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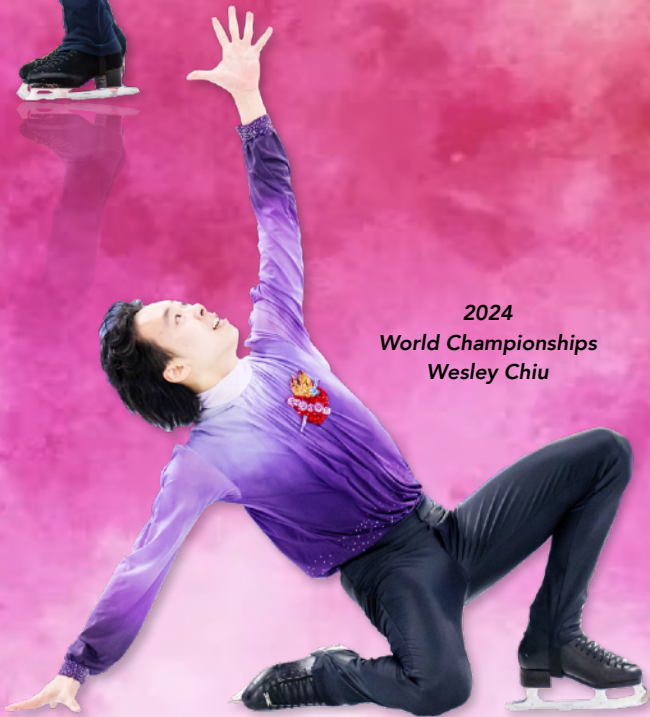
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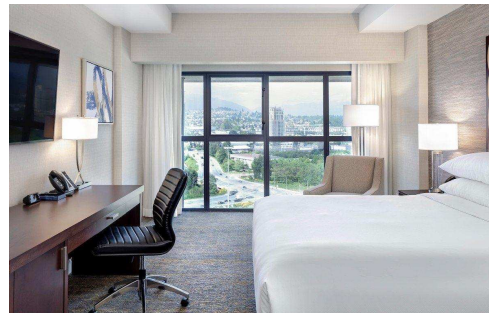
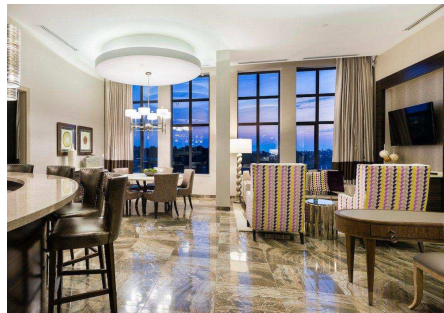
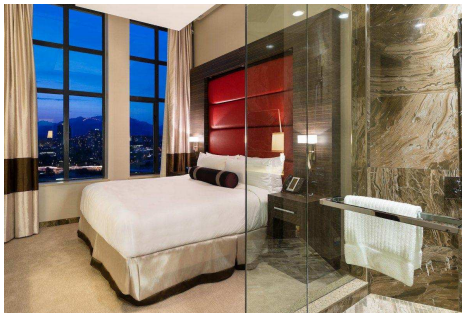
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May 4th, 2024**

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**63rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
BC/YT SECTION – SKATE CANADA
Saturday, May 6, 2023
Online Meeting**

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Hilary Quick welcomed everyone to the 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: Peter Gibbons, Audrey Williams, Anthony Martin, Rae Anne Hesketh, Bernie Ford, Randy Burke, Pat Murphy, and Jean Westwood.

2. Introduction of the Board and Committee Chairs for 2022-2023

The following Board members were introduced:

Braden Davie, Joanne Nickel, Sharon Dahl, Shelley Verhelst, Janice Hunter, Margaret Warwick, Lorraine Mapoles, Laura Carr.

The following Committee Chairs were introduced:

Alex Clarke, Angela Tremblay, Leanne Beddie, Janet Gordon, Karen Mallon, Dawn Williams and Syd Hughes.

The following staff members were introduced:

Ted Barton (Executive Director), Danielle Williams (Director of Operations), Bev Viger (Financial Administrator), Haley Adams (Coaching Manager & Events Coordinator), Mckenna Nickel (Membership & 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 17th of March 2023 by e-mail.

4. Report of Credentials Committee

We have 75 of a possible 113 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** Karen Mallon **AND RESOLVED TO** duly call the 63rd Annual General Meeting to order, as there is quorum present. Carried.

7. Motion to amend the agenda as necessary

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

8. Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED BY Laura Carr **AND SECONDED BY** Sharon Dahl **AND RESOLVED** that the agenda be approved as amended with flexibility where necessary.

9. Minutes of the preceding AGM of April 30th, 2022 -

MOVED BY Janice Hunter **AND SECONDED BY** Leanne Beddie **AND RESOLVED TO** Approve the Minutes of the 62nd AGM from April 30th, 2022. Carried.

10. Report of Nominating Committee - Lorraine Mapoles

There are 3 positions to fill –Director of Finance (2-year Term), and 2 Director positions (2-year Term). The Director of Finance and one Director position are acclaimed. The second Director position will remain vacant.

11. Skate Canada Report

Mary Ellen McDonald, Senior Director Operations from Skate Canada, read the Skate Canada message.

12. Executive Director Report - Ted Barton

Ted provided an update of Section activities during the past season 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, Braden Davie, Ted Barton and Danielle Williams. Joanne then reviewed our income and expenses with a net loss of \$304,578.

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

15. Board & Committee Reports

15.1. Director - Shelley Verhelst

This past season 80 clubs had an increase in membership in the BC/YT Section. The BC/YT Section membership increased by 3222 or 16% from the previous year. The Club who had the largest increase in membership by numbers is Coquitlam SC who increase their membership by 293 members. The Club who had the largest increase in membership by percentage is McBride SC who increase their membership by 983%. Congratulations to all clubs who increased their membership. We had 11 clubs participate in the Club Ranking with 4 Gold Clubs, 6 Silver Clubs, and 1 Bronze Club.

