

# Thin Ice

## ***SKATE CANADA BC/YK SECTION INDUCTS 6 INDIVIDUALS TO INAUGURAL CLASS HALL OF FAME***

Skate Canada BC/YK Section selected six individuals for induction to its inaugural class. The induction ceremony took place at the Skate Canada BC/YK Section Annual Awards Banquet held at the Delta Burnaby Hotel 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”.



*Olympic Silver Medalist Kevin Reynolds with Karen Magnussen and Shirra Kenworthy who were inducted in the Athlete Category.*

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*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 CHARMAN

As this Skating Season comes to a close, I would like to thank every Club Board of Directors for volunteering their time, so that a Skating Club can operate in your community. Thank you to the Coaches who service those same Clubs and promote skating to everyone. Thank you to the Officials who volunteer so much time to this sport at Test Days and Competitions. What a big wonderful Skating Family we have!!

There was a great turn out of people at our Section AGM in Burnaby in early May. Our new Bylaws were approved by the membership, and I'm happy to report that they have been accepted by the Registrar of Companies. We had Bethany Tory the Chief Operating Officer of Skate Canada at our AGM, and she gave us a look at the new Strategic Plan that will move our organization forward over the next four years.

The Athlete's Trust Auction that was part of a Dinner Cruise in the Vancouver Harbour on the Friday evening was a huge hit! Thank you to everyone who attended and to Diane Neilsen and Danielle Williams for organizing this event. On Saturday evening we had our awards banquet with Ted Barton and Debbi Wilkes as our MC's. It is so inspiring to see the many faces throughout our Province who receive these awards. It was a very special evening as we inducted six people into our BC/YK Section Skating Hall of Fame. Congratulations to all!

There were twenty five delegates from our Section that attended the Skate Canada ACGM in Quebec City. What a beautiful place to hold a conference! Everyone had a wonderful time, attended several workshops, had some great discussions, saw the Olympic Silver Medal skating team with their medals, celebrated the National Award Winners, and so much more!! We also had several coaches from BC at the Coaches Conference. The National Bylaws were passed as the organization moves forward to comply with the Federal Not for Profit Act. This was a very inspiring weekend on several fronts and it is truly special to share it with such a great group of people!!

I hope that everyone enjoys some sunshine this summer, and hopefully you can take some time away from the rink! See you all at Summer Skate!!

Lorraine Mapoles

Chairman BC/YK Section Skate Canada





## HALL OF FAME CONT...

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,**

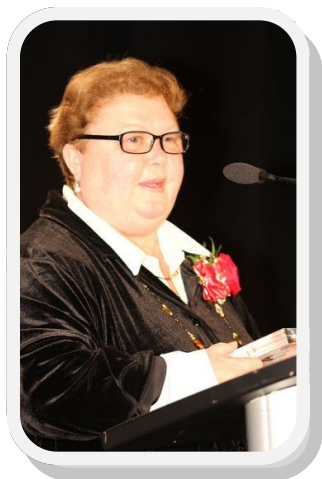
Billie Mitchell

### **In the Coach Category,**

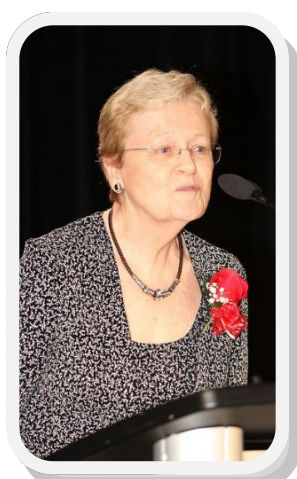
Linda Brauckmann  
Ron Vincent

### **In the Official Category,**

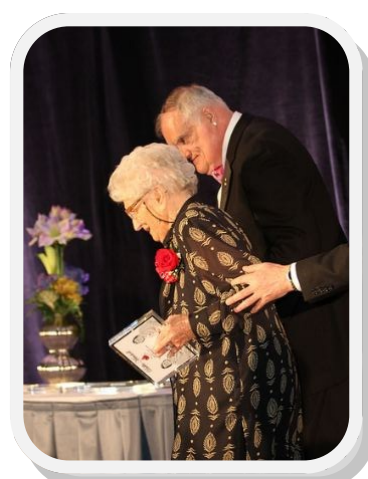
Audrey Williams



**Karen Magnussen**



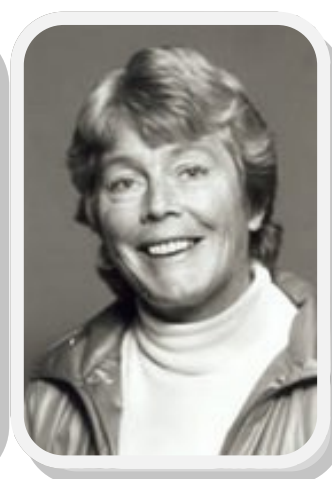
**Shirra Kenworthy**



**Billie Mitchell**



**Ron Vincent**



**Linda Brauckmann**



**Audrey Williams**





# BC/YK SECTION SUMMERSKATE



August 14-17, 2014  
Burnaby 8 Rinks

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**The registration deadline is Wednesday July 9, 2014**

## CLUB NEWS

### **COMOX VALLEY SC**

The Comox Valley Skating Club's Ice Show, Under the Big Top, April 5, was the highlight of a generally great Spring. As you probably realized from the title, the show had a circus theme, which provided lots of opportunities for colourful costumes, rousing music and lively choreographies, including dancing popcorn boxes, a flock of penguins and a gang of gypsies.

We had 50 participants in the show, including Pre-power and CanSkaters, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors, adults and hockey players. We were particularly excited to present our guest skaters, Aaron Von Cleave, two-time German national silver medallist, and his brother Jairius Godfrey, a Canadian Seniors Men's competitor. Both are CVSC alumni, and we were thrilled to have them back for this event. Both the matinee and the evening show were well-attended by an appreciate audience.



*Meghan Taylor*

Our test days in April and May both produced a 100% success rate. Congratulations to everyone who participated! And while we are congratulating we also want to say "Way to go!" to Meghan Taylor for winning a Silver at the Victoria Day Interclub Competition.

