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This year the BC/YK Section developed a Club Ranking System.

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The Club Ranking System is meant to identify clubs who are actively involved in the British Columbia Yukon Section. Clubs who received 75 points or higher received a Gold Status, 50 points or higher a Silver Status, and 25 points or higher a Bronze Status.



Victor Kraatz Inducted into the BC/YK Skate Canada Hall of Fame

BURNABY – BC/YK Section Skate Canada holds 2015 Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Evening.

- Photo Left to Right: Jeremy Ten, Nicole Orford, Victor Kraatz, Syd Hughes

Victor Kraatz was the third athlete to be inducted into the BC/YK Section Skate Canada Hall of Fame. This year marks the second annual BC/YK Section Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Evening. Along with Victor, there were three other inductees this year: Audrey Moore (Official), Bill Lewis (Builder), and Alex Fulton (Coach). This is an extremely special event for the BC/YK Section, as they are able to honour individuals who have spent countless hours involved in the sport of Figure Skating.

Throughout the evening there were a total of 23 awards given out. To name a few: Skate Canada Section Volunteer Award of Excellence– Lynne Henderson-Drake, Skate Canada

Competitive Athlete Award– Rachel Pettitt, Skate Canada Competitive Coach of the Year Award– Karen and Jason Mongrain, BC/YK Section Lifetime Achievement Award– Ev

Pochay. The BC/YK Section would like to congratulate all of the award winners this year as well as say thank you to everyone who came to support the event and to all those who have given their time to the sport of Figure Skating this past year.

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2015 SUMMERSKATE



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2015 Athlete Trust Auction

The BC/YK Section Athlete Trust would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated and participated in the auction.

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

Thank you!

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

June 2015

Congratulations to all of our award winners that were celebrated at our Awards Banquet last month! There were so many wonderful nominees this year, it was difficult for the Awards Committee to make a decision! So to those of you who received an award this year, you were truly deserving!!

Special congratulations to Lynne Henderson-Drake who won the Skate Canada Volunteer of Excellence Award, and was honoured in Winnipeg at the Skate Canada Awards Banquet. It is always exciting to see our BC Volunteer walk across the stage and receive their award. Congratulations to the inductees in to our BC/YK Skate Canada Hall of Fame this year. It is very interesting learning about the lives of people who have devoted so much time and energy to our

sport. The presentations to the inductees were very well done, and added a nice touch to our Awards Banquet. I look forward to seeing who we induct next year! The National ACGM was recently held in Winnipeg, and our Section didn't send very many delegates this year, but the overall attendance was quite high, so a lot of coaches, and volunteers enjoyed the experience. The information from the various workshops should be posted on info.skatecanada.ca very soon, so please look over the material.

I hope that all of the Club AGM's were well attended this year, and that most of you managed to pass the new Club By-laws. Please be sure to submit Form 10, 2 copies of the Bylaws, and a cheque to the Registrar of Companies. Once they are approved please send in a copy of

the stamped letter to the Section Office. The survey for the Club Ranking will be out soon, please complete it, so that we can see how you're doing.

Enjoy the summer holidays, and we'll see you at Summer Skate in Burnaby in August!

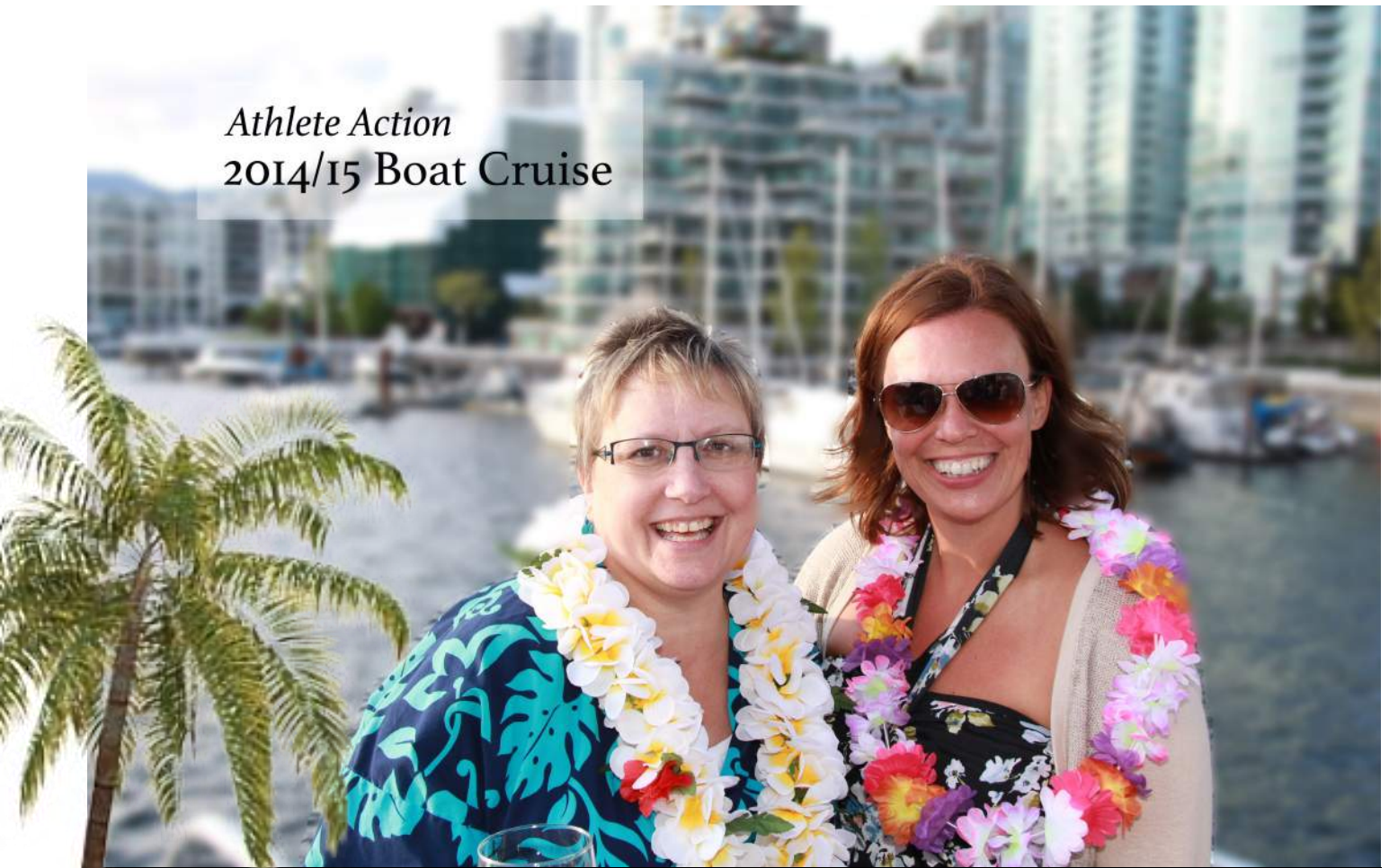
Lorraine Mapoles
Chairman BC/YK Section
Skate Canada