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

16. Election of Officers

Two positions were acclaimed. Director of Finance -Joanne Nickel, and Director -Sharon Dahl.

17. Appointment of Auditor

MOVED BY Sharon Dahl **AND SECONDED BY** Laura Carr **AND RESOLVED TO** Appoint Loewen Kruse Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors for the BC/YK Section - Skate Canada for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Carried.

18. Appointment of Legal Counsel

MOVED BY Alex Clarke **AND SECONDED BY** Karen Mallon **AND RESOLVED TO** Appoint Norton, Rose and Fullbright LLP as Legal Counsel for the BC/YT Section - Skate Canada for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Carried.

19. New Business**19.1. Staff Milestones**

Haley Adams (5 years), Danielle Williams (20 years) and Ted Barton (40 years) were presented a gift card from the BC/YT Section for celebrating their Staff Anniversaries.

19.2. Skate Canada AGM

A reminder that the Skate Canada Online AGM will be taking place on Saturday, May 27th. It is up to every club and coach to register to vote at the online Skate Canada AGM. The Skate Canada Ice Summit is taking place virtually from May 25-28 and it is encouraged that everyone registers to participate.

19.3. AGM Registration Draw

Little Giant FSC was drawn as the club to receive 2 free registrations for the 2025 BC/YT Section AGM weekend.

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 12:28pm, **MOVED BY** Lorraine Mapoles.

Hilary Quick

Signature of Chairman

May 30, 2023

Date



As another skating season ends, our Section can look back on the successes and accomplishments we have achieved over the past year.

Membership in the BC/YT Section continues to grow. This season saw our membership up 1060 to 23,221. An increase of 5% over last year's membership. 54% of the BC/YT Skating Clubs/Schools also saw an increase in membership.

With an increase in membership, meant an increase in services and programs for our clubs/skating schools and participants. The demand for coaching courses was like we have never seen before. In the 2023-2024 skating season, we held 11 Canskate Coaching Courses and 2 Regional Coaching Courses. We were also able to hold a Canskate Course in each of the five Regions to help meet the demand for trained coaches across the Section. To help with the demand for coaching courses, we have been training many new Learning Facilitators so that we can continue to meet the demand for Coaching Courses and get as many new coaches trained as quickly as possible.

This past season also saw the BC/YT Section host two Adult Skating Seminars. The first seminar was held in Vernon, BC on Saturday, March 16. There were 27 participants and the coaches were Kirsten Moore-Towers, Daniella Keller, and Cambria Little. The second seminar was held in Richmond, BC on Saturday, March 30. There were 52 participants and the coaches were Kirsten Moore-Towers, Mervin Tran, and Janet Lau. It was great to see so many adult skaters participating in the seminars, and we look forward to the Skate Canada Adult Seminar taking place July 11-13, 2024 in Burnaby.

Our skaters also saw many victories over the past season. For the first time in history, two BC/YT Section Senior Men finished 1-2 at the 2024 National Skating Championships. Wesley Chiu delivered two strong programs to stand atop the podium as the 2024 Canadian Senior Mens Champion. Teammate, Aleska Rakic finished right behind Wesley and claimed the silver medal. We also saw other National Medals won by BC/YT skaters. Chloe Nguyen and Brendan Giang won the Silver Medal in Junior Dance, David Li won the Silver Medal in Junior Men, Tasha Lai and Mickey Becker-Pos won the Bronze Medal in Novice Dance, and Alexander Ge won the Silver Medal in Pre Novice Men. We also saw another first this season, BC/YT placed 1-2 in the Pre Novice Pair Event at the 2023-2024 Skate Canada Challenge Pre Novice/Novice. Jaslynn Wong & Nico Conforti won the Gold Medal while teammates Ava Cheung and Stephen Lee won the Silver Medal.

Over the past couple of seasons, we have had the honour to be able to partner with Pascal Denis, coach of 3-time World Champions- Les Supremes. Pascal has been able to come out to Vancouver several times a year to work with the BC/YT Synchronized Skating Teams. This initiative has allowed our Synchronized Skating teams to improve their skills while receiving critical feedback from Pascal. Our teams all showed improvements this past season and we look forward to continuing this project again this year with Pascal.

We were also lucky enough to host 2023 Skate Canada International in Vancouver October 25-27 at UBC Thunderbird Sportsplex. We look forward to hosting everyone at the Skate Canada Ice Summit May 25-27 at the Sheraton Wall Centre. We encourage all clubs/skating schools and coaches to register and attend the Ice Summit weekend.

Of course, all these initiatives and projects would not be possible without the collaborative work of our skaters, coaches, officials, volunteers, and staff. I look forward to this upcoming season of new projects and initiatives to continue to service our BC/YT Section Skating Clubs/Schools and Participants.

Sincerely,
Hilary Quick
BC/YT Section Chair



The Section Data Specialists had a very busy year staffing all the Region and Section Competitions.

Prior to the BC Summerskate Competition there was a clinic on the new scoring system which was used at BC Summerskate, the BC/YT Fall Competition, and Autumn Leaves. Unfortunately, due to numerous issues with the scoring system, Skate Canada pulled the new system and reverted to the current scoring system which was used for the remainder of the season.

We welcomed a new intro DS, Alexa Zukowski from the BC Coast Region. Gabriella Johnson and Rebecca Stainer, both from the BC Coast Region, received their Level I promotion. Cari Shorrock, from the BC Coast Region, achieved her Level II promotion.

We have begun staffing our Region and Section Competition for the coming season. If anyone is interested in becoming a Data Specialist, please contact Sharon Dahl or Lorraine Mapoles.

