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## 2015 Canadian Championships

Great Performances by all our BC/ YK Skaters!

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Our two BC Men landed on the podium! Jeremy Ten placed 2nd overall and Liam Firus 3rd. Both men qualified for the 2015 Four Continent Figure Skating Championships in Seoul, Korea. Jeremy also qualified to compete at the World Championships in Shanghai, China March 23-29, 2015.



## Justin Hampole Takes Home Bronze At Canada Winter Games

VANCOUVER – Prince George's own Justin Hampole earned a bronze medal at the Canada Winter Games..

- Written by Amy Judd- Online News Producer Global News

The figure skater was second going into the day's competition after a personal best short program on Tuesday. After another clean program he earned a combined total of 91.88 points to place third.

"I never expected to win a medal," said Hampole.

"My goal was 90 points and I achieved that and I am so happy to have won bronze. It has been a great experience."

"I have never been that nervous before a skate before. But, I have been talking with a sport psychologist and he said that if you don't have nerves you don't care. I was really nervous so I guess I must really care."

Team BC won four medals overall. Beres Clements (Gibsons) skated a strong program and finished in fourth place overall.

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For the pre-novice women, Olivia Gran of Kelowna skated a personal best in the short program and was in first place going into the free skate but struggled on her jumps in the performance. She scored a total of 94.83, which was enough for the silver medal behind Sarah-Maude Blanchard of Quebec. Alisa Lyesina (Victoria) placed fifth.

In the Special Olympics Level 2 competition Matthew Lai (Richmond) earned gold and his teammate Eric Pahima (Vancouver) earned silver.

-More Canada Winter Games Coverage on pg. 7

# Champs International

For these two days, world class coaching experts come together to work with skaters:

Pre-Juv – Juv, Group 1 \$200  
Pre-Novice – Novice, Group 2 \$200  
Junior – Senior, Group 3 \$245, also includes private instruction  
GST taxes extra

## Seminar

### 2015

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1 pm – 8 pm

May 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 5 pm

**Burnaby 8 Rinks**



**This camp is designed by Joanne McLeod World & Olympic Team Coach for High Performance Development towards ISU Excellence.**

Supported by the Skate Canada BC/YK Section



**Manon Perron**  
World/Olympic  
Medalist Coach



**Ben Ferreira**  
World Team Member &  
Dartfish Expert



**Shae Zukiwsky**  
ISU Specialist  
International  
Choreographer

There are two full days with multiple on-ice sessions for each group. Skaters from outside Champs International are welcome to join on first come first served bases. All registrations must have base coach approval; payment in full.

#### Seminar Includes:

- Jump element technique advancement
- Spin elements 2015/16 Season
- Dartfish analysis
- Improve flow, power, quality, and posture of skating skills
- Movement/edge-turn transitions to musical Phrases
- Parent session "High Performance Demands for Training Elite Athletes"

#### REGISTER

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Registration Deadline: April 20, 2015

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<http://www.icesports.com/burnaby8rinks/competitive-training.aspx>

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# A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



*March 2015*

As another skating season comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for their time and commitment to the sport of Figure Skating in our Section. It has been another outstanding year that couldn't have happened without all of you!!

Congratulations to our skaters for a great season. Congratulations to our Super Series Trophy winners, you tried your best and succeeded. Special congratulations to the Team Members from the Okanagan that won the Super Series Team Challenge this year in Kelowna! Well done!! We are very proud of our medalists at Canadians and at Canada Winter Games this year.

Special thanks goes to the coaches and team managers that went to Canada Winter Games in Prince George. I was lucky enough to be there to see what a great bunch of skaters represented BC and the Yukon at this prestigious event.

Congratulations to Brian Pound who received the Sport BC Presidents Award, and Joanne McLeod who was named the Female Coach of the Year at this years Sport BC Banquet. I am looking forward to seeing who will receive the many awards that will be presented at our Section Awards Banquet in May.

Clubs have been sent information on updating their Club Bylaws, and also the Club Ranking that will happen this year. Club AGM's are coming up as well as yearend ice shows and test days, so good luck on all of these events!

I hope to see several of you at the Section AGM weekend in Burnaby with workshops on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have Norm Profit the Member Services Director for Skate Canada at our AGM, and he will present a workshop on the Friday and a different workshop on the Saturday.

Ted Barton and Laura Carr will take us on the BC/YK Athlete Pathway during the Friday workshop. This is a very informative weekend that I hope your Club can participate in. There will be a lot of fun had at the Athlete Trust Boat Cruise on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> and our Awards Banquet on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Information on this weekend is on the Section Website.