We also took time to celebrate and have fun together, holding a year-end banquet where we honoured our skaters with the presentation of individualized certificates. The same evening a group of skaters and their brave chaperone gathered for a late-night skating party and sleep-over at the rink. Reports from that event suggest it provided more fun than sleep.

Big thank-yous go out to our coaches Greg and Dawn Ladret and to the many generous sponsors for our Ice Show

### **CONNAUGHT SC**

With Spring came Connaught's annual relocation from Minoru Arenas to Richmond Ice Centre, where we're busy with an off season of intense training, new programs, and acquisition of new skills.

In February, Larkyn Austman became the second Connaught Skating Club athlete to represent Canada at an ISU Junior World Championships, in Sofia, Bulgaria. Larkyn had a great experience and ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in this world event. In April, Larkyn participated in a Skate Canada National Development Camp in Toronto, Ontario.

## CLUB NEWS

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This is an elite seminar with the country's top coaches, and only a few athletes from across Canada are selected to attend.

Connaught hosted world renowned harness expert Geoff Dionisio over Spring Break. His enthusiasm and skill helped many of our skaters to their first ever double axel and triple jumps. We also hosted a seminar focusing on movement on the ice for Connaught, Coquitlam & Vancouver Skating Club members, led by Mark Pillay. We were lucky to have US skaters Richard Dornbush and Shotoro Imori join in.

Connaught had 79 skaters compete in the Victoria Day Competition in Surrey, B.C., and came home with 19 medals. We are proud of all our competitors and volunteers who helped make the competition happen.

In May, the BCYK AGM Banquet was attended by a large contingent of Connaught members - skaters, officials, Board members, and coaches. Two of our members received awards: Hilary Quick, Judge and BCCR Treasurer, received the **Coaches' Choice Award**, and Margaret Warwick, long-time Club and BCYK Board member & BCCR Volunteer, received the **Susan Griffith Committee Chairman Award**. The event was very well photo-documented by Jimmy Jin, a Connaught Club parent. In late May, Connaught coaches Eileen Murphy and Leah Warwick attended the National ACGM Coaches Conference in Quebec City. They learned of many significant new initiatives, attended workshops, and were able to network with other coaches, officials and club members. Connaught Skating Club feels the investment made to send our valued professionals to this event was well worth it, and encourages other clubs to consider doing the same for next year's 2015 ACGM being held in Winnipeg.



*Connaught SC BC Team Members:  
Elvie Carroll, Kurtis Schrieber, Shawn Cuevas,  
Larkyn Austman & Mitchell Gordon  
(Front: Connaught skater Isabella Jin)*





## CLUB NEWS

### COQUITLAM SC

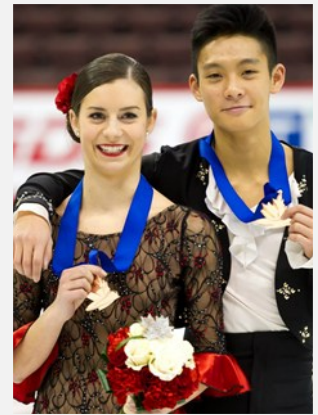
The Coquitlam Skating Club ended the competitive season on a high note. Ronald Lam competed at the World University Games in Trentino, Italy, successfully landing two quads and finishing an impressive 6<sup>th</sup>. He then went on to represent Hong Kong in the 2014 World Championships in Saitama, Japan placing 28<sup>th</sup>. Ronald has just recently won his national championship naming him Hong Kong Senior Men's Champion for 2014.

## Coquitlam Skating Club



*Ronald Lam with Coach Bruno Delmaestro*

Brianna Delmaestro and Tim Lum finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior Dance at Nationals after an impressive first season representing Canada on the ISU Junior Grand Prix circuit. They finished 5<sup>th</sup> at the Baltic Cup in Poland, and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Tallin Cup in Estonia, and were named as alternates to Junior Worlds.



*Brianna Delmaestro & Timothy Lum*



*Brianna Delmaestro, Benjamin Papp & Larissa Horobec*

Benjam Papp finished a strong season earning 7<sup>th</sup> place at Western Challenge after winning his first Provincial Championship in Pre-Novice Men. Larissa Horobec attended her third Western Challenge after a strong 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in Senior Ladies at the BC/YT Sectionals.

At the Finnish Nationals Bela Papp finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Senior Men and Beata Papp claimed 6<sup>th</sup> place in Senior Ladies.

The Starskate final in Kelowna saw two of our skaters crowned as champions, Logan Rose Johnson won the Star 5 (U10) category while Mathew Carter claimed top spot for the Star 5 boys. Five of our skaters contributed to winning the BC Region Team Trophy, Kayla Sullivan, Marleau Sololoski, Lucy Hua and Logan Rose Johnson. Coquitlam skaters also claimed 7 Pond To Podium awards, Lucy Hua 1st Pre-Juvenile (U14), Alec Roueche 3rd Pre-

Juvenile Men, Logan Rose Johnson 1st and Marleau Sokoloski 3rd Star 5 (U10), Kayla Sullivan 2nd and Cayden McKenzie –Cook 3rd both in the Juvenile (U14), Benjam Papp 2nd Pre- Novice .

Skaters and coaches are training hard for another successful competitive season.

## CLUB NEWS

### DUNCAN SC

Duncan Skating Club has had another successful season wrapping up the season was our awards dinner in April. We had a very successful spring school and test day. Congratulations to Courtney Vanderstap for passing her Gold Skills.

We had 22 skaters compete at the VISI competition in Parksville.

We will be holding summer skating camp in for three weeks in August leading into our winter session.



*Club Award Winners*

### JUAN DE FUCA SC

Juan de fuca skating club is proud to celebrate a very successful year. We finished our season off with our First Annual Awards Gala. It presented a great evening of fun for all the skaters, parents, coaches and board of directors. We were pleased to acknowledge all our skaters for their accomplishments this past season.

Thank you to all our Program Assistants for all your hard work and dedication to our canskate program, we couldn't have done it without you! Your time and energy is greatly appreciated.

To our board of directors, thank you for all your time and support to our skaters.

