bev Viger, Jamie McGrigor, and Steve Muff were presented gift cards from the BC/YK Section for celebrating their 10 Year Staff Anniversary.

19.3. Skate Canada AGM

A reminder that the Skate Canada Online AGM will be taking place on Saturday, May 28. It is up to every club and coach to register to vote at the online Skate Canada AGM. BC/YK Section's own Laura Carr is running for the position of Director West on the Skate Canada Board of Directors.

20. Closing Remarks

Hilary thanked everyone for attending and taking part in the meeting. The Section accomplished a lot of great things this year, and will continue to do so as we move forward.

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52am, **MOVED BY** Laura Carr.

Hilary Quick

Signature of Chairman

May 20, 2022

Date



As we reflect on the last season, I would say this year we celebrated the return to “regularly scheduled programming” and embraced the change that was all around us. As we went through the year so many wonderful things happened, and the biggest, people returned to the rink, IN RECORD NUMBERS!

Nationally, Skate Canada hit, for the first time since the early 90's more than 200,000 members! Here in British Columbia/ Yukon we saw a growth of 3222 members, which is 16% more than last year.

What a great problem to have! I know I don't need to tell any club board member this, wait lists have now become the norm and our current question, how do we get more ice, how do we get more coaches? How do we support our clubs as they navigate this?

One answer we have to this is a major initiative coming next season to support the program delivery of CanSkate across the section. We will be hosting CanSkate workshops in the four outlying regions this year. Having strong CanSkate programming is key to ensuring our skaters have the best experience possible when they come to the rink. Whether they want to skate for fun, skate to win, we just want them to have the best experience possible.

This year we introduced a new competition calendar that began April 2023. In alignment with the Skate Canada Long Term Development Plan, things will look different. We ask everyone to come with an open mind, as we know change can be challenging. But we believe that at the end of the day, this new structure, is athlete development centered. We also saw the addition of new National events, a separate Challenge for Pre-Novice and Novice athletes and the introduction of the National Novice event and the Canada Cup. It was busy but so great to see athletes compete at the right time developmentally for them.

Synchronized Skating was in the spotlight this season with Junior and Senior teams competing at the Skate Canada National Championships along with the four other disciplines. It was amazing to see the energy and excitement this discipline brought to the event, and I believe that this exposure will see the growth of Synchro. The section also has been working hard to help support our Synchronized skating coaches and teams. Pascal Denis, coach of two-time world champions Les Supremes, lent his expertise to the teams this fall, and we are thankful that he will be returning several times next year to continue this development.

Competitions, Seminars, and Assessment Days were back in full swing this season. The ability to connect in person was felt throughout the year and we are so grateful to experience the volunteers, coaches, officials, and athletes doing what they do best, in person, together again.

Thank you for joining us as we mark another successful season, connect with each other and learn together.

Sincerely,

Hilary Quick

BC/YT Section Chair



It was a great year to be a Data Specialist in British Columbia with all but 2 of our events being held live in the rink!

We started off the season with the last VISI competition in Parksville, carried onto Victoria Day in Surrey and then SummerSkate in Burnaby. While we did have to import a couple of DS's from Ontario to help us out at VDI all events were fully staffed, and everyone was happy to be in the rink.

During SummerSkate we held an Introductory DS Clinic that was well attended and resulted in new Introductory DS's in both the BC Coast and Kootenay Regions. Welcome Gabriella, Rebecca, Larissa, and Robert to the team! Also, congratulations to Cari, Melina and Julia on their official Level 1 promotions.

The fall brought many competitions for our DS team all across the province. We are still short on DS's in the CNCR and the Kootenays so many of our DS's travelled to help these regions successfully complete their competitions. Remember if you'd like to see various places in our province, please sign up to go to competitions outside of your home region!

Thank you to everyone who stepped up for events this season under the strong leadership of our Chief's and RSM's – Kathy Wallace, Karen Mallon, Lorraine Mapoles, Lyse Prendergast, Shelley Verhelst, Karen Archibald, Cari Shorrock, Gill Greydanus, Erica Galey, and Melina Stathopoulos.

An additional huge thank you to Joan Omasta and Ryan Sutherland for stepping up and running the DS function for the BC Special Olympics in Kamloops. I'll bet many of you probably don't know that Ryan is a qualified DS along with his qualifications as a Technical Specialist. While they ran into a couple of quirks with the Dance events they were able to score all of the skaters

On the National front, myself, Lyse and Karen all were given national assignments this past season and we hope we represented BC well. For Lyse, this was her first time as Chief Data Special (watch out for a future name change of this position coming soon) at the Novice Nationals and Canada Cup Synchro event and she did a fantastic job!

We are preparing for the upcoming season now, with our signup document live. So far it is looking good with many already committing to the events including our 2 new events this coming year.

We are also looking forward to the new version of CSS hopefully being released this summer and will be planning on training sessions in August in conjunction with SummerSkate and possibly in the regions with their first events. If you are interested in becoming a Data Specialist we would love to have you attend an event to see what we are all about, just contact the DS chairman in your region and they will give you an outline of what we do and schedule you for an introduction at their next event.

Thank you to everyone and especially our regional DS chairmen, Lyse Prendergast, Kathy Wallace, Shelley Verhelst, Melina Stathopoulos and Jeanien Carmody Fallows. I'm looking forward the upcoming seasons and working in a rink with you all soon.