Lorraine Mapoles  
Chairman BC/YK Section  
Skate Canada



**Register for the ACGM and the National Coaching Conference!**  
Information can be found [HERE](#)



# BC Skaters **Abroad...**

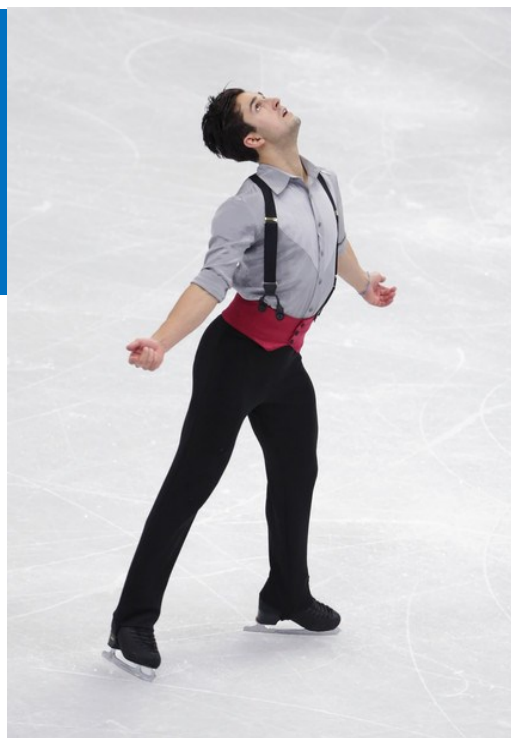
*BC/YK Section International Skaters*



**Four Continent  
Championships  
Seoul, Korea  
February 9-15, 2015**

Jeremy Ten  
14th Place

Liam Firus  
12th Place



**2015 World Championships  
Shanghai, China  
March 23-29, 2015**

Jeremy represented BC at the World Championships last week skating among the best in the world.

The final standings were:

**1st Place-**

Javier Fernandez, Spain

**2nd Place-**

Yuzuru Hanyu, Japan

**3rd Place-**

Denis Ten, Kazakhstan



**ISU World Junior  
Championships  
Tallinn, Estonia**

*March 2-8, 2015*

Madeline Edwards of Port Moody and ZhaoKai Pang of Burnaby ended up in 6th place at the World Junior Championships. They had the 4th best free dance of the competition.

*Congratulations to all our skaters at*  
**NATIONALS!**

Novice Men	Brian Le	10
Novice Men	Veniamins Volskis	11
Novice Men	Benjam Papp	14
Novice Men	Austin Ma	18
Novice Women	Rachel Pettitt	1
Novice Women	Mckenna Colthorp	4
Novice Women	Ajsha Gorman	11
Novice Women	Jessica McHugh	17
Novice Women	Elvie Carroll	18
Novice Pairs	Tessa Jones/ Matthew Den Boer	6
Novice Pairs	Sarah Kedves/ Lucas Pallard	11
Novice Dance	Ashlynn Stairs/ Lee Royer	4
Junior Men	Alexander Lawrence	8
Junior Men	Shawn Cuevas	15
Junior Women	Cailey England	2
Junior Women	Sarah Tamura	6
Junior Women	Megan Yim	7
Junior Women	Kelsey Wong	11
Junior Dance	Brianna Delmaestro/ Timothy Lum	1
Junior Dance	Danielle Wu/ Spencer Soo	4
Junior Dance	Haley Sales/ Nikolas Wamsteeker	9
Senior Men	Jeremy Ten	2
Senior Men	Liam Firus	3
Senior Men	Mitchell Gordon	8
Senior Women	Julianne Delaurier	15
Senior Dance	Nicole Orford/ Thomas Williams	4
Senior Dance	Madeline Edwards/ Zhaokai Pang	7
Senior Dance	Alexa Linden/ Jean Luc Jackson	14

## *2015 Canadian Tire National Championships*

# HIGHLIGHTS

### Novice Women

Rachel Pettitt– First Place  
Mckenna Colthorp– Fourth Place

### Novice Dance

Ashlynn Stairs/ Lee Royer– Fourth Place

### Junior Women

Cailey England– Second Place

### Junior Dance

Brianna Delmaestro/ Timothy Lum– First Place  
Danielle Wu/ Spencer Soo– Fourth Place

### Senior Men

Jeremy Ten– Second Place  
Liam Firus– Third Place

### Senior Dance

Nicole Orford/ Thomas Williams– Fourth Place

## EXCITING NEWS!

Two BC/YK Senior Men, Jeremy Ten and Liam Firus qualified to compete at the Four Continent Figure Skating Championships in Seoul, Korea. Jeremy placed 12th, and Liam placed 14th.

Jeremy 's second place finish at the 2015 Canadian Championships also earned him a spot at the 2015 World Championships in Shanghai, China! Congratulations Jeremy!



## *The 2015 Canada Winter Games*

# RESULTS

EVENT	COMPETITOR/ TEAM	PLACING
Pre-Novice Men	Justin Hampole	3
Pre-Novice Men	Beres Clements	4
Pre-Novice Women	Olivia Gran	2
Pre-Novice Women	Alisa Lyesina	5
Novice Men	Brian Le	3
Novice Men	Benjam Papp	4
Novice Women	Mckenna Colthorp	3
Novice Women	Ajsha Gorman	6
Novice Dance	Ashlynn Stairs/ Lee Royer	3
Novice Pairs	Tessa Jones/ Matthew Den Boer	4
Special Olympics Level II Female	Stephanie Divin	3
Special Olympics Level II Female	Emily Walzak	5
Special Olympics Level II Male	Matthew Lai	1
Special Olympics Level II Male	Eric Pahima	2



## Stephanie Divín follows OLYMPIC LINEAGE



Stephanie Divín followed a family tradition when she took up figure skating. In 1960 the 15-year-old's paternal grandfather Karol Divín earned the silver medal at the Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley, California, competing for what was then Czechoslovakia. This week Stephanie won the bronze medal in the Special Olympics Singles Level II category at the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George.

Team BC Special Olympics coach Jessica Chapelski said watching Stephanie receive her medal at Thursday's ceremony was a heart-warming and emotional experience.

