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# Thin Ice

## **REYNOLDS WINS GOLD AT FOUR CONTINENTS**

Kevin Reynolds earned his first international victory at the 2013 Four Continents Championships and he did it spectacular fashion.

Reynolds, who trains at the BC Centre of Excellence, landed three quadruple jumps and surged from sixth spot after the short program to take the gold in the men's competition at the ISU Four Continents figure skating competition.

"I didn't expect this at all," said Reynolds, 22. "I thought I could come back and be in medal range but this completely surpassed my expectations."

Reynolds tabulated a personal best 250.55 points smashing his previous best by 26 points. He finished ahead of Yuzuru Hanyu of Japan second at 246.38 and Han Yan of China third at 235.22.



Kevin with coach Joanne McLeod in the Kiss and Cry.

In his program skated to a piano concerto by Andre Mathieu, Reynolds landed a quadruple Salchow, a

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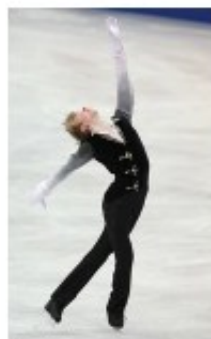
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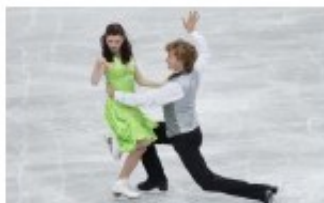
*Our world class programs have developed skaters to the ISU Junior and Senior Grand Prix, Junior and Senior Worlds, and Olympic Winter Games. Since 1999, BCCOE has had over 75 National medalists and champions.*

*Joanne McLeod, Skating Director, and Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe, Competitive Dance Coaches have won Skate Canada National Competitive Coach of the Year recognition.*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

First of all I want to congratulate our many skaters who had personal bests, earned us the most medals at a National Championships than we have ever had, and have gone on to ISU competitions and World Championships. Congratulations to all of our skaters, who have kept the volunteers, officials and coaches busy at competitions throughout our Section during the last couple of months. Everyone has worked very hard, and we are proud of what you have accomplished.

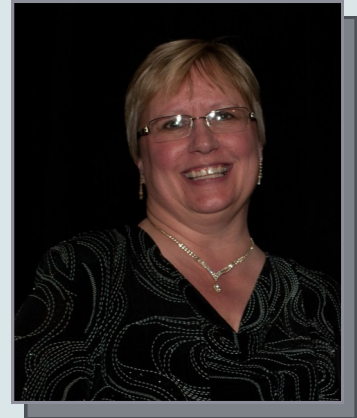
A special congratulations goes to the BC Coast Region for their skater choices at the Super Series Final in Kelowna – they earned the most points and won the Team Challenge Trophy!! It was a close race throughout the weekend, which made watching the team scores very exciting! All of the teams did a great job.

Our Section Annual General Meeting is at the Burnaby Delta Hotel on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Information will be emailed to the Clubs about this. Please make sure that your Delegate Proxy is signed and sent to your Region Chairman. We will have a wonderful Awards banquet this year with cohost Tracy Wilson joining Ted Barton. There will be silent auction items and a few live auction moments to raise money for the Athletes Trust. I hope to see many of our Clubs that weekend and I look forward to honouring our award winners.

The Skate Canada Annual General Meeting and the National Coaches Conference is being held in Ottawa from June 6 – 8, 2013. Information on this has been sent to the Clubs and is also on the Skate Canada website under Events. Your Region Chairman needs your signed proxy/ delegate forms from Skate Canada so that your Club can be represented at this ACGM.

Thank you everyone for the work that you do for skating in our Section!

Lorraine Mapoles  
BC/YT Section Chairman Skate Canada



# 2013 BC/YT SECTION AGM & AWARDS BANQUET

## "Best Year Ever!"

**Co-Hosted by Tracy Wilson**

*1988 Olympic Bronze Medalist*

*Commentator for CBC, CTV & NBC*

*Former Inlet SC Member*



## ISU FOUR CONTINENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Cont from cover....*

quadruple toe– loop and a quad-triple toe-loop in combination.

“My two quads in the short program were under rotated so I really worked on them in practice this morning,” said Reynolds, competing at his fourth Four Continents meet. “After landing them I was also able to stay focused, relaxed and confident. I didn’t forget this was a performance. That contributed to the big score as well.”

Reynolds said he couldn’t have asked for a better performance heading into next month’s world championships in London, Ont., but he won’t deviate from his goals.



“My previous best at worlds was 11th and at the start of this season my objective was to crack the top-six in the world,” said Reynolds. “I’m going to stick to that goal.” *-written by Louis Daignault*



Also representing Canada at the Four Continents Championships were Nicole Orford & Thomas Williams. The pair finished 7th in the Short Dance and 6th in the Free Dance to earn them 6th place overall. They train at the BC Centre of Excellence with coaches Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe.



## CLUB NEWS

### CONNAUGHT SC

Five Connaught skaters attended December's Skate Canada Challenge in Regina, SK. Danielle Gordon finished her competitive season with a strong 7th place finish in Pre Novice Women. The other 4 Connaught skaters all qualified to compete at Nationals in Mississauga: Kurtis Schreiber (Novice

Men - 14th), Shawn Cuevas (Junior Men-8th), Larkyn Austman (Junior Women-Gold Medal), and Mitchell Gordon (Senior Men - Silver Medal). The event was an exceptional experience for the athletes, complete with a wonderful support Team from the Section, including a fantastic Team Room hosted by Diane Neilson.

It has been a busy start to 2013 for the Connaught Figure Skating Club with our athletes participating in Nationals, our Club Benefit Show and BC Coast Regionals / Winterskate.

In January, our 4 Nationals competitors represented the club and the province very well: Kurtis Schreiber (Novice Men - 13th) and Shawn Cuevas (Junior Men-7th) both moved up a placement from their Challenge finishes, and Mitchell Gordon (Senior Men - 7th) had an amazing 4th place freeskate. Mitchell was also named to the Canadian Junior Worlds Team, which will compete at the end of February in Milan, Italy. Larkyn Austman (Junior Women-Gold Medal) continued her winning streak and is the Junior Ladies Champion of Canada. Whoo hoo! Once again, the exceptional Support Team from the Section, including Team Room host Diane Nielsen, was greatly appreciated by the Connaught skaters, coaches & parents.

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*Connaught Challenge  
Team Photo*



*Junior Ladies Champion of Canada*



*Nationals Team Photo*

## CLUB NEWS

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On Saturday January 26th, 2013, a huge crowd 700-800 people showed up with enthusiastic appreciation and open wallets to, **"No One Fights Alone"**, a benefit show and silent auction for Angela Nelson. Angela is a young mother of two and the daughter of our long time ballet teacher, Melanie Pudlas, and is fighting cancer. The benefit was held at the Richmond Minoru Arena – Stadium Rink, and featured 60 club members from the competitive levels of the club with solos and group pieces. All profits from the benefit show and silent auction went to Angela's family. We are pleased to announce that through the support of our community, countless volunteer hours and the effort of our dedicated coaches and athletes, the Connaught Skating Club raised a total close to \$12,000 for Angela Nelson and her family

At the beginning of February, thirty four of our skaters competed at the BC Coast Regionals /Winterskate event with nine of our skaters placing in the top three for their division: Sasha Lynette (Star4 Girls U10 - 3rd), Daniel Han (Star Boys U13-2nd), Mary Jo Yun (PJuv Women U11 - 3rd), Katie Carleton(PJuv Women U14 - 3rd), Basil Wang (PJuv Men-2nd), Martin Yushko (PJuv Men-3rd), Beres Clemens (Juv Men-3rd), Jessica Yuen (PNov Women -1st), Amanda Feltham (PN Women - 3rd). We are very proud of all of our athletes that participated in this event .

With Spring comes our annual relocation from Minoru Arenas to Richmond Ice Centre, where we're all looking forward to an off season of intense training, new programs, and acquisition of new skills.



Melanie and Angela



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## BC CREATES A SECOND CENTRE FOR SKATING EXCELLENCE

In 2010, Skate Canada-BC/YT Section designated the KSC as the second Centre of Excellence in BC. Through a discovery process, much discussion, and extensive planning over a 3-year period, the **BMO Kelowna Centre for Skating Excellence** was born. While the KSC will continue to focus on recreational skating and grassroots development, the BMOCSE is a coach driven program designed to help skaters attain their full potential through carefully planned, systematic, and thorough instruction.