Sharon Dahl,

BC/YT Data Specialist Chair



The Membership Manual was updated at the start of the skating season and an electronic version was sent to every club. A member of your Club Board should be going through this manual as it contains both necessary and helpful information. The Manual can also be found on the skatinginbc website <https://www.skatinginbc.com/membership-manual>. Throughout the year other emails have been sent out to clubs with the hope that whoever receives them will direct them to the appropriate person. All the mail-outs can be found on the BC/YT Section website.

One of these mail-outs would have been the nomination forms/link for the Skate Canada Awards that are presented every year at the Region, Section and National Level. This will be one of my focus points next year. I believe it is important to acknowledge, appreciate and congratulate skaters, volunteers and officials for all the time and hard work they put into this sport!

I would also like to thank all the Clubs that took part in the Club Recognition program this year. Not only is it a program that acknowledges all the work a Club does but it also shows us the areas where some could be struggling and where we could possibly help in making them a stronger Club.

Look forward to the updated 2023-2024 Manual coming out in the Fall.

Shelley Verhelst

Membership Chairman

BC/YT Section, Skate Canada



• **Announcements**

As we returned to in-person competitions without many restrictions, each Region once again handled their own competition announcements. Thank you to Ethan Swinburnson for providing the initial review and any necessary content edits of these announcements prior to final approval being given by the Technical Chair. Thank you to Danielle Williams for overseeing all the Region and Section competition announcements.

• **Podium Pathway**

The Quick Reference Guides for Singles, Pairs and Dance for the 2023-2024 season are posted on the Technical Page of the website. In addition to the usual short program group changes, there is a small change to the Juvenile Well Balanced Program Requirements and a change to the solo spin in the Pre-Novice Men's Short Program, which will always be a change camel spin going forward. As noted in this report last year, to align with LTD and the Athlete Development Matrices (ADM), the BC/YT Section will no longer include the Pre-Juvenile category in competitions. These skaters are well served in

the STAR categories and may transition to Podium Pathway categories when ready.

• **STARSkate**

This past season there were no significant changes to the STAR competition requirements and at the time of writing, the same is true for the 2023-2024 season. Any changes will be communicated and posted on the Skating in BC website as soon as they are published by Skate Canada.

• **Technical Officials**

Thank you to all Section Technical Officials for another season spent training and officiating. It was great to be back at in-person competitions and good to know we can service out competitions virtually should the need arise.

Congratulations to the following technical officials for promotions this past season:

- Challenge Ice Dance TC - Ethan Swinburnson
- Canadian Pairs TS - Corey Sutherland
- International Pairs TS - Carolyn McEwen
- International Single TS - Ryan Sutherland

• **Skating In BC Website - www.skatinginbc.com**

The website is administered through the Section. We welcomed all suggestions to help keep this an active and current site, which appeals to all skating family members. Please email me if there is something you would like to see on the website that is technical related. Thank you to those people who email me when they see errors or omissions...it is greatly appreciated!

• **Technical Communications/Clarifications**

All Technical changes, clarifications and pertinent information from Skate Canada and the ISU are posted on the Skating in BC website as they become available. Throughout the year I welcome any technical questions and am always available to clarify any rules or issues that coaches, skaters, parents and/or clubs may have. Many coaches continue to ask for clarifications on technical matters. I appreciate this communication and am please to assist whenever I am able.

The best way to contact me is by email: janicedhunter@gmail.com



Guided by the Technical Chair, the BC/YT Section Judge’s Committee contributes expertise and perspectives to the recruitment and development of Judges and Evaluators and ensures competitions and assessment days in the Section are serviced by competent, professional Judges/Evaluators.

The key duties of the Committee are as follows...

1. Establish and annually review the long-term vision and mandate of the Judge/Evaluator Committee.
2. Develop the annual operational plans and budgets for judge/evaluator initiatives.
3. Recruit, train and develop judges and evaluators in order that they can competently assess skaters.
4. Communicate with and provide educational opportunities and support for the BC/YT Judge/Evaluator community.
5. Assist in the development of judge/evaluator related input for the Section’s annual strategic planning process.
6. Have input to Skate Canada policy changes and amendments that are submitted by the BC/YT Section.

The members of the BC/YT Section Judge’s Committee this past season were as follows...

Chair	Dawn Williams
Technical Chair	Janice Huner
Secretary	Angela Tremblay
Training - STAR & Region Judges Rep Liaison	Cheyenne Irvine
Training - Competitive	Shannon Downing
Training - Evaluator	Joanne Nickel
Region Competition Scheduling	Ethan Swinburnson
Staff Resource	Danielle Williams

Training

Artistic Update Judge/Coach – Janice Hunter and Alex Clarke held a virtual Artistic Update for Judges and Coaches on September 14, 2022. The update is archived on Daily Motion and has had 3,100 views so far.

Competitive Dance Judge Seminar - A remote Competitive Dance Seminar was held during July & August 2022. It was facilitated by Janice Hunter and there were eleven participants.

Competitive Update Judge/Coach – Janice Hunter and Karen Howard moderated a Competitive Judge/Coach Update on Wednesday August 17, 2022 at the Delta Burnaby Hotel. Over seventy participants attended. Topics covered were the technical requirements for the 2022/2023 season and the change from 5 Program Components to 3 Program Components.