"I cried when she received her medal," said Chapelski. "I think one of my favourite things about this experience is seeing her come out of her shell. She's really opened up and grown so much as a person this week." Normally a shy teenager, Stephanie blossomed and was very "witty" when she and her teammates enjoyed a few games of Monopoly in their hotel room, raved Chapelski. "This was a good platform for her to be more confident in herself," said

Chapelski.

Stephanie began figure skating 13 years ago and skates at the North Surrey Skating Club where she is coached by Tannis Marshall. The week before arriving in Prince George, Stephanie won the gold medal at the Special Olympics BC provincial championships in Kamloops. Chapelski said the young skater has a chance to compete for Team BC again in February 2016 at the Special Olympic Canadian national championship in Cornerbrook, Nfld. The team should be announced in the next couple of months. Karol Divín was introduced to figure skating by his father, who also coached him in his early years.

Divín competed in three Olympics – 1956, 1960 and 1964. He won the silver medal in 1960 and fourth in 1964. Divín was a two-time European champion and a Worlds medalist twice, silver in 1962 and bronze in 1964. Divín hung up his skates in 1964.

For Stephanie, her grandfather is an inspiration and a role model for her as she continues to advance in figure skating. There are six Special Olympics levels.

Level II and III athletes were competing at the 2015 Canada Winter Games. Karol Divín resides in the Czech Republic but visits his granddaughter every year when they talk about their mutual passion for skating, according to Stephanie's mom Outi Divín.

"We are proud of Stephanie following in Karol's footsteps," said Outi. "He gives her pointers when they talk."

"She was very happy all week," added Chapelski. "Very unflappable and when she stepped out onto the ice the energy of the crowd invigorated her performance."

Chapelski said Stephanie has hidden her bronze medal in a special place because the humble young woman doesn't like the attention she receives when she wears it around her neck.

(Contributed by Sheri Lamb)

- Article from  
[www.canadagames2015.ca](http://www.canadagames2015.ca)



# MEMORIES



Tessa Jones/ Matthew Den Boer



Justin Hampole



Benjam Papp



Jeanne Welch/ Gail Weber  
Volunteers



Murray Anderson/ Brian Pound/ Dawson Staniforth  
Volunteers







2015



# MOUNTAIN SYNCHRO



# STARSKATE STANDINGS

## Pond to Podium

### Pre-Juvenile Men

1. Aleksa Rakic– Champs ISC BC
2. Carson Consiglio– Kelowna Skating Club
3. Terry Yu Tao Jin– Champs ISC BC

### Pre-Juvenile Women U11

1. Melody Zhu– Champs ISC of BC
2. Alexis Garost– Kelowna Skating Club
3. Vienna Harwood– Kelowna Skating Club

### Pre-Juvenile Women U14

1. Miku Makita– Inlet Skating Club of Port Moody
2. Madeline Foley– Kelowna Skating Club
3. Breanna Le– Burnaby Skating Club

### Star 5 Girls U10

1. Emily Sales– Kelowna Skating Club
2. Malayna Lesko– Kelowna Skating Club
3. Mackenzie Nelmes– Kelowna Skating Club

### Star 5 Girls U13

1. Hana Nabirahni– Coquitlam Skating Club
2. Maya Dinwoodie– Inlet Skating Club of Port Moody
3. Kiera Kam– Inlet Skating Club of Port Moody

### Star 5 Girls 13& O

1. Ashlyn Buxcey–Juan de Fuca Skating Club
2. Justine Charlston– Killarney Centre Skating Club
3. Melanie Beaudoin–Oak Bay Skating Club

### Senior Bronze Women

1. Emily Steward– Sun Bowl Skating Club
2. Megan Holman– Armstrong/ Enderby Skating Club
3. Megan Yu– Inlet Skating Club of Port Moody

### Junior Silver Women

1. Geneve Miller– Cranbrook Skating Club
2. Hunter Bezak– Fernie Skating Club
3. Angelique Bergheim– Coquitlam Skating Club

### Senior Silver Women

1. Dawn Henley– Williams Lake Skating Club
2. Cassandra Greenwood– Quesnel Skating Club
3. Savannah Wasden– Campbell River Skating Club

### Gold Women

1. Ceilidh Ross– Cheam Skating Club
2. Nicole Jukic– Champs ISC of BC
3. Phoebe Kemp– Mt Boucherie Skating Club

# STARSKATE FINAL

## Challenge Teams

CONGRATULATIONS to the Okanagan Region Challenge Team!

Okanagan Region Team

1st Place!

### OKANAGAN REGION TEAM

Abbey Reiter  
Alexis Garost  
Ashley Sales  
Carson Consiglio  
Emily Sales  
Emily Stewart  
Jaeda Ostoforoff  
Jenna Cooper  
Madison Land  
Phoebe Kemp

### CARIBOO NORTH CENTRAL REGION TEAM

Aliyah Goncalves  
Amanda Willsie  
Carmen Huang  
Cassie Greenwood  
Dawn Henley  
Holly Burke  
Jessie Grant  
Madison Gerwien  
Mykenzie Beech  
Shaya Jeffery

### VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION TEAM

Gigi Hahn  
Gurshan Riarh  
Jessica Timmins  
Lola Hahn  
Mackayla Hodge  
Mackenzie Poland  
Marielle Timmins  
Robyn Troyer  
Savannah Wasden  
Sophie Dunkley

### BC COAST REGION TEAM

Agata Seyfi  
Aleska Rakic  
Amy Leith  
Angel Yin  
Brianne Le  
Emma Szeto  
Eric Sun  
Faith Benko  
Hana Nabirahni  
Melody Zhu

### KOOTENAY REGION TEAM

Bianca Marina  
Brenna Paulsen  
Geneve Miller  
Hunter Bezak  
Jilliene Thom  
Mackenzie Walts  
Taryn Verhlest  
Zoe Marina



There were a total of 30 skaters in the CanSkate, program. A total of 50 badges were awarded in Canskate.