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*The BC/YK Section family fundraising
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on the water in Vancouver.*



AGM & AWARDS EVENING



2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Alex Fulton



Coach

ALEX FULTON

In 1945 Alex and his partner Olga Bernyk won both the Canadian Senior Pair and Senior Dance titles. One year later he turned professional. He moved around coaching until arriving in BC in 1957 at the Capilano Winter Club. Very quickly Alex helped the club win the Provincial Trophy for 3 years in a row. He taught champions such as Louise and Barry Soper, 6 times Canadian Ice Dance Champions Lyndsai Cowan and Benita Cave, and numerous others.

Bill Lewis



Builder

BILL LEWIS

Bill started skating at the New Westminster's Queens Park Arena around 1941 at the age of 12. He became the Canadian Junior Men's Champion in 1948, and competed in the World Championships in 1951 and placed a very respectable 9th. In 1953 he began his 32 year span judging career. He attended the 1964 Winter Olympic Games in Innsbruck, Austria. Bill also became the first Chairman of the Inlet Skating Club along with running for alderman and subsequently becoming the President of the New Westminster Chamber of Commerce.

Victor Kraatz



Athlete

VICTOR KRAATZ

Victor moved to Canada and ended up in West Vancouver in 1988. His coach eventually suggested he fly to Quebec for partner tryouts— this is where he met Shae Lynne Bourne. They won their first National Championships in 1993 and their last one in 2003. Throughout their International career they earned 4 World Bronze Medals, 1 World Silver Medal and a World Title. They were the first North Americans in history to win it.

AUDREY MOORE

Audrey began skating in 1938 at the Vancouver Skating Club. In 1951 she placed 4th at Nationals in Canadian Senior Dance. Audrey soon turned to officiating and became a Canadian judge in 1960. She was an ISU World and Olympic Judge in 1970 and then World and Olympic Referee in 1976. She founded the BC Coast Judges Bureau, and became the Chairman of the BC Section in 1978. Over the years she has won the BC and National Judges award, Lifetime Achievement Award, National Volunteer Award of Excellence, and the Coaches Choice Award.

Audrey Moore



Official

2015

BC/YK Section AWARD WINNERS



Lifetime Achievement Award
Ev Pochay



Skate Canada Competitive
Coach of the Year Award
Karen & Jason Mongrain



Skate Canada Competitive
Athlete of the Year Award
Rachel Pettitt



Skate Canada Section Volunteer
Award of Excellence
Lynne Henderson-Drake



Skate Canada Section
Officials Award
Wayne Sutherland



BC/YK Section Coaches Choice
Award -Vanessa Sturdy accepting on
behalf of **Susan Heffernan**



Skaters Award of Achievement
Phoebe Kemp



Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award
Julie Kivinen



Susan Griffith Committee
Chairman Award
Gail Weber

Skate Canada Section
Volunteer Coach
of the Year Award
Dawn Ladret



Skate Canada Club &
Recreation Coach
Award of Excellence
Joanne MacNair

2015

BC/YK Section AWARD WINNERS

Continued.



BC Youth Promise Awards
Female Skater of the Year Award
Olivia Gran



BC Youth Promise Awards
Female Skater of the Year Award
Mckenna Colthorp



BC Youth Promise Awards
Male Skater of the Year
Brian Le



BC Youth Promise Awards
Team of the Year
Ashlynn Stairs/ Lee Royer



BC/YK Section
Dogwood & Volunteer Award
Louise Reeve



Skate Canada Section STARSkate
Athlete of the Year Award
Hunter Bezak



BC/YK Section
Adult Skater of the Year Award
Audrey Clearie



Skate Canada
CanSkater of the Year Award
Ariana Robertson



Skate Canada
Program Assistant of the Year Award
Amareet Bains



2015 Annual Convention, General Meeting and National Coaches' Conference

Winnipeg held the 2015 Skate Canada ACGM. This event lasted four days and consisted of professional development seminars and networking opportunities for coaches and officials. The 102nd Annual General Meeting of Skate Canada was held on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at the Fort Garry Hotel, in Winnipeg, MB. This meeting provided delegates with an opportunity to learn about Skate Canada as well as discuss the future of the Association.

Voting took place Saturday, May 30, 2015. BC had two candidates running for election to the Skate Canada National Board of Directors; Sally Rehorick ran for Director, and Aaron Lowe for Coaches Representative. Lorraine Mapoles was elected by acclamation as Director West. After voting took place, Sally Rehorick was successful and was appointed as a Director.

