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Thin Ice

REYNOLDS WINS OLYMPIC SILVER MEDAL

Despite all of his skating boot issues and a lack of international competition this year, Kevin Reynolds clinched an Olympic silver medal for Canada in the team event.

Canada had been the favoured team going into the event, but faced an onslaught of talented Russians who took gold. Reynolds got help from Kirsten Moore-Towers and Dylan Moscovitch finishing second in the pair long program, Kaetlyn Osmond snaring fifth in the women’s long, and Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir finishing second in the free dance.

Patrick Chan finished third in the men’s short program, Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford finished second in the pair short, Virtue and Moir



were second in the short dance, , and Osmond didn’t put a foot wrong in finishing fifth in the women’s short program.

The bronze medal went to the United States.

Reynolds missed the entire Grand Prix season and the Olympic Games represented his first international competition of the season.

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Save The Date

BC/YK Annual AGM & Awards Banquet May 2-3, 2014

Delta Hotel and Conference Centre
4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby BC V5G 1V7

JOIN US FOR :

BC/YK Athletes Auction Boat Cruise

Inaugural BC/YK Section Hall of Fame Inductions

Awards Banquet

Saturday Workshops Featuring a New CanSkate Workshop

All Club members, Coaches and Officials are invited to attend.

***Coaches earn 5 CEP points for attending.**



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I want to congratulate our many skaters who had personal bests, earned medals at our National Championships, and have gone on to ISU competitions and World Championships. Special congratulations to Kevin and Liam who went to the 2014 Winter Olympic Games in Sochi Russia! 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.

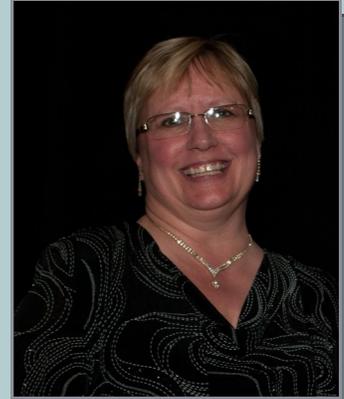
Congratulations goes to the BC Coast Region for winning the Team Challenge Trophy at the Super Series Final in Kelowna, for the second year in a row!! It was an interesting race that went down to the final event of the competition to decide the winner. All of the Regions did a great job!

Our Section Annual General Meeting is at the Burnaby Delta Hotel on Saturday May 3rd. Information will be emailed to the Clubs about this. Please make sure that your Delegate Proxy is signed and sent to your Region Chairman. Bethany Tory the Chief Operating Officer of Skate Canada will be presenting the proposed Rule Amendments of Skate Canada, she will be giving us some highlights of the National Strategic Plan, and she will also sit in on our Question and Answer workshop in the afternoon. We will have a wonderful Awards banquet this year with cohost Debbi Wilkes joining Ted Barton. This will be the first year that we are inducting members in to the BC/YK Section Sports Hall of Fame. 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 Quebec City from May 28-31, 2014. 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/YK Section Chairman Skate Canada



2014 SOCHI OLYMPICS

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What a way to start. “I definitely didn’t get the experience I wanted this year, especially going into an Olympic Games,” he said. “But I got in three good weeks of training and I’m happy with what I did. It’s a great start.”

Reynolds has gone through eight pairs of boots to find the right fit. He calls his current pair “tolerable.”

The Canadian silver medalist found out only a few days prior that he would do the long program in the team event. Plushenko fired off a quadruple toe loop off the start, landed a couple of easy triple Axels, then double a couple of jumps (Salchow and loop) at the end of his program. His 168.20 points was only .28 points better than Reynolds’ effort.

Reynolds showed the old king that others can do quads, too, and in combination. In all, Reynolds landed three quads in his routine, his first one a big, long quad Salchow, then a quad toe – triple toe loop combo, and then eventually a quad toe loop, with perfect calmness and ease. He stumbled out of a triple Axel, but was mobbed by his teammates when he finished with 167.92 points.

In the Men’s event Kevin saw his quad Salchow slip away from him and then his triple Axel (both under-rotated) and placed 17th in the Short Program. He’d hoped for more, after finishing fifth at the world championships last March, but boot problems all season have made preparation difficult.

In the freeskate Kevin was 15th overall with 222.23 points. “Tonight was a little bit of redemption,” Reynolds said. “I managed to stay on my feet.” “It’s so difficult to come back from such a disappointing performance the day before. Practice this morning was one of the hardest practices of my life. I



I knew that my medal chances were gone. I didn’t sleep much last night, but I fought through it and that’s all I could do.”

Representing BC as well was Liam Firus. He finished 28th in the short program after missing his triple Axel and failed to make the cut for the long program. Only the top 24 advance.

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2014 SOCHI OLYMPICS

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The 21-year-old, skating in his first Olympic competition, faced a tough task as the first skater to hit the ice in Sochi. “Not the Olympic moment I was hoping for, (but I) had much fun and gave it my all!!” Firus wrote on his Twitter account following the competition. “Thanks for all of the support!!”

Firus qualified for the Games after finishing third at the national championships in January, a result that came after an intense rehab effort from a groin injury that kept him off the ice for much of 2013. Sochi was only the third senior international competition of his career.





NEW CANSKATE UPDATE CLINIC

Friday May 2, 2014

2:00 – 4:30pm

Burnaby 8 Rinks

Presented By: Marilyn Kreuzinger

Skate Canada CanSkate Resource Team Member

& BC/YK Section Resource Team Members

Coaches and Club Executive Members

\$30.00 for 1 person

\$45.00 for 2 people from the same club

\$60.00 for 3 people from the same club

Learn how to deliver the NEW CanSkate program using the Fast Track and Fun Zone!

This is a wonderful opportunity to *see* and *feel* the NEW program, and put it into action in your club with tips from one of the best resources in the country!

The revised program implements the following LTAD principles:

- 👉 Greater emphasis on speed and flexibility
- 👉 Introduction of edges, turns, and stroking basics
- 👉 Earlier and advanced opportunity for skill progression and repetition

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Remember, the NEW CanSkate Program must be implemented in all Skate Canada clubs by September 2014!

Registration forms available at www.skatinginbc.com . DEADLINE Tuesday April 22, 2014

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Results:



BC Winter Games 2014

February 20th - 23rd 2014 - Mission BC

Gold for Justin, personal best for Emma

Justin Hampole is the 2014 BC Winter Games Pre-Novice Men Champion.

Short Program: 25.61 (personal best)
Free Program: 44.30 (personal best)
Overall: 69.91 (personal best) 1st place

Emma Bajestani competed in Juvenile Women and scored 21.53 points making this her personal best result. This was Emma's last competition in Juvenile Women as she is moving up to Pre-Novice Women for her next competition and has already started working on her new programs.