Sharon Dahl & Lorraine Mapoles
BC/YT Data Specialist Chair



The start of the 2023-2024 season saw the updated version of the Membership Manual posted to the skatinginbc website. You can find it listed under 'Clubs'. We encourage everyone to check out the Membership Manual as there are many topics addressed there that will help with the operations of a club. Mailouts that are sent to clubs are listed there and are available for all Club members to read.

One of the items listed under the Club tab was the nomination forms/link for the Skate Canada Awards that are presented every year at the Region, Section and National Level. A number of Regions had an increase in award packages sent in this year. I congratulate everyone for the effort put in to putting these packages together. 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!

As of April 1, 2024 the BC/YT Section had 105 registered Clubs with a total membership of 23,221, an increase of 5% or 1060 members over last year. This years' membership is a five-year increase in the Section of 34%. (2019-17388 Members). We would like to welcome the

Ashcroft Academy of Skating in the Okanagan Region to the BC/YT Section.

Fifty-seven of the clubs in the Section had an increase in membership:

BC Coast	18/36	50%
CNCR	8/20	40%
Kootenay	3/11	27%
Okanagan	16/22	73%
Vanc Island	12/16	75%

Each year we acknowledge the Clubs that show the largest increase in membership, defined by absolute number and percentage increase. This year the winners are:

1. Largest increase in members registered:

- Kelowna FSC - from 1156 last year to 1321 this year. An increase of 165
- Connaught SC – from 844 last year to 987 this year. An increase of 143
- Vancouver SC – from 696 last year to 832 this year. An increase of 136

The Clubs with the largest increase in numbers per Region are:

BCCR	Connaught SC	143
CNCR	Terrace SC	51
KOR	Rossland FSC	12
OKR	Kelowna FSC	165
VIR	Juan De Fuca SC	48

2. Largest percentage increase in members registered:

- Powell River FSC – from 79 last year to 141 this year. A 78% increase
- Prince Rupert FSC – from 56 last year to 86 this year. A 54% increase.
- Sunshine Coast SC – from 182 last year to 275 this year. A 51% increase.

The Clubs with the largest percentage per Region are:

BCCR	Powell River FSC	78%
CNCR	Prince Rupert FSC	54%
KOR	Rossland FSC	32%
OKR	Shuswap SC	39%
VIR	Kerry Park FSC	36%

Thank you to all Clubs that participated in the Club Recognition program this year. Sixteen Clubs, or 15%, submitted applications, with Region Percentages:

BCCR	38%
CNCR	6%
KOR	19%
OKR	25%
VIR	13%

I would like to give Recognition Levels to the following Clubs:

Platinum

Grandview SC
Valleyview SC

Gold

Peninsula FSC
Sunset FSC
Vancouver SC
Mission FSC
Sparwood SC
Terrace SC
Sungod SC

Silver

Nelson SC
Nicola Valley FSC
Nanaimo FSC
Columbia Valley SC

Bronze

North Surrey SC
Shuswap SC
Summerland FSC

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Verhelst
Membership Chairman
BC/YT Section, Skate Canada



• **Announcements**

Thank you to each of the Region Competition Reps for your work on region announcements. All announcements were posted on the Skating in BC website as well as schedules and results as they became available. Starting orders are posted for Super Series competitions.

• **Podium Pathway**

The Quick Reference Guides for Singles, Pairs and Dance for the 2024-2025 season are posted on the Technical Page of the website. Of note this year is the absence of Junior and Senior requirements. It is anticipated that there may be changes accepted at the ISU Congress in June, so Skate Canada decided to wait on publication of the Junior/Senior Well Balanced Program requirements. Please note that there will be no changes to Skate Canada Novice and lower categories regardless of the results of Congress.

Feedback was received on the decision to remove the Pre-Juvenile category in BC competitions. As a result of a recent survey to all coaches in the province, we will once again include the Pre-Juvenile category beginning with Super Series BC SummerSkate.

Solo Dance will be implemented as a podium pathway event in the upcoming season beginning at the Novice level.

Please refer to the Technical Communications posted on the Technical page of the Skating in BC website and also the Skate Canada Notice Board to keep abreast of current information.

• **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 2024-2025 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**

BC/YT Section will host a Singles TS and TC training seminar in June.

Thank you to all Section Technical Officials for another season spent training and officiating.

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

- Section Synchro TS – Hannah Philips
- Challenge Ice Dance TC – Ethan Swinburnson
- Challenge Singles TC – Laura Carr
- Canadian Singles TS – Kevin Reynolds

Wishing the very best to Kevin Reynolds and Ryan Sutherland as they prepare for their International TS exams in Frankfurt in July.

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

The website is administered through the Section. We welcome 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 pleased 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
Office Resource	Danielle Williams

Training

Competition Update Judge/Coach – Laura Carr & Ethan Swinburnson moderated a Competitive Judge/Coach Update on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at the Delta Burnaby Hotel. Over 60 participants attended. Topics covered were the technical requirements for the 2023/2024 season and the review of the application of GOEs.

Star 1-4 Event Assessor Training – The following STAR 1-4 Clinics were held in 2023/2024:

Region	Date	Facilitator	# of Attendees
BC Coast	December 2023	Cheyenne Irvine/ Cidy Smith	7
CNCR	October 2023	Angela Tremblay	8
Okanagan	October 2023	Cheyenne Irvine	6
Vancouver Island	November 2023	Cindy Smith	4
		Total	25

Pair/Dance Program at Jr./Sr. Challenge – Laura Carr, Alex Clark & Laura Slipp were selected to attend a Skate Canada Pair/Dance Program at Jr/Sr Challenge in Winnipeg in December 2023. The program focused on trial judging the Pair and Dance events. The facilitator was Leslie Keen and there were 10 participants from all over Canada.