Congratulations to the following skaters for completing their Gold Tests: Moira Barker (Gold Skills), Ashley Popham (Gold Skills), Keisha Huchzermeyer (Gold Skills), Aleysha Blaylock (Gold Skills), Emerson Van der Linden (Gold Dance and Gold Freeskate), Le Vu (Gold Dance), Emmah Langer (Gold Dance), Karlissa Lem (Gold Dance).

## CLUB NEWS

### NAKUSP SC

The Nakusp Figure Skating Club is proud to wrap up a great 2013/14 season and wishes to thank coach Sabrina Hinson for her years of dedication. We're sorry to see her leave, and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors.

We are currently seeking a new coach. Please read more about the position under the Coaching tab at [www.nakuspfigureskatingclub.com](http://www.nakuspfigureskatingclub.com).

Nearly 30 skaters from in and around Nakusp hit the ice with us this year. We wrapped up the season with a Broadway-themed carnival in March, then celebrated our successes at an awards banquet in April.

Our PreCanskaters and CanSkaters received numerous badges and ribbons. Special congratulations go to August Savage, named Skate Canada CanSkater of the Year, and Ruby Zoll and Juniper Weiss-Zoll, named Skate Canada CanSkate Champions.

Our seven StarSkaters passed a total of nearly 30 tests over the year and performed well at three competitions. Special congratulations go to banquet award winners Kiley Waterfield, Melissa Hascarl, Maya Watson, Haven Rahn and Chiara Minchin.

We'd like to thank the community and businesses for their ongoing support of our club. This support is essential to our existence, and we welcome any new opportunities. Plus we couldn't successfully run our club without our dedicated program assistants, board members and parent volunteers. So thank you!

Learn more about us at [www.nakuspfigureskatingclub.com](http://www.nakuspfigureskatingclub.com).





## CLUB NEWS

### SAANICH SC

Under the direction of Coaches Brenda Charity, Barbara Turner & Murray Carey with the support of a hardworking executive, and a multitude of parent volunteers, The Saanich Skating Club of Victoria ended the winter season with a new twist. Instead of our biannual ice show, the club decided to do a skating recital titled “Kids helping Kids”. Entry was by donation with all proceeds going to KidSport, Victoria. It was such a success that the club is seriously considering making this an annual event.

Our AGM & Awards night saw many skaters receiving trophies, pins, year bars & certificates. It was a chance to recognize 28 of our wonderful PA's & 35 of the skaters who represented SSCV at the various competitions. We celebrated 4 skaters who completed gold tests this year and awarded post secondary scholarships to 2 of our long time skaters who are graduating this year.

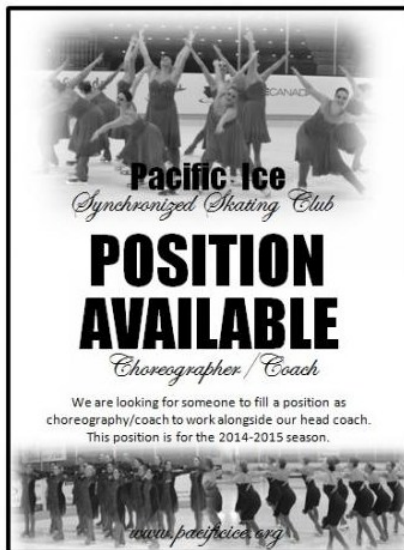
The award winners were:

- Canskater of the Year - Baylee Brassard
- Canskate Champions - Lilyanne Erickson, Katie McMurray
- Most Improved Canskater - Ada Ng & May Ng
- Most Improved Junior - Railyn Cid
- Most Improved Intermediate - Aurelia Guns Cardoso
- Most Improved Intermediate A - Kelly Hwang & Lauren Wagner
- Most Improved Senior – Megan Maundrell Honourable Mention - Zoe Delano & Olivia Williams
- Canskate Helper - Lauren Wagner
- Jr Program Assistant - Aurhea Salamon & Maggie Swan
- Sr Program Assistant - Shayla Sarton, Julianna Tomaselli & Zoe Delano
- Section Pairs/Dance Award - Keepers only– Cedar Bridgewood & Ravie Cunningham
- Section Choice Awards – Cypress Le Blanc, Virginia Sarich, Olivia Williams, Olivia McKillop & Jamie Daniel

Spring skating was well attended ending with a very successful test day. Congratulations to all the skaters.

Summer Skating registration is now underway.





Are you an energetic, enthusiastic, highly motivated team player that loves a challenge - then **Pacific Ice Synchronized Skating Club** has a position for you. We are looking for someone to fill a position as choreography/coach to work alongside our head coach. This position is for the 2014/15 Synchronized skating season.

Our teams skate on Tuesday and Thursday at 8 Rinks in Burnaby, as well as North Surrey Recreation Centre on Saturdays. (Skating times are still to be determined)

**Pacific Ice Synchronized Skating Club** participates in local and away competitions and exhibition skates. In past years our teams have competed in many competitions including but not limited to BCYK (BCYT), Mountains, and Winterfest. Our teams have also participated at the National level.

The successful applicant needs to be dedicated, highly motivated, creative and be able to work well with our skaters, coach and team managers. Synchronized skating experience is not necessary, a background in ice dance is a definite asset, but choreography expertise is mandatory. Wages will be determined based on your choreography/coaching experience.

Interested applicants please send your resume and cover letter to Barb Main at [president@pacificice.org](mailto:president@pacificice.org) by July 1, 2014.

For further information please contact Barb Main at 778-855-3314.

## SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL OLYMPICS

### Dale Qualifies For Figure Skating Provincials

Terrace's only Special Olympic skater is making the northwest proud.

Laura Dale, 22, qualified for provincials at the Totem Skating Competition in Fort. St. John March 1 and 2, skating above standard in the Level 3 Special Olympics event

It's year one of a four year cycle in Special Olympics competition, and this was Dale's first time at qualifiers. Special Olympics provincials are February, 2015 in Kamloops.

"This is the best thing that ever happened to me," said Dale, who is in her sixth year of figure skating with the Terrace Skating Club.

To qualify, Dale skated a required element routine and a freeskate solo to music from Romeo and Juliet. The slow piece allows Laura to show off her interpretation and emotion, combined with jumps and spins.

Her spins include the 'back spin' and the 'sit spin'. Her jumps consist of 'waltz jump, toe-loop jump, and salchow jump'.