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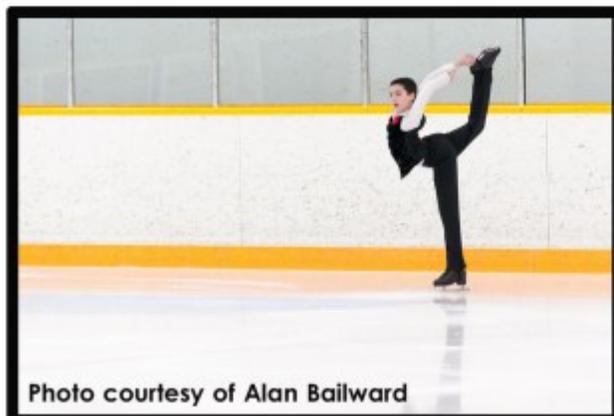


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Rory, Olivia T & Andrea



Jayna & Myah

Elements 1 (group 1)
1st - Alex Callaway
Elements 1 (group 2)
1st - Ally Norum
2nd - Jessie Drover
3rd - Jessie Harder
Elements 1 (group 3)
2nd - Sydney Hoar
Elements 1 (group 5)
3rd - Erin Brown

Northern BC Centre for Skating 2014 CNC Regional Championship Results

Williams Lake - January 25th - 26th 2014

Pre-Juvenile U14

1st - Olivia Trampuh (24.93*)
4th - Shelby Scott (19.09*)
5th - Olivia Wankling (17.97)
6th - Mary Chidiac (15.84)

STAR 5 - U13

1st - Myah Milner (18.67*)
2nd - Jayna Mason (16.08*)

Junior Artistic Award

1st - Jayna Mason

STAR 5 - U10

2nd - Audyn Mettauer (14.97*)
3rd - Ally Norum (14.79*)

STAR 4 (group 1)

1st - Kailey Logan
2nd - Jessie Drover

STAR 4 (group 3)

4th - Erin Brown

Elements 2 (group 1)

1st - Olivia Wankling
2nd - Myah Milner
5th - Jayna Mason
6th - Audyn Mettauer

Elements 2 (group 2)

2nd - Shelby Scott
3rd - Olivia Trampuh

Elements 2 (group 3)

5th - Mary Chidiac

Pre-Novice Women U16

3rd - Mackenzie Manuel (45.95*)

Short 13.77 / Free 32.18

4th - Emma Bajestani (43.76*)

Short 12.95 / Free 30.81

Pre-Novice Men U16

1st - Justin Hampole (63.46*)

Short 21.19 / Free 42.27*

Gold Free Skate

4th - Ceilidh Ross (28.46)

Elements 5 (group 1)

1st - Justin Hampole

Elements 5 (group 2)

1st - Ceilidh Ross

STAR 3 (group 1)

Silver - Jessie Harder

Silver - Sydney Hoar

Bronze - Alex Callaway

STAR 3 (group 2)

Bronze - Reese Johnson

STAR 3 (group 3)

Silver - Hannah Jones

STAR 2

Bronze - Camilla Kiland

Bronze Interpretive

8th - Mary Chidiac (21.76)

Introductory Interpretive

5th - Audyn Mettauer (22.14)

8th - Olivia Wankling (20.90)

*PERSONAL BEST



Jayna, Myah, Audyn, Ally & Justin



Jessie D, Ally & Jessie H



Jessie D & Kailey



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COMOX VALLEY SC

The Comox Valley Skating Club, and its upcoming Ice Show, Under the Big Top, was recently profiled by In Focus Magazine, a general interest publication which is distributed throughout the Comox Valley. The article is based on interviews with CVSC's coaches, Dawn and Greg Ladret, who share their own histories as figure skaters and coaches, and talk about why they, and many others, love skating.

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Here is an excerpt:

“Skating is an integral part of Canadian sport culture (and arguably of the Canadian psyche as well)...Only in Canada can you find books on hockey written by both a hip music star (Dave Bidini of the Rheostatics) *and* by our otherwise-stodgy Prime Minister (Stephen Harper of the Conservatives).

“Canadian skating sports have offered many peak moments, from Patrick Chan winning three World Figure Skating Championships in a row to the Montreal Canadiens winning the Stanley Cup in 1993. But the grass-roots of Canadian skating culture are found in community rinks such as the Comox Valley Sports Centre and in volunteer groups such as the Comox Valley Skating Club.

“The Club is run by a eight-person board of directors, some of whom put in up to 10 – 15 hours a week to support the programs. This year they’ve taken on an extra challenge: the Club is producing a full-scale skating show called Under The Big Top, scheduled for April 5, which will showcase its students, a number of alumni that have gone on to skate nationally and internationally, and a variety of Comox Valley performers and artists...

“Skating promotes strength, coordination, and balance, say Dawn and Greg. These athletic skills are transferable to many other disciplines. But there's more to skating than that.

““I’ll tell you what I love best about skating: it’s the closest I’ll ever come to flying!” says Dawn. “I know of nothing else that provides such a combination of elements: creative movement, athleticism, musicality, performance...and there’s always more to accomplish.”

“It gives you freedom of movement,” says Greg. “I’ve done lots of dancing which I really enjoy but it’s nothing like how you can move on ice.”



Photo by Boomer Jerritt

Skating is not easy to learn – and that is part of its allure, they say.

“You have to work hard at it, but when you get something – when you actually get it – it’s a great feeling,” says Dawn. “Along the way, you learn self-discipline. If you fall, you have to get up again and keep trying. That’s a great life lesson.”

Read the full article on-line at www.infocusmagazine.ca/.

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CONNAUGHT SC

Six Connaught skaters attended December's Skate Canada Challenge in Regina, SK. Two finished their competitive seasons, with Elvie Carroll placing 26th in Pre Novice Women, and Daniel Chen placing 25th in Senior Men . The other 4 Connaught skaters all qualified to compete at Nationals in Mississauga: Kurtis Schreiber (Novice Men - 10th), Shawn Cuevas (Junior Men-15th), Larkyn Austman (Senior Women-8th), and Mitchell Gordon (Senior Men -6th). 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.

Larkyn, Shawn and Mitchell ended 2013 by performing once again in Karen Magnussen's Skating Show on Grouse Mountain's outdoor skating pond. Luckily this year was less of a blizzard than last, with just light snow falling to set the festive mood.



Performers with Karen Magnussen at Grouse Mountain

It has been a busy start to 2014 for the Connaught Figure Skating Club with our athletes participating in Nationals, BC Coast Regionals /Winterskate, BC Winter Games and our Club Competition.

In early January, our 4 Nationals competitors represented the club and the province very well in Ottawa: Kurtis Schreiber (Novice Men - 14th), Shawn Cuevas (Junior Men-16th), Mitchell Gordon (Senior Men - 11th) and Larkyn Austman (Senior Women - 10th). Mitchell was named alternate to the Canadian Four Continents and Junior Worlds Teams, and Larkyn was also named alternate to the Canadian Junior Worlds Team. Once again, the exceptional Support Team from the Section, including Team Room host Diane Neilson, was greatly appreciated by the Connaught skaters, coaches & parents.