## CLUB NEWS

### KELOWNA SC

As usual, it has been a very busy winter season here at the Kelowna Skating Club and we are looking forward to spring and summer!

Our skaters have once again had a very successful season. Ajsha Gorman, Julianne Delaurier, Dana Bobyn, Cailey England, and Jayda Jurome performed very well at BC/YT Sectionals in qualifying for the BC/YT Team. These skaters moved on to more great skates at Skate Canada Challenge at Regina, where Julianne and Dana made us proud as they took 1<sup>st</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, respectively, in Novice Women, qualifying for Canadians. Cailey also won a qualifying spot at the Junior level.

The season highlight for our competitive team occurred at Canadians, as Julianne captured the Novice Women's bronze medal!

Our younger skaters have been very busy as well. At the Snowball Freeskate competition at Oliver, 40 of our skaters participated, winning 27 medals in total.

At the Okanagan Region Championships in February, our younger skaters were once again showing their best efforts, as our 44 participating skaters brought home 38 medals and the team trophy!

Julianne Delaurier and Rosalyn Carr have had their competitive season extended as they will be traveling to Ufa, Russia, with coach Brittany Novakowski, for the International Children's Games. We are looking forward to hearing about what will be an incredible experience!

Congratulations also go to Olivia Gran, Ashley Sales, Daria Carr, Kristen Czurka, Alyssa Dobbs, Madison Delcourt, and Rochelle Reeve, who were selected to the BC Prospect Team.

We are looking forward to welcoming all those that will be in Kelowna for the BC/YT Super Series STARSkate Final and RDT Camp in March!





## CLUB NEWS

### LOWER MAINLAND SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CLUB

Our Adult teams, Ice X-odus (Adult 1) and Ice X-quisite (Adult 2), travelled to Winterfest in Mississauga, Ontario which was, as always, well-attended in all categories. The Junior and Senior categories were inspiring to watch! Adult 1 (Ice X-odus) placed fourth and Adult 2 skated well and placed eleventh. Two more competitions completed a hectic January: BC/YT Open in South Surrey (Adult 1 took Gold; Adult 2 was fourth); and Mountains in Abbotsford (Adult 1 placed second and Adult 2 were fifth).

Both teams are looking forward to being part of the BC representation at the Adult Figure Skating Championships, April 5-7, in Kamloops. National synchronized skating competitions are not often held in BC so attending and competing against teams from all over the country at a home-province national competition is exciting!

Skaters over 19 looking to get back into skating or continuing their competitive nature, are invited to come out for our Spring Synchro



*LMSSC Juvenile team Ice Expectation with Leslie Rupp, Coach and Heidi Schunter, Manager.*



*Gold Medal winners Ice X-odus at BC/YT Open Competition*

sessions May 2-30<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Danalee Harrison (Coach – Adult 1&2) [fig-sk8coach1@shaw.ca](mailto:fig-sk8coach1@shaw.ca)

Well done to our Ice X-pectation (Juvenile) and Ice X-cel (Pre-Novice) teams finishing off a great competitive season with bronze medals for both teams. Ice X-cel also had a wonderful trip to Winterfest in Mississauga to compete and learn what happens on the other side of the Mountains. Looking forward to next year's trip!

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## CLUB NEWS

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Our season this year was over way too quickly with three January weekends out of four being competitions. Hopefully next year more events will take place in February. It's now show season and Spring school during May.

Teams will be set at our tryout date June 4. Beginner, Juvenile and Pre Novice teams are planned. Come join us! Contact Leslie Rupp [lrupp@telus.net](mailto:lrupp@telus.net) for more information.



*Adult 1 & 2 Ice X-odus and  
Ice X-quisite*

*Ice-xcel Pre-Novice*



*Mountain Synchro—Edmonton  
Ice Eclipse—GOLD, Black Gold  
—SILVER(both from Alberta)  
and Ice X-cel —Bronze medal-  
ists*



## CLUB NEWS

### PENINNSULA SC



*Mrs. Margaret Hyne accepting her Number 1 Fan Award at the Peninsula Figure Skating Club Awards Night in April 2011*

### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Margaret Hyne was an enthusiastic supporter of figure skating for over 60 years. It all started when her young daughter Lorraine began skating and Margaret became a 'skater mom'. She spent many years at various arenas cheering her daughter on through tests, competitions, and practices. After her daughter became a coach, Mrs. Hyne remained a fixture at these events, offering her encouragement and congratulations to Lorraine's skaters as well as many others from up and down the island. She came with hugs, kisses, and kind words for all the skaters whose lives she has touched. Many of them felt she was their own personal good luck charm. She was well known and adored by parents, coaches and officials alike. Mrs. Margaret Hyne passed away on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at the age of 92. The Vancouver Island skating community and the Peninsula Figure Skating Club are deeply saddened by the loss of such a remarkable lady.

### SAANICH SC

Wrapping up a fabulous winter skating season, we have a chance to reflect on some great achievements, beautiful performances, and most importantly a whole lot of fun! One memorable event this winter was the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria's annual Butchart Gardens performance held in December. Beneath the rows of sparkling white Christmas lights draped over a perfect outdoor rink, our skaters performed entertaining numbers to some holiday classics. Many of our skaters, ranging from Canskate to Senior level participated in this wonderful holiday

event. Bundled up along the edges of the rink, many family and friends were there showing their support and enjoying the show put on by our amazingly talented skaters. After the show, the skaters were able to warm up and enjoy hot chocolate in the tea room at the gardens. A great kick off to the holiday season!

*Saanich SC Butchart Skate*



## CLUB NEWS

### VALLEYVIEW SC



*Valleyview SC  
Intermediate Skaters*

WE are Valleyview Skating Club. Nestled in the Hoo doos of Kamloops, BC we have been an active club promoting Figure Skating, Powerskating, Canskate, Jr Academy, and Adult Canskate . We formed the club on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 1972 and stepped on the ice on January 2, 1973. Our club has grown quite extensively over the last year or two and we have made great strides with our Athletes in competition and test days.

We have a great Sr session which includes our top skaters as well as our wonderful adult skaters. Most of them compete in competitions, some being international ones as well. They have made huge commitments to accomplish their goals with skating and are a great encouragement to all. Our Sr Skaters compete at many different competitions in BC, from the north right down to the Island.

Our competitive Athletes so far this year are Cassandra Labermeyer, Holly Neufeld(missing in picture), Kirsty Newbury, Mackenzie Sewell, Jana DeJong(missing in picture), Alexandra Bruvold(missing in picture), Haley Barber (missing in picture), Lauren Mark – Adult competitive skaters are Janet Dabner (missing in picture), Cheyenne Irvine, and Marilynn Triggs(missing in picture)

Valleyview Skating club also has an Intermediate session that is growing all the time. We are constantly moving our Canskaters up to Jr. Academy and then moving our Jr. Academy skaters to the Intermediate session which makes for a very busy session!!!

These Athletes are young, vigorous and love to skate so we are really excited about getting them set up and focused for the competition experience. We have had a few already enter the competition setting and are very thrilled to have more compete in the coming years!!!

Our Intermediate competitors are Megan Barber, Erica Bruvold, Alyssa Davis, Olivia Eccleston, and Brenna Was-sing (missing in picture)

Stay tuned....as we have more and more skaters all the time moving up and achieving many amazing goals!!!



*Valleyview SC Sr and Adult Skaters*



## CLUB NEWS

### VANCOUVER SC

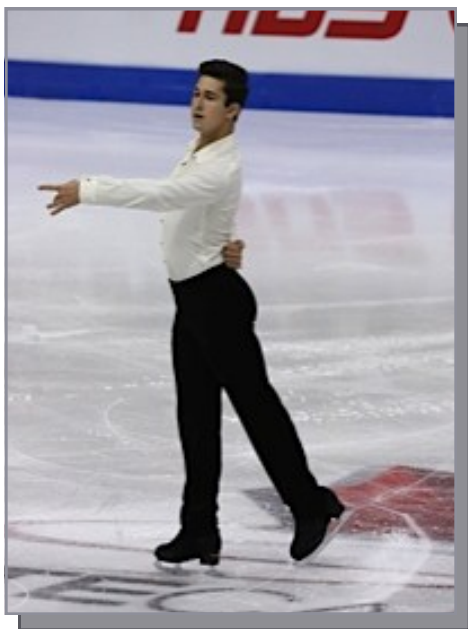
The Vancouver Skating Club ended 2012 on a high note, presenting an amazing performance of The Nutcracker at our annual Christmas Gala. Skaters of all levels, from CanSkate to our international competitors, dazzled the sellout crowd. From the costumes to the choreography, the skaters, coaches and numerous volunteers put in countless hours to make the Gala a marvelous success.