She also had a chance to meet Level 6 Special Olympics Skater Darlene Jakubowski.

From Dawson Creek, Jakubowski has progressed past provincials to nationals and on to the Special Olympics world championships twice.

And the Terrace Skating Club's winter season is winding down, with skaters returning from the final tournament in Kelowna with strong results. Newcomer Maya Lecuyer brought home two silver medals and Jorden Hendry, in her final competition with club, bringing home a bronze.

"We are going to miss her very much," said the club's Elaine Sanchez of Hendry, who is off to university in the fall.

The club now moves to spring school in Kitimat, and plans on keeping the athletes motivated with a spring/summer off ice schedule with gymnastics, yoga, off ice jumps, and strengthening.



Terrace's only Special Olympics figure skater, Laura Dale with veteran skater Darlene Jakubowski

~ Submitted



## EYE ON CANSKATE

Aryan Ighani (age 9) is the first skater at Champs International Skating Centre of BC to complete all 6 levels in the new Learn to Skate/Canskate program with Skate Canada.

Aryan joined the Canskate program in the summer of 2013 for the very first session of the new system and has been attending each term of learn to skate since then.

He has graduated from the program in exactly one year, and his new goal is to start his hockey training.

Congratulations Aryan!



## FUN AT THE RINK



Susan Morriss and Wendy Martin-Stroyan show off their Sochi gloves.

## 2014 BC/YK SECTION DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Over 240 skaters from all over BC descended on Kelowna, BC from April 18 to 20, 2014 to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual BC/YK Section Development Camp.

The camp was held at the Capital News Centre and consisted of both on and off ice sessions. Skaters took part in on ice jump, spin and skating skill classes instructed by the some of the top BC/YK Section Coaches. Off Ice classes included stretch classes, jazz dance classes and off ice jump classes. Pacific Sport Okanagan also performed readiness assessments on all skaters.

The highlight of the camp was the skaters banquet on Saturday night where the skaters performed their group jazz routines that they learned during their off ice jazz classes on Friday and Saturday. The theme of the camp this year was “Rock N Pop” and skaters dressed in costume based their assigned jazz dance song.

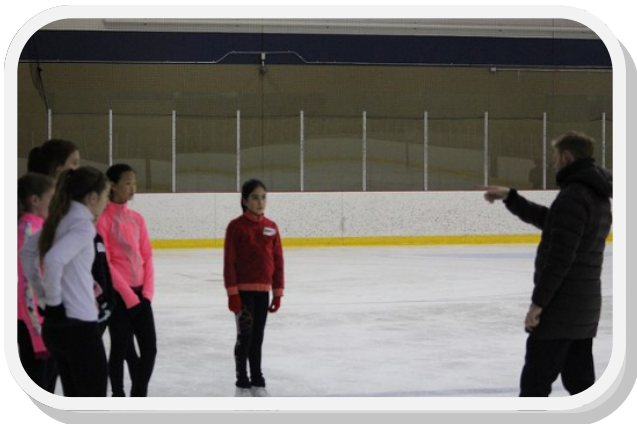
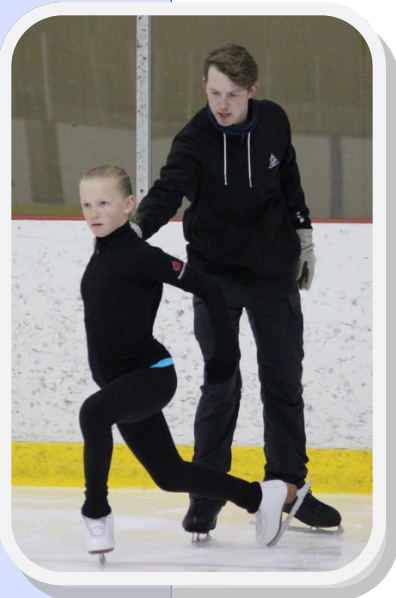
In order to qualify for the camp, skaters had to achieve at minimum score in their competitive level at competition. Please [click here](#) for more information on the BC/YK Section Kelowna Camp Selection Process.

We are looking forward to next years camp!



Coach Keegan Murphy works with the skaters.

## 2014 BC/YK SECTION DEVELOPMENT CAMP





## 2014 BC/YK SECTION AGM & AWARDS NIGHT



*Photos by Jimmy Jin*



## 2013 BC/YK SECTION AGM & AWARDS NIGHT



*Photos by Jimmy Jin*



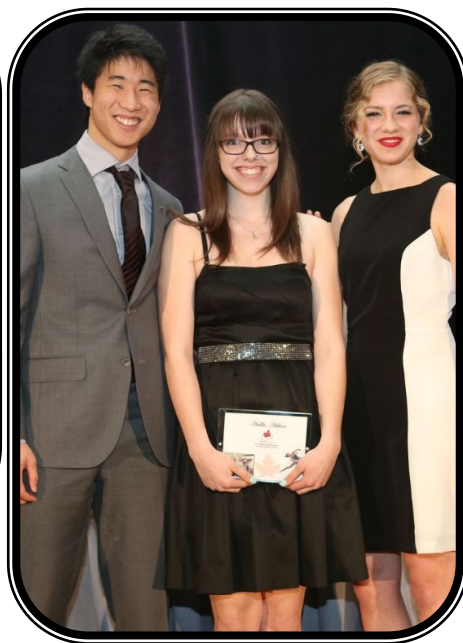
## 2013 BC/YK SECTION AWARD WINNERS



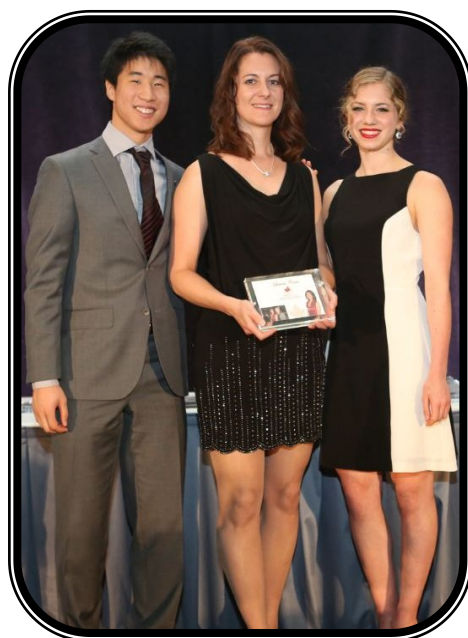
Skate Canada Program  
Assistant of the Year Award  
**Rachel Rollke**  
Aldergrove SC