The Skate Canada awards night also took place. The BC/YK Section was honoured when Lynne Henderson-Drake from Campbell River FSC won the Skate Canada Section Volunteer Award of Excellence. This award is presented to one member of each of the 13 Skate Canada sections.

Overall the weekend was well attended by the BC/YK Section. Thank you to all those who attended: Lorraine Mapoles, Ted Barton, Hilary Quick, Aaron Lowe, Sally Rehorick, Lynne Henderson-Drake, Rory Allen, Mikaela Carreiro, Andrea Ludditt, Lanita Mesotopitis, Keegan Murphy, Lori Oxland, and Regan Taylor.



2015

BC/YK Team Camp

Every year in June, Burnaby 8 Rinks hosts a Spring Training Camp for our 2015 BC/YK Competitive team. This camp brings in officials from all across the Country to offer feedback to our skaters. These Judges and Technical Specialists work with the skaters to develop their skills early on in the season. This year the skaters participated in both on and off ice sessions. Many of the off ice sessions were held at Fortius Sport and Health, an athlete development centre. Among other things, our skaters completed rigorous fitness testing, and attended a Nutrition class.



Canadian Silver Medallist

JEREMY TEN RETIRES FROM COMPETITIVE SKATING

By Skate Canada

June 12, 2015



OTTAWA, ON: Three-time Canadian medallist Jeremy Ten, 26, Vancouver, B.C., announced his retirement from competitive skating today. Ten has competed internationally for Canada for 11 years. He is a three-time national team member, two-time world team member in 2009 and 2015, and is also a two-time Canadian junior medallist, winning the junior Canadian title in 2007.

"It was an honour and privilege this past season to represent Canada at my second world championships as the reigning Canadian silver medallist. I would like to thank Skate Canada for all their support and for giving me the opportunity to compete on the international stage for

the last 11 years," said Ten.

"I couldn't be more grateful for all the life experiences you can only learn while travelling the world, competing against the best in the world, and being a Canadian athlete."

"Jeremy has been a big part of the Canadian skating scene for over a decade including representing Canada at two world championships," said Mike Slipchuk, Skate Canada High Performance Director. "Skate Canada wishes Jeremy the best of luck in his next chapter and we look forward to seeing him staying involved in other capacities."

Today Ten graduated from Simon Fraser University with a Bachelor of Arts in Health Sciences and

minor in Kinesiology. Ten plans on staying involved in the sport as much as possible by exploring his options as a coach, focusing on choreography, as well as possibly getting involved in judging as a caller.

- www.skatecanada.ca

BC/YK Section Volunteer Wins Award at 49th Annual

SPORT BC ATHLETES OF THE YEAR AWARD CEREMONY

March 12, 2015



Brian Pound

Skate Canada – BC/YK Section

Brian has been volunteering for the sport for over 50 years. He also worked for *The Province* Newspaper writing sports stories on figure skating. Brian gives back to the sport by volunteering at local and provincial competitions as an announcer. He also coordinates the Media and Press Releases for Skate Canada BC/YK Section. Brian is always willing to help out in whatever area necessary to help the figure skating community. He also sits on the BC/YK section Hall of Fame Committee.

Congratulations Brian!

Skate Canada Summit

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

*By Kortney Story
April, 2015*

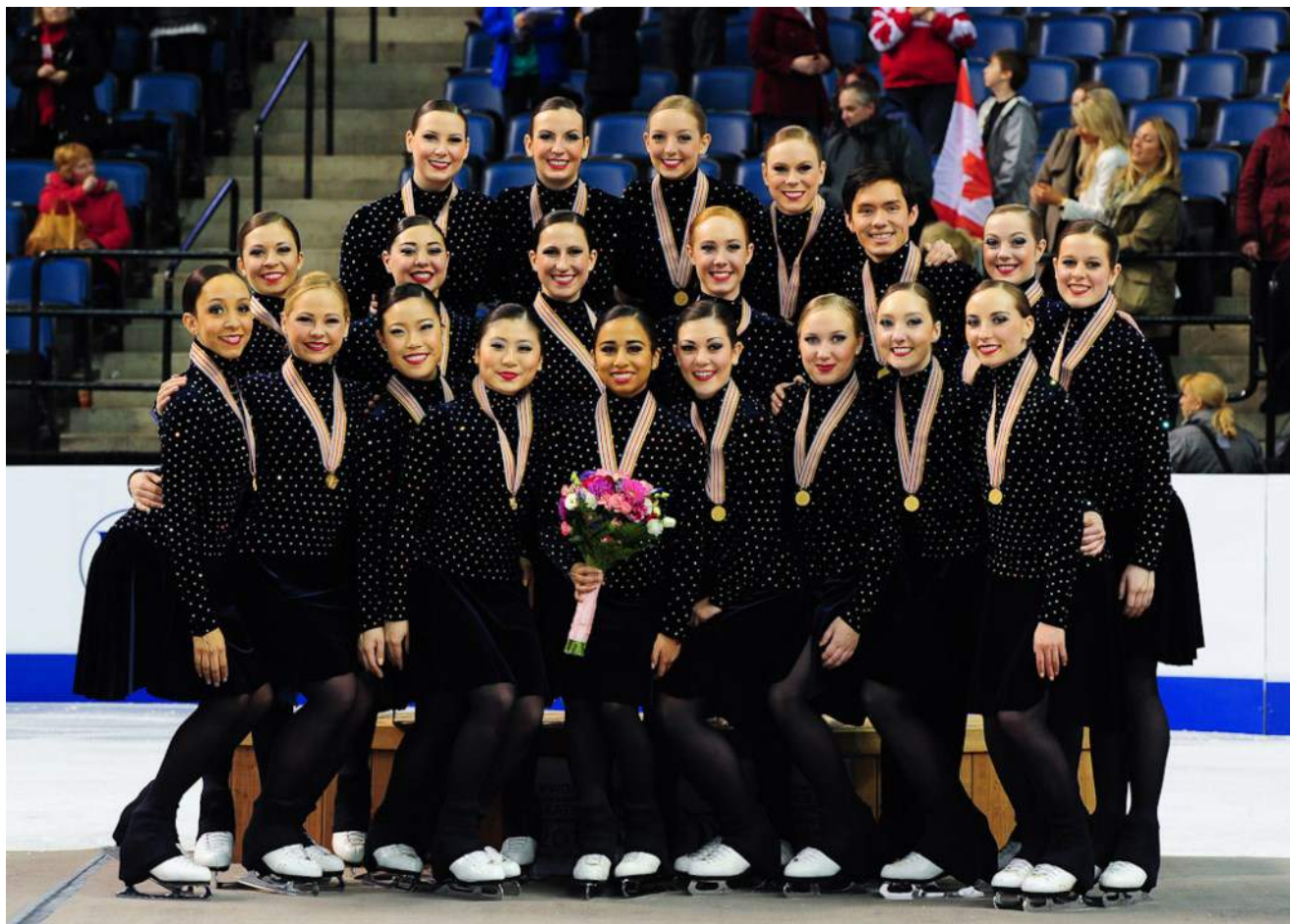
On April 11-12, 2015 Skate Canada hosted a summit for Synchronized Skating during the Synchronized Skating World Championships in Hamilton, Ontario. Skate Canada selected two members of BC's Synchro community to attend this summit – Colleen Laferriere and Leslie Rupp. Both Leslie and Colleen came back with information and news of Skate Canada's plan for Synchronized Skating going forward. The objectives of the meeting were to review and discuss the current status of Synchro across the country, identify strategies to grow the sport, and discuss the next steps for moving forward. Many guests attended the Summit throughout the weekend to help offer some insight into Synchro in Canada, including Skate Canada President, Leanna Caron; ISU Council Member [Finland], Marie Lundmark; and the Chair of the ISU Synchronized Skating Committee, Christopher Buchanan. There were hours of meet