New Evaluator Clinic - Shannon Downing and Joanne Nickel facilitated a virtual New Evaluator Clinic. The clinic was held over five sessions in January and February. There were eight participants, and the participants are now in the process of completing their promotions.

Program Components Clinic - In partnership with Skate Canada, we held a Program Components Clinic for Judges and Coaches on April 1, 2023 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Vancouver. Karen Howard was the moderator and Laura Baker from Skate Canada also attended. Over seventy judges and coaches were in attendance.

Star 1-4 Event Assessor Training – A STAR 1-4 Event Assessor Training Clinic was held October 18 & 20, 2022. The clinic was facilitated by Ethan Swinburnson and there were seven participants.

Star 1-4 Learning Facilitator Update – Skate Canada launched the refresh of the STAR 1-4 Event Assessor training. Shannon Downing and Ethan Swinburnson held a STAR 1-4 Learning Facilitator Update Session with four Learning Facilitators in attendance.

Training Priorities for Judges for the 2023/2024 Season - Below is a list of this Committees anticipated training priorities this upcoming season:

<u>Planned Judges Training</u>	<u>Time Frame</u>
Competitive Judge's Exchange	July to October - In Person
Competitive Update - Judge/Coach	August (SS Weekend) - In Person
Evaluator Clinic	Fall - Virtual
SCI Trial Program	October - In Person
Senior Singles Clinic	Fall - Virtual
Synchro Novice Seminar	Fall - In Person
Synchro Update - Judge/Coach	Fall - Virtual/ In Person
Technical Update	Fall - Virtual

Miscellaneous

Promotions - Congratulations to the following judges for the national promotions they received this past season:

- Joanne Brandon – Challenge Singles
- Shannon Downing – Challenge Dance
- Shannon Downing – Challenge Pairs
- Hilary Quick – Canadian Synchro

National Exams - The following judges have been accepted to write exams in either the 2023/2024 or 2024/2025 season:

- Laura Carr – ISU Singles/Pairs
- Hilary Quick – Canadian Singles/Pairs
- Hilary Quick – International Dance
- Ethan Swinburnson – Challenge Dance Referee
- Ethan Swinburnson – International Dance
- Angela Tremblay – Challenge Pairs

Awards & Accolades

Congratulations to the following officials who were presented with awards at the 2022 BC/YT Section AGM Banquet:

- Lyse Prendergast - Skate Canada Section Officials Award
- Kelly Cruickshank - Skate Canada Officials Award of Excellence

Congratulations to all!

In Closing

In closing, I would like to thank my Committee for all their work and dedication to the Judge/Evaluator initiatives in our Section.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Williams
 Judge/Evaluator Chair
 Skate Canada BC/YT Section



We are one year post COVID and competitions are doing well. We are starting this year with a new competition structure that was proposed at the June Planning Meeting. The April competition is cancelled and there will now be a June and a September competition. This change is to align more closely with the Long Term Development Model.

This is a snapshot of the 2022-2023 Competition year with live judging, live skating and audiences in all the venues. Quite a different picture than the last couple of years.

- Vancouver Island Super Series: April 1-3, 2022 – 586 competitors
- Victoria Day: May 20-22, 2022 Fleetwood Surrey – 1114 competitors
- SummerSkate: Aug 18-21, 2022 Scotia Barn – 816 competitors
- Autumn Leaves: Oct 14-16, 2022 Kamloops – 683 competitors
- Sectionals: Nov 10-13, 2022 Coquitlam – 298 competitors
- BC/YT Synchro & Adult: Dec 10, 2022 South Surrey – 16 teams & 23 Adult entries
- Mountain Synchro: Jan 20-22, 2023 Bill Copeland Arena Burnaby – 34 teams
- West Coast Challenge Synchro & Adult: Feb 11, 2023 Aldergrove – 16 teams & 23 Adult entries
- STARSkate Final: March 10-12, 2023 Kelowna – 920 competitors
- BC Winter Games: March 23-26, 2023 Vernon – 47 competitors

I would like to thank all the team members that work tirelessly to make the Section Competitions happen. The number of hours and amount of work you do does not go unnoticed.

Margaret Warwick, Murray Anderson, Dom Verhelst, Vivian Lee, Colleen Laferriere, Robynne Shaw, Yee-Sin Law, Lisa St. James, Patti Graham, Joan Omasta, Kari-Jane Adams, Brenda Kawasaki, Lori von Hardenberg and countless others. The staff Danielle Williams, Haley Adams, Ted Barton, Steve Muff and McKenna Nickel.

It is a great group to be part of and if you are interested in volunteering in any area of the BC/YT Section competitions please send me an email bev@skatinginbc.com.