Official’s World Program – Shannon Downing & Ethan Swinburnson were invited by Skate Canada to the Official’s World Program held at World’s in Montreal in March 2024. The four facilitators of the program were Karen Howard, Nicole Leblanc Richard and BC’s own, Susan Heffernan & Janice Hunter. The following is a write-up that Shannon & Ethan have provided:

“We had the opportunity to attend the officials’ education program hosted by Skate Canada at the ISU World Championships this past March.

We spent an immersive week learning from a wide variety of skating experts, including Stephane Lambiel, Patrick Chan, Joey Russell, Hugo Chouinard and Bruno Marcotte as well as from our group of four ISU facilitators that spent endless hours putting together an amazing and inspirational week in Montreal.

We had the incredible opportunity to watch and apply our learnings to portions of each event in all 3 disciplines and look forward to sharing our insights and takeaways with skating stakeholders in the BC/YT Section over the coming season.”

Senior Singles Clinic – An upcoming virtual Senior Singles Clinic has been planned for this April/May. The facilitators are Shannon Downing and Cheyenne Irvine. We have had an amazing response to this clinic, and we currently have 19 participants signed up! Shannon & Cheyenne plan to use a variety of different skating experts to help deliver varying content to try and help lessen the workload of 19 participants.

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

Planned Judges Training	Time Frame
Competitive Judge’s Exchange	July to October - In Person
Senior Singles Clinic	Spring - Virtual
Competitive Update - Judge/Coach	August (SS Weekend) - In Person
Evaluator Clinic	Fall - Virtual
Skate Canada Officials Education	Fall - In Person
Synchro Novice Seminar	Fall - In Person
Challenge Trial Judge Program	Fall - In Person

Miscellaneous

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

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

Awards & Accolades

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

- Section Officials Award: Rowena Gajadhar
- Officials Award of Excellence: Kelly Cruickshank

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



Here is a snapshot of the 2023-2024 Competition year. These are competitions that the Section Hosted and BC Winter Games that the Section sent competitors to.

Super Series Victoria Day: May 20-22, 2023 Fleetwood, Surrey – 928 entries.

Super Series High Performance: June 15-18, 2023 Scotia Barn, Burnaby – 202 entries.

Super Series BC SummerSkate: Aug 17-20, 2023 Scotia Barn, Burnaby – 807 entries.

Super Series Fall Competition: Sept 22-24, 2023 Parksville - 418 entries.

Super Series Autumn Leaves: Oct 13-15, 2023 Chilliwack – 992 entries.

Super Series Sectionals: Nov 9-12, 2023 Kelowna – 366 entries.

BC/YT Synchro & Adult: Dec 16, 2023 South Surrey – 25 teams & 41 Adult entries

West Coast Challenge Synchro & Adult: Feb 11, 2024 Aldergrove – 23 teams & 35 Adult entries

Super Series Final: March 7-10, 2024 Kelowna – 915 entries

BC Winter Games: Feb 22-25, 2024 Quesnel – 44 Competitors

I would like to thank all the members of the Event Team who 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, Kari-Jane Adams, Dianne Oliver, Lori Oxland and many more.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers at the clubs and in the regions that help support these competitions. We could not offer these competitions without all of your help and dedication.

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.



Results

There are few things that match the excitement of skating in a World Championships on home soil let alone your world's debut. Congratulations to Wesley Chiu for placing a very commendable 17th in an outstanding field. Wesley had a string of notable achievements this season including capturing the National Senior Men's title and a 7th place at the ISU Four Continents Championships in Shanghai, China.

Joining Wesley on the Senior Men's podium at Nationals winning the silver medal was Aleksa Rakic. Alesksa had an excellent season with a 5th place finish at the Nebelhorn Trophy in Oberstdorf, Germany and a strong 8th place finish at the World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Taipei City, Taiwan.

Uliana Shiryeva made waves on the national senior women's scene finishing a strong 4th at the National Championships in Calgary and Challenge Event in Winnipeg. Shiryeva also placed 9th at the Junior Grand Prix event in Istanbul, Turkey.

Congratulations to David Li on his silver medal at the National Championships in Junior Men. Li had a string of top ten finishes on the ISU Junior Grand Prix this year and had the honour of representing Canada at the Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon, Korea, where he placed 10th.

Our Section continued to demonstrate strength in the discipline of ice Dance. Junior dancers Chloe Nguyen and Brendan Giang had an extremely successful season winning the National Silver medal, a silver medal at the ISU Junior Grand Prix Cup of Austria, and Gold at the Skate Canada Challenge event. The team finished the season with an excellent result at the World Junior Figure Skating Championships placing 6th.

Novice dancers Tasha Lai and Mickey Becker-Pos hit the national podium for a second year in a row winning the Bronze medal at Novice Nationals in Waterloo, Ontario and the Silver at Challenge.

Excellent results occurred in the discipline of pairs with a gold medal performance in Skate Challenge Pre-Novice Pairs by Jaslynn Wong and Nico Conforti. Teammates Ava Cheung and Stephen Lee captured the silver medal.

Thank you to team leaders Bev Viger, Haley Adams, Alex Clarke and Shelley Verhelst for supporting our skaters at the Challenge and National events.

Synchro

The Section continues to work on developing synchro at all levels. We are very fortunate to have Pascal Denis, team coach of the World Champions Les Supremes team, working with some of our teams on technical and choreographic aspects on their skating. Thank you to Hilary Quick and Section Office staff for their work on these synchro initiatives.

Camps

In June of 2023 we held the annual BC/YT Camp. This time, we held the camp in conjunction with a competition for the Pre-Novice to Senior levels. This allowed officials to be able to assess BC/YT team skater's programs in a competition environment as well as one-on-one. Thank you to all the officials who volunteered their time at the competition and following camp. This same format will be in place this season.