At the beginning of February, forty five of our skaters competed at the BC Coast Regionals / Winterskate event with first place finishes for 3 skaters in their divisions: Chantelle Wang (Star4 Girls Gp 2), Vincent Liang (Star 5 Boys), Emily Ni (Juv Women U11). Roanna Lu(Star4 Girls Gp 4), Daniel Han (PreJuv Men), Jessica Mchugh (PreNov Women), and Danielle Gordon (Nov Women) all earned Bronze medals with their performances. We are very proud of all

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of our athletes that participated in this event .

At the end of February we sent the largest Connaught Team ever to the BC Winter Games in Mission, BC. Our 14 skaters performed well, led by a first place finish by Beres Clements in Juvenile Men. Two of our club coaches survived sleeping on a school classroom floor and did excellent jobs as team coaches and chaperones: Leah Warwick and Matt MacMurdo.



Connaught's BCWG Team

After all their hard work, it was time for the club members to have some fun at our Club Competition - highly enthusiastic team spirit was shown, with lots of lost voices and deafened spectators and judges. Thanks to all coaches, participants and volunteers who made this event possible.



Club Competition

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.

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DUNCAN SC

Duncan Skating Club has had another successful season with 150 members.. Our skaters have competed in 2 competitions so far Interclub and Regions. We had 23 skaters enter 25 events at the V.I. Regional's in February. VISI is being held next month.

Our Synchro Team "Duncanettes" competed at the Juvenile level at the BC/YK Open Synchronized Championships in January. We have had two special skates Halloween and our Christmas Exhibition and Family Skate.

March 1 we held our ice Show "Alice's Wonderland" which was a huge success with two shows. We have two skaters who were selected to attend the BC/YK Development camp in Kelowna.

We will be holding our Spring Skating in April and then Summer Skating in August. Our coaches are Lorraine Francisty, Cleve Shillingford and Marcie Walker.

*Duncanettes
Juvenile
Synchro Team*



*Alice in
Wonderland ice
show held march 1*

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HOPE & DISTRICT SC

The Hope & District Skating Club had another great year. Our Pre-CanSkate and CanSkaters made significant progress. A number of last year's CanSkaters did very well in Junior Academy this year, and our Power Skating program is a big hit. Our Junior skaters enjoyed a successful year as well. They put on a local Holiday Show in December and did a fabulous job; the club collected donations for our local food bank at this event.



our website went online at hdkatingclub.com this year. It includes club related information and activities, as well as registration details and an opt-in newsletter to keep everyone updated throughout the year. We also have a Facebook Page, which is updated regularly and can be found at www.facebook.com/hdkatingclub.

Thanks to our generous community and through our collective fundraising efforts, we raised enough money to purchase club jackets for our skaters, which sport our new club logo. This has created more camaraderie and makes us easy to identify when we are out in the community and while fundraising.

Our skaters enjoyed great results in competitions this year and looked sharp in their new club jackets. Sarah Isbister competed in the Star 2 Category in the 2013 STARSkate Jingle Blades Competition and received a Bronze evaluation. Taylor Green, Brianna Pennell, and Caitlin Brown competed in February's STARSkate Winter Skate Competition in Chilliwack. Taylor received a Silver evaluation in the Star 2 Category, while Caitlin and Brianna both received Gold evaluations in the Star 1 Category.

Our skaters worked hard on their routines in preparation for our 2014 Skating Carnival - 'The Octopus's Garden'. The Hope Arena came to life on Saturday, March 1 during 2 performances in which our skaters, and a few guest skaters, took audiences on a glorious adventure above and beneath the sea. Fabulous performances, colourful costumes, and great music for all ages made for 2 terrific shows, both of which



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were very well attended. This is always a great event that we, our skaters and community look forward to. Our executive team worked tirelessly to plan and pull it all together... our costume makers and many volunteers were a big help as well; we couldn't have done it without them!

Testing week and report cards are complete and we wrapped up the 2013/2014 season on March 8 with a fun skating club party at Sunshine Lanes bowling alley in Hope to celebrate the year.



Big thanks go out to our skaters and their families, the volunteers, our Coach Michelle Inancsi, the executive team (also volunteers), and everyone else who made this such a fabulous year!

<http://hdkatingclub.com>



KILARNEY CENTRE SC

Killarney Centre Figure Skating Club Celebrating 50 years of service Music Through the Ages

Since 1964, KCFSC has provide the Killarney and surrounding neighborhoods of Vancouver with Canskate/Learn To Skate and Starskate/Competitive lessons.

Come help us celebrate 50 Years!

50th Anniversary Show – Music through the Ages
Saturday March 15th 2014, 2:45 – 3:45 PM
Killarney Community Centre Ice Rink

6260 Killarney Street
Vancouver, BC

\$5 Admission, children Free. Includes a 50/50 raffle ticket

Are you a former KCFSC member? Do you have some old photos we could use in our slide show? Please email yeesinlaw@shaw.ca if you would like to include these photos in our slide show at the exhibition.



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Pacific Ice
Synchronized Skating Club

OPEN HOUSE

April 3rd 2014, 8:15pm-9:45pm
Canlan Ice Sports Burnaby 8-Rinks

Open/Adult 1 & Adult 2 level skaters
Ages 12+
Free Admission



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SAANICH SC

Saanich Skating Club of Victoria had yet another wonderful time at their annual Holiday Skate at the Butchart Gardens in Victoria. From Canskate to our Senior level skaters, everyone had the chance to skate on a beautiful outdoor rink. This yearly event gives our skaters the opportunity to show just how much they have learned and improved just a few months into our winter skating season.

SSCV held a test day in January. We would like to congratulate the following skaters; Lauren Wagner, Emily Barlow, Kaitlyn Gantt-Mann, Jenny Hwang, Jessica Strandlund, Kelly Hwang, Sequoia Korner, Megan Maundrell, Jamie Daniel, Julianna Tomaselli, Isabella Conforti who all passed their tests! Well done.

This year several of our skaters have been invited to the Kelowna Camp which is being held April 18-20. Our skaters Olivia McKillop, Jamie Daniel, Olivia Williams and Cypress LeBlanc have all accepted their invitations and are looking forward to attending. We are sure there will be lots of learning but even more fun! Have fun girls!

As our winter skating season comes to an end, SSCV celebrates with our year end recital. This recital gives all of our skaters the chance to showcase just how great they are. Every skating level will be performing separate group numbers with fun choreography and matching costumes. Some of our skaters will also get opportunity to skate their solos. The best part of our recital this year is that admission will be by donation with ALL donations going to KidSport, an organization which helps with financial barriers. KidSport believes that no kid should be left behind, and that all kids should have the opportunity to be involved in sports. With all of our skaters working extra hard this week perfecting their routines, family and friends are sure to be in for a great show. Many thanks to the coaches for all the extra time they have put in to make this recital a success.