CanSkater of the Year  
**Chiemela Joy Anumba**  
Aldergrove SC



Skate Canada STARSkate Athlete  
Award  
**Halla Aitken**  
Peace Passage SC



Skate Canada Section  
Volunteer Award  
**Laura Carr**  
Kelowna SC



Lifetime Achievement Award  
**Susan Heffernan**  
Sunshine Coast SC



Audrey Moore Participation Award  
**Debbie Mandryk**  
Cranbrook SC

## 2014 BC/YK SECTION AWARD WINNERS



BC/YK Section Skaters Award of  
Achievement  
**Shaya Jeffery**  
*Fort St. John SC*



Skate Canada Competitive  
Athlete Award  
**Sarah Tamura**  
*BC Centre of Excellence*



Skate Canada Section Volunteer  
Coach Award  
**Sherri Delmaestro**  
*Coquitlam SC*



Skate Canada Club & Recreation  
Coach Award of Excellence  
**Danalee Harrison**  
*Newton SC*



BC/YK Section Volunteer Award  
**Joan Omasta**  
*Kamloops SC*



BC/YK Section Coaches Choice  
Award  
**Hilary Quick**  
*Connaught SC*



## 2014 BC/YK SECTION AWARD WINNERS



Susan Griffith Committee Chairman  
Award  
**Margaret Warwick**  
**Connaught SC**



BC/YK Section Competitive Coach of  
the Year  
**Joanne McLeod**  
**BC Centre of Excellence**  
*(Keith Gagnon accepting on her behalf)*



BC/YK Section Adult Skating Award  
**Monique Husslage**  
**Newton SC**



Skate Canada Section Officials  
Award  
**Lorraine Mapoles**  
**Mount Boucherie SC**



Skate Canada Officials Award of  
Excellence  
**Sharon Dahl**  
**Cheam SC**



BC/YK Male Youth Promise Award  
**Eric Liu**  
**BC Centre of Excellence**

Photos by Jimmy Jin



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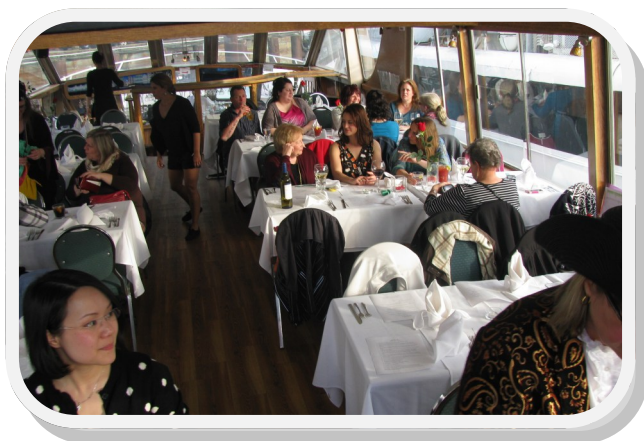
BC/YK Female Youth Promise  
Award  
**Megan Yim**  
**Kitsilano SC**



BC/YK Dance Youth Promise Award  
**Brianna Delmaestro & Timothy Lum**  
**Coquitlam SC**

Photos by Jimmy Jin

## 2014 ATHLETES AUCTION BOAT CRUISE





# **2014**

## **Athlete's Trust Auction**

The BC/YK Section

Athletes Trust would like to sincerely  
thank you for your support in this  
years Athletes Auction.

It is through your continued support  
that we are able to help support the  
dreams of the skaters of our Section.

Thank you!



## 2014 BC/YK SECTION HALL OF FAME INCUCTEES



In the Athlete Category  
***Shirra Kenworthy***



In the Athlete Category  
***Karen Magnussen***



In the Coach Category  
***Ron Vincent***



In the Coach Category  
***Linda Brauckmann***

*(Michael Brauckmann Accepting on his  
mom's behalf)*



In the Builder Category  
***Billie Mitchell***



In the Official Category  
***Audrey Williams***

## OFFICIALS CORNER

### Widely Respected Skating Official Laura Carr Learning the Ropes in New Sport



Laura Carr is learning all over again.

A widely-respected national level figure skating judge and controller for more than 17 years, Carr, the deserving recipient of the 2014 Skate Canada Section Volunteer Award of Excellence at this week's ACGM and National Coaches' Conference in Quebec City, is in learning mode in speed skating, a sport that is essentially foreign to her. Carr's oldest daughter, 15-year-old Rosalyn, moved from figure skating to short track in December and has already left her mark, advancing to the Canada West Short

Track Championships earlier this year.

As Carr explains, Rosalyn didn't want to leave figure skating but, like many athletes her age, she simply outgrew the sport.

"She (Rosalyn) told me 'I love figure skating, but figure skating doesn't love my body'", says Carr with a laugh.

And with that, Carr is starting from scratch and learning the basics. With a lifetime of experience as a figure skating official, Carr has recently been approached to train as a Level I speed skating official.

"Getting a child involved in a sport I know nothing about has been really eye opening," she admits. "When you eat, breathe and sleep figure skating, there is a lot of information you know that you take for granted.

"I think I drove everyone at speed skating crazy because of the questions."

Success seems to run in the Carr family. The youngest daughter, Daria, captured the BC/YK Super Series pre-jvenile under-11 crown this year.

"It's great having kids in different sports," says Carr.

"They have their individual passions, and both of them have found something they're very good at. They both love to compete. It's my job to try to keep up to them."

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Taking home a Skate Canada national award is becoming a bit of a habit for Carr, who is Vice Chair of the BC/YK section. Just two years ago, she was the recipient of the Skate Canada Officials Award of Excellence.

“It is very humbling when your peers recognize you like this,” says Carr. “It’s nice to be recognized, but that is not why you do it. It is in honour, but you do this for the love of the sport.”