The 2022-2023 season marked the start of a new quadrennial Olympic cycle and, thankfully, a return to regular in person events. Highlights included:

- Our Section having the most entries ever at the Junior Worlds Championships in Calgary, Alberta. Congratulations to Wesley Chiu, Aleksa Rakic who finished 5th and 13th respectively in the men’s category and Hailey Yu and Brendan Giang on a 14th place finish in ice dance.
- International Medalist: William Chan, Advanced Novice Men, Bronze, Coupe du Printemps.
- National Medalists:
 - Gold: Tasha Lai and Mickey Becker-Pos, Pre-Novice Ice Dance.
 - Bronze: Wesley Chiu, Senior Men; Hailey Yu and Brenda Giang, Junior Ice Dance; Louie Fukada-Wu, Pre-Novice Men
 - Challenge Medallists:
 - Gold: Kara Yun, Junior Women; Gabrielle Jugnauth, Novice Women
 - Silver: Wesley Chiu, Senior Men; Amy Shao Ning Yang, Senior Women; Shohei Law,

Junior Men; Hailey Yu and Brendan Giang, Junior Dance

- Bronze: William Chan, Novice Men

○Canada Winter Games Medallists:

- Gold: Tasha Lai and Mickey Becker-Pos, Pre-Novice Ice Dance
- Silver: Louie Fukada-Wu, Pre-Novice Men

June Camp

The pre-season for our Podium Pathway skaters included the June BC Team Camp held in Burnaby. Skaters had the opportunity to received feedback on their programs from judges and technical officials. Thank you to the following officials for volunteering your time and expertise:

Erica Topolski, Sabrina Wong, Nicole Leblanc-Richard, Janice Hunter, Jamie McGrigor, Andrea Derby, Karen Howard, Sally Rehorick, Beth Crane, Susan Heffernan, Kevin Reynolds, Carolyn McEwan, and Mitchell Gordon.

New Qualifying Calendar

2022-2023 saw a new qualifying event calendar for Pre-Novice to Senior in the disciplines of singles, pairs, ice dance and synchronized skating. Challenge was split into Junior/Senior and Pre-Novice/Novice. The National Championships for junior and senior categories included synchronized skating for the first time. This addition was a huge (and loud!) hit. BC was represented in the Junior category by the Lower Mainland Synchronized Skating team who placed 7th. Novice skaters in singles, pairs and ice dance had their own national championships in February along with the Skate Canada Cup for synchronized skating which included Novice, Intermediate and Open categories. A review of this structure will take place at the end of the 2023-2024 season.

To support the new national competition structure, the BC/YT Section has reorganized its competition calendar and event offerings. Look for a new June Competition for the Podium Pathway stream and a September competition to replace the April event. This new competition is designed to give skaters additional competition mileage prior to the Sectional Championships. STAR Skate Final in March is also being revamped to be a season ending event for both Podium Pathway and STAR Skate streams.

Kelowna Camp

StarSkate skaters, many of whom who have never had an opportunity to experience the Kelowna Camp due to COVID the past few years, attended the three day camp this past Easter weekend. Skaters had a variety of on and off-ice activities including the always popular Saturday night banquet. Thank you to the coaches who staffed this event:

Karen Mongrain, Jason Mongrain, Jamie McGrigor, Leslee Rushton, Larry Rushton, Neil Wilson, Emanuel Sandhu, Bruno Delmaestro, Matthew McEwan, Doug Schmierer, Constanze Paulinus, Jennifer Hammond, Chelsea Ivanich, Cambria Little, Olivia Levesque.

Now that we are no longer trying to constantly pivot to accommodate COVID restrictions we can work to implement more initiatives to support the development of skating in all streams and disciplines. The development of synchronized skating is a priority and we look forward to working with our skating community to build this discipline.

Good Luck

At the end of this season Haley Sales and Nikolas Wamsteeker retired as a senior ice dance team. For many years they represented our Section and Skate Canada at several international events including the Four Continents Championships. We wish them well in their future endeavours.

Thank you

Thank you to all the staff, coaches, team leaders and volunteers who tirelessly work to support our teams and the development of skating in our Section.

BC/YT Podium Pathway Results			
Skater	Category	Event	Result
Aleksa Rakic	Senior Men	Challenge	6th
	Senior Men	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE
	Junior Men	World Junior Championships	13th
	Junior Men	JGP Eгна	5th
	Junior Men	JGP Ostrava	7th
	Junior Men	National Championships	12th
Beres Clements	Senior Men	National Championships	7th
	Senior Men	Challenge	8th
	Senior Men	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
Gabriel Blumenthal	Senior Men	National Championships	14th
	Senior Men	Challenge	9th
	Senior Men	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER
Wesley Chiu	Senior Men	Lake Placid Challenger	10th
	Senior Men	Grand Prix Angers	10th
	Senior Men	Grand Prix Skate America	6th
	Senior Men	National Championships	BRONZE
	Senior Men	Challenge	SILVER
	Junior Men	World Junior Championships	5th
Amy Shao Ning Yang	Senior Women	National Championships	13th
	Senior Women	Challenge	SILVER
	Senior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
Emily Millard	Senior Women	Challenge	25th
	Senior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER

Melody Zhu	Senior Women	Challenge	29th
	Senior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE
Haley Sales/Nikolas Wamsteeker	Senior Ice Dance	Lake Placid Challenger	5th
	Senior Ice Dance	Grand Prix Sheffield	9th
	Senior Ice Dance	National Championships	5th
Miku Makita/Tyler Gunara	Senior Ice Dance	National Championships	8th
Brendan Wong	Junior Men	National Championships	10th
	Junior Men	Challenge	7th
	Junior Men	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE
David Li	Junior Men	JGP Courchevel	10th
	Junior Men	National Championships	5th
	Junior Men	Challenge	9th
	Junior Men	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER
Neo Tran	Junior Men	National Championships	12th
	Junior Men	Challenge	15th
	Junior Men	BC/YT Sectionals	4th
Shohei Law	Junior Men	National Championships	8th
	Junior Men	Challenge	SILVER
	Junior Men	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
Angelina YinLin Guan	Junior Women	National Championships	13th
	Junior Women	Challenge	6th
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER
Ellie Cheung	Junior Women	Challenge	37th
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	6th
Emily Sales	Junior Women	Challenge	27th
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	5th
Kara Yun	Junior Women	JGP Gdańsk #1	10th
	Junior Women	National Championships	4th
	Junior Women	Challenge	GOLD
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
Megan Yudin	Junior Women	Challenge	22nd
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE

Vanessa Ho	Junior Women	Challenge	24th
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE
Hailey Yu/Brendan Giang	Junior Ice Dance	World Junior Championships	14th
	Junior Ice Dance	JGP Gdańsk #1	6th
	Junior Ice Dance	JGP Ostrava	9th
	Junior Ice Dance	National Championships	BRONZE
	Junior Ice Dance	Challenge	SILVER
Matthew Yu	Novice Men	National Championships	9th
	Novice Men	Challenge	9th
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER
Tehryn Lee	Novice Men	National Championships	11th
	Novice Men	Challenge	12th
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE
William Chan	Novice Men	Coupe du Printemps	SILVER
	Novice Men	National Championships	4th
	Novice Men	Challenge	BRONZE
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
Brookelynn Pollock	Novice Women	National Championships	7th
	Novice Women	Challenge	6th
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	4th
Calissa Adlem	Novice Women	National Championships	6th
	Novice Women	Challenge	7th
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER
Gabrielle Jugnauth	Novice Women	National Championships	12th
	Novice Women	Challenge	GOLD
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
Konstantina Lock	Novice Women	National Championships	18th
	Novice Women	Challenge	9th
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE
Madison Simoneau	Novice Women	Challenge	33rd
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	6th
Sanuli Loku	Novice Women	Challenge	25th

	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	5th
Alson Chang	Pre-Novice Men	Challenge	7th
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	5th
Carson Chow	Pre-Novice Men	Challenge	14th
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	4th
Erighan Dantienn	Pre-Novice Men	Challenge	20th
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE
Jake Willing-Sato	Pre-Novice Men	Canada Winter Games	8th
	Pre-Novice Men	Challenge	11th
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER
Louie Fukuda-Wu	Pre-Novice Men	Canada Winter Games	SILVER
	Pre-Novice Men	Challenge	BRONZE
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
William Bryan	Pre-Novice Men	Challenge	13th
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectionals	6th
Emily Liao	Pre-Novice Women	Canada Winter Games	11th
	Pre-Novice Women	Challenge	18th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
Ilonna Chen	Pre-Novice Women	Challenge	32nd
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	4th
Jaelyn Woo	Pre-Novice Women	Challenge	33rd
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	5th
Nicole Zhang	Pre-Novice Women	Challenge	29th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	BRONZE
Sabrina Lim	Pre-Novice Women	Challenge	35th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	6th
Vicky Pan	Pre-Novice Women	Canada Winter Games	8th
	Pre-Novice Women	Challenge	36th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER
Tasha Lai/Mickey Becker-Pos	Pre-Novice Ice Dance	Canada Winter Games	GOLD
	Pre-Novice Ice Dance	Challenge	GOLD
	Pre-Novice Ice Dance	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD

Ava Cheung/Stephen Lee	Pre-Novice Pairs	Canada Winter Games	11th
	Pre-Novice Pairs	Challenge	16th
	Pre-Novice Pairs	BC/YT Sectionals	SILVER
Jessie Sun/Mitchell Dunn	Pre-Novice Pairs	Canada Winter Games	9th
	Pre-Novice Pairs	Challenge	10th
	Pre-Novice Pairs	BC/YT Sectionals	GOLD
LMSSC Junior	Junior Synchro	National Championships	7th
Ice X-cel	Novice Synchro	Skate Canada Cup	9th
Icicles	Novice Synchro	Skate Canada Cup	12th
Ice X-Calibur	Open Synchro	Skate Canada Cup	12th



With the lifting of COVID 19 restrictions we were able to return to regular programming for the 2022/2023 season.

The Section was excited to be able to offer a CanSkate Program Refresher for Coaches. The update was held September 17 & 18 at Scotia Barn in Burnaby and there were 22 coaches who participated. The moderator was Skate Canada's CanSkate Learning Facilitator, Mary-Liz Wiley. Mary-Liz reviewed the CanSkate program as well as give ideas to enhance and update a club's CanSkate Program.

In the Synchronized Skating category the Section was excited to provide teams with three competition opportunities. The first was BC/YT Open held at the South Surrey Arena on December 10, 2022. There were 14 teams in attendance. The second opportunity was the 2023 Mountain Regional Skating Championships hosted by the Section on January 20-22, 2023. There were 18 teams from our Section who took part. There were 3 competitive teams who went on to compete at the 2023 Novice Canadian Championships/Skate Canada Cup held in Calgary, AB February 20-25, 2023.