SOOKE SC

While still continuing to re-build from a club that a number of years ago only offered the Canskate program Sooke Skating Club is happy to say we now have Canskate, Junior and Intermediate sessions.

In November 2013 the club held a very successful skate-a-thon with a percentage of the proceeds going to Kidsport. The skaters worked very hard and were thrilled to be joined on the ice by Marty the Marmot [Victoria Royals mascot] and the CFAx Anonymous Bear. Kidsport also had an information booth and were very happy to hear that the club was “giving back”

Pictured on right are some of the skaters who won door prizes or prizes for the most pledges [each session had a separate prize]



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In January a team of skaters from Juan de Fuca and Sooke who skate out of the Juan de Fuca club travelled to Surrey to compete in the BC/YT Synchronized Skating Championships. Although the team only had the minimum requirement of skaters they skated really well and earned a bronze medal. They also won the Millennium Cup which is awarded to the team who most exemplifies the spirit of synchronized skating as voted on by officials, volunteers and other teams. A very happy Team Fuzion pictured on right.



Next on the agenda is the end of season showcase where all skaters participate and is an event the Sooke community looks forward to each year.

Our thanks to our wonderful coaches, all our volunteers and the community of Sooke for enabling us to maintain a skating club in Sooke.

SUMMERLAND SC

Hanging Up Her Skates

South Okanagan skating community celebrates coaching legend.

“GET BUSY!” Two very simple but powerful words which, when used by long-time coach, Dale Wood, would send skaters spinning and jumping in all directions, feigning as though they had been focused and working hard the whole time (and not that they had been caught talking to their friends at the boards). Even if these words were not directed at you, you got moving. It’s been many years since I had the privilege of being coached by Mrs. Wood - as she is respectfully known to her skaters - and still to this day she is the voice in my head that encourages me to strive to achieve my goals, “get busy” when I’m procrastinating, and keep trying until I get it right.



On an unseasonably warm day last October a group of former students, their parents, members of the figure skating community and Mrs. Wood’s family gathered in Summerland, B.C. to celebrate the 49-year career of Mrs. Wood. The group assembled to surprise her with a retirement party and celebrate her many years of dedication to the figure skaters of the South Okanagan.

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Mrs. Wood grew up figure skating in the South Okanagan, where as a teenager she was voted Penticton High School's Homecoming Queen, as well as earning the title Queen Val Vedette 18th for City of Penticton (today's Miss Penticton Pageant). Mrs. Wood's coaching career began in 1964. Her early coaching days were spent travelling by Greyhound between several small towns in southern Alberta, carrying her equipment from each bus depot to the rink and back again, in spite of the harsh prairie winters. In 1967, the year she married her husband Don Wood, Mrs. Wood helped establish

Edmonton's Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club. In 1970, the Woods moved to Nelson, B.C. where Mrs. Wood taught at the Nelson Figure Skating Club before returning to her hometown of Penticton in 1972. Over the next four decades, Mrs. Wood coached throughout the South Okanagan including at the Oliver, Glengarry and Summerland Figure Skating Clubs until her retirement in the spring of 2013. Each summer throughout her entire career, Mrs. Wood coached summer skating, and only once had to cut the season short due to the birth of their son Bradley. For her excellence in coaching and service to her community, Mrs. Wood has been honoured with awards from both Skate Canada and the City of Penticton.

As a coach, Mrs. Wood was unfailingly dedicated. Among the many skills and techniques learned on the ice, Mrs. Wood imparted many more 'life lessons' that transcend figure skating. Through her own example and expectations Mrs. Wood taught us the value of hard work and perseverance, how to be poised under pressure, and the importance of being punctual and reliable. She was tough but always fair, and set expectations of her students that they were determined to meet and exceed. Competitively, Mrs. Wood's students consistently performed in the top third of the competitions they entered and could often be distinguished from other skaters by their polished and manicured behaviour, attire and decorum.

According to her proud husband, Don, Mrs. Wood's most gratifying accomplishments have been watching her students achieve their goals whether in figure skating, their careers or other life pursuits. Despite having hung up her skates in the professional sense, Mrs. Wood continues to mentor former students and colleagues, and it is unlikely her coaching will ever end as she is always trying to encourage and help people in any way that she can. Her storage areas, filled with old LPs, eight-tracks, cassette tapes and CDs, and Carnival and Pop Concert paraphernalia, are the material reminders of a rich and creative career.

Mrs. Wood's legacy was clearly felt when we gathered in October to celebrate the woman who was responsible for shaping so many of our lives.

Mrs. Wood, on behalf of my family and your skaters, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks for everything you have done over your many years of tireless care and dedication to us and the sport we all love. We love you and we wish you all the best in your retirement. It's now time to "get less busy".

~By Lauren Currie



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WHITE ROCK SOUTH SURREY SC



WRSS Club Competition Judges

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION NEWS

The Vancouver Island Region is super excited to be rolling out a new Logo! At long last, after many deliberations and votes our new vision will be unveiled at VISI in April. We look forward to debuting the fabulous identity and image to all of you when you join us in Parksville!

Our little Region has been doing big things with 9 out of 14 skaters placing in the top five of their events at the STARSkate Final, Ice Vizion Synchro placing 3rd in the West Coast Challenge, Team Fuzion and the Duncanettes placing 3rd and 4th respectively at the BC/YK Open Synchro and Adult Competition.

We are busy training new officials as both Judges and Data Specialists. Our team is growing bigger and our enthusiasm brighter as the future looks great behind the scenes.

We'd like to thank the many volunteers that make each day better for our athletes. We know that your dedication and commitment comes with ups and downs but we hope the smiles on the little faces make it all worth while.



JUL 2ND – AUG 13TH
THE GLENGARRY SKATING CLUB
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SCHOOL IN PENTICTON, BC

Skate during the morning, and take your afternoons to enjoy the best the Okanagan Valley has to offer ... beaches, boating, hiking, wineries and more!

Packages are sold by the session, so it's easy to pick one week at a time, or choose to come when it's fits your schedule.