The always popular Kelowna Camp was held for STAR Skaters (STAR 4 and up) over the Easter Long weekend March 29-31, 2024. Skaters participated in a variety of on and off-ice activities. Thank you to the coaches who attended and help make this event such a memorable experience for the skaters.

Thank you

Thank you to office staff Danielle Williams, Ted Barton, Technical Chair, Janice Hunter, and all our high performance coaches who provide their insight and feedback on how we can continue to work to improve skating in all disciplines and levels in our Section.

Full Competitive Results for BC/YT Team Members 2023-2024				
Skater	Category	Event	Location	Result
Aleksa Rakic	Junior Men	ISU Junior World Figure Skating Championships	Taipei City, Taiwan	8th Place
	Senior Men	Nebelhorn Trophy	Oberstorf, Germany	5th Place
	Senior Men	Skate Canada International	Vancouver, Canada	12th Place
	Senior Men	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	4th Place
	Senior Men	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, AB	Silver
	Senior Men	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	Silver
Gabriel Blumenthal	Senior Men	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	10th Place
	Senior Men	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, AB	14th Place
	Senior Men	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	8th Place
Shohei Law	Senior Men	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	10th Place
	Senior Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
	Junior Men	JGP Armenia	Yerevan, Armenia	10th Place
	Junior Men	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	4th Place
Wesley Chiu	Senior Men	ISU World Figure Skating Championships	Montreal, Canada	17th Place
	Senior Men	ISU Four Continents Skating Championships	Shanghai, China	7th Place
	Senior Men	Autumn Classic	Montreal, Canada	7th Place
	Senior Men	Skate Canada International	Vancouver, Canada	7th Place
	Senior Men	NHK Trophy	Osaka, Japan	11th Place
	Senior Men	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	Silver
	Senior Men	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, AB	Gold
Amy Shao Ning Yang	Senior Women	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	10th Place
	Senior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	26th Place
	Senior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Bronze
Emily Millard	Senior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	33rd Place
	Senior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver
Melody Zhu	Senior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	32nd Place
	Senior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	6th Place
Uliana Shiryayeva	Senior Women	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	4th Place
	Senior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	4th Place
	Senior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
	Junior Women	JGP Istanbul	Istanbul, Turkey	9th Place

Haley Sales & Nikolas Wamsteeker	Senior Dance	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	8th Place
	Senior Dance	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	Bronze
Chistopher Manis	Junior Men	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	16th Place
	Junior Men	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	14th Place
	Junior Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	4th Place
David Li	Men's Singles	Youth Olympic Games	Gangwon, Korea	10th Place
	Junior Men	JGP Cup of Austria	Linz, Austria	8th Place
	Junior Men	JGP Armenia	Yerevan, Armenia	7th Place
	Junior Men	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	Silver
	Junior Men	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	Silver
	Junior Men	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	7th Place
	Junior Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver
Neo Tran	Junior Men	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	10th Place
	Junior Men	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	12th Place
	Junior Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Bronze
William Chan	Junior Men	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	5th Place
	Junior Men	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	8th Place
	Junior Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
Angelina YinLin Guan	Junior Women	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	11th Place
Brookelynn Pollock	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	5th Place
	Junior Women	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	13th Place
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	32nd Place
Calissa Adlem	Junior Women	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	13th Place
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	13th Place
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	4th Place
Emily Sales	Junior Women	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	18th Place
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	16th Place
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Bronze
Gabrielle Jugnauth	Junior Women	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	11th Place
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	15th Place
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver

Kara Yun	Junior Women	JGP Cup of Austria	Linz, Austria	7th Place
	Junior Women	Cranberry Cup	Boston, USA	7th Place
	Junior Women	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	9th Place
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	Bronze
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
Konstantina Lock	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	25th Place
	Junior Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	6th Place
Chloe Nguyen & Brendan Giang	Junior Dance	ISU Junior World Figure Skating Championships	Taipei City, Taiwan	6th Place
	Junior Dance	JGP Cup of Austria	Linz, Austria	Silver
	Junior Dance	JGP Osaka	Osaka, Japan	6th Place
	Junior Dance	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, BC	Silver
	Junior Dance	Skate Canada Challenge	Winnipeg, MB	Gold
Aiden Wetzel-Eden	Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	21st Place
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	6th Place
Alson Chang	Novice Men	Novice National Championships	Waterloo, ON	19th Place
	Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	17th Place
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	5th Place
Louie Fukuda-Wu	Novice Men	Novice National Championships	Waterloo, ON	7th Place
	Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	11th Place
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
Matthew Yu	Novice Men	Novice National Championships	Waterloo, ON	10th Place
	Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	6th Place
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver
Nico Conforti	Novice Men	Novice National Championships	Waterloo, ON	12th Place
	Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	18th Place
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	4th Place
Tehryn Lee	Novice Men	Novice National Championships	Waterloo, ON	6th Place
	Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	4th Place
	Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Bronze
Amy Ritchie	Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	25th Place
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	6th Place

Emily Liao	Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	31st Place
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
Ilona Chen	Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	28th Place
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Bronze
Malia Stuart	Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	20th Place
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	5th Place
Sophie Sanderson	Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	24th Place
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	4th Place
Vicky Pan	Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	30th Place
	Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver
Monique Menard & Mitchell Dunn	Novice Pairs	Novice National Championships	Waterloo, ON	6th Place
	Novice Pairs	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	5th Place
Tasha Lai & Mickey Becker-Pos	Novice Dance	Novice National Championships	Waterloo, ON	Bronze
	Novice Dance	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	Silver
Alexander Ge	Pre-Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	Silver
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
Bowen Yan	Pre-Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	10th Place
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	5th Place
Carson Chow	Pre-Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	16th Place
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	4th Place
Jake Willing-Sato	Pre-Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	7th Place
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Bronze
Junu Gim	Pre-Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	6th Place
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver
Tristan Tan	Pre-Novice Men	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	9th Place
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	6th Place
Brooke Gillin	Pre-Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	20th Place
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Bronze
Isabella Vigil Keller	Pre-Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	32nd Place
	Pre-Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Kelowna, BC	6th Place
Kaeli Woo	Pre-Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	38th Place
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver

Michelle Liu	Pre-Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	34th Place
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	5th Place
Sabina Lim	Pre-Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	39th Place
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
Tianna Li	Pre-Novice Women	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	26th Place
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	4th Place
Ava Cheung & Stephen lee	Pre-Novice Pairs	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	Silver
	Pre-Novice Pairs	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
Jaslynn Wong & Nico Conforti	Pre-Novice Pairs	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	Gold
	Pre-Novice Pairs	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver
Madelaine Breau & Nathan Feng	Pre-Novice Dance	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	6th Place
	Pre-Novice Dance	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Gold
Mia Sugino & Olivia Marr	Pre-Novice Dance	Pre-Novice/Novice Challenge	Oakville, ON	7th Place
	Pre-Novice Dance	BC/YT Sectional Championships	Kelowna, BC	Silver
LMSSC Junior	Junior Synchro	Canadian National Championships	Calgary, AB	7th Place
Ice X-Cel	Novice Synchro	Skate Canada Cup	Waterloo, ON	12th Place
Cascadia	Intermediate Synchro	Skate Canada Cup	Waterloo, ON	11th Place
ARTSSA Stars	Intermediate Synchro	Skate Canada Cup	Waterloo, ON	13th Place
Ice X-Calibur	Open Synchro	Skate Canada Cup	Waterloo, ON	6th Place



It is with pleasure that I share the following report for the 2023/2024 skating season.

This season the Section did not offer a formal Canskate update for this season. However, Section staff continued to support clubs over the phone or by email communication thought out the year.

In the Synchronized Skating we saw an increase of teams within our Section, one of the highlights was 4 Star 4 teams this season. Our Section was excited to provide teams with two competition opportunities. The first was BC YT Open held at the South Surrey Arena on December 10 2023 and West Coast Challenge held at the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Center on February 11, 2024, both of which saw an increase of team entries. We look forward to continuing further growth in the upcoming season.

The Section was pleased to offer 4 competitions for the Adult Skaters. The first at the 2023 BC/YT Open Competition held in South Surrey, on December 16, 2023. There were a total of 42 entries. The second opportunity was West Coast Challenge held in Aldergrove on February 11, 2024. There were 32 entries. The third event was the 2024 Start Skate Super Series held in Kelowna from March 7-10. There were 30 entries. Finishing out the season was the 2024 Spring Virtual Performance Series Finale Events where there were 7 entries. Congratulations to all of the adult skaters on their performances.

In the month of March, there were 2 Adult Skating Seminars. These Seminars were facilitated by Kirsten Moore-Towers and supported by a team of guest coaches. The focus of the seminars was to enhance skaters skating skills and promote lifelong enjoyment on ice. The first was held on March 16, 2024, in Vernon, 27 skaters attended and the second was held on March 30 in Richmond, 52 skaters attended.

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



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 & Courtney Lott – Staff

We want to thank everyone who supported the following fundraisers this past year:

- The 2023 AGM Auction events gave us a net profit of \$6,415.33
- AGM 50/50 Kelsey Wong won \$777.50
- VDI Rose Sales had a net profit of \$696.00
- VDI 50/50 Milka Vlahovic won \$582.50
- SummerSkate 50/50 Kortney Paolini won \$707.50
- Autumn Leaves Rose Sales had a net profit of \$574.50
- Skate Canada International 50/50 Daniel Gelinias won \$1,435.00
- Super Series Final 50/50 Janice Hunter won \$1,602.50
- Super Series Final Rose Sales had a net profit of \$1,627.00

We thank everyone who made personal donations to the Athlete Support Fund.

The Committee was very happy to award the following skaters Bursaries:

Canadians Participant Bursaries were given to:

Aleska Rakic	\$2,000
Amy Shao Ning Yang	\$2,000
Melody Zhu	\$2,000
Alexa Christianson	\$1,000

Gold Athlete Bursaries were given to:

Gwenyth Preston	Okanagan Region	\$1,000
Claire Sibbald	Kootenay Region	\$1,000
Samantha Bleich	Kootenay Region	\$1,000
Shirnah Cornelis	BC Coast Region	\$1,000
Audrey Darrah	Vancouver Island Region	\$1,000
Olivia Williams	Vancouver Island Region	\$1,000
Lucy Street	Vancouver Island Region	\$1,000
Madison Simoneau	Vancouver Island Region	\$500

The Athlete Support Fund also provided funds for:

- 58 Athletes to attend the 2023 BC/YT AGM Banquet
- 180 Athletes to attend the 2023 Kelowna Camp Banquet
- 21 Jr/Sr Skaters that attended Challenge each received \$300
- 17 Jr/Sr Skaters that attended Canadian Championships each received \$500
- Jr Synchro Team that attended Canadian Championships had their registration fees paid for
- 37 Pre Novice/Novice Skaters that attended Challenge each received \$300
- 9 Novice Skaters that attended Novice Canadians each received \$500

- 184 Athletes received a small memento for attending Canadian Competitions
- 1182 Athletes attended the 2024 Kelowna Camp Banquet
- 3 Athletes that attended Jr Worlds each received \$1,000
- 1 Athlete that attended ISU World Championships received \$1,000

The Audrey Williams Memorial Fund donated \$10,000 to the Athlete Support Fund, so we were able to give 9 Athletes that attended Grand Prix Events this past year \$1,000 each. We also donated \$1,000 to the Kayla Lomas-Patterson in memoriam GoFundMe account.