The New Year started with a bang as well for members of the VSC at the 2013 Canadian Figure Skating Championships. Alexander Lawrence delighted the crowd on his way to a sixth place finish in Novice Men. Caelen Dalmer and Shane Firus performed brilliantly to bring home a bronze medal in Junior Dance. In Senior Men, Liam Firus skated beautifully, achieving an impressive fifth place finish.

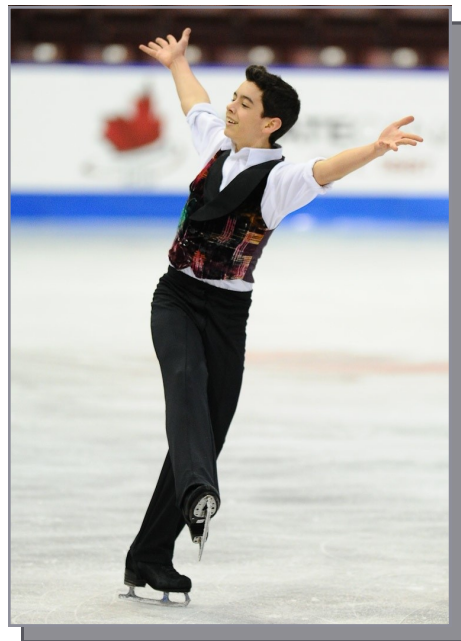
In February, 34 VSC skaters took part in the BC Coast Region Championships and WinterSkate in Delta. The weekend was a huge success for our club, with

strong skates from all our skaters. Kiyan Shahab earned a gold medal in Star 4 Boys, while Alanna Padula (13 and Over) and Coralie Mayer-Traynor (U13, group 2) both won silver medals in Star 4 Girls.

We are very proud of all our skaters and look forward to a fun and successful Spring session!



*Liam Firus*



*Alexander Lawrence*

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*“We are very proud of all our skaters and look forward to a fun and successful Spring Season!”*

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## OKANAGAN REGION NEWS

The Okanagan Region Championships were held February 15-17, 2013 this year. They were hosted by the Mt. Boucherie skating club at the Royal Lepage arena in West Kelowna. We had approximately 186 skaters enter into 310 events!!!

Mt. Boucherie did an outstanding job of this competition!! As with any of the events held in our section, none of it can happen without many volunteer hours. The volunteers were all very friendly and helpful, the rink looked great and there was a ton of shopping and prizes to be won!!! Of course the volunteers in the food room were the highlight of the weekend keeping all the officials and volunteers well fed! Skaters in each event were entered into a draw and one lucky skater in each event won a prize! This year we held our first ever Club poster contest and had a great response from the clubs. Susan Laidlaw and Ryan Sutherland were the judges for the posters and the 100 Mile House Skating Club won the blue ribbon!! Congratulations to all who entered and we are going to make this a part of future regionals competitions.

The winners of the Region Championship awards were:

Mens Artistic: Carson Consiglio

Gold Ladies Artistic: Kayla Smart

Silver Ladies Artistic: Taylan Dennis

Bronze Ladies Artistic: Vienna Harwood

The Team Trophy Award was won by the Kelowna Skating Club!!

Congratulations to all the award winners!

Special thanks to Nancy Dennis Chief Referee and Lorraine Mapoles Chief Data Specialist at the competition.

Looking forward to next years hosts Glengarry Skating Club hosting our 2014 regional competition!!!!



*Okanagan Region poster contest winner*

## VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION NEWS

The Vancouver Island Region has a wealth of special volunteers. One stand-out is 50 year veteran Jane Sawbridge. Jane's service was recognized recently at the Vancouver Island Regional Competition. When asked, Jane shared with us some thoughts about her rich experiences and insights. As a lifetime member of the Nanaimo Skating Club, Jane is an inspiration to others in the sport of Figure Skating and we wanted to share her words with you.

WHEN DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN SKATING AS AN ATHLETE AND THEN AS AN OFFICIAL? I first became involved in skating at the age of 7. My school's PTA sponsored after-school skating and I became

hooked and joined the Nanaimo Figure Skating Club later that year. I skated whenever and wherever I could from then on through second year university!

**HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A JUDGE? IS IT 50 YEARS OR IS THAT JUST THE TOTAL OF YOUR VOLUNTEER YEARS?** I have been a judge for 50 years as of this year but before I was old enough to judge I helped out as a volunteer coach on the junior sessions at Nanaimo Figure Skating Club. I completed all my trial judging and judging exam when I was fifteen so I was able to judge right after my 16th birthday.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE SKATING MEMORY?** One that really stands out for me is the first time I ever saw Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir compete - it was Pre-Novice Dance at Divisionals (predecessor to Challenge) in Thunder Bay. These little kids came out onto the ice to do their first pattern dance..... and then WOW - they could really dance! In 2010 I was thrilled to have tickets to watch them win the last year ever for Compulsory Dance competition at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics.

**WHAT IS THE COLDEST ARENA YOU HAVE WORKED IN?** That's a tough one! - might have been the practice or figure rinks in Fort McMurray, or Charlottetown or North Battleford or Winnipeg or .....?

**WHAT IS THE FURTHEST YOU HAVE TRAVELED FOR VOLUNTEERING?** The furthest away I've been to judge was the 1991 Canada Winter Games in Charlottetown PEI. That trip inspired several later vacations to Atlantic Canada.

**NOW THAT YOU HAVE RETIRED FROM TEACHING WHAT KEEPS YOU BUSY?** I volunteer with my former school, Uplands Park in Nanaimo, every spring to help run their track and field season. While I was still teaching I developed an easy-to-run format for the track meets based on my knowledge gained from running skating competitions and swim meets (when my kids were involved in competitive swimming). It is really fun to go back and "work" part time for about six weeks every spring. I swim three mornings a week when I am not traveling. I enjoy reading, cooking, and dog-sitting the grandpuppy every week day. In the last couple of years I've been on the BC Section Judges' Core Committee which is really enjoyable as most of the work I do involves being in frequent contact by e-mail with other judges all over the province.

**IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE?** Judging has been both a challenge and a lot of fun over the years. I've worked with so many dedicated people and had front row seats for watching some wonderful skating performances. Thanks to skating I've been to so many places in Canada that I probably never would have gotten to otherwise.... and usually in the choice travel months December, January and February yet!

We congratulate Jane for all of her achievements and accomplishments and thank her for her valuable contributions to our skating community.



*Jane Sawbridge*

## BC COAST REGION NEWS



*From your*



Congratulations to:  
Kortney Story = Novice Dance, Jr  
Silver Skills Promotions  
Way to go Kortney!



**BC Coast Region AGM:**  
Please mark your calendar  
for Tuesday April 16! Come  
and meet your Board, vote  
on new Board members,  
and discuss upcoming  
business for the  
2013/2014 season.

If you have any Club information,  
questions, or photos you would like to  
share with the BC Coast Region please  
contact us through the website:

[www.skatebccoast.com](http://www.skatebccoast.com)



Congratulations to  
the BC Coast  
Region for winning  
the Team Trophy at  
The Super Series  
StarSkate Finals in  
Kelowna! Way to go  
BC Coast Region!!