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Off-Ice Training

Out of town coaches
are welcome

Schedule &
registration
available online as
of May 1st

GLENGARRY SKATING
CLUB

McLaren Park Arena
King Street
Penticton, BC

www.glengarryfsc.com
250-486-0244



Congratulations to our 2014 National Competitors

Novice Men

Alexander Lawrence—4th

Kelly Basisty—13th

Kurtis Schrieber—14th

Novice Dance

Jazlyn Tabachniuk & Nikolas

Wamstecker—6th

Novice Ladies

Sarah Tamura—1st

Megan Yim—3rd

Olivia Marleau—17th





Congratulations to our 2014 National Competitors

Junior Ladies

Julianne Delaurier—2nd
 Jayda Jurome—4th
 Belvina Mao—10th
 Kelsey Wong—12th

Senior Men

Kevin Reynolds—2nd
 Liam Firus—3rd
 Jeremy Ten—6th
 Mitchell Gordon—11th

Senior Dance

Nicole Orford & Thomas Williams 5th
 Madeline Edwards & Zhao Kai
 Pang—7th

Junior Men

Eric Liu—3rd
 Shawn Cuevas—16th

Junior Dance

Brianna Delmaestro &
 Timothy Lum—3rd
 Danielle Wu & Spencer Soo—4th
 Alexa Linden & Eric Streichbier—
 14th

Senior Women

Larkyn Austman—10th



**SKATE CANADA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA AT
CANADIANS IN OTTAWA**



*Dawn Williams &
Danielle Williams*



*Lorna Bauer & Christy
Krall*



*Kevin Reynolds & Liam
Firus*



Wendy Martin-Stroyan



*(L-R) Jean Senft, Dawn Williams, Laura Carr,
Sally Rehorick Janice Hunter, Beth Crane,
Susan Heffernan*

2013 NATIONAL
MEDALISTS

Kevin Reynolds
2nd—Senior Men

**Nicole Orford &
Thomas Williams**
3rd—Senior Dance

Larkyn Austman
1st— Junior Ladies

**Madeline Edwards &
Zhao Kai Pang**
1st— Junior Dance

**Caelen Dalmer &
Shane Firus**
3rd— Junior Dance

**Danielle Wu &
Spencer Soo**
1st— Novice Dance

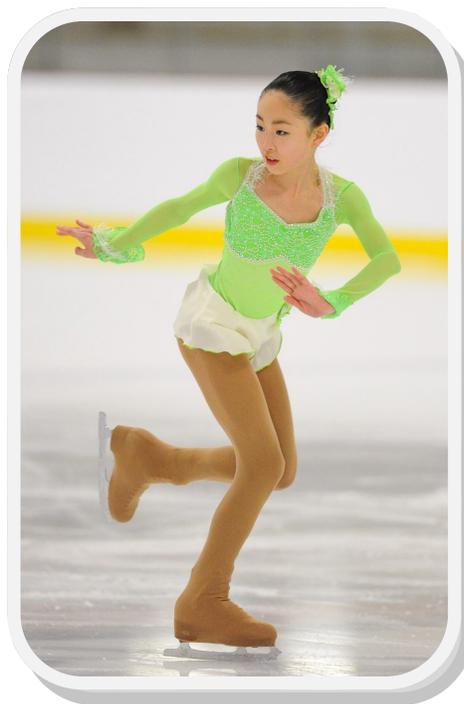
**Brianna Delmaestro &
Timothy Lum**
2nd— Novice Dance

**Alexa Linden & Tyler
Miller**
3rd—Novice Dance

Julianne Delaurier
2nd—Novice Ladies

Eric Liu
2nd—Novice Men

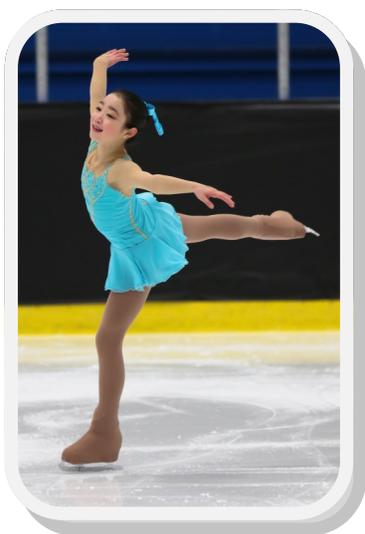
MEET OUR 2014 NATIONAL CHAMPION



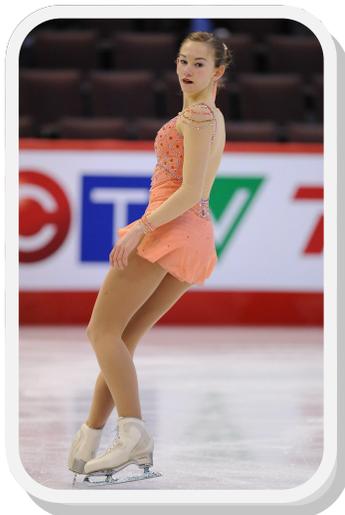
Sarah Tamura
Novice Ladies Champion



MEET OUR 2014 NATIONAL MEDALISTS



Megan Yim
Novice Ladies Bronze
Medalist



Julianne Delaurier
Junior Ladies Silver
Medalist



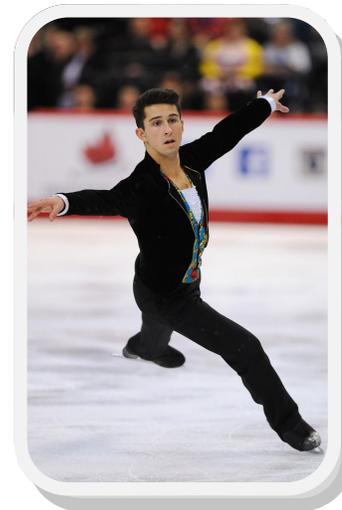
Eric Liu
Junior Men's Bronze
Medalist



**Brianna Delmaestro &
Timothy Lum**
Junior Dance Bronze
Medalists



Kevin Reynolds
Senior Men's Silver
Medalist



Liam Firus
Senior Men's Bronze
Medalist

4 CONTINENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

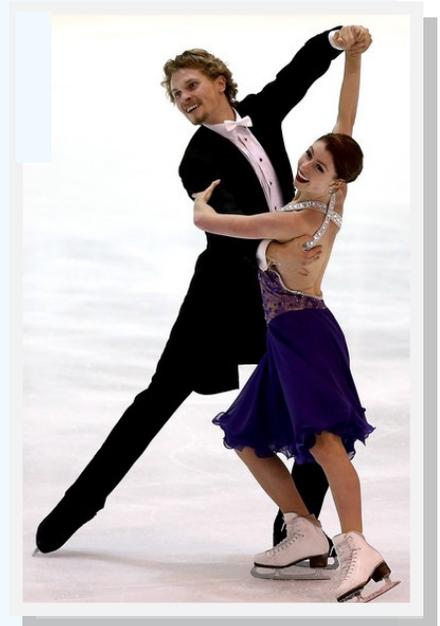
Canada sent 11 entries, for a total of 16 athletes, to the 2014 ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships in Taipei City, Chinese Taipei. The event took place from January 20-26, 2014, at the Taipei Arena. The Canadian team had three entries in men's, ladies, and ice dance, and two entries in pair. These entries included 2 entries which represent the BC/YK Section.

Jeremy Ten, 24, Vancouver, B.C., represented Canada in men's. Representing the North Shore Winter Club, Ten has previously competed at this event in 2012, placing 14th, and 2009, placing seventh. This season, he placed third at the 2013 Nebelhorn Trophy, and sixth at the 2014 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships. He is coached by Joanne McLeod and Neil Wilson at the BC Centre of Excellence.