ing together as a group, and the 40 participants were often divided into groups based on location or contribution to Synchro (ie: coach, official, etc) to facilitate discussion and generate ideas going forward. The groups each identified problems within Synchronized Skating, and together worked through solutions to the top problems. Some of the highlighted goals from this Summit for Synchronized Skating include:

1. "One Sport" – Synchronized Skating is equal to the other disciplines and will be represented this way going forward, including Synchro representatives on every committee at Skate Canada, and Synchronized Skaters going forward will be invited to National Training Camps.
2. Creating growth for more teams to compete at Nationals with a goal of

40% growth by 2022. Similar goals were included to realign the age criteria for all levels and to revisit the Nationals qualifying process with the potential for Novice, Junior, and Senior teams to compete at the National Championships with the other disciplines in January instead of at a separate Synchro Championships.

3. Increasing Coach Education and Resources, including a National Resource Team and easy access to Synchro information, including domestic documents released earlier and an online video library.
- Overall, Colleen and Leslie came back with information to share and a renewed hope for growth of Synchro in BC. The full report can be accessed by emailing Lesley Morrison, BC Synchro Coordinator, at lesleymorrison@shaw.ca.



2015 ISU ADULT COMPETITION

The 2015 International Adult Figure Skating Competition was held in Oberstdorf, Germany May 18-23, 2015. British Columbia Yukon had a number of Adult Skaters who attended. Congratulations Skaters!

Diana Barkley/ Geoff Squires - Gold Pattern Dance - Ice Dance - **2nd Place**

Gary Beacom - Masters Men II + III - Free Skate - **1st Place**

David Dickey - Gold Men III + IV - Free Skate - **1st Place**

Alexandra Gunsett - Silver Ladies II - Free Skate

Betty Hyunah - Bronze Ladies II - Free Skate

Janette Wood - Silver Ladies III - Free Skate - **1st Place**



Club Rankings

Congratulations to all the Clubs who participated in the Club Ranking Survey! The survey was designed to give credit to Clubs who are active within the BC/YK Section. Points were assigned to activities such as attending a Region or Section AGM, having skaters attend Regional and Section Competitions, submitting an article to Thin Ice, etc. Club who participated will receive a certificate in the mail stating whether they achieved Bronze, Silver, or Gold status.

Overall 51 clubs in BC/YK submitted activities. There were 3 clubs who earned the maximum amount, a total of 100 points. Congratulations to all of the clubs who participated!

GOLD – 100 Points!

Beaver Valley Skating Club
Valleyview Skating Club
White Rock South Surrey Skating Club

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
Kamloops SC	Columbia Valley Figure SC	Cheam SC
Peninsula Figure SC	Peace Passage SC	Houston Figure SC
The Sunshine Coast SC	Terrace SC	Arbutus Club
Aldergrove Figure SC	100 Mile House & District FSC	Gold River SC
Delta SC	Armstrong/Enderby SC	Lillooet FSC
North Surrey SC	Fort St John FSC	
Glengarry Figure SC	Little Giant Figure SC	
Kelowna Figure SC	North Star SC	
Mount Boucherie SC	Connaught SC	
Racquet Club of Victoria	Juan de Fuca SC	
Sunset SC	Kerrisdale SC	
Campbell River SC	Killarney SC	
Mile Zero Figure SC	Castlegar SC	
Mount Arrowsmith SC	Northern BC Centre for Skating	
Quesnel Figure SC	Oak Bay Figure SC	
Saanich skating club of victoria	Comox Valley SC	
Sandy Shores SC	Hazelton SC	
Sun Bowl Figure SC	Snow Valley SC	
Abbotsford SC		
Cloverdale SC		
Fernie SC		
Powell River SC		
Riley Park Figure SC		
Rossland Figure SC		
Vancouver SC		

BC COAST REGION AWARD WINNERS




KERRISDALE FIGURE SKATING CLUB

On 16 April 2015, seven Kerrisdale skaters were invited to participate in festivities at the Richmond Olympic Oval to skate with Patrick Chan. Patrick performed two numbers and then the skaters were invited to skate with him. Afterwards there was a reception where skaters and family could have a photo taken with Patrick.