Congratulations to Ice x Calibur, Ice X-cel and Icicles on your accomplishments. The third opportunity was West Coast Challenge held at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Center on February 11, 2023. There were 16 teams in attendance. The Lower Mainland Junior team represented the Section at the 2023 Canadian Tire Nation Skating Championships held in Oshawa, ON, January 9-15, 2023 where they finished 7th. Congratulations to all of the teams on their performances throughout the season.

The Section was pleased to offer 3 competitions for the Adult Skaters. The first at the 2023 BC/YT Open Competition held in South Surrey, December 10, 2022. There were a total of 26 entries. The second opportunity was West Coast Challenge held in Aldergrove on February 11, 2023. There were 35 entries. The third event was the 2023 Start Skate Final held in Kelowna March 10-12. There were 38 entries. Congratulations to all of the adult skaters on their performances.

I would like to close with a special thank you to the Section Board, Section Staff, Coaches, Skaters and last but not least all the Volunteers who have supported our program activities over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Warwick
Skating Programs Chair



This will be the eighth set of inductions to the BC/YT Section Hall of Fame. It is fitting that we are able to finally honour these very deserving people and I hope that many of you will be in attendance tonight at the ceremony.

Thanks to Ted Barton for his work and preparations for the induction ceremonies.

I wish to especially remember Audrey Williams in this report. Her passing last May left a huge hole in this committee as she supplied invaluable knowledge with her years of involvement in our sport. She will be missed but she had given some excellent suggestions and advice for the committee moving forward.

At this time, I would like to extend my thanks to Janice Hunter and Susan Heffernan for joining the committee and to Brian Pound and Wendy Martin for staying on the committee.

Respectfully submitted

Syd Hughes
Chair



I want to thank the Athlete Support Fund Committee members for all of their work this past season. The Committee consists of the following members:

- Lorraine Mapoles – Chair
- Syd Hughes – Secretary
- Hilary Quick – Section Chairman
- Joanne Nickel – Section Director of Finance
- Laura Carr – Section Skater Development Chair
- Shelley Verhelst
- Brett Barden
- Gary Wong
- Keegan Murphy
- Bev Viger – Staff

The following skaters received Bursaries this year for their Post Secondary education:

- Nik Wamsteeker - \$1,500.00
- Emily Millard - \$1,500.00
- Victor Lum - \$1,000.00
- Caitlin Tai - \$1,000.00
- Sarah Kedves - \$1,000.00

We presented 19 Junior/Senior skaters with \$300 each at their Skate Canada Challenge event. Seventeen of those skaters qualified to attend the 2023 Canadian Tire Junior/Senior Canadian Championships. Each of these skaters received an additional \$500. The Lower Mainland Synchro Junior team competed at Canadians, and we paid their \$860 registration fee.

We presented 27 Pre Novice/Novice skaters with \$300 each at their Skate Canada Challenge event. Seven Novice skaters qualified to attend the 2023 Novice Canadian Championships. Each of these skaters received an additional \$500 each.

We paid for 40 BC/YT Team Members to attend the 2022 AGM Banquet.

In order for us to continue to offer some financial assistance to our skaters, we need to raise money. We have tried to give our committee more of a presence at our Super Series events, where we now have two rink boards, and a pop up in the arena. We offer a 50/50 draw at these competitions, and we want to thank everyone who purchased tickets. Congratulations to our winners this past year:

- Bev Viger from Surrey won \$925.00 at VISI 2022
- Leisa Rau from Kelowna won \$762.50 at the 2022 AGM
- Tammy Davidson from Surrey won \$740.00 at VDI 2022
- Janice Hunter of West Vancouver won \$1077.50 at Summer Skate 2022
- Byron Murray from Vancouver won \$930.00 at Autumn Leaves 2022
- Lauren Penner from Williams Lake won \$597.50 at 2022 BC/YT Section Championships
- Marina Kirincic from Pitt Meadows won \$100.00 at BC/YT Synchro & Adult Competition 2022
- John Schultz from Fort St John won \$927.50 at Super Series Final 2023

Be sure to purchase your 50/50 tickets during our 2023 AGM weekend, the draw will take place at the Banquet. Tickets are purchased online via our Section website: skatinginbc.com

At Super Series Final in Kelowna this year, we sold single roses. We thank those that purchased our 450 roses, and giving us a profit of \$1182.00. We hope to offer roses for sale at future Super Series Competitions.

Our largest fundraising event takes place during our AGM weekend. I hope that many of you attend our Friday night social with some wonderful live auction items, and lots of silent auction items. My thanks to Shelley Verhelst for assisting me in coordinating this event, and all our thanks to Brett Barden who managed to get so many super items donated from local businesses. We have silent auction items at the AGM on Saturday, and additional items on the silent auction table at the Awards Banquet. Thank you to everyone who places a bid throughout the AGM weekend.

The application for a Bursary is on the BC/YT Section website. You will see that the process, as well as the actual Bursary, has changed. I want to thank Gary Wong and Hilary Quick for reviewing and suggesting changes that the Committee has adopted. There are two different bursaries that skaters can apply for:

Canadians Participant Bursary – must have competed at a Skate Canada Jr/Sr Canadians Competition – this would include all disciplines. Skaters can apply for consecutive bursaries until they retire as Podium Pathway Athletes, plus one additional year.

Gold Athlete Bursary – must have achieved at least 3 of the 4 Gold Test Assessments (Dance, Skills, Free Skate, Artistic). Recipients can receive this Bursary one time only.