We would like to thank the following skaters for helping on Canskate they are, Emily, Morgan, Carly and Sarah. These skaters' and adults came out and volunteered their time to help the younger skaters in the club.

We had three Special days Halloween Dress up, Christmas Skate with Santa and on March 13th we had a family skate and awards. Most of the families showed up and had a great time.

We had two skaters attended the Region Championship in February, Morgan and Michael.

The club has been working hard rebuilding. Thanks to our coach Lorraine Francisty.

# COWICHAN LAKE DISTRICT SKATING CLUB



# COQUITLAM

## SKATING CLUB

Congratulations to all Coquitlam Skating Club competitors. The 2014/2015 season has so many great highlights to share.



### RONALD LAM

Ronald placed 13th at ISU Four Continents, competition in Seoul Korea, where he had the 8th best technical score in the men's event. Ronald will be competing in late March at the 2015 ISU World Championships in Shanghai, China.

At the **WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES** in Granada, Spain, Coquitlam saw three of its skaters competing. Ronald Lam 6th place. Bela Papp from Finland did not qualify for the free. Beatta Papp from Finland in the Ladies was 17<sup>th</sup>.

### BRIANNA DELMAESTRO & TIMOTHY LUM

had a very successful season, placing first at the 2015 Skate Canada National Championships and at the 2015 Skate Canada Challenge, in Junior dance. Internationally they represented Canada on the Junior National Team placing 2nd in Ljubljana, Slovenia at ISU Grand Prix #2, and 3rd in Dresden, Germany at ISU Grand Prix #5



### BENJAM PAPP

posted a very successful year. He is the 2015 BC Novice Men's Champion, and a 2014/2015 BC Provincial Team Member. He placed 14<sup>th</sup> at the Canadian Tire National Championships, and was 4<sup>th</sup> at the Canada Winter Games.

### LARISSA HOROBEC

At the 2015 BC/YK Sectional championships Larissa Horobec placed 3rd in the Senior Woman's event and was the Super Series Pond to Podium Champion. She is a BC team member and competed at the 2015 Skate Canada Challenge event.

Congratulations to all competitors!





## DUNCAN SKATING CLUB

Duncan Skating Club has had another successful season with 174 members.. Our skaters have competed in 2 competitions so far Interclub and Regions. We had 24 skaters enter 27 events at the V.I. Regional's in February. VISI is being held next month.

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In October we held a one-day seminar with guest coach Bruno Delmaestro. It was a huge success and all our star skaters attended.

Our Synchro Team "Duncanettes" competed at the Juvenile level at the Mountain Synchronized Championships the end of January. We have had

two special skates Halloween and our Christmas Exhibition and Family Skate.

We have had 3 skaters achieve 5 gold tests this season. Courtney Vanderstap completed her Gold Skills in April and her Gold Interpretive in December. Cecilia Faustino completed her Gold Skills in December and Anna Brancato completed her Gold Skills in February and her Gold Interpretive in March.

Our awards banquet will be held in April.

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.





Photo: At Mountain Regional Championships

## ICE X-PLOSION

The LMSSC Intermediate Synchro team attended Synchro Nationals in Quebec City February 27th - March 1st, 2015.

Intermediate Team, Ice X-plosion, coached by Danalee Harrison and managed by Coleen Melsted.

This is the team's second year. Last season they were the gold medal winners for Mountain Regionals in Lethbridge and participants in Synchronized Nationals held in Burnaby.

The Intermediate team had a great season and qualified for Synchro Nationals after their skate at Mountain Regionals in Langley. Synchro Nationals in Quebec City was an exciting and fun-filled trip for the team. They visited the Ice Hotel, went tubing, sightseeing and watched some incredible skating.

Congratulations to the skaters for their great performances at Nationals!

**For more information or registration please contact coach, Danalee, at**

**[figsk8coach1@shaw.ca](mailto:figsk8coach1@shaw.ca)**

## Tryout for the Team!

If you are interested in skating on a competitive Intermediate team and your skating level is Junior Silver or above, please see the details below.

### Intermediate Team Spring Sessions

**Surrey Sport and Leisure Centre (Fleetwood Arena),  
16555 Fraser Hwy, Surrey**

**Tuesdays May 12 – June 9  
7:30-9:00pm**

**Tryouts will be held at the same location on Thurs. June 11 from 6:30-7:30pm. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to all sessions.**

# MT BOUCHERIE *SKATING CLUB*

The Mt. Boucherie Skating Club has had a tremendous 2014/2015 skating season so far. We are thrilled to say enrollment in all our programs (especially figure skating) is up considerably from last season. This has kept our coaches and volunteers especially busy.

Many of our club members (skaters, coaches, volunteers) were involved in the 2014 Skate Canada International ISU Grand Prix competition. This once in a lifetime event was a perfect way to get everyone excited about the skating season. It was a great experience for everyone and one we won't soon forget. In November the MBSC hosted the 2014 Okanagan Interclub competition in the Royal LePage Place arena. The event ran smoothly, the MBSC had 13 skaters participating in 24 events. Our skaters had a successful weekend at the Interclub bringing home medals and ribbons in every event we entered. The volunteers worked extremely hard during the weekend, and we are glad to report it was a huge success.