This event was sponsored by Aspac Development Ltd. for the grand opening of Phase Two of their project in Richmond along the Fraser River - 2 RIVER GREEN.

Patrick Chan is the first "honourary" member of the ASPAC Club.






Stephanie Divin

Special Olympians

Rock at North Surrey

Every skater, coach and volunteer of the North Surrey Skating Club is proud of our Special Olympics skaters. We are extremely pleased to say there are 10 Special O skaters who participate in our club programs. This year our crew of performers attended the provincial championships in Prince George. It was a fabulous event and each of our skaters came away with a medal in at least one event. The icing on the cake was to hear that three of our champions have been selected to go to Nationals in Cornerbrook, New Foundland in February 2016. We look forward to supporting their hard work throughout the summer and into the fall as they prepare for Nationals.

For those that don't know, Special Olympics skaters must do more than win a medal to be selected to attend Nationals. They are observed for more than one event and each skater must follow a fitness and nutrition plan. Most importantly, they must be a good ambassadors of sport by respecting all coaches and participants. We will be cheering for our BC team members: Marc Theriault, Alexandra Magee and our newest addition, Stephanie Divin. We're proud to say that 3 of the 7 BC skaters come from our North Surrey club. Best wishes to all of you!



Alexandra Magee

Marc Theriault



Riley Park **Figure Skating Club**

Congratulations to all of our skaters for an extremely successful test season. We had skaters taking their very first test all the way to Diamond. Tests were not only completed in all levels (Preliminary, Junior and Senior) but also in every discipline (Dance, Skills, Free Skate and Interpretive). The result? 82 passes in all! Special compliments to *Mikaila Meslo* on passing her GOLD SKILLS test and to *Anna McLean* for passing both her GOLD FREESKATE tests and completing her GOLD DANCE tests.

Thank you to our dedicated coaches led by our Head Coach, Marnie Walthers who bring out the best in our skaters.

Have a great summer all.... and remember the best place to "cool down" is the RINK!

Sunshine Coast Skating Club

The Sunshine Coast Skating Club had a stellar year with many highlights.

Caitlin Jarvis, 2012 winner of the BCYK Region, Section Starskater of the year Award and recipient of the Skate Canada National Starskater of the year had her dress, Gold test medals and photo framed and the Sunshine Coast Regional District

has mounted it for display at the Gibsons arena. Caitlin has been a great ambassador for the club, she received her gold test status in the disciplines of Freeskate, Skills and Interpretive as well as her Novice Competitive Test by the age of 12. She hopes to attain her 4th Gold Medal by completing her Gold dance this year. Caitlin has

participated in trial judging and has taken the first step toward coaching certification by completing her Canskate Coach in Training. She also volunteers as a PA regularly with our club and for the Region and Section as a volunteer in many capacities. She has been a wonderful role model for other skaters.



Competition: Seven skaters attended the Winterskate Regional competition in Feb 5-8. Results: Alice Clements, Gold Assessment Star 1 girls, Sarra Barinbaum, Gold Assessment Star 1 girls, Helena Vourtsis, Gold Assessment Star 1 girls, Cooper Jones, Gold Assessment Star 2 boys, John Mailey Gold Assessment Star 2 boys, Isabella Jones Silver Assessment Star 2 Girls, Hanna Matsumoto, Gold medal and winner of Star 4 girls. Two skaters attended Vancouver Island Super Series in April 10-12. Results: Scarlett McLash, Gold Assessment Star 1 girls, Lucy Watson, Silver Assessment Star 1 girls.



Test Day: The club held a Test day with 40 Skate Canada tests being tried and a 100% pass.

The club held its annual Performance Day at year end. Big Thank you to Larkyn Austman who was a huge hit as our guest skater.

The SCSC made three nominations for the BC/ YK Region/ Section Awards and two of the nominees were recipients. Caitlin Jarvis – winner of the Region PA of the Year Award, Susan Heffernan (Honorary member SCSC) – Winner of the Coaches Choice Award.

The club hosted try it free days, Halloween Skate, Christmas Skate, PA training, Parent Meetings, AGM, tons of Fundraising events, fall fair and a Silly Olympics event in partnership with the SCRd for RBC Sports Day in Canada.

Jill Marie Jarvis, long time



Club President, volunteer for Region and Section, and our current Test Chair, was made an Honorary Lifetime Club Member at our AGM. The club attended many meetings to foster a good working relationship with the Sunshine Coast Regional District. We were unsuccessful in securing spring or summer ice again this year but continue thinking outside the

box to find ways for skaters to maintain muscle memory and skill sets for the upcoming season. Along with rollerblading and off ice jump class ongoing, the club will run a weeklong preseason boot camp the first week of September.

There are several club events planned for over the summer. Thank you to our PAs for their assistance on Canskate, the program would not be as successful without them.

Thanks to our Professional Coaching Staff, Lesleigh Farr, Daryl Austman and Brenda Harkin, and to our hard working volunteer Board of Directors; what a great year!





White Rock South Surrey Skating Club skaters leave it all on the ice...