Nicole Orford, 21, Burnaby, B.C., and Thomas Williams, 22, Okotoks, Alta., were the second Canadian entry in ice dance. Representing Inlet SC and Calalta Community FSC, they are the 2013 Canadian bronze medallists. This season, they won bronze at the 2013 U.S. International Figure Skating Classic, and placed fifth at the 2014 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships. They are coached by Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe at the B.C. Centre of Excellence.



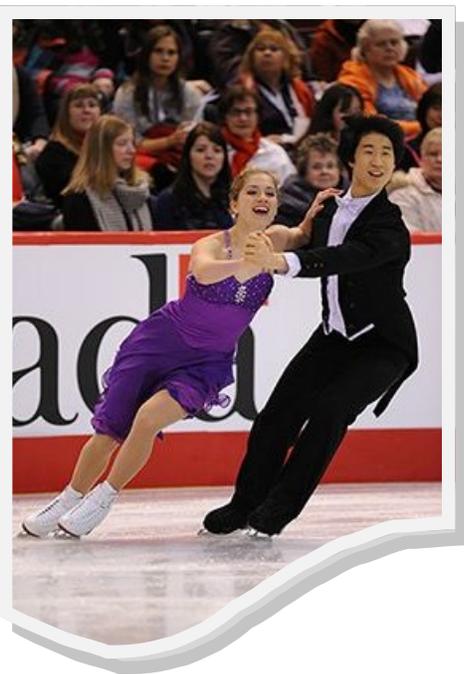
Jeremy Ten
9th Place



Nicole Orford & Thomas Williams
5th Place

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2014 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



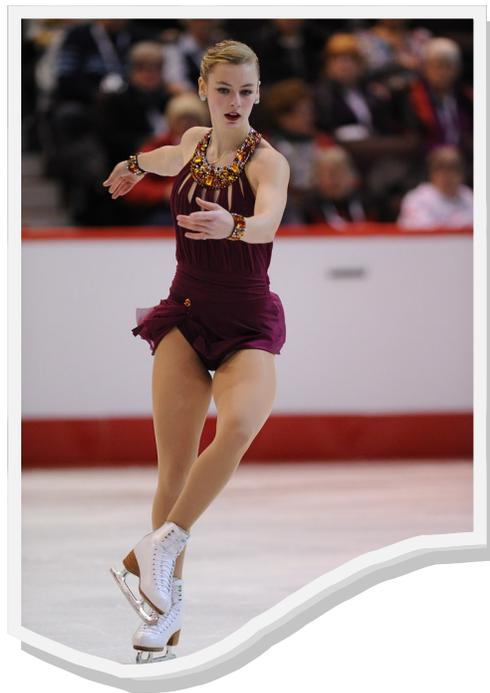
*Madeline Edwards & Zhao Kai Pang
Bronze Medalists*

Madeline Edwards, 17, Port Moody, B.C. and Zhao Kai Pang, 19, Burnaby, B.C., were one of two teams who represented Canada in ice dance. Edwards and Pang, fifth after the short program, earned the third best free dance score to climb into the medals with 139.65. Edwards and Pang were 12th last year at junior worlds. "We could not be more excited with our placement," said Edwards. "Last year I remember watching the podium at junior worlds and just thinking that we want our flag to be up there and how cool would that be to be on the podium. And to see that come true was just amazing."

This season, Edwards and Kai Pang won silver at the ISU Junior Grand Prix in Mexico, and bronze at the ISU Junior Grand Prix in the Czech Republic. The 2013 Canadian junior champions also placed seventh at the 2014 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in the senior category.

They are coached by Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe at the BC Centre of Excellence.

Larkyn Austman, 15, Coquitlam, B.C., will also represent Canada in the ladies division. Austman finished eighth at her first international assignment on the ISU Junior Grand Prix circuit in Estonia earlier this season. The 2013 Canadian junior champion also earned a 10th place finish at the 2014 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, competing in the senior category. She is coached by Heather Austman and Eileen Murphy at the Connaught Skating Club in B.C.



*Larkyn Austman
18th Place*

Save The Date

BC/YK Super Series

Victoria Day

May 16-18, 2014

Burnaby 8 Rinks



BC/YK Super Series

SummerSkate

August 14-17, 2014

Burnaby 8 Rinks

Both Events Will Be Live Streamed

2013-2014 SUPER SERIES STARSKATE CHAMPIONS

The final competition in the BC/YK STARSkate SUPER SERIES was the STARSkate Championships held in Kelowna, March 7-9, 2014. The top three scores for skaters from the series of competitions determined the final result. Trophies were awarded to the top three skaters and the winners were presented with the Super Series Champion trophy.

Pre-Juvenile Ladies U11

1. **Daria Carr**—Kelowna FSC
2. **Bianca Rodriguez**—BC Centre of Excellence
3. **Maya Rose**—Kelowna FSC

Pre-Juvenile Ladies U14

1. **Lucy Hua**—Coquitlam SC
2. **Kaiya MacLeod**—Kelowna FSC
3. **Avia Hozjan**—Fernie SC

Pre-Juvenile Men

1. **Christopher Fan**—BC Centre of Excellence
2. **Carter Hiob**—Kelowna SC
3. **Alec Roueche**—Coquitlam SC

STAR 5 U10

1. **Logan Rose Johnson**—Coquitlam SC
2. **Faith Benko**—BC Centre of Excellence
3. **Marleau Sokoloski**—Coquitlam SC

STAR 5 U13

1. **Nicole Leith**—Hollyburn Country Club
2. **Amy Leith**—Hollyburn Country Club
3. **Julie Rastad**—Hollyburn Country Club

STAR O13

1. **Kennedy Kittleson**—Oak Bay FSC
2. **Alanna Walters**—Williams Lake FSC
3. **Madelyn Nimmo**—Vancouver SC

STAR 5 Boys

1. **Vincent Liang**—Sunset SC
2. **Gurshan Riarh**—Oak Bay FSC
3. **Brendan Giang**—BC Centre of Excellence

Senior Bronze Ladies

1. **Vasi Atkinson**—Killarney Ctr FSC
2. **Hunter Bezak**—Fernie FSC
3. **Mackenzie Poland**—Oak Bay FSC

Junior Silver Ladies

1. **Maria Maskall**—WRSSSC
2. **Shannon White**—Mount Arrowsmith SC
3. **Jessica Timmins**—Oak Bay FSC

Senior Silver Ladies

1. **Emmerson van der Linden**—Juan DeFuca FSC
2. **Marielle Timmins**—Oak Bay FSC
3. **Jaclyn Regier**—Abbotsford SC

Gold Ladies

1. **Selena Van Aert**—Quesnel FSC
2. **Nicole Jukic**—BC Centre of Excellence
3. **Ashley Yu**—Inlet SC of Port Moody