“You see where you can help out, and you just step in and do the job. As you discover where your strengths and skillsets are, you channel your energy into trying to make a difference.”

Carr is a vital asset for the BC/YK section, and has been instrumental in developing program criteria and standards while overseeing implementation of the STARSkate pilot for her home section.

“Laura is an incredible resource for this organization, not only here in BC, but across the country,” says BC/YK Executive Director Ted Barton. “As with all our great volunteers, Laura is essentially an extension of the staff because of the amount of work she does. She shares the type of vision that helps us grow. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this award.”

A year ago, Carr was invited to judge at Skate Detroit, and will make a return trip this summer. As for career aspirations on the international stage, Carr is playing that one close to the vest.

“I’ll see where it takes me. If I feel I have the skills and support around me, I’ll go for it. For now, I am just taking things one day, one event, at a time.”

Carr is quick to deflect some of the credit to others she has worked and brainstormed with, including Patricia Chafe, Sally Rehorik, Janice Hunter, Susan Heffernan and Ted Barton, stressing their progressive thinking and complex data analysis is helping grow the sport at the section and national level.

“The knowledge I have gained from those around me is invaluable,” says Carr. “If you can turn yourself into a sponge, something good is going to come of it. Don’t be afraid to question something, or try something new. If you can do something that makes a difference, it is better for skating and creates a better environment for everyone.

“That’s what keeps me going. We all have these minds that say ‘What can we do? Where can we go?’ Not ‘We can’t, we can’t’ – but ‘why not’?

“You’ll find success if you keep going down that road.”

*~ Article by Skate Canada*

## SKATE CANADA RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Skate Canada recognized award winners over its Annual Convention and General Meeting (ACGM) and National Coaches' Conference (NCC) in Quebec City, Quebec May 30-June 1, 2014.

The recipients were presented with their awards on Friday night at the annual awards gala. The winners received their awards from various presenters, including Olympic silver medalists Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, world silver medalists Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, and Kristen Loritz, team captain of world synchronized skating silver medalists, Nexxice.



**LAURA CARR**

The Skate Canada National Awards Program honours dedicated members of the skating community who have donated their time to help contribute to improving the quality of skating in Canada.

Skate Canada also presents a volunteer award to one member of each of the 13 Skate Canada sections. This year the 2013-2014 Skate Canada Section Volunteer Award of Excellence was awarded to Laura Carr of the Kelowna FSC. Congratulations Laura!

## NATIONAL ACGM COACHES CONFERENCE

Quebec City welcomed more than 500 members of the skating community for Skate Canada's Annual Convention and General Meeting (ACGM) and National Coaches' Conference (NCC). The events were held May 28-31, 2014 at the Fairmont Le Château Frontenac

The NCC kicked off officially on Wednesday evening when coaches were joined by 2006 Olympic bronze medalist Jeffrey Buttle at the opening dinner. The action continued all day Thursday, when coaches from across Canada attended workshops from world-class coaches, including Manon Perron, Richard Gauthier, Janet Champion and Cathy Dalton.

Attending from the BC/YK Section were:

Yibing Jiang  
Rory Allen  
Leah Warwick  
Andrea Ludditt

Eileen Murphy  
Cynthia Medeiros  
Kirsten Conforti  
Eva Mortensen Davies



## MEMORIES FROM THE ACGM





## SUPERSERIES FEEDBACK SERVICE OVERVIEW

### What is the feedback service?

This is a program of the BC/YK Section's Skaters Development Committee established in conjunction with the new [Superseries](#) competitions. The program objectives are:

- To provide useful and accurate feedback to skaters in the competitive stream (Pre-juvenile through to Junior) and their coaches
- To raise awareness among skaters, coaches and parents of the criteria for assessment by Technical and Judging Panels.
- To develop a cadre of technical specialists, controllers, referees and judges who can provide useful feedback to skaters and their coaches in a timely, accurate and appropriate way.
- To raise funds to support skaters' development programs.

### How does it work?

Skaters or coaches make their request to have feedback on their scores and performances at the competition through the Section office. For each program requested, there are three different assessments:

- Technical Assessments (2 parts):
  - Technical Calls: Levels of Difficulty of elements called by the Technical Panel (e.g. lifts, step sequences, spins) as well as details about other aspects of the technical scores such as downgraded jumps.
  - Technical GOE's: Grades of Execution or GOE's, which are the scores on each element awarded by the judges on the quality of the elements executed.
- Program Components Assessments: these are the five scores which deal with overall aspects of the performance: Skating Skills, Transitions and Linking Movements; Performance and Execution; Choreography and Composition; Interpretation.

The assessments can be conducted on-site at the competitions or after the competitions. The goal is to promote a common understanding and use of the actual criteria used in establishing the scores on the skater's report card. [Sample assessments](#) can be found on the Skating in BC website.

Skaters and coaches can also request feedback prior to competitions by filling out the same registration form and sending this along with videotapes of the programs. Call the Section office at 604 205- 6960 for more information on the format required for the videos. Note that the request must reach the Section office no later than 3 weeks before the competition.

### Is there a cost to skaters?

Each program costs \$35 for all three assessments (technical calls, GOE's and PC's). For Pre-juvenile and Juvenile the cost is \$25. This fee goes towards programs for developing skaters and administrative costs.

### Who are the assessors?

Assessors are drawn from the list of Technical Specialists, Technical Controllers, Referees and Judges of the BC/YK Section. They are assigned by the Judges' and Technical Committees with input from the Skaters' Development Committee. Working from the report card and video of the skater's performance, the assessor addresses each score with relation to the criteria for evaluation. The objective is to enrich the understanding of both coach and skater with regards to improvement for the future, within the established criteria.



## 2014 NATIONAL TEAM CAMP

The 25 skaters who fit the criteria for the camp came from all over the country: British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and so did their coaches, also on learning expeditions. For the first time, many of these young skaters, aged 11 to 17, met coaching stalwarts of the sport to get new tips: no-nonsense, ever-positive Doug Leigh; soft-spoken tower of calmness, Lee Barkell; people-person Jan Ullmark; Quebec coach extraordinaire Natalie Martin; western coach Joanne McLeod, who always has a posse of little ones at her knee; and veteran Josee Picard in a rebirth of her career.