The White Rock South Surrey Skating Club has had an exciting season. Caroline Mackeen joined our team of coaches this season and quickly began putting her stamp onto our club by introducing a club mascot. WRocky the penguin soon began turning up at competitions. In November one of skaters, Annika Ferronato, fell in competition and hit her chin on the ice. This young skater continued through to finish her program, bleeding along the way. To commemorate this skater Wrocky received his first set of stitches. However, it was not his last set of stitches for the season. During the final test date of the season, Darla Morrell cut her hand on the ice which opened an artery and

required 4 stitches. Darla also continued on through her program, skated well, and achieved her Gold Interpretive test. Darla was taken directly to Emergency and didn't find out she had passed her test until later that evening. Our skaters are definitely leaving it all on the ice this season!

This season 3 of our club skaters achieved 'Triple Gold' status. Hannah Philips passed her Gold Interpretive test adding to her Gold Dance Test and Gold Skating Skills. Darla Morrell passed her Gold Interpretive Test adding to her Gold Dance Test and Gold Skating Skills.

Maria Maskall passed her Gold Interpretive test adding to her Gold Skating Skills and Gold Freeskate test. Congratulations to all three girls.

We are very proud of all the skaters who have achieved Gold tests this season.

We are also bidding farewell to Tiffany Edwards, Katie Howald, Sierra Legroulx, Maria Maskall and Hannah Philips, who are all graduating from high school and moving on in their lives to pursue new goals and ambitions. Each of these girls has contributed to our club in various ways. Katie Howald is our Program Assistant of the year and has been a strong role model for many of the skaters in our club. We hope all these girls continue to embrace skating throughout their life.

Without goals dreams are just dreams.

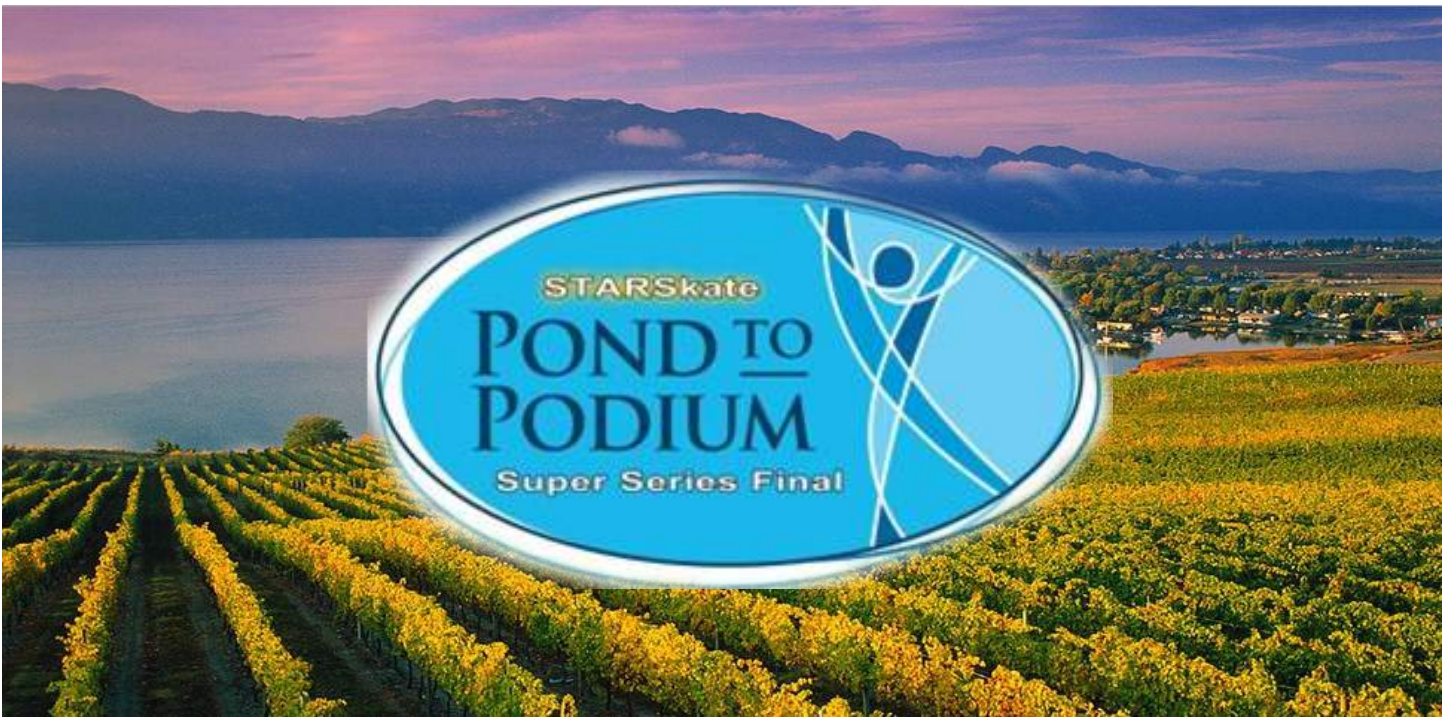


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REGION SAVE THE DATE

Super Series STARSkate Final is coming back to Kelowna, BC!

March 4-6, 2016



More information about upcoming Competitions can be found on our website!

<http://www.skatinginbc.com/upcoming-competitions>

Kelowna SKATING CLUB

Our crew making new friends at the Canada Winter Games



skating. Jayda took her first steps on the ice as a member of our club over 14 years ago, and we have been so proud to see her blossom into the individual she has become. She is one of the top skaters in club history, as her achievements include 6 trips to the Sectional podium (two titles), and 4th place finish at the Canadian Championships, a silver medal at Canada Winter Games, a silver medal at the Junior National



Jason, Olivia, Rachel, Mckenna, and Karen at the BC/YK Section Awards Banquet

to a silver medal win! Even coaches Karen and Jason

treat, we got to watch Patrick skate a practice session of our own. Our skaters were thrilled and will never forget the experience!