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TEAM TROPHY RESULTS

1ST PLACE

BC Coast Region

127.07 Points

2ND PLACE

Vancouver Island Region

113.20 Points

3RD PLACE

Okanagan Region

103.21 Points

4TH PLACE

Caribou North Central
Region

81.37 Points

5TH PLACE

Kootenay Region

59.17 Points

REGION TEAM TROPHY COMPETITORS

BC Coast Region Team

Nicole Leith	Christopher Fan	Bianca Rodriguez
Marissa Yi-Shen Wu	Vasi Atkionson	Vasilisa Matantseva
Kayla Sullivan	Lucy Hua	Logan Rose
Marleau Sololoski		

Cariboo North Central Region Challenge Team

Selena Van Aert	Keana Casault	Cassandra Greenwood
Olivia Trampuh	Georgia Dawkin	Carmen Huang
Jade Johnson	Amanda Lane	Amanda Willsie
Alanna Walters		

Kootenay Region Challenge Team

Hunter Bezak	Raelyn Morgan	Chloe Pitre
Emma Nieuwesteeg	Aysia Morgan	Ava Hozjan
Emma Morgan	Geneve Miller	

Okanagan Region Challenge Team

Lorreine Stanley	Daria Carr	Ashley Sales
Kaiya MacLeod	Hanna Love	Natasha Baranyi
Avery Martin	Julia Crowther	Tianna Potts
Nadia Snyman		

Vancouver Island Region Challenge Team

Gurshan Riarh	Kennedy Kittleson	Mackenzie Poland
Emerson Van der Linden	Jessica Timmins	Shannon White
Jane Schaffhausen	Marielle Timmins	Lydia Robertson
Emma Cullen		

2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Skate Canada sent eleven entries for a total of 17 skaters to the 2014 ISU World Figure Skating Championships in Saitama, Japan, from March 24-30. Canada had three entries each in men's, pair, and ice dance, and two entries in ladies.

Three-time Canadian silver medallist Kevin Reynolds, 23, Coquitlam, B.C., was the first of three entries in the men's discipline.

After the short program Kevin was in 15th place. "I was feeling good going into the opening combination," said Reynolds. "It was a little bit shaky and I just over-rotated it. I fought through the performance and I was fairly pleased. I'm going to do the best I can in the free and hopefully fight my way back up to the top ten."

Reynolds was much better in the free skate. He climbed from 15th to 11th. "I was able to stay on my feet throughout the jumps, and that really helped because there weren't so many major disruptions in the program," said Reynolds, who ranked 10th for the free skate. "The whole season was a giant learning experience, and I can take from that knowing I can still skate my best even though I'm not feeling even close to where I'd like to be."

The 2013 ISU Four Continents champion also just came off a 15th place finish at the Olympic Winter Games in men's and a silver medal in the inaugural team competition. Last season, he placed a career-best fifth at the 2013 ISU World Figure Skating Championships. He is coached by Joanne McLeod at the BC Centre of Excellence.



June NCCP Courses

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June 21 & 22, 2014

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Whistler, BC

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TECHNICAL UPDATES



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2014-2015 Program Requirements for Super Series Vancouver Island and Victoria Day

As several of the changes taking effect July 1, 2014 affect choreography, and many coaches are already designing new programs for skaters based on these new rules, the following procedures will be in effect for Super Series Vancouver Island and Super Series Victoria Day:

Singles:

Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Women and Men

- May skate programs according to 2013/2014 requirements or 2014/2015 requirements.
- All spins will continue to be called either Base or No Level.

Pre-Novice and Novice Women

- May skate programs according to 2013/2014 requirements or 2014/2015 requirements.
- In the free program, all spiral sequences and choreographic sequences will be identified as spiral sequences and receive a level of Base or No Level.

Pre-Novice and Novice Men

- May skate programs according to 2013/2014 requirements or 2014/2015 requirements.
- In the free program, all step sequences and choreographic sequences will be identified as step sequences and receive a level of Base or No Level.
- 2014/2015 Short Program requirements for Pre-Novice Men apply as per BC/YK Policy.

Junior and Senior Singles

- No deductions will be applied for music that contains vocals.
- 2014/2015 Short Program requirements for Junior Women and Men apply as per BC/YK Policy

Pairs:

Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Pairs

- May skate programs according to 2013/2014 requirements or 2014/2015 requirements.

Pre-Novice and Novice Pairs

- May skate programs according to 2013/2014 requirements or 2014/2015 requirements.
- In the free program, all step sequences and choreographic sequences will be identified as step sequences and receive a level of Base or No Level.
- 2014/2015 Short Program requirements for Pre-Novice Pairs and Novice Pairs apply as per BC/YK Policy.

Junior and Senior Pairs

- No deductions will be applied for music that contains vocals.
- 2014/2015 Short Program requirements for Junior Pairs apply as per BC/YK Policy

BC/YK SECTION SKATERS BRING HOME 3 MEDALS FROM GARDENA SPRING TROPHY

BC/YK Section Skaters are bringing home 3 medals after a strong showing at the Gardena Spring Trophy in Val Gardena, Italy.

Novice Girls Sarah Tamara of Vancouver and Megan Yim also of Vancouver won the Gold and Bronze Medals respectively in the 18 competitor field. Tamara 1st after the short program had a strong free making only one error to hold on to the Gold Medal. Yim was 2nd after the short and skated a great free program to end up 3rd overall.

Eric Liu of Burnaby won the Gold Medal in the Novice Boys Event. Liu skated two strong program and had a total score of 125.71 almost 7 points more than Silver Medal winner Ko-shiro Shimada of Japan.

Kelsey Wong of Burnaby fought hard in the Junior Women event and placed 16th in her second international competition.

Full results at: <http://application.fisg.it/results/3229/index.html>



SKATE CANADA BC/YK SECTION TO INDUCT 6 INDIVIDUALS TO INAUGURAL CLASS OF HALL OF FAME

Burnaby, B.C. (March 15, 2014) – Skate Canada BC/YK Section has selected six individuals for induction to its inaugural class. The induction ceremony will take place at the Skate Canada BC/YK Section Annual Awards Banquet held at the Delta Burnaby Hotel on Saturday May 3, 2014.

“ It is an honour to induct six remarkable people who through a lifetime of work have established a strong, healthy and successful figure skating community in British Columbia,” said Ted Barton, Skate Canada BC/YK Section Executive Director. “With this induction they are never to be forgotten in their contributions to the landscape of figure skating in BC”.

Induction recognizes excellence in figure skating, contribution to figure skating and the impact on figure skating in British Columbia, in the categories of athlete, builder, coach and official. After extensive review, discussion and debate, the BC/YK Section Hall of Fame Committee submitted their recommendations to the BC/YK Section Executive who approved the 2014 slate of inductees.