# **Save The Date**

## **BC/YT Super Series SummerSkate**



**August 15-18, 2013**

**Burnaby 8 Rinks**



## Congratulations to our 2013 National Competitors

### Novice Men

Eric Liu—2nd

Adonis Wong—5th

Alexander Lawrence—6th

Kurtis Schrieber—13th

### Novice Ladies

Julianne Delaurier—3rd

Kelsey Wong—4th

Belvina Mao—7th

Dana Bobyn—15th

### Novice Dance

Danielle Wu & Spencer Soo—1st

Brianna Delmaestro & Graeme Gordon—

2nd

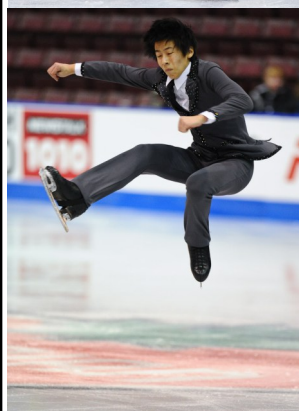
Alexa Linden & Tyler Miller—3rd

Andie-Lynn Gingrich & Liam Kinrade—

9th







## Congratulations to our 2013 National Competitors

### Junior Men

Shawn Cuevas—7th

Kurtis Hori—17th

### Junior Ladies

Larkyn Austman—1st

Cailey England—8th

### Junior Dance

Madeline Edwards & Zhao-Kai Pang—1st

Caelen Dalmer & Shane Firus—3rd

### Senior Men

Kevin Reynolds—2nd

Liam Firus—5th

Mitchell Gordon—7th

Jeremy Ten—8th

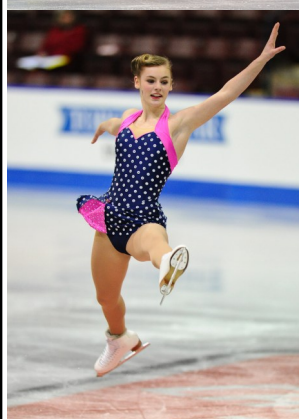
Emanuel Sandu—11th

Graeme Gordon—16th

### Senior Dance

Nicole Orford & Thomas Williams 3rd

Larissa Van As & Troy Shindle—8th



Photos courtesy of Skate Canada

## 2012 NATIONAL MEDALISTS

**Kevin Reynolds**  
2nd—Senior Men

**Jeremy Ten**  
3rd—Senior Men

**Mitchell Gordon**  
1st— Junior Men

**Nicole Orford &  
Thomas Williams**  
1st— Junior Dance

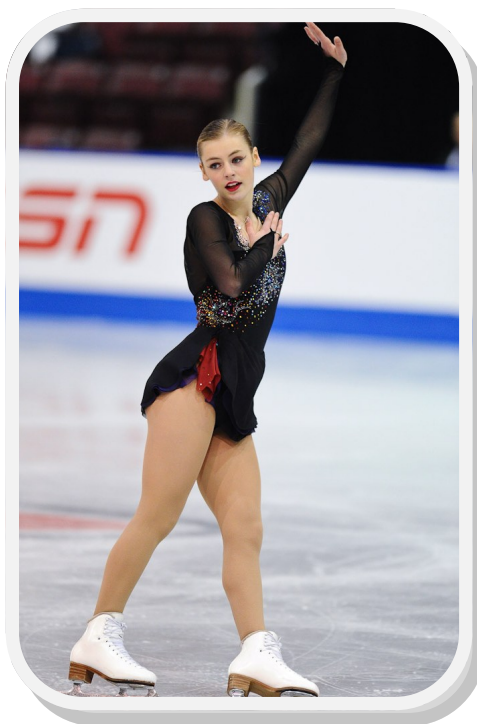
**Madeline Edwards &  
Zhao Kai Pang**  
2nd— Junior Dance

**Noa Bruser & Timothy  
Lum**  
3rd— Novice Dance

**Larkyn Austman**  
2nd—Novice Ladies

**Hailey Sales**  
3rd—Novice Ladies

## MEET OUR 2013 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



**Larkyn Austman**  
**Junior Ladies Champion**



**Madeline Edwards & Zhao-Kai Pang**  
**Junior Dance Champions**

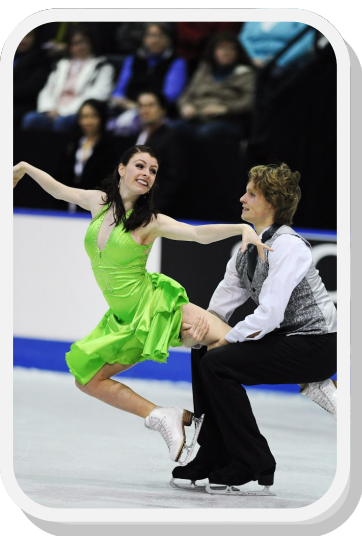


**Danielle Wu & Spencer Soo**  
**Novice Dance Champions**

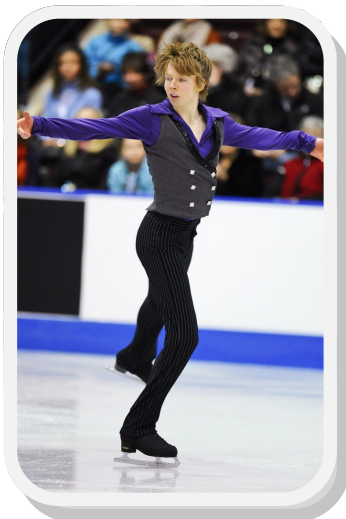
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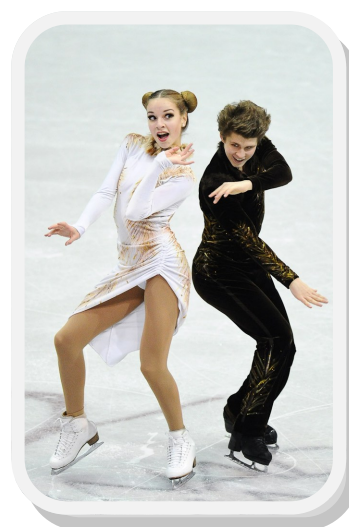
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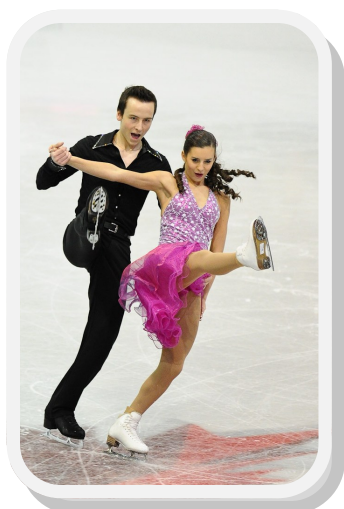
**Nicole Orford &  
Thomas Williams**  
Senior Dance Bronze  
Medalists



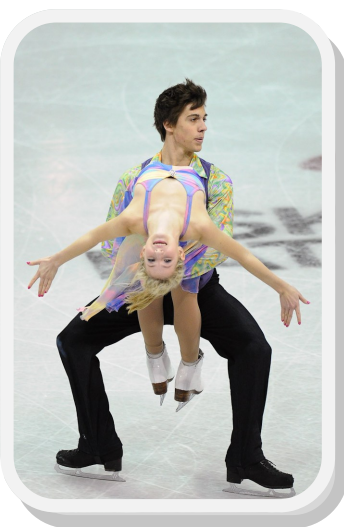
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Senior Men's Silver  
Medalist



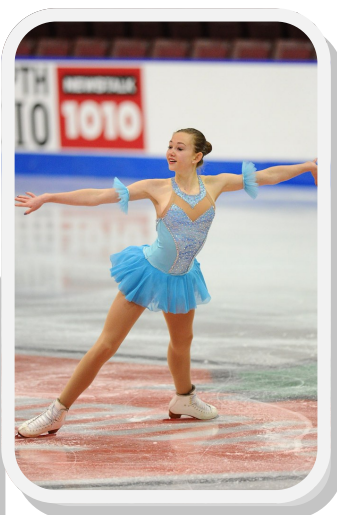
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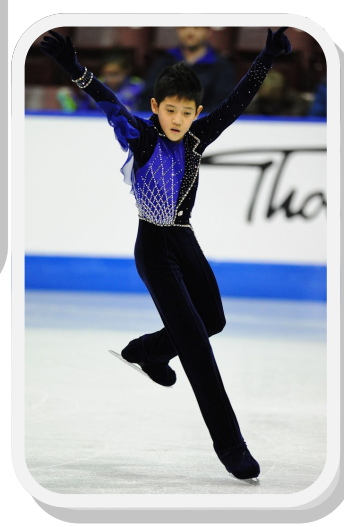
**Brianna Delmaestro  
& Graeme Gordon**  
Novice Dance Silver  
Medalists



**Alexa Linden & Tyler  
Miller**  
Novice Dance Bronze  
Medalists



**Julianne Delaurier**  
Novice Ladies  
Silver Medalist



**Eric Liu**  
Novice Men's Silver Medalist

## BC SKATERS EARN SPOTS IN THREE WORLD EVENTS

Following on the heels of the most successful national championships in its history, a handful of BC-Yukon Section figure skaters have been chosen to represent Canada at one International and two World events. During the week long Canadian Tire National Figure Skating Championships that just concluded in Mississauga, Ontario, BC-Yukon Section skaters captured ten medals, including three national titles.