Congratulations to Tianna Potts and Kayla Smart for being selected for the 2015 Skate Canada BC Prospect Team. Tianna's had a personal best season which started off in the Pre Juvenile U11 category and finished off in the Juvenile U11 category. She had a personal best score of 29.41 at the Super Series Final in Kelowna. Kayla competed in Novice this season and even though she was tending to injuries for most of the season she was able to achieve a personal best long program at the BC/YK Sectional Championships in Prince George. She will be competing in Junior this coming season and is currently working on two new programs.

Our hardworking MBSC volunteers did a fabulous job once again putting together a terrific Silent Auction & Pub Night at Whisky Jacks Pub in West Kelowna. This has turned out to be one of our best club fundraisers and this year was our biggest one yet! We raised just under \$4000 and had a great time doing it! Our friends from Q 103.1 in Kelowna helped us promote the event to their listeners and came out and hosted the evening. We rely heavily on



**Tianna & Kayla**  
BC/YK - Prospect Team Members



**MBSC Rock n' Roll Poster**  
Okanagan Regional Championships



**MBSC Star 1 Girls**  
Okanagan Regional Championships



**Medalists & Ribbon Winners**  
Okanagan Interclub Competition



**Ugly Sweater Day**

these types of events to help us keep our programs affordable for everyone!

Our skaters are working hard to get ready for our annual skating production "Spring Fling" which is being held on April 29th from 6:00 - 8:00pm in West Kelowna. This show gives our skaters the chance to showcase the hard work that has been done all season long. This year 28 skaters from our figure skating program will participate in Spring Fling and for many of our Junior Academy

skaters this will be their first experience with performing. We are all very excited to share this show with all our friends and family.

As we transition into the spring and summer training months we look forward to even more fun and success at the Mt. Boucherie Skating Club. We can be reached anytime at our club website [www.skatemtb.com](http://www.skatemtb.com)





The New Year for the Northern BC Centre for Skating athletes started with a new addition to our coaching team. Barbara Eimer moved to Prince George from Quebec City to work with our team of coaches. 27 skaters competed at the CNC regionals and managed to win 32 medals securing the CNC Region Trophy for NBCCS.

Our Centre skaters were excited to have the 2015 Canada Winter Games happen right here in their hometown and many of them were involved by helping as ice patchers or flower retrievers.

The Pre Novice event had KIN1 Arena full, as our own Justin Hampole was competing. Justin received a standing ovation and he earned a bronze medal for his performance.

Our skaters are looking forward to performing "To The Tune Of Sport" for our ice show coming up on March 27th.

EXCITING SEASON FOR  
PRINCE GEORGE SKATERS





# SAANICH SKATING CLUB

We had a busy winter season ...

**1** **W**ith several of our skaters competing in the February Regional Championships held in Victoria. Congratulations to all the skaters who attended: Alexandra Motherwell, Ada Ng, May Ng, Analisa Aliperti, Skylar Sanoy, Tiffany Sherah, Inge Sunli, Johanna Bubiak, Jasmine Dhami, Railyn Cid, Aurelia Guns-Cardoso, Cypress LeBlanc, Kelly Hwang, Lauren Wagner, Olivia McKillop, Madey Harrison, Virginia Sarich, Julianna Tomaselli, Sequoia Korner, Jo Jo Berginc, Shayla Sarton, Jenny Hwang, Olivia Williams, Yuki Mayes, Sarah Pillion and Gillian MacDonald. We were so close to winning the Club team spirit award in the Elements event. Our younger members stayed up well past their bedtime in order to cheer on their club mates. We might not have had the largest cheering section but we were by far the loudest & the liveliest.



SSCV - Regional Competitors

**Plans for the 6 week spring session are well under way. Registration information can be found at [www.saanichskating.com](http://www.saanichskating.com)**

**2** **I**n celebration of the progress all of our skaters have made, our winter season culminated with a fabulous Spring Fling recital. Fun was had by all and the cute little Can-skaters stole the show. This year, several teen-aged International Students wanted to learn to skate, including a few who had never skated before. To meet their needs, we created a Can-skate session just for them. All made excellent progress as at first, some were barely able to stand up unassisted. By the end of the winter session, all were able to participate in a group routine for the recital. Once again, our kids helped other kids have the ability to participate in sports because a portion of the proceeds from the recital will be donated to Kid-Sport. We are grateful to our coaches Barbara Turner, Brenda Charity and Murray Carey for their dedication to make this an outstanding event!



Spring Fling Recital - March 7, 2015

# TERRACE SKATING CLUB



Terrace Skating Club member Laura Dale competed at her first ever Special Olympic BC Winter Games in Ladies Singles Level 3 where she took home the gold medal (Kamloops February 20-21).  
(Photo Left).

Terrace Skating Club sent 12 skaters to the Cariboo North Central Regional Championships in Quesnel in January.  
(Photo Below).

(Photo Right)

Back L to R: Teysean Henry, Cricket Elliot, Kaytlin Gingles, Maya Lecuyer, Emma DeCario, Tristen Morgan, Jesse Thandi.  
Front L to R: Makayla Forrest, Bri-  
anne Monsen, Camryn Mon-  
sen, Kaeyanna Mackenzie, Kally  
Mackenzie

Terrace Skating Club also has a year end fun competition and an ice show with the theme 'Back to the 80s'.