The miraculous thing about this camp was that most of the participants were first-timers. It meant that there is a healthy supply of talent in the country, always reaching for the stars. Only eight of the 25 had come to at least one of the three previous development camps.

“It’s optimistic when we keep getting new kids in,” said Michael Slipchuk, Skate Canada’s High Performance Director. “They need to move up through the pecking order. And you have to do that with the technical.”

All of the skaters at the camp are those who are novice and junior eligible – and this is important because from this group may come competitors for the Junior Grand Prix circuit. They can’t be too old for the circuit – and this season the International Skating Union may be lowering the age eligibility for junior events.

The development camp also helps young coaches, too, and there were seminars for them. “We have a lot of young first-time coaches,” Slipchuk said. “The coaches teach a lot of skaters. The information that they gain from coming here with their students can then be passed to [their other students] at home.” Some young coaches have been back with different skaters.

### 2014 BC/YK Section Participants:

Larkyn Austman, 16, Connaught SC

Julianne Delaurier, 16, Kelowna SC

Eric Liu, 12, Champs International Skating Center of BC

Sarah Tamura, 13, Champs International Skating Center of BC

Megan Yim, 12, Champs International Skating Center of BC



## COACHES CORNER

### TECHNICAL

Please make sure you visit the technical page of our website. This is home to all current technical information. You will find technical documents and clarification in this part of our website. It is a very important page for coaches, officials and skaters to visit on a regular basis.

**NEW** — [ISU 1874– Changes Accepted at Congress](#)

**NEW** — [2014-2015 Scale of Values Singles/Pairs](#)

**NEW** — [2014-2015 Singles, Pair, Ice Dance Program Requirements](#)

**NEW** — [BC/YK 2014-2015 Short Program Elements Chart](#)

**NEW** — [2014-2015 STAR Technical Package](#)

**NEW** — [2014-2015 STAR Well Balanced Program Chart.](#)

### SUMMERSKATE

SummerSkate registration is now open. The registration deadline is Wednesday July 9th at 11:45pm. Please check the [SummerSkate competition Page](#) for details.

### NCCP

#### **Upcoming courses:**

August 18-20th- CanSkate, Burnaby BC \*\*\* FULL

August 18-21st- Level 3, Whistler BC \*\*\* Registration Deadline: July 1, 2014

September 5-7th- Primary STARSkate\*\*\* Registration Deadline: July 15, 2014

Please see [coaches page](#) for registration details.

## CANPOWERSKATE COURSE PARTICIPANTS

**JUNE 21-22, 2014—BURNABY, BC**



## CANSKATE UPDATE CLINIC

On May 2, 2014 the BC/YK Section hosted a CanSkate update clinic as part of the Annual General Meeting. This was a fantastic opportunity for the many coaches and board members who attended to learn first hand what the New CanSkate program is. Participants were given an off ice presentation which outlined the administrative part of the program as well as the opportunity view an on-ice CanSkate session in action. The clinic was facilitated by Marilyn Kreuzinger and part of the BC/YK Section CanSkate resource team : Andrea Fleming (Ok Region), Diane Knutson (BC Coast Region) with the help of Carla Stoltz and the Burnaby SC.



## OFFICIALS TAKE A BREAK AT THE VICTORIA DAY COMPETITION





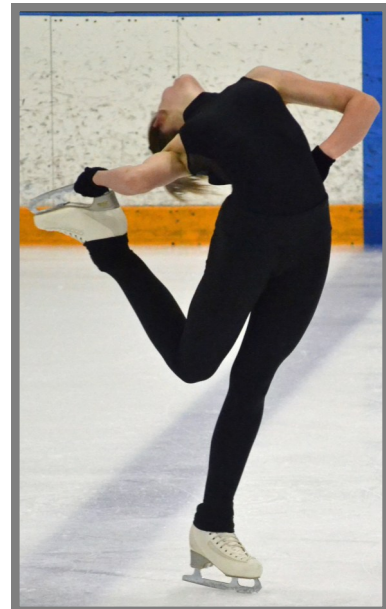
## ***2014 BC/YK TEAM CAMP***

The 2014 BC/YK Section Spring Team Training Camp took place at Burnaby 8 Rinks June 13-15, 2014. Over 40 athletes participated.

Skaters had a very demanding weekend full of assessments and testing through both on and off ice sessions

On Ice sessions included individual feedback from ISU Judges and Technical Specialists. Off Ice sessions included Fitness Testing, Nutrition Classes and a Social Media Class.

This was a fantastic learning opportunity for both skaters and coaches alike as they prepare for the 2014-2015 competitive season.



*Photo's by Peter Saar*

## 34 MEDALS FOR CANADIAN TEAM ADULT SKATERS



Canada's adult figure skaters had a successful week at the 10th annual International Skating Union (ISU) Adult Figure Skating Competition held in Oberstdorf, Germany, from May 25-31, 2014. The team consisting of 50 Canadians took home a total of 34 medals, including 10 gold medals, 14 silver medals, and 10 bronze medals.

The competition drew a record 432 skaters plus 12 synchronized skating teams, between the ages of 28-78, from 28 countries. Canadian skaters showed great prowess in the record-sized fields that ran as high as 35 entries.

"The Canadian team in Oberstdorf did a phenomenal job representing our country both on and off the ice," said Dan Thompson, Skate Canada Chief Executive Officer. "They truly embody the positive healthy lifestyle seen throughout the adult skating community, while achieving excellence in competition."

ISU President Ottavio Cinquanta was in attendance last week and echoed these sentiments: "The enthusiasm and passion for ice skating that adult skaters transmit is a gift for the entire skating community."