A second place finish to world champion Patrick Chan in Senior Mens earned BC Centre of Excellence's Kevin Reynolds a trip to the World Championships March 11-17 in London, On. Reynolds was also chosen to represent Canada at the Four Continents championships February 6-11 in Osaka, Japan. Joining Reynolds at Four Continents are BC Centre of Excellence's ice dancers Nicole Orford and Thomas Williams, who won the bronze medal in Senior Dance in Mississauga. Depending on how they perform at Osaka, they stand a chance of being named the third ice dance team to represent Canada at the World Championships.

BC will also be well represented at the World Junior championships February 25-March 3 at Milan, Italy. Connaught Skating Club's Mitchell Gordon, 16, who finished seventh in the Senior Mens event at Nationals, will represent Canada in Milan in the Mens Event. Burnaby BC Centre of Excellence Ice Dancers Madeline Edwards and ZhaoKai Pang, winners of the National Junior Title, will compete in that event in Milan.

Meanwhile, BC Novice ice dancers recorded a historic first at the National Championships, sweeping the podium. Danielle Wu and Spencer Soo won the gold medal, followed by teammates Brianna Delmaestro and Graeme Gordon while Alexa Linden and Tyler Miller won the bronze.

BC-Yukon Ice Dancers won six out of the nine possible dance medals at Canadian Tire National Figure Skating Championships. All six of the ice dance teams that won medals are coached by Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe.

The Junior Womens title now belongs to Connaught Skating Club's Larkyn Austman, whose performance and final point total of 149.75 points, just 2.65 points shy of the Canadian record for that event.

BC Centre of Excellence's Eric Liu won the Silver Medal in the Novice Mens Event in Mississauga. Liu, who 11 years old, finished eight points behind the Gold Medal winner Daniel-Olivier Boulanger-Trottier from Quebec and is 16 years old.

In the Senior Mens event, BC-Yukon skaters placed four of its six team members in the top ten: Reynolds, second; Liam Firus, fifth; Mitchell Gordon, seventh; Jeremy Ten, eighth. Former three-time national champion Emanuel Sandhu, competing for the first time in a decade, finished a respectable 11<sup>th</sup> and Graeme Gordon was 16<sup>th</sup>.

A beaming BC-Yukon Section executive-director, Ted Barton, said: "The 2013 Canadian Tire national championships were the most successful in the history of skating in BC. "British Columbia skaters won ten medals including three national titles. Of the nine ice dance medals available, BC teams won six which is remarkable. British Columbia could only qualify four skaters per event as opposed to Ontario who can qualify 16 and Quebec eight, "For the number of skaters allocated for qualification from each province, BC had the highest percentage success in the country. We are thrilled with the extraordinary work our coaches are doing and the determination of our skaters. We thank all the clubs and volunteers for their support as they also had a hand producing the frame work for success."

## JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



***Mitchell Gordon***  
***16th Place***

Mitchell Gordon, 16, Vancouver, B.C., competed in men's for Canada. This was his first ISU World Junior Championships. Gordon competed at two ISU Junior Grand Prix events this season, placing eighth in Linz, Austria, and 12th in Zagreb, Croatia. He also placed seventh at the Canadian Championships, competing as a senior. Gordon is coached by Eileen Murphy and Keegan Murphy at the Connaught Figure Skating Club in Richmond, B.C.

Madeline Edwards, 16, Port Moody, B.C. and Zhao Kai Pang, 17, Burnaby, B.C., were one of two teams representing Canada in ice dance for the first time at this event. Edwards and Kai Pang competed at two ISU Junior Grand Prix events this season, winning bronze in both Courchevel, France, and Istanbul, Turkey. Edwards and Kai Pang became Canadian junior champions in January. They are coached by Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe at the BC Centre of Excellence.

***Madeline Edwards & Zhao Kai Pang***  
***12th Place***





## BC/YT SPECIAL O ATHLETES ADD TO MEDAL COUNT FOR TEAM CANADA

The 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games took place in PyeongChang, South Korea from January 29th to February 5th, 2013. Skate Canada BC/YT Section is very proud to have had 4 athletes named to the figure skating team. Not only did they represent Canada proudly, all four skaters were on the podium capturing 5 medals for Canada!

Darlene Jakubowski from Fort St. John won the Gold medal in Women's Singles Level 6 and the Silver Medal in Ice Dance Level 4. Marc Theriault from Delta won Gold in Men's Singles Level 6. Alexander Pang from Vancouver took home the Silver medal in Men's Singles Level 2 and Michael Sumner from Whitehorse took Silver in Mens Singles Level 1. Landis Warner from Vancouver accompanied Team Canada as Associate Coach.

Very specials honours for Darlene and Marc who will be skating in the Closing Ceremonies alongside Olympic medalists Yu-Na Kim and Michelle Kwan!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL ATHLETES WHO COMPETED IN  
THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WORLD WINTER GAMES!





## 2012-2013 ELEMENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The BC Section is thrilled to be able to provide scholarship funding for difficult technical elements executed in a Super Series competition. Congratulations to the following skaters who earned element scholarships from the 2012/2013 Season.

<b>Ajsha Gorman</b>	<b>Kitty Qian</b>
<b>Alexander Lawrence</b>	<b>Kurtis Schreiber</b>
<b>Belvina Mao</b>	<b>Larkyn Austman</b>
<b>Cailey England</b>	<b>Megan Yim</b>
<b>Dana Bobyn</b>	<b>Mitchell Gordon</b>
<b>Danielle Gordon</b>	<b>Monika Randall</b>
<b>Eric Liu</b>	<b>Nami Inoda</b>
<b>Haley Sales</b>	<b>Priscilla Sabang</b>
<b>Jayda Jurome</b>	<b>Rachel Pettitt</b>
<b>Jeremy Ten</b>	<b>Renee Lim</b>
<b>Julianne Delaurier</b>	<b>Sarah Tamura</b>
<b>Kelsey Wong</b>	<b>Tilyna Pauer</b>
<b>Kevin Reynolds</b>	

Twenty-Five skaters from Juvenile to Senior earned a total of \$9,450 by executing technical difficult jumps for their specific level. This is funding that did not exist prior to the Pond to Podium Super Series and it is our hope that we will continue this support.

All successful elements have been certified by the technical panel of each competition and reviewed by video. There is no avenue for protest for the past season as a thorough process has been executed.

For more information on the Elements Scholarship Program [Click Here](#)



## 2013 SUPERSERIES STARSKATE POINTS CHAMPIONS

### Star 4 Girls Under 10

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Maya Rose Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	56.38
2	Bianca Rodriguez Total	BC Coast	BC Centre of Excellence	3	55.27
3	Mikayla Consiglio Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	54.81

### Star 4 Girls Under 13

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Ava Hozjan Total	Kootenay	Fernie	3	57.40
2	Kaiya MacLeod Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	56.90
3	Natasha Baranyi Total	Okanagan	Mt Boucherie	3	55.22

### Star 4 Girls Over

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Hunter Bezak Total	Kootenay	Fernie	3	60.97
2	Traci Lewis Total	Vancouver Island	Juan de Fuca	3	55.74
3	Megan Holman Total	Okanagan	Armstrong/Enderby	3	55.14

### Star 4 Boys

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Carter Hiob Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	47.00
2	Ryder MacLeod Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	44.66

### Senior Bronze Women

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Savannah Wasden Total	Vancouver Island	Campbell River	3	73.17
2	Dawn Henley Total	CNCR	Williams Lake	3	73.01
3	Kirstyn Beech Total	CNCR	Fort St John	3	71.90

### Junior Silver Women

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Cassandra Greenwood Total	CNCR	Quesnel	3	91.85
2	Taylor Sheardown Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	80.24
3	Marielle Timmins Total	Vancouver Island	Oak Bay	3	77.53

### Senior Silver Women

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Carmen Huang Total	CNCR	Quesnel	3	100.47
2	Jessica Hewison Total	Kootenay	Cranbrook	3	86.80
3	Rachel Hiob Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	84.87