We encourage all eligible skaters to apply for the 2024 Bursaries. The application form is available on skatinginbc.com under Skaters and Athlete Support Fund. Submissions must be made by July 15, 2024.

We will have a Silent Auction at the Ice Summit being held in Vancouver, as well as a 50/50 draw. We will have Roses and a 50/50 draw at VDI Competition.

Thank you for continuing to support the Athlete Support Fund.

Lorraine Mapoles
Chairman
BC/YT Section Athlete Support Fund



The BC Coast Region has completed another busy and productive year delivering competitions and seminars to our membership. Our committees which include both board members and volunteers worked endlessly to provide opportunities and events for our skaters. A great deal of time and thought was put towards planning, prioritizing our skaters' training cycle and development and I would like to thank all our board members and volunteers who provided support.

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 Cloverdale Skating Club and BC Coast Regional Championships, co-hosted with Coquitlam Skating Club. Both events succeeded our expectations both in registration 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.

The Skater Development Committee hosted 2 seminars this season focusing on our Star 1-4 skaters. At our first seminar in January, the Skater Development Committee delivered a well-attended Parent Seminar: we hope this is the first of many opportunities to deliver information and resources to the parents of the skaters in the BC Coast Region. This year's seminars introduced a new 1/2 day format to align with Skate Canada's training philosophies for early development Star 1-4 skaters. They offered two 1 hour on-ice sessions and one 1 hour off-ice session where skaters rotated through stations focusing on fundamentals in skating skills, edges and stroking exercises; spins, jumps and musical movement. In addition, skaters were introduced to the disciplines of dance, pairs and synchro. The BCCR will continue to follow the Long-Term Development Plan of Skate Canada and focus our seminars around the development cycle of our Star 1-4 skaters.

In addition to the competitions and seminars, the BCCR held a STAR 1-4 Event Assessor Seminar. We welcome our new Officials and look forward to them joining us for our regional events in future seasons.

The BCCR continues to provide education, support, and guidance to our clubs through Club Engagement Meetings and personal contract. Our board members have a diverse skillset and extensive experience which are a huge asset when supporting clubs through challenging situations.

I am looking forward to the 2024-2025 season and the ability to continue working with the enthusiastic volunteers and clubs throughout our region.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Clarke
BC Coast Region Chair



This year, the goal of the CNCR was to invest money in our skaters, coaches, and officials by creating more opportunities for learning and development. At the forefront of this was an increased subsidy so that all three areas (North, West, and South/Central) could offer seminars with national-level facilitators open to all skaters in the region. Fort St John FSC welcomed in Emmanuel Sandhu and doubled their projected registration numbers, while Snow Valley SC in Kitimat and Prince George FSC, capitalized on the wealth of knowledge offered by Meaghan Duhamel and Zdenek Pazdirek, respectively. Creating these opportunities for our skaters was a huge success and one that we hope can continue in future years.

In addition to these amazing seminars, we were able to host one CanSkate coaching course in Smithers in September. While it had been our hope to do more for our potential coaches, we had some challenges coordinating moderators and our available ice. Given the considerable amount of interest in coaching, it is our goal to provide another course next season.

In terms of officials, a STAR 1-4 assessor clinic was conducted virtually in October for a handful of prospective officials from the CNCR and the Yukon. For the CNCR, we have three new STAR 1-4 assessor trainees who will be looking for more experience and promotion in the upcoming season. The ability to host these clinics in a virtual setting has been an asset to our region because it allows us to keep costs to a minimum rather than requiring candidates to travel great distances for a judging clinic. This has been a big step for our region which has been lacking officials for many years now and I'm excited for the potential that our officials' development has.

As the year progressed, our competitions were once again held successfully and our gratitude goes to the host clubs for all of their hard work.

- Kla-How-Ya Competition – Smithers FSC
- CNC Regionals Competition – Prince George FSC
- Totem Competition – Fort St John FSC

We have been finding that with club executive turnover and the size of some of our remote clubs, finding host clubs for competitions can be a challenge. We truly appreciate how much time, effort, and commitment these clubs have put into hosting our competitions, as often they are stepping up when another club has been unable.

In addition to a successful regional competition season, our skaters and clubs continued to amaze us with their accomplishments. Brynn Garland (Smithers FSC), Madyn Peebles (Fort St John FSC), Violet Freeman Idelmilih (PGFSC) and Sophia Mohring (PGFSC) were selected to represent our zones at the BC Winter Games in Quesnel this season. Clubs were also able to host a number of assessment sessions – again in large part to the ability to do this in a virtual setting – and skaters were able to get some valuable feedback.

Overall, this year has proven to be a good year for growth and development. We hope to support our skaters, coaches, and officials, by providing more opportunities for them

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Tremblay
CNC Region Chair



As clubs start to wrap up their season of skating, I want to thank everyone who has continued to support skating in the Kootenay Region and contributed to the great events we have been able to host this season. The parents, skaters, coaches, club executives, rink support staff and region board members have all worked hard this season to keep skating thriving in the Kootenay Region.

The Kootenay region hosted three successful competitions this season. We started in Nelson in December for the West Kootenay invitational, Invermere in January for the East Kootenay Invitational and Creston for the Kootenay Region Championships. Our competitions ran smoothly and had great participation from clubs in our region. Looking to next season we would love to see even more participation in the West Kootenay Invitational in December being held in Beaver Valley. The Kootenay Region Board will continue to host the Regional Championships as a team in Creston BC. Our team showcase event has an amazing turn out from every club and seeing the stands packed brings the fun into an often-competitive sport.