Well here it is the end of our winter session already. But.....Spring skating is here!!



# VALLEYVIEW

## SKATING CLUB

**CanSkate** has been amazing this season. We are so excited about the number of skaters we have had each session. We do hope each and every skater had fun and are developing a love for skating. It is exciting to watch the progression of each skater as the weeks go by!!

A big thankyou goes out to all of our **Program Assistants** who come out and help all of our little ones each session. This program cannot be run without all of you. The PAs are: Alana, Anastasia, Brenna, Brooklyn, Chelsea, Cheyenne, Dan, Ireland, Janet, Jennine, Kate, Leila, MacKenzie, Madison, Marilyn, Rhonda, Sarah, and Savannah.

**Jr. Academy** skaters are winding down their season and their improvement is tremendous. They have worked very hard this season learning new skills and learning the hard work figure skating requires. Way to go skaters!!

**Powerskating** winter session skaters showed increased enrolment and great improvement in our skaters. It was wonderful to see our Bantam level skaters show great leadership on the sessions and improve their already impressive skating. Our beginner Powerskaters have come a long way and are getting speedier and more agile every week.

**Intermediate and Senior skaters** have been progressing and meeting the goals they have set at the beginning of the year. They have all been working hard trying new elements and having fun learning the new skills. They are competing well and have more to come!

**Master Skaters** are also hard at work preparing for their competitions. They competed well in Coquitlam on February 21st and they are off to Nationals in Calgary on Easter Weekend for the Adult Nationals.

Good luck, we know you will all make Valleyview Skating Club proud!!



# *Gold Feet*

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## ***Courtney Bueckert***

At the age of 4 I fell in love with figure skating. It wasn't just my dream; it became my passion and my life. So when I passed my first gold in April 2014 at the age of 16 it was a huge accomplishment for me. This interpretive wasn't only the interpretive I passed my gold with, it was the interpretive that spoke about my family. I dedicated my interpretive "I'm Gonna Love You Through It" to my mom who was going through breast cancer at the time. It was my way of being able to say how I felt without actually speaking. I'd like to thank my coaches, my friends, my family, and all of Peace Passage Skating Club, but most importantly my mom because without her I wouldn't be the person I am today. She'd been my inspiration since day one and my biggest supporter.

## ***Jenny Hwang***

My name is Jenny Hwang, I'm 15 years old, and I skate with the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria. I started figure skating when I was 11 years old, and I have been in love with it ever since. A big thank you to Brenda Charity, Barbara Turner and Murray Carey for being amazing coaches, and making it possible for me to pass my gold tests!





# *Gold Feet*

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## *Halla Aitken*

Halla Aitken completed her fourth and final Gold level test in January 2015. She finished off her testing with her Gold Freeskate. Halla has been skating for 15 years, 10 of which have been with the Peace Passage Skating Club. She would like to thank her coaches, Janice and Amanda, for pushing her, encouraging her, and laughing with her. They made each day at the cold rink much better. She would also like to thank her parents for their encouragement and for giving her the opportunity to skate.

## *Anna Brancato*

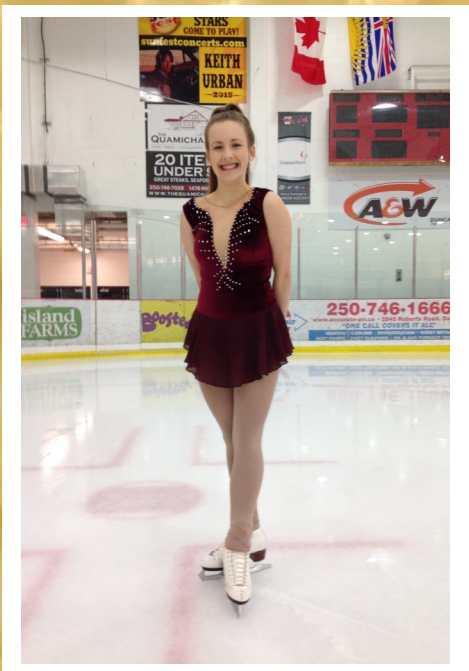
Anna is 16 years old and in Grade 11. She completed her Gold Skills in February and her Gold Interpretive in March. She is working on her Senior Silver dances and Junior Silver Freeskate tests. Anna has been a program assistant for many years. She would like to thank her coach Lorraine Francisty.





# Gold Feet

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## *Courtney Vanderstap*

Courtney is 17 years old and in Grade 12 she completed her Gold Skills last April and her Gold Interpretive in December she is working on her last Gold dance and her Senior Silver Freeskate. Courtney has also been a program assistant with the club for many years. She would like to thank her coach Lorraine Francisty.

## *Cecilia Faustino*

Cecilia is 14 years old. She completed her Gold Skills in December. She is working on finishing her last two Gold dances and her Junior Silver Freeskate Cecilia is a program assistant with the club. She would like to thank her coach Lorraine Francisty.