### Senior Silver Men

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Jacob Verhelst Total	Kootenay	Beaver Valley	3	83.25
2	Robert Verhelst Total	Kootenay	Beaver Valley	3	64.25

### Gold Women

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Ceilidh Ross Total	BC Coast	Abbotsford	3	110.11
2	Selena Van Aert Total	CNCR	Quesnel	3	108.88
3	Ashley Yu Total	BC Coast	Inlet	3	99.94

### Pre-Juvenile Women Under 11

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Alisa Lyesina Total	Vancouver Island	Oak Bay	3	96.92
2	Kayla Sullivan Total	BC Coast	Coquitlam	3	80.89
3	Emily Bausback Total	BC Coast	Burnaby	3	79.73

### Pre-Juvenile Women Under 14

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Syndy Shi Total	BC Coast	Coquitlam	2	82.51
2	Bianca Guevara Total	BC Coast	Mission	3	75.31
3	Britney Yan Total	BC Coast	BC Centre of Excellence	2	72.71

### Pre-Juvenile Men

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Christopher Fan Total	BC Coast	BC Centre of Excellence	3	68.03
2	Basil Wang Total	BC Coast	Connaught	3	62.86
3	Martin Yushko Total	BC Coast	Connaught	3	62.77

### Juvenile Women Under 11

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Olivia Gran Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	98.18
2	Madge Man Chit Sheung Total	BC Coast	Connaught	3	88.81
3	Ashley Sales Total	Okanagan	Kelowna	3	83.07

### Juvenile Women Under 14

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Meiryla Findley Total	BC Coast	BC Centre of Excellence	3	104.71
2	Kyuri Kim Total	BC Coast	Vancouver	3	103.35
3	Alexandra Canning Total	BC Coast	Coquitlam	3	102.83

### Juvenile Men

<u>Ranking</u>	<u>Competitor</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u># of Competitions</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Brian Le Total	BC Coast	BC Centre of Excellence	3	91.64
2	Tyler Gunara Total	BC Coast	BC Centre of Excellence	3	87.59
3	Cayden McKenzie-Cook Total	BC Coast	Coquitlam	3	79.11

## TEAM TROPHY RESULTS

### 1ST PLACE

BC Coast Region

132.15 Points

### 2ND PLACE

Vancouver Island Region

118.02 Points

### 3RD PLACE

Okanagan Region

102.87 Points

### 4TH PLACE

Caribou North Central  
Region

97.33 Points

### 5TH PLACE

Kootenay Region

90.70 Points

## REGION TEAM TROPHY



*Team Trophy Winners—BC Coast Region*



*Skaters eagerly wait for the Team Trophy Results to be announced.*



## 2013 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

LONDON, Ont. — First and third?

No one will be terribly surprised to wake up to news that the two-time and defending world champion, Patrick Chan, is leading the London worlds after the men's short program — but Coquitlam's Kevin Reynolds in third place?

"That's amazing," said Chan, who left most of the field far in his rear-view mirror with a world-record score of 98.37.

"Before I even skated, I was like: Kevin's up there! He's been, I think, overlooked for a long time and now he's finally stomped his foot down and said, 'Hey, I have something to prove, and I belong here' — and he does. He's a very important part of this Canadian team."

The last 13 skaters, and a few before them scattered through the session, had at least a quad, if not a quad combination, written into their short programs.

Not all landed. But the day when a world or Olympic championship can be won without one — like Jeff Buttle at the 2008 worlds in Goteborg, or Evan Lysacek at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics — is gone forever.

And Reynolds landed two of them.

The reed-thin redhead who suffered a ruptured cyst behind his left knee two weeks ago — within days of returning from Japan with the Four Continents title — battled hard to land his triple Axel after opening with a quad Salchow-triple toe combination, then turned the scheduled triple Lutz late in his program into a second quad, and had to fight for that, too.

The quads, and the grit, earned him huge extra marks, and respect. He beat his season's best score, from the Four Continents, by seven points and his career best by four.

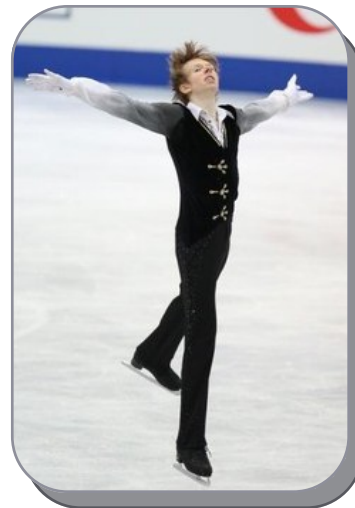
Pretty impressive considering that, in his own words, "10 days ago, I didn't think I'd be able to participate here this week, so to have a performance like this on home ice is an incredible start to the week."

Reynolds said that as soon as the first two elements landed, fully-rotated, he knew he would throw in the second quad.

"That's been the plan all season, as it was at Four Continents. It wasn't perfect, but it was worth it because I got credit for the rotations."

Asked if he feels he is finally up there with the world's best, Reynolds said, "Well, I'd like to think so, but I'm still improving on that second mark and it showed even a little bit tonight, so I'll be continuing to work on that toward Sochi, and beyond." [ccole@vancouver.sun.com](mailto:ccole@vancouver.sun.com)

[Click here for full article](#)



**KEVIN REYNOLDS**

***Finished 5th place overall  
and helped Canada  
secure 3 men's spots for  
the 2014 Sochi Olympics***

## COACHES CORNER

### **June NCCP Courses**

#### **CanPowerSkate**

June 8 & 9th, 2013

#### **NCCP Instruction Intermediate STARSkate/Provincial Coach (ISPC )**

June 9-13th, 2013

#### **Level 3 General Subjects and Technical Singles**

June 14-16th, 2013

*All courses will be held at Burnaby 8-Rinks*

[Click here for registration details](#)

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## TECHNICAL UPDATES



### Communication No. 2013-03 BC/YT SECTION

#### General Information Update

March 7, 2013

- 1) **STAR 1 added to Super Series VISI and Victoria Day:** Entry numbers are such that STAR 1 is now being offered at VISI. Registration for STAR 1 is now open on Karelo and will close on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 p.m.. In future, the STAR 1 category will be offered at all Super Series competitions except the Section Championships and STARSkate Final.
- 2) **STAR 2:** After receiving feedback from coaches regarding the discontinuation of the STAR 2 music selections, we have decided to keep the music available for download for the 2013-2014 season. Skaters may choose their own music or use one of the selections.  
**IMPORTANT:** Beginning May, 2013, if using one of the STAR 2 selections, the individual piece of music must be put on a separate CD for each skater and turned in at registration. The competition will no longer provide the CD.
- 3) **STAR 3B:** Beginning at Super Series Victoria Day, skaters entering STAR 3B will be ranked. Top finishers in each group will receive medals. All skaters will receive a report card. No points will be posted – only the overall ranking.
- 4) **Short Program Elements Chart:** Skate Canada has just published the program requirements for 2013-2014. There is a significant change to the Pre-Novice short program triple jump option. Skaters may now include a maximum of two triple jumps (instead of only 1). A new Short Program Elements Chart is now posted on the Skating in BC website Technical page under Competitive Singles/Pairs.
- 5) **2013-2014 Competitive Program Requirements:** This document is posted on the Skating in BC website Technical Page under Technical Updates. There are no changes to free skating program requirements. The dance requirements list the pattern dances for the season and include a change to the Pre-Novice pattern dances. The European Waltz and Keats Foxtrot have been replaced with the Starlight Waltz and Blues. The Rocker Foxtrot and Harris Tango remain unchanged.
- 6) **Challenging GOLD tests:** Many questions are being asked about Skate Canada's rules regarding challenging the Gold Tests. Hopefully the following explanations will help!
  - a) There is the opportunity for a challenge of the Gold Free Skate test, Gold Dance test and Gold Interpretive Test. The Gold Skills test may not be challenged.
  - b) Gold Free Skate – a skater may try the Gold Free Skate test without passing the previous free skate tests. The fee for this is \$50 for Part 1 and \$50 for Part 2. If

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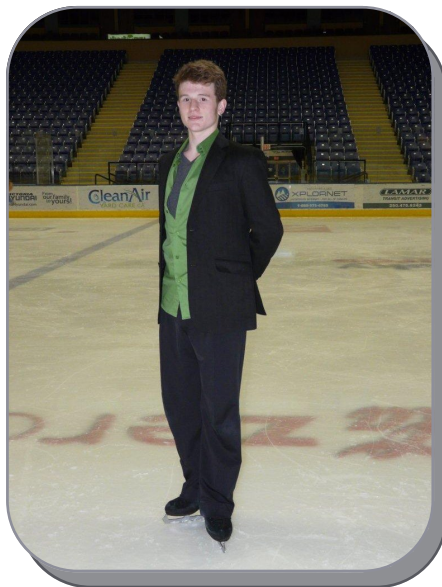
## TECHNICAL UPDATES

successful, the skater will be given credit for previous free skate tests not yet passed.