Speaking of high profile visitors, we also had a visit from World and Olympic coach Lee Barkell. Lee spent 2 days in Kelowna and had a chance to see how our skaters are developing at all levels.

At the BC and Yukon Awards Banquet in May, our club and skaters received tremendous honours. On the strength of the fantastic results of their skaters at Sectionals, Challenge, and Nationals, Jason and Karen captured the BC and Yukon Competitive Coach of the Year Award of Excellence. Meanwhile, Rachel Pettitt won the Competitive Skater of the Year award, while Mckenna Colthorp and Olivia Gran both won BC and Yukon Youth Promise awards. Finally, long time KSC board member Louise Reeve won the BC and Yukon Dogwood Award for fantastic volunteer contribution. Louise was instrumental in Kelowna's successful hosting of the 2014 Skate Canada International. This season, Jayda Jurome, a great ambassador of our club, has retired from competitive

Mongrain were on hand, as Karen coached Team BC while Jason coached Team Yukon.

The KSC once again hosted the BC and Yukon Super Series Starskate Final in March. It was great to host this event and welcome skaters from across the province! Our own team had a great showing, including gold medal wins for Daria Carr, Carson Consiglio, Vienna Harwood, and Emily Sales.

In April, coaches Jason and Karen along with Cailey England, Ajsha Gorman, Mckenna Colthorp, and Rachel Pettitt made the trip to Toronto for the Skate Canada National Development Camp. This camp featured on-ice sessions with top Canadian and International coaches, as well as extensive fitness testing. It was a great opportunity for our skaters, especially considering there were only 15 females invited from across Canada!

The next week, our club was visited by none other than 3-time World Champion Patrick Chan! Patrick spent a day working with our skaters from the STAR 1 to Senior levels, and as a special

Championships, and a National Championship win at the Pre-Novice level. Although her competitive highlights are amazing, she has meant much more to this training centre for her outstanding work ethic, perseverance through obstacles, leadership by example, support for her teammates, trust in her training environment, and respect for her coaches. In all of these areas, Jayda has been nothing short of exemplary, and it is with very rare occasion that a club can cross paths with such an outstanding person. We are very pleased that Jayda is not hanging up her skates, as she is remaining a part of our club in a coaching capacity! Wishing you all a great summer!



Jayda with Jason at the KSC Awards Night

Greetings from the Okanagan! It was a busy winter and spring here at the Kelowna Skating Club, and the summer sun has finally arrived!

We are very proud of the success shown by our skaters this season. At the Canadian Tire National Championships held at Kingston, Rachel Pettitt (representing Arctic Edge FSC) skated an outstanding free program to capture the Novice Women's title! Meanwhile, at the Junior level, our own Cailey England skated strong programs including 2 fantastic triple lutzes to win the silver medal!

Our team was not finished yet, as they enjoyed an even more successful week at the Canada Winter Games at Prince George. Rachel Pettitt won her second title of the year in Novice Women, while Mckenna Colthorp won the bronze medal and Ajsha Gorman finished 6th. At the Pre-Novice level, 11 year-old Olivia Gran landed her double axel-triple toe combination en route

Mt. Boucherie Skating Club

The Mt. Boucherie Skating Club just had our annual Spring Fling, which was a huge success. All of the skaters performed one of their programs and exceeded expectations. The primary, intermediate, and senior groups performed a group number that can be seen on our website at www.skatemtb.com

The Spring Fling was our final fundraiser of the year. We would like to thank all the coaches, parents, and volunteers for their hard work and for making this event another great success. The skaters put on an amazing show.

We are very honoured to announce that Phoebe Kemp was nominated for, and won, the Skater Achievement Award at the BC/YK Skate Canada Awards Banquet. This award is presented to a skater under the age of 16 who has passed their Junior Bronze Free Skate and has overcome a serious health problem that would impede their ability to figure skate. Phoebe has had Type 1 Diabetes since she was 8, and this has not held her back at all. She has had a very successful year winning 3 gold medals this season. Phoebe also achieved 3rd Place overall for Gold Ladies for the Okanagan Region. Congratulations to Tianna Potts for achieving 3rd place in the U11 Juvenile Ladies event at the Victoria Day Super Series competition in May.

Our Club has welcomed a new member to our team, we would like to introduce Bou Mt. Boucherie's new club mascot.

Some of our skaters finished up the season with testing. Congratulations to Taylor, Lilly, Tianna, Natasha, Phoebe, and Breanne for a successful year end test day; everyone passed. Awesome job everyone!



Tianna at VDI



Phoebe receiving her award



Spring Fling Group Photo



Bou our new club mascot



Senior Group Number



Intermediate Group Number



Primary Group Number

Valleyview Skating Club



Our Spring skating season was a busy one with a year end showcase, seminars, competitions, and an award banquets. We had a great turnout in our spring CANskate, CANpowerskating and private skater sessions.

We have 4 weeks July 20th – August 13th of our Summer Skating program! There will be guest coaches as well as various on and off ice activities to build skating skills, have fun and add motivation for the upcoming Fall season. Information brochure and registration is on our website www.vvsc.ca. Come check us out! Thank you Ben and Jadene Ferreira for putting on a fun and successful seminar April 18th. Everyone learned a lot from the technical part of Ben's breakdown on the vault

jumps (flip and lutz) while Jadene added her flare for amazing choreography. It was a very motivating day for skaters and coaches.

For the Super Series Victoria Day we had a small but mighty team of 4 skaters: Brooklyn Castro, Chelsea Thur, Anastasia Chupik and Hannah Steed. Many personal goals were met as well as a gold for Brooklyn and silver for Chelsea in the Bronze interpretive. Hannah competed the first time in star 2 and loved it.