The BC/YK Section medalists at the 2014 ISU Adult Figure Skating Competition were:

### **Gold medalists:**

Jannette Wood (Ladies Artistic Bronze III)  
Linda Maundrell (Ladies Artistic Bronze V)  
Gary Beacom (Men Artistic Master (Elite III & IV))  
David Dickey (Men Gold III & IV Free Skate)  
Gary Beacom (Men Master Elite III Free Skate)

### **Silver medalists:**

Raye Ryan (Ladies Bronze IV & V Free skate)  
Gloria Purvey (Ladies Artistic Gold III & IV)  
Jannette Wood (Ladies Bronze III Free Skate)  
Diana Barkley & Geoff Squires (Gold Pattern Dance)  
Diana Barkley & Geoff Squires (Ice Dance Master Short Dance)  
Sue Edwards & Jim Wilkins (Ice Dance Bronze Free Dance)  
Diana Barkley & Geoff Squires (Ice Dance Master and Elite Master Free Dance)

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**Bronze medalists:**

James Wilkins (Men Artistic Bronze IV)

David Dickey (Men Artistic Master (Elite) III & IV)

Michelle Lamothe (Ladies Artistic Silver IV)

Gloria Purvey (Ladies Gold III Free Skate)

The ISU Adult Working Group also took the opportunity to announce next year's event, which takes place May 18-24, 2015 in Oberstdorf, Germany.

For more information, please visit [www.adultskating.org](http://www.adultskating.org) or [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org).

## **BETH CRANE AWARDED CANADA'S TOP FEMALE OFFICIAL BY SPORTS OFFICIALS CANADA**

Sports Officials Canada (SOC) has announced that Skate Canada judge Beth Crane of Burnaby, B.C., has been named Canada's top female official, winning the 2014 SOC Award of Excellence.

Crane's career as a figure skating judge has spanned over 40 years. She is a qualified International Skating Union (ISU) judge and referee in singles and pairs and an ISU technical controller in singles. Her officiating record includes 16 international events, including two ISU World Figure Skating Championships, and six Canadian championships. She is currently the Chair of the Skate Canada Officials Development Committee, and her leadership capabilities were also recognized with this award.



"It is wonderful to see one of our officials being honoured nationally. Beth's expertise as a judge at the highest level is extremely beneficial in developing figure skating in Canada. She is a positive role model for all of our officials and a valued member of our Skate Canada team from the club level to the international level. Congratulations Beth on this distinguished honour," said Dan Thompson, Skate Canada CEO.

Crane will receive her award on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at the Sports Officials Canada Hall of Fame Dinner in Ottawa, Ontario.

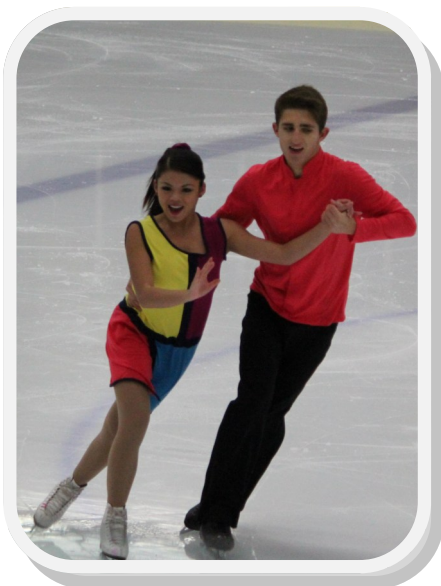
### **Sports Officials Canada**

Sports Officials Canada (SOC) is a federally incorporated national organization dedicated to promoting excellence in sports officiating. SOC represents Canadian technical officials as a national voice. For more information about SOC please visit their website at [www.sportsofficials.ca](http://www.sportsofficials.ca).

The BC/YK Section extends our warmest congratulations to Beth whose leadership and expertise has affected so many in our Section.



## GOLD FEET



### Julie Huynh

Congratulations to Julie Huynh for passing her Gold Dances! Julie learned to skate at the young age of three. By age 9 she began figure skating with the North Surrey Skating Club and was noticed for her artistic flare. Julie has competed in STARSkate Freedance, Interpretive and Ice Dance. She has been able to partner with two NSSC male skaters at the competitive ice dance level. A highlight was competing for the BC/YK team at Challenge this past year in Pre-Novice Dance. Another passion is competing in Interpretive skating. Julie enjoys performing for an audience. Simply put, “my favourite part of figure skating is the opportunity it gives me to share my love for the sport.” Julie has passed on her passion to young skaters during countless hours as a volunteer CanSkate Program Assistant. Julie looks forward to continuing with skating during University and plans to pass her diamond dances. Congratulations and best wishes after graduation, Julie!

### Benjamin Mangabat

Congratulations to Benjamin Mangabat for passing his Gold Freeskate Test. Ben has been skating with the North Surrey Skating Club since age 6. He began to excel when he landed his first double jump and hasn't looked back. A competitive highlight has been winning medals at the last two BC Winter Games: Gold and Bronze. Ben loves to show off his skills including the jumps and spins. He enjoys performing to energetic and fun music. Ben's gold Feet will keep gliding as he moves up to the Novice level. His goal is to become the best skater he is able to which includes a desire to compete at the national level. The NSSC looks forward to helping Ben attain his goals.



### Peyton Meiers

Congratulations to Peyton Meiers of the Comox Valley Skating Club for passing her Gold Freeskate test in May. Payton began skating eight years ago, when she was seven, and loves absolutely everything about skating.

It's such a graceful sport that lets me really express myself,” she says. A grade 10 student at Mark Isfeld Secondary School, Payton also loves dance, and numerous other sports.

“I would like to thank my amazing coaches Greg and Dawn Ladret for always pushing me and making me strive to be better, and of course my family, for always supporting me and giving me confidence. I wouldn't have got nearly this far without them, including a few close friends.”





# **Volunteer at 2014 Skate Canada International**

***Held in Kelowna at Prospera Arena***

**Shifts start Monday October 27, 2014-Sunday November 2, 2014.**

**To Register go to:**

**<http://www.skatecanada.ca/en-us/eventsresults/volunteer.aspx>**

**You will need to download a head shot photo of yourself when you fill in the application form. It will not accept it without the photo.**

**If you have any problems email: [sci14@skatecanada.ca](mailto:sci14@skatecanada.ca)**

## **For Event Tickets go to:**

**[selectyourtickets.com/promo](http://selectyourtickets.com/promo)**

**Once you've put in this site - it will ask for the promo code use one of the following:**

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## ABOUT US

We are Skate Canada British Columbia and Yukon Section. We are run by a Board of Directors and Executive Committee supported by individual and specific discipline and operational committees. The BC/YT Section has approximately 19,000 skaters, 115 clubs, 430 coaches and 229 officials which we serve.

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