- c) Gold Dance Test – a skater may try the Gold Pattern Dances without passing the previous Pattern Dance tests. The fee for this is \$50 for each Gold Pattern Dance tested. The skater will be given credit for previous dance tests not yet taken when they successfully pass 4 of the 6 Gold Pattern Dances.
- d) Gold Interpretive Test – This differs substantially from challenging the Gold Dance and Free Skate. A skater may try the Gold Interpretive Test without passing the previous Interpretive Test only if the skater has achieved his/her Gold certificate in either Free Skate or Dance or Skating Skills and has made a specific request to Skate Canada before the test is tried. The Club Test Chair must send the request to the National Office in writing (copying the Section Office) and must include the skater's name, Skate Canada membership number, test passed and rationale/circumstances surrounding the request. The Member Services Department will verify skater's test levels and communicate the results of the request directly to the club test chair. These requests will be treated on a case-by-case basis.  
If the request is approved the skater will skate one performance of their interpretive program and it will be evaluated at the Gold level. The skater will be responsible for the test fees for any of the lower level Interpretive tests not previously passed. For example, if the skater has passed the Introductory Interpretive test, the fees must be paid for Bronze, Silver and Gold.
- e) There are specific codes to be used on the summary sheet for Gold tests that are Challenged. This document is posted on the Club page of the Skating in BC website.

- 7) Which Dances can be skated solo in a dance test? Only the following dance tests have the option of being tried either solo or with a partner:
- a) Junior Silver Dance Test – the American Waltz and the Keats Foxtrot may be performed solo or with a partner.
  - b) Senior Silver Dance Test – the Blues and Kilian may be performed solo or with a partner.
  - c) Gold Dance Test – the Quickstep and Silver Samba may be performed solo or with a partner.
  - d) The evaluator may request a solo of a partnered dance in certain circumstances. However, solo skating at the request of the evaluator is not permitted for Preliminary and Diamond Dance test levels. Also, it is not permitted to request a candidate who is 25 years of age or older to skate a solo.

## GOLD FEET



### Cedar Bridgewood

My name is Cedar, I have been skating since I was 5 years old. I am in grade 11 this year and LOVING it!! I passed my gold skills tests, and am now working my way up on dance. My favourite thing about skating is the cold air and landing a good jump. Besides skating, I like to build things and take things apart, then I can see how they work.

The Saanich Skating Club of Victoria would like to congratulate Cedar for passing his Gold Skills. Great work!

### Haley Chow

Haley is a grade 11 student at Stelly's Secondary School in Saanichton. She has been skating with the Peninsula Figure Skating Club since she was 6 years old. Now at the age of 16 she continues to work hard to accomplish her goals. Haley passed her Gold Skills in December 2011 and her Gold Interpretive in December 2012. She is very close to completing her Gold Dances, and is hopeful that she will be able to do that by the end of this season.



## GOLD FEET



### Ravi Cunningham

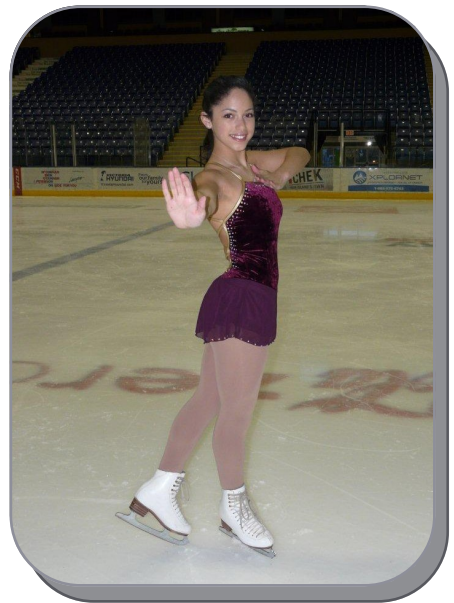
The Saanich Skating Club of Victoria would like to recognize Ravi for achieving her Gold Dances as well as her Gold Skills. Ravi is 15 years old and currently in Grade 10. Ravi is focusing on competitive dance. Her skating goal this year is to make it to Nationals in PreNovice dance. This will mean she will be on her way to Nationals for the second year in a row! Ravi is a wonderfully talented skater. Her grace and poise on the ice are a pleasure to watch. Her hard work and focus are admired, and she is a great role model for our younger skaters in the club.

Congratulations Ravi!

### Zoe Delano

Zoe began skating at age 4 and her passion for the sport and love of skating grows every year. Representing the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria she has been with her professional coach Brenda Charity for the past 12 years and has passed her Gold Skills, Dance and Freeslate (Novice competitive) tests. Zoe is currently in grade 10 where the discipline of skating has helped her to find the balance of school, a busy skating schedule and social life. Zoe's future plans are to someday compete at the national level and would love to do Disney ice shows.

Congratulations Zoe!





## GOLD FEET



### Katie Hammond

Katie Hammond is a 2012 graduate of Parklands Secondary School in Sidney and will be attending Camosun College in September 2013. She began skating when she was 5 years old, following in the footsteps of her mother, grandmother and many other relatives who skated before her. Over the years she has participated in competitions and club ice shows. She passed her Gold Interpretive test in December of 2012.

### Katey Harrison

Katey is a Grade 12 student at Parklands Secondary School in Sidney. She began skating at the Peninsula Figure Skating Club when she was 12 years old and she has loved figure skating ever since. Over the last several years, Katey has taken part in Island competitions and club ice shows while working her way through her STARskate tests. Katey achieved her Gold Skills in March 2011 and is working hard to complete her Gold Interpretive and Gold Dances before the end of this season.



### Victoria Henderson

Victoria is 17 years old and attends grade 12 at Stelly's Secondary School in Saanichton. She began skating with the Peninsula Figure Skating Club when she was 5 years old. Victoria loves to skate and hasn't missed any Vancouver Island competitions since she began competing in 2004. She has had a very busy couple of years, earning her Gold Skills in February 2011, followed by her Gold Interpretive in February 2012 and Gold Freeskate in March 2012. This season, she worked hard and was able to pass the last 4 dances within 6 weeks, earning her final Gold to complete the set in January 2013.



## GOLD FEET



### Saffron Hilder

Saffron learned to skate in the Canskate program at Peninsula Figure Skating Club when she was 6 years old. Now age 11, she competes in freeskate at the Pre-Juvenile level. This season alone, she has passed 14 skating tests, including her Introductory, Bronze, Silver and Gold Interpretive programs. She is currently working on her Senior Silver freeskate and Senior Silver skills.

### Jolene Kellerman

Jolene Kellerman is 16 years old, in grade 11 and has skated with the Boundary FSC in Midway since she was 4 years old. She started skating because she loved the pretty dresses and continues for the love of the sport.

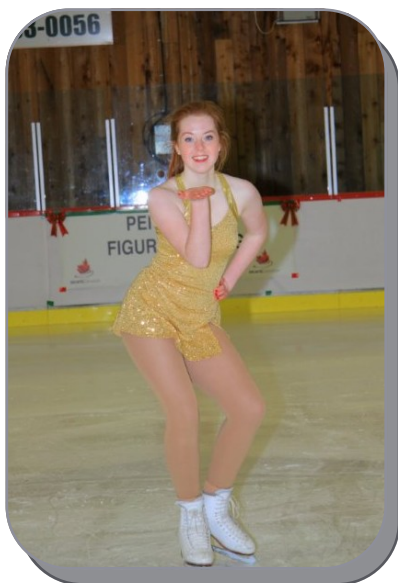
She completed her Gold Dances in February, 2013. She is also working on her Gold Skills, Gold Interpretive and Senior Bronze Freeskate.