# Coaches Corner



## UPCOMING NCCP COURSES

**NCCP CanPower Course**  
June 20-21, 2015

**NCCP ISPC Components**  
June 5-9, 2015

**NCCP Instruction Beginner CanSkate Course**  
August 17-19, 2015

**NCCP Level 3**  
August 18-21, 2015

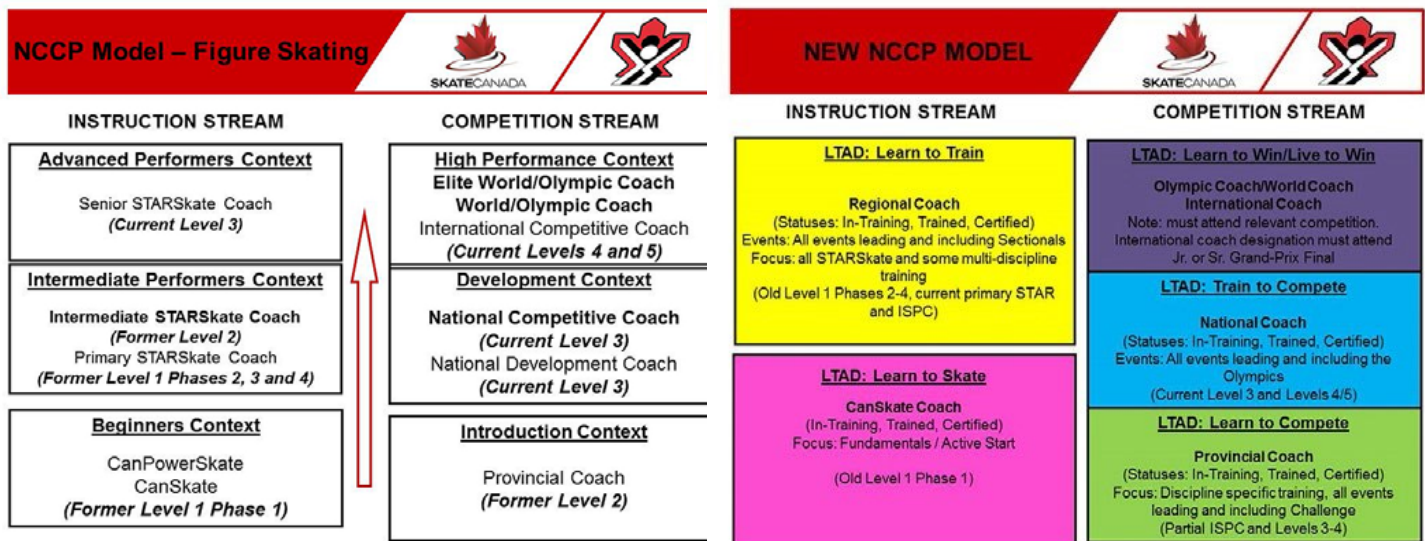
**NCCP Instruction Intermediate Primary STARSkate Course**  
September 18-20, 2015

**Registration will open approximately 2 months prior to the course start date.  
Information can be found on**  
[www.skatinginbc.com/national-coaching-certification-program](http://www.skatinginbc.com/national-coaching-certification-program)



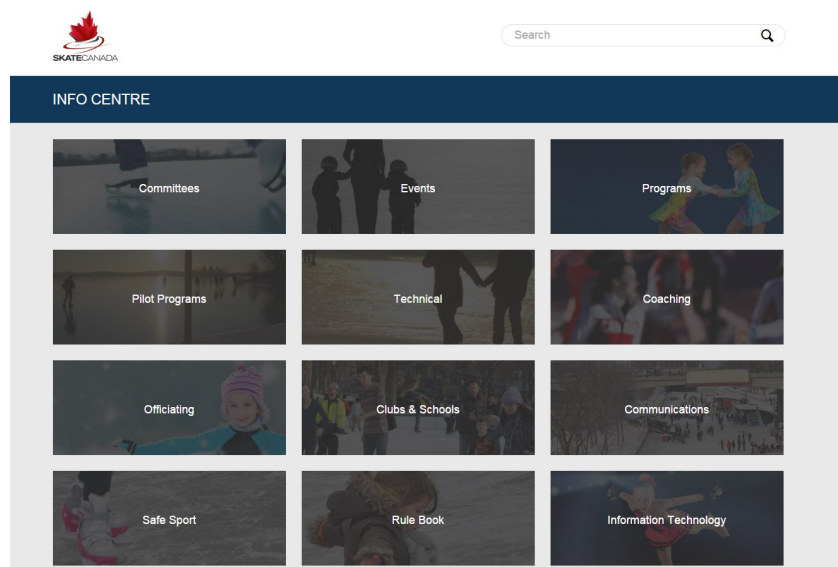
# Aligning Coach Training and Certification Programs with LTAD

The future of the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) in our sport is shaping up to be exciting and in direct alignment with Skate Canada's LTAD model. The Coaching Development Committee recently approved a new NCCP model that will train and certify coaches in contexts specific to the level of athletes they want to work with. Current NCCP versus new NCCP – take a look!



The Skate Canada Info Centre is a great source for information! You can find coaching portfolios, manuals, registration documents and much more. Please check out the website for more information.

<https://info.skatecanada.ca/hc/en-ca>



# CONTINUOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT ITS BEST

Being successful as a Skate Canada coach requires you to think carefully and strategically about your skills and objectives. It also requires you to consider the areas in which you need to either refine and/or develop. Whether you are coaching full-time or part-time, committing to personal and professional development is essential in helping our athletes reach their full potential. Participation in the CEP was mandatory this season and Skate Canada is so proud to share that over 5000 coaches had complied with this requirement in early September! Thank you all for your continued commitment towards professional development and the coaching profession.