This season the Kootenay region brought in Eric Radford to facilitate our learn to train seminar. The complex in Creston was not available so the event was hosted in Cranbrook. This was an excellent training opportunity for our skaters to kick off the season with. Eric offered excellent on ice sessions with the skaters and joined the coaches on ice session as well. The dessert evening discussion was very moving with Eric highlighting the need to follow your heart and all of your passions not just skating. He graciously allowed everyone the opportunity to hold and pose for pictures with his Olympic medals. Please mark your calendars for September when we return to the Creston Complex with Elvis Stojko and his wife, Gladys Orozco, facilitating our Learn to Train Seminar.

The Kootenay Region is continually struggling to fill coaching positions in our rural areas. Unfortunately, clubs can't offer enough hours for the work to be full time and our season is short in the majority of communities. We have been alternating hosting Canskate and Regional coach courses trying hard to build up the smaller clubs. However, this often leaves young coaches with no mentor to learn from and overwhelmed by the amount of workload being asked of them by boards that are also struggling to get help. There is no perfect answer to the situation, so we keep working to find coaching for our small areas. This season coming up we are hoping to offer a training session for coaches to spend time learning and hopefully build some connections between our new coaches and our experienced coaches.

Each club in the Kootenay Region faces its own challenges and has its own successes. The one challenge facing all clubs is the continued search for volunteers to support a healthy board to run the clubs. Having a full working board, working together to support the club is imperative to help avoid volunteer burn out. We have been working to spread information to many club members this season to be sure information is reaching more skating families. Having our region board run our regional competition has been an amazing way to meet people and clear up misinformation and share knowledge. It has been an excellent way to stay connected to the skating community.

Our region has added 3 assessors to our roster this season which will greatly help alleviate the pressure on the single evaluator we have had for several seasons. We have also had 2 data team members added. We are still actively looking for more officials and data members.

This season our production team began adding graphics to their live feed. We have added two part time production aids to help. We will be looking to grow the team for 2024/25 season.

I hope everyone enjoys time to pursue their spring and summer sports and we will see you all back in the rink this fall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leanne Beddie
Kootenay Region Chair



It was a busy season for our region. Both of our region competitions broke previous records for the number of entries. Interclub was hosted by the Shuswap Skating Club in Chase with 470 entries and Armstrong Enderby club hosted our Region Championship with 506 entries.

Our Learn to Train and Singles Seminar was hosted by the Kelowna club on Sept 30, 2023. The region was thrilled to host our special presenters for the seminars Patrick Chan and Liz Putnam. Attendance for the seminar was very strong and many region coaches were also on the ice with their skaters. Thank you to Karen and Jason Mongrain, Cambria Little and the Kelowna club for their work in putting this great day together for our skaters.

We wish to recognize all the Okanagan skaters who represented our Region and Section at the Challenge and Canadians events this past season. Isabella Vigil Keller, Sophie Sanderson and Aiden Wetzel-Eden all qualified for Novice Challenge. Calissa Adlem, Gabrielle Jugnauth, Emily Sales, Konstantina Lock, Haley Sales and Nik Wamsteeker all competed at the Jr/Sr Challenge event. Calissa, Gabrielle and Emily qualified to compete at Jr/Sr Canadians, in the Jr Ladies event. Haley and Nik competed in the Senior Ice Dance event. Our region was delighted to recognize these skaters with bursaries totaling \$2350 this past season.

Our BC Winter Games Zone 2 team who competed in Quesnel, included Sophie Clark, Sydney Price and Micah Rodrigues in the Juvenile category and our Pre Novice skaters were Anna Beyer and Isabella Vigil Keller. Thank you to their coaches Cambria Little and Megan Pankratz.

Our region also held an Adult seminar in Vernon which was well attended and well received. Thank you to our own coach rep Cambria Little for being one of the presenters.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of our region coaches, club board members and volunteers who give of their time and talents to support the skaters in the Okanagan Region. To the 2023-2024 Okanagan board members thank you for your efforts on behalf of our Region. And thank you to the many officials for their commitment in supporting the clubs and skaters in the Okanagan region.

It has been my privilege to be the Chairman of this region for the past nine years. I am grateful to have had this opportunity to serve the Okanagan Region and to have enjoyed so much support from all the board members, clubs, skaters and Section staff during my time as chair. It was a pleasure to work with you all.

Respectfully,

Janet Gordon
Okanagan Region Chair 2016-2024



Greetings from the island.

Our island skaters have been busy this past season with assessment days and competitions. We had two very success competitions this year on the island with Vancouver Island Interclub hosted by the Fuller Lake Skating Club and the Vancouver Island Regional Championships hosted by the Racquet Club of Victoria Skating Club. Both clubs did a wonderful job in hosting the events and we appreciate all the volunteers involved in making these events succeed.

BC Winter Games in Quesnel where our 2024 team had a great time and many life experiences. A special thank you to Matt Willis who was our coach/chaperone for the team.

We also had two skaters Represent our Region at the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in Calgary and both brought home medals, Jamie Amos a Gold in Level 1 Men and Cari Trott received a Silver in Level 3B Women.

Now that the winter skating season has come to a close, and the busiest one that I have had for many years with competitions from Victoria to Fort St. John and all the way to Waterloo it is time to look to prepare for the coming year. I had a lovely trip to Portugal and enjoyed the sight seeing and experience with a great group of friends.

Now that we had our AGM and welcome two new members to our team, I will taking on the role of Past Chair with Sue Smith taking over as Chair. I look forward to watching the new Region Board of Directors take on the challenges of the seasons ahead and wish to thank Judy Burwash for her many years of volunteering for the VI Region training so many officials over the years and taking on the role of Treasurer for the last few years. Also a special thank you to Lynne Henderson-Drake for her over 50 years of contributions to her club, our Region and the Section as a Club President, Region Chair and Section Board member. Her dedication to our sport has been felt by many over the past 50 years and I sincerely wish her the best as she steps back to a role as spectator.

Respectfully,

Karen Mallon
VI Region Chair



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