Jolene has also completed the Canskate Coaching Course and is working on her Primary Starskate Course.

Jolene would like to thank her coach, Carla Bryan and dance partner, Rob Woodley, for helping her achieve this goal.



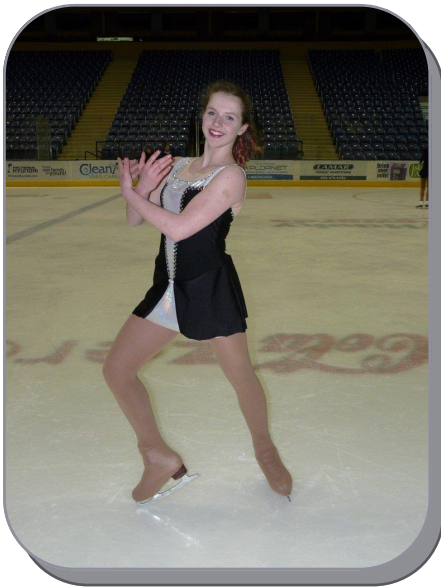
*Picture: Jolene, (right), with coach, Carla Bryan*



### Gillian MacDonald

Gillian began skating at age 2 on a pond in Calgary, and then joined the Grand Prairie Figure Skating Club. She has been skating with the Peninsula Figure Skating Club for the past 4 years, and in that time she completed her Gold Skills in March 2011, Gold Interpretive in December 2011 and her Gold Dance in March 2012. She is currently working on her Junior Silver Freeskate and her Diamond Dances.

## GOLD FEET



### Megan Maundrell

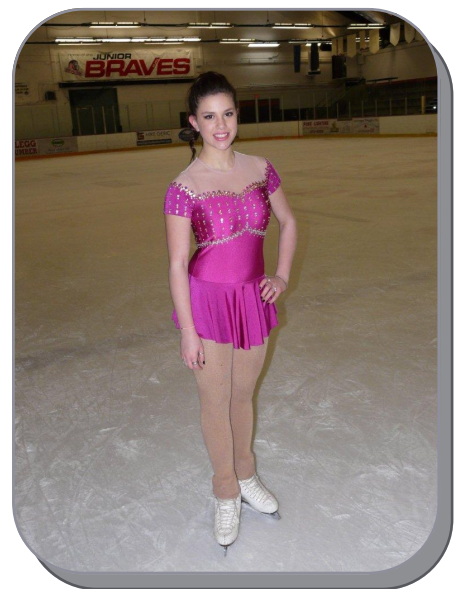
Congratulations to Megan from the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria for achieving your Gold Skills. Megan has been skating for 9 years and is currently in Grade 8. When she's not skating, Megan enjoys dance and Lacrosse. Currently she is in her final grade of The Royal Academy of Dance in Ballet, she has been dancing for 10 years. Megan's favourite parts of skating are; competing and the satisfaction of mastering new jumps. Her future plans are to become a lawyer. As for future skating plans, she would like to teach skating as well as perform in a major ice show such as Disney on Ice

### Takuma Pimlott

Takuma skated with the Peninsula Figure Skating Club for 10 years, beginning when he was 6 years old. In February 2011 he passed his Gold Skills before leaving skating to pursue other interests. He is currently in grade 12 at Spectrum School.

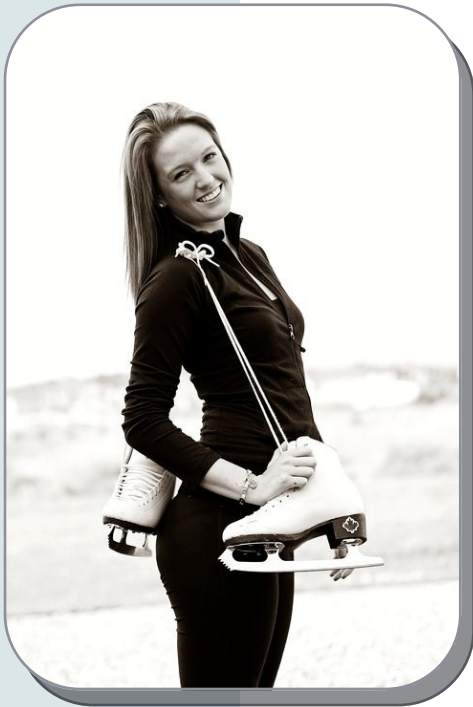
### Madeline Stefani

The Saanich Skating Club of Victoria is proud to acknowledge Madeline for completing her Gold Skills, Interpretive and Elements. Madeline has one dance and one Freeskate left to have all her Gold tests complete. She hopes to have this achieved by this Spring. Madeline is 17 years old and will be graduating this year. She has been skating for 11 years and has taught CanSkate for the last 6 years. After highschool, she hopes to become a teacher. Madeline would also like to try our for Disney on Ice when she turns 18. Congratulations Madeline!





## GOLD FEET



### Lindsay Williams

Lindsay began figure skating at the age of 9. Her grandparents gave her a gift certificate for learn to skate lessons after she went to a birthday party at the local rink in Bellingham, Washington. When she had a few skating skills under her belt she decided to go to tryouts for the local synchronized skating team coached by Tina Mauler. At the Bellingham Winter Show that year she watched the Lower Mainland Synchronized Team and it became her ambition to skate on that team someday. Several years later she did try out for Lower Mainland Synchronized team with her skating friend Martine. Lindsay's mom can remember after their first tryout in Canada that they could hardly keep up with the other skaters but when they got in the car after practice they were laughing and talking about "how much fun the practice had been". They were ready for a whole new challenge.

Their coaches of Ice X-cel were Donna Paul and Leslie Rupp and Donna began coaching Lindsay in both skills and ice dancing to test the Skate Canada track. Lindsay's dream of synchronized skating came true and she skated on Ice X-cel for 3 skating seasons and one year on the Lower Mainland's Open synchronized team, Ice X-treme. And through those years she continued to work her way up the skills track and in 2009 she passed her Gold Skills. Another big milestone passed. Lindsay continued to work on her ice dancing off and on over the next few years. After taking a year off of skating to begin college courses she decided this past fall (with her mom's encouragement) to get back on the ice and finish the gold ice dances, something that her mom knew meant a lot to her. On February 9, 2012 thanks to her wonderful coaches Donna Paul and David Gibson she passed her Westminster Waltz, Viennese Waltz and the Argentine Tango.



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# Athlete's Auction Notice

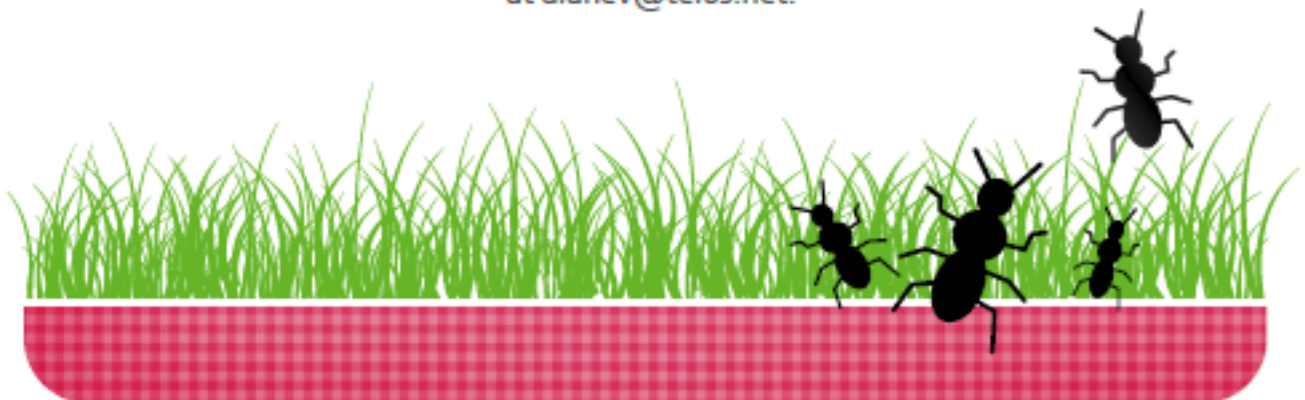
It is time to think of donations to be auctioned off for the benefit of the trust. The Auction will be held in conjunction with the BC/YT Section AGM this Year.

All personal donations of \$100.00 or more will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

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**Thank you very much!**

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