The deadline to apply for a Bursary is June 1, 2023. Good luck to those who apply, we hope to see recipients in each of our Regions.

Thank you everyone for continuing to support the Athlete Support Fund, which allows us to assist our athletes financially, so that they can achieve their dreams.

Lorraine Mapoles

Chair of the Skate Canada BC/YT Section Athlete Support Fund



The BC Coast Region has completed a full and successful year post pandemic. It is hard to believe that this year was a series of firsts following a 3 year hiatus from any competitions, shows and assessment days. Given the huge obstacles we had facing us, I am so proud of the way our committees, board members and volunteers came together to deliver a season of events for our skaters. We were unsure what to expect, so we approached it cautiously and with patience. A great deal of thought was put towards planning events, keeping in mind financial responsibility, while balancing the need of the skaters and the public health situation. Overall 2022-2023 developed into a year of rebuilding and reorganizing within our structure.

The BC Coast Region consists of a group of volunteers who are passionate about skating and dedicated to the clubs in our region. The participation of our volunteers is an integral part of the huge success of our events. The Region delivered two very large competitions this season. Jingle Blades, co-hosted with Mission Skating Club and WinterSkate co-hosted with Connaught Skating Club. Both events succeeded our expectations both in registrations and in volunteer participation. I would like to thank both clubs for their involvement and the tireless hours they spent making these events a

huge success. It was the first time the Region has offered Live Streaming, allowing viewers to watch from home. With the assistance of the BC/YT Section, we were able to facilitate the successful streaming of a 3 day event on 2 ice surfaces. This has started the ball rolling for further developments at our region competitions, and I look forward to these challenges next season. In addition to our own events, the BCCR also partnered with Cloverdale Skating Club to form the LOC for the BC/YT Victoria Day Super Series Competition held in Surrey.

The Skater Development Committee hosted 2 seminars this season focusing on our Star 1-4 skaters. The Welcome Back Seminar was held at Richmond Ice Centre in September. Over 60 skaters attended to participate in on ice sessions focusing on Freeskate, Dance and Synchro. The Active Start workshop was held between Christmas and New Years at Tilbury Ice in Delta. Over 60 skaters enjoyed learning all disciplines from a series of coaches from the BCCR.

The BCCR continues to provide education, support, and guidance to our clubs through Club Engagement Meetings and in person meetings. Our board members have a diverse skillset and extensive experience which are a huge asset when dealing with our clubs.

I am looking forward to the 2023-2024 season and the ability to continue working with the enthusiastic volunteers and clubs throughout our region.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Clarke

BC Coast Region Chair



As a geographically vast region, the CNCR has used this season to amalgamate some of the creativity that came out of pandemic times with the return to fully-live competitions to benefit our skaters. This included hosting Kla-How-Ya in the remote location of Prince Rupert using live skating and remote officiating, but returning both larger, more central competitions – CNC Regionals and Totem Championships – to a fully-live model. While we had some challenges at the beginning of the year, we worked at improving communication with clubs, particularly our LOCs, in the planning and dissemination of information for each competition. We know that we have a lot of work to do for next season, but we have specific goals in place for ensuring clubs feel supported with updated manuals and open communication. Recognition and appreciation to our host clubs for all the hard work that they put in to make our competition season a success.

In addition to a successful regional competition season, our skaters and clubs continued to amaze us with their accomplishments:

- Taisiya Kasum of Smithers FSC and Bailey Bartlett of Terrace SC were selected to represent our zones at the BC Winter Games in Vernon this season.
- Prince George FSC received second place in the Skate Canada Skate With Us national contest for a video compilation submitted by Julia Shaddick. This video highlighted all the wonderful reasons why their skaters love skating and what is special about their club!
- A talented group of 10 skaters was selected for the Region Challenge Team at STARSkate Final: Violet Freeman-Idelmilich (PGFSC), Reagan West (Williams Lake), Emma Eggiman (Fort St John), Emma Penner (Williams Lake), Adison Labonte (Smithers), Nataya Lenart (Mile 0), Ashlyn Goertzen (Fort St John), Kassia Pajor (Fort St John), Kasandra Luckey (Snow Valley), and Bethany Kay (Peace Passage); with two alternate skaters, Taisiya Kasum (Smithers) and Calum McKay-Stratton (NBCCSA). This was a tough selection which goes to show how many great skaters we have in the CNCR!

The commitment to the sport of figure skating at every level is truly amazing in our Region and as diversified as our landscape is, so too are our skaters. I am truly looking forward to our continued success next season and the possibilities to make it better with each coming season.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Tremblay
CNC Region Chair



The Kootenay Region has had a great season. Everyone was excited to return to a more “normal” skating season. The energy in the stands at live events was palpable and a much-needed boost to the skating community.

Most of our clubs have lost ice at this point or by the end of this week. Clubs are combining on ice that is still available to have spring schools and those same areas should have ice by mid to late August to start their summer schools. The smaller communities will have ice by mid to late September to resume the 2023/2024 season. At this point we only have 10 actively running clubs in our region.