In the Athlete Category,

Karen Magnussen
Shirra Kenworthy

In the Builder Category,

Billie Mitchell

In the Coach Category,

Linda Brauckmann
Ron Vincent

In the Official Category,

Audrey Williams

To purchase tickets to the Skate Canada BC/YK Section Annual Awards Banquet and Hall of Fame Induction please contact the BC/YK Section office at 604-205-6960 or visit www.skatinginbc.com



GOLD FEET

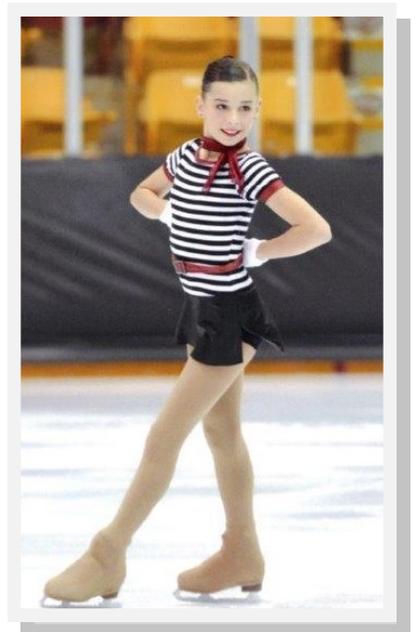


Alexandra Canning

Alexandra Canning is a member of the Coquitlam Figure Skating Club and started skating at age three. In March of 2013 she successfully completed her Gold Free skate test and won the Juvenile ladies title at the Starskate final in Kelowna. Alexandra is an enthusiastic competitor who loves to entertain. She is very grateful to all of her coaches and would especially like to thank Bruno Delmaestro and Kelly Champagne for teaching her to believe in herself. Congratulations Alexandra!

Cristina Delmaestro

Congratulations to Cristina Delmaestro for passing her Gold Freeskate in February 2013. Cristina is 14 years old and a member of the Coquitlam Skating Club. She first took to the ice at a very young age and started CanSkate at the age of 3. Cristina has enjoyed competing over the years, having been the 2012 BC Winter Games Juvenile Bronze Medalist. Cristina competed this past year at the Pre-Novice level and will compete in Novice this coming season. Cristina would like to thank her long time coaches Kelly Champagne and Bruno Delmaestro for all their guidance and expertise in helping her achieve this milestone.



GOLD FEET



Kiera Jade Gill

Kiera is 14 years old and skates with the Coquitlam Skating Club. Kiera began skating at the age of 4. She passed her Gold Freeskate in May of 2013 and is currently working towards her Gold Dances.

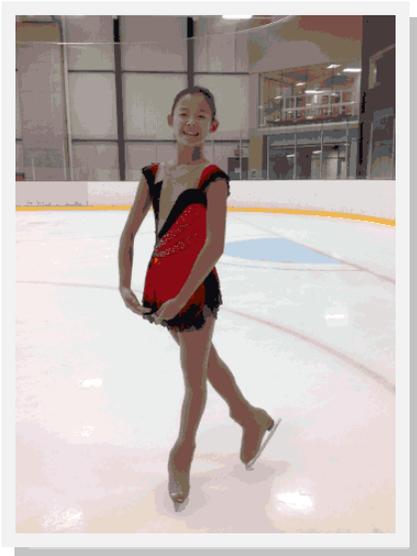
She hopes to attain her Gold levels in Skills and Interpretive this year as well.

Kiera would like to thank her coach Heather Austman for all of her help and effort. A big thank you to her previous coaches Nikolai and Shannon Balabardin for instilling in her an amazing work ethic and love of the sport.

Carley Ishii

Congratulations to Carley Ishii for completing her Skate Canada Gold Interpretive in July 2013. She previously passed her Gold Skills test in 2012. Carley started skating when she was 4 years old at the Coquitlam Figure Skating Club. Carley is also a highly trained dancer who represented Team Canada in Poland this past winter winning both silver and gold medals.

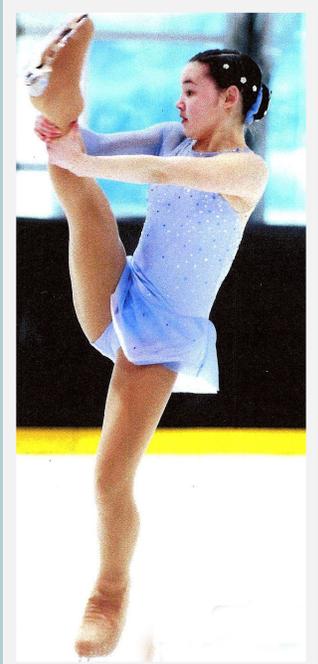
Carley would like to thank all of the Coquitlam Skating Club coaches, fellow skaters, and parent volunteers! She especially thanks her amazing coach Heather Austman for all her support throughout the many years of skating.



Syndy Shi

Syndy is a member of Coquitlam Skating Club and also a student at Archbishop Carney Secondary School. She is now thirteen years old and has been skating since she was four. Last year, she successfully competed in Juvenile and passed her Sr. Silver and Gold Free Skate test. She is currently working on her double axel. When not skating, she takes art and music lessons. Big thanks to her family and coaches, Kelly Champagne and Bruno Delmaestro.

GOLD FEET



Savannah Wasden

Savannah Wasden completed her Gold Skills test Dec 8, 2013. She started skating at the age of 8 and is now 15 years old. This past year she has been competing in Pre-Novice and has just finished passing her Junior Silver Dances.

Savannah attends Carihi Secondary and is in Grade 10. She skates for the Campbell River Skating Club and enjoys being a Program Assistant.

Thanks to all her coaches over the years for their support and expertise. Savannah would like to send a special thank you to her Gramma and Papa for always being there for her.

Sianna Tomich

The Rossland Figure Skating Club is proud to congratulate Sianna Tomich for passing her Gold Skating Skills and Gold Interpretive Tests on February 21 and 22, 2014 in Revelstoke, BC. She also passed her Gold Dances in Rossland, BC on January 17, 2014. Sianna won her 52nd medal this year and competes in the Juvenile Ladies Category. She's been skating since she was 5 years old and has loved it ever since, as well as skiing, soccer and many other sports. Sianna is a grade 8 student at Rossland Secondary School and would like to thank her Coach, Sabrina Hinson, Past Coach Cindy Reich, her Parents and fellow skaters for encouraging her to do her very best.





2014 Athlete's Trust Auction

It's time to think of items to be auctioned off for the benefit of the trust. This year the Athlete's Trust Auction will be during a special Friday dinner Boat Cruise which will be held in conjunction with the BC/YK AGM.

All donations of \$100 or more will receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

We are very appreciative for all donations. Unique gifts from your region are always a hit!

**Thank you very much for your
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For inquiries regarding donations please contact Diane Nielsen at dianev@telus.net.

Donations can be dropped off at the BC/YK Section office before April 25, 2014

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