In partnership with the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC), Skate Canada has aligned the Continuous Education Program (CEP) requirements with CAC's Maintenance of Certification policy. Skate Canada and CAC have streamlined the requirements needed to register as a Skate Canada coaching member and to also maintain an active NCCP certification status with CAC.

Aligning both programs required Skate Canada to modify the dates of the CEP cycles. Continuing on a two-year basis, the CEP cycles will now coincide with CAC's Maintenance of Certification policy effective January 1, 2015 for Skate Canada coaches.

To make this transition easy for coaches, we have extended the 2014-2016 CEP cycle to 30 months – July 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016. January 1, 2017 will be the date coaches obtain a renewed NCCP status with CAC, and obtain a CEP status (gold, silver, bronze, or compliant) should enough points be accumulated during the cycle as indicated on this chart.

CURRENT NCCP STATUS	MANDATORY POINTS FOR NCCP STATUS & SKATE CANADA REGISTRATION	POINTS REQUIRED FOR CEP STATUS
CanSkate CanPowerSkate	5	Skate Canada encourages all its coaches to achieve a CEP status. Given we have changed the total of mandatory points we have also <b>decreased the number of points required to obtain a CEP status</b> to the following:  55 Points = Gold Status 35 Points = Silver Status 15 Points = Bronze Status
Primary STARSkate/Level 1 Intermediate STARSkate/Level 2 Provincial Coach/Level 2	8	
Level 3 Level 4 Level 5	15	

In partnership with CAC, we will communicate the changes made to the point value per acceptable activities in an upcoming email campaign. In the meantime, Skate Canada is in the process of implementing a new database and designing a new CEP electronic form to accommodate the changes. We hope to have this tool available in 2015. As demonstrated this year, we encourage all of our coaches to continue professional development and to keep proof of the completed activities on file until further notice.



# EIGHT CANADIAN FIGURE SKATING COACHES WIN 2014 PETRO-CANADA COACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

After a remarkable season, eight Canadian figure skating coaches received the 2014 Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Award. The awards were presented Friday, November 7th by the Coaching Association of Canada at the annual Sport Leadership Awards ceremony, during the Petro-Canada Sport Leadership conference in Ottawa.

The Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Awards recognize coaches whose athletes excelled at world championships, Olympic and Paralympic Games, and at the Special Olympics World Games.

"These coaches each represent the commitment and dedication that goes into every day of training and preparing our athletes to compete at the highest level," said Dan Thompson, CEO, Skate Canada. "Their passion for sport and for making a positive impact on the lives of their athletes is remarkable. I'd like to thank the more than 5,000 certified professional coaches across the country who inspire Canadians to skate every day, and in particular to congratulate these eight coaches who have taken their athletes to the pinnacle of our sport."

All of the coaches honoured had Canadian athletes or teams win gold, silver or bronze on the world stage. The figure skating coaches who received awards for their outstanding work with their athletes are:



- **Richard Gauthier**,  
Montreal, Quebec  
Athletes:  
Meagan Duhamel, Eric Radford



- **Bruno Marcotte**,  
Montreal, Quebec  
Athletes:  
Meagan Duhamel, Eric Radford



- **Joanne McLeod**,  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
Athlete:  
Kevin Reynolds



- **Shelley Simonton-Barnett**,  
Burlington, Ontario  
Athletes:  
Nexxice Synchronized Skating Team



- **Anne Schelter**,  
Carlisle, Ontario  
Athletes:  
Nexxice Synchronized Skating Team



- **Ravi Walia**,  
Edmonton, Alberta  
Athlete:  
Kaetlyn Osmond



- **Kris Wirtz**,  
Kitchener - Waterloo, Ontario  
Athletes:  
Kirsten Moore-Towers, Dylan Moscovitch



- **Marina Zoueva**,  
Canton, Michigan  
Athletes:  
Scott Moir, Tessa Virtue



Fifty coaches from a variety of sports in Canada were honoured at the banquet in Ottawa.

# EVENTS

2014/ 2015 Season

## Calendar

### Kelowna Camp

April 3-5, 2015  
Kelowna, BC

### Adult National Championships

April 3-5, 2015  
Calgary, AB

### World Synchro Championships

April 10-11, 2015  
Hamilton, ONT

### Super Series Vancouver Island Skate

April 10-12, 2015  
Parksville, BC

### BC/YK Annual General Meeting

May 1-3, 2015  
Burnaby, BC

### Super Series Victoria Day

May 15-17, 2015  
Fleetwood, BC

### National Annual Conference & General Meeting

May 27-30, 2015  
Winnipeg, MB

### NCCP Intermediate STARSkate/ Provincial Coach Coaching Course

June 5-9, 2015  
Burnaby, BC

### BC Team Camp

June 12-14, 2015  
Burnaby, BC

### Featured event



Adult National Championships

April 3-5, 2015

Calgary, AB

### Planning Meeting

June 20-21, 2015  
Burnaby, BC

### NCCP CanPower Coaching Course

June 20-21, 2015  
Burnaby, BC

### Super Series Summerskate

August 13-16, 2015  
Burnaby, BC

For more information on these events please visit our website

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



# BC/YK SECTION AGM WEEKEND

Early Bird Deadline  
**April 17th!**

2015 Workshops & AGM  
**May 1-2, 2015**  
Delta Burnaby Hotel &  
Conference Centre

Join us for important  
presentations on Skate Canada  
Information Technology, Strategic  
Plan Projects, and the Athlete  
Pathway

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weekend please go to our  
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