This past season the Kootenay Region was host to three competitions and a Learn to Train seminar. Our Learn to train seminar was held in Creston BC with Kaetlyn Osmund facilitating. We had a strong showing of skaters at the seminar in the STAR 2,3,4 categories but skater numbers in levels above STAR 4 have dwindled so we have to cater to the lower levels with hopes of rebuilding the upper levels to previous numbers. Our West Kootenay

Invitation competition held the second weekend in December was a live skater virtual judging event. The format works well for the West Kootenay Invitational as flights are notoriously unreliable so without local judging and data staff for the event we are always at the mercy of the weather. The goal for this season will be to increase the number of participants in the West Kootenay event as its numbers were low again this season. The East Kootenay Invitational was a large event for our region and was hosted in Fernie BC. The proximity of the East Kootenay to the Alberta region allows that competition to draw from a larger pool of skaters and it drives the numbers way up making the event a busy weekend with a greater mix of skaters to increase competition opportunities in events. Our Kootenay Region Executive pulled off an excellent Kootenay Regional Championships in Creston BC. It was amazing to see the level of participation especially in our team spirit showcase and the stands were full of spectators.

The Kootenay Region is in a good financial position heading into the 2023/2024 season. We thank Jill Sibbald for her continued dedication to maintaining our financial needs and ensuring we stay in a positive position to offer our seminar.

The Kootenay Regions biggest challenge is securing coaching staff for our communities. Many clubs are struggling and have been struggling to find a certified coach for their club. This constant need to look for coaching is causing volunteer burnout and a decrease in operating clubs. Unfortunately, with our shorter skating seasons clubs are not able to offer lucrative year-round opportunities for employment to coaches and as such find it very hard to find anyone. It has caused a decline in skaters staying in the sport. Smaller communities in our region compete with many sports and few participants in their community. Families will seek the sports that offer quality consistent coaching. If your community doesn't have strong coaching your program fails. This is a constant battle for clubs in our region. We currently have 5 clubs hoping to secure a coach for the 2023/2024 season it will be a lofty goal and the region is attempting to support the volunteers in their quest to secure coaching.

Looking ahead to next season the Kootenay Region is planning to host its learn to Train seminar the first part of October next season. A facilitator has not yet been chosen. The West Kootenay Invitational is currently looking for ice but will be held the second weekend in December again. The East Kootenay Invitational will be held in Invermere BC, and the Kootenay Regional Championships will be held in Creston BC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leanne Beddie
Kootenay Region Chair



The past season saw the Okanagan Region getting back to business as usual. We held both of our Region Competitions live and had the highest number of entries we have had in many years. Both the Interclub hosted by Mt Boucherie and OK Region Championships in Vernon saw over 400 entries per competition. We included two Star 3/4 Synchro teams in our list of events. We enjoyed demonstrations by Skate of Mind, the Vernon Ladies synchro team at both of our events. We included Adult events at our Region Championship and this added to our increased registrations.

We held our Learn to Train and Singles Seminar in Kelowna on Sept 24, 2022 at the CNC in Kelowna. Jason and Karen Mongrain presented the on-ice portion and region coaches were invited to attend and observe on ice. In conjunction with the Seminar, we held a presentation by Laura Carr, about the new Long Term Development Model.

I would like to also recognize the skaters who represented our region this past competition season. Emily Sales and Megan Yudin qualified and competed at the JR/SR Challenge this year. At Pre Novice/Novice Challenge we were represented by Gabrielle Jugnauth, Calissa Adlem and Konstantina Lock. All three of these Novice ladies qualified out of Challenge to the Novice Canadian Championships. Haley Sales and Nik Wamsteeker, competed at Canadians in ice dance. Our Zone 2 BC Winter Games competitors included Abegail Redekopp, Amy Kim, Makayla Forrest, Christiana Lock and Aiden Wetzel-Eden.

I would like to extend my thanks to the 2022-2023 board members and to all of the Okanagan Region clubs, their board members, coaches, volunteers and skaters. We are also fortunate to have so many officials who give their time, talents and training to help our region. Again, this year my thanks to the Section staff who provide information, support and encouragement to our region.

Respectfully,
Janet Gordon

Okanagan Region Chair



Happy Spring everyone! As we end our winter season and look forward to the upcoming Spring and Summer I hope you are all looking to the upcoming seasons for change and renewal. I will admit it has been a stressful and complicated time for myself these past few months caring for an elderly parent and the challenges involved with that.

We had a successful Skater Development Seminar in Parksville on September 24 and 25 with a two day seminar for our Star 3 and up skaters and a special program on the Sunday for our Star 1 and 2 skaters.

Kerry Park Skating Club hosted the Vancouver Island Interclub competition in November and it was wonderful to watch and interact with all the Officials, competitors and parents during the event.

While Nanaimo Skating Club hosted the Vancouver Island Region Championships in March and it was very successful event for our region skaters.

We had skaters from Juan de Fuca Skating Club represent our Region at the Starskate final in Kelowna. Congratulations to all the team who brought home two golds, one silver, a fourth placement and two fifth places. We had Kiara Collinge and Fantasy Monin attend the Starskate final to take part in the training as Videographers for our Region.

The BC Winter Games team for Zone 4 went to Vernon March 23 to 26 for the Juvenile and Pre-Novice events and came back with 1 gold, 1 silver and two bronze placements. Thank you to Kirsten Conforti for acting as our Chaperone for the event.

Our Region executive will be meeting to begin planning for our upcoming year soon.

Respectfully,

Karen Mallon
VI Region Chair



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