We wrapped up our spring season with our year-end awards celebration. We would like to send a big congratulations to all the skaters but a special recognition to: most improved CANskaters Fiona Poole, Manuel Gautschi and Mataya Pockett, most improved CANPowerskater;

Maddox Boehm, most improved Jr Academy; Savannah Defouw, Jordyn Kronebusch and Brooke Buchanan, most improved Intermediate; Leila Khelouiati and Runner up Hannah Steed, most improved Sr; Anastasia Chupik, most improved Master; Marilyn Triggs, most tests passed; Anastasia Chupik, Alyssa Davis and Chelsea Thur. Best competitive record was Brooklyn Castro and sportsmanship award was Cheyenne Irving.

Congratulations to Evelyn Pochay who was selected as the winner of the BC/YK Lifetime Achievement award, which was presented at the Section AGM, May 2nd. Evelyn has put in countless hours of volunteer work with our club as well as with the Region and Section for many years. She was here from the very beginning of when Valleyview Skating club started. We are all very fortunate to have Evelyn as part of our club board and proud of her achievements!



A big thank you to all the club skaters, parents, board members and coaching team for the amazing and successful season!

CARIBOO NORTH CENTRAL REGION AWARD WINNERS

CanSkater of the Year Award: Adaora Okafor (Fort St John FSC)

StarSkate Athlete Award: Kyla McAvany (Peace Passage SC)

Program Assistant Award: Halla Aitken (Peace Passage SC)



NORTHERN BC CENTRE FOR SKATING

RESULTS:

2015 Super Series Victoria Day was a great success for NBCCS with a record of 20 skaters attending, which is a growth of 50% over last year. The number of medalists also increased from 1 in 2014 to 6 in 2015. Additional highlights include:

- Justin Hampole competed first time in Novice Men and finished in 1st place with 94.34 points.
- Olivia Trampuh Junior Silver 2nd place with 25.38 points
- Sydney Hoar STAR4 Girls U13 2nd place
- Jessie Drover STAR4 Girls U10 2nd place
- Mary Chidiac Junior Silver 3rd place with 20.72 points
- Olivia Wankling Pre-Juvenile U14 3rd place with 19.49 points.

PROGRAMS:

While there is no ice in the north for half of May and most of June, skating is very much alive at Northern BC Centre for Skating. In preparation for the Summer Skating School, athletes are participating in the “Pre-Summer Off-Ice Training Program” at North Edge Ice Sports. Pre-season fitness and technical training are the main focus areas.

COACHING:

At NBCCS we are happy to announce that Katrina Dakus, a former competitive skater with NBCCS, has completed her coaching certification. She will be joining the coaching team this summer, which brings the total number of coaches at the Centre.



Andrea Ludditt and Rory Allen attended the 2015 Skate Canada ACGM and National Coaches Conference in Winnipeg at the end of May. One of the highlights for them was attending the Level 4 Task on Music and Choreography with Leslie Keen and Lori Nichol. Participating in all of the sessions that week was a thoroughly motivating experience and they are looking forward to continuing to lead development of skating in northern BC.

Photo of Andrea, Leslie and Rory

Prince Rupert Skating Club

This past season was a busy but fun year for the Prince Rupert Skate Club. The season started with 130 registered skaters! The PreCan and CanSkate program had a thriving year with 67 young skaters! In December 2014 the club hosted Kla-How-Ya with 6 skating clubs joining us from the North. The 3 day event was very successful. We had a number of skaters pass tests throughout the season. Mickaela Ward accomplished her Gold Interpretive. The season ended with the year-end skating gala “A Night at the Museum” at the Jim Ciccone Civic Centre. Holly Lowe, 6, opened the show with her inaugural solo skate as Belle from Disney’s Beauty and the Beast. Everyone from Pre-Can Skate learners to test skaters came together to put on a dazzling performance that featured historical figures from Teddy Roosevelt to prehistoric dinosaurs. Through the dedicated efforts of the fundraising committee, the club was able to donate a new water bottle filling station in the arena.



Holly Lowe, 6.

Terrace Skating Club



One of Terrace Skating Club's figure skaters, Teysean Henry travelled to Vancouver to watch Stars on Ice and was lucky to attend a very formal after party with all the stars on ice performers. She said "it was totally awesome!" Attached is a photo of Teysean and her mom with World Champion Patrick Chan!!

The Terrace Skating Club held an Ice Show in March 2015 with the theme 'Back to the 80s'. It was full of fun and great costumes. From Ghostbusters, to Strawberry Shortcake, to

Transformers - an exciting night for all the skaters. TSC was lucky to have Kelsey Wong as their ice show guest skater. Her performances were breathtaking. The Terrace skaters were very inspired by her grace, flexibility and jumps.



Kelsey stuck around for a short workshop with the skaters on the ice and off-ice. It is great for our skaters in the North to see such a high level of skating right in front of them.



Beaver Valley Skating Club



The Beaver Valley Skating Club would like to congratulate Jacob Verhelst for being chosen as the Valedictorian of his graduating class at JL Crowe Secondary School. Jacob has been a member of the BVSC for 13 years. During this time Jacob achieved his gold feet in all four disciplines - dance, skills, interpretive and freestyle. He has been a dance partner within the Kootenay Region and skated competitively at the Novice level. Jacob is also a Primary Starskate trained coach and a Data Input Operator. We are proud of Jacob's achievements as a student who academically excels as a member of the Honour Society and as an athlete for his contribution to the sport of skating as a skater, dance partner, coach and DIO. Jacob has been accepted into the engineering program at the University of Victoria. Congratulations Jacob!

The Castlegar Skating Club

The Castlegar Skating Club had a very successful 2014-15 season competing and testing with impressive results. We celebrated the end of the season with our annual year end dinner and awards banquet. This past season saw incredible growth and accomplishments in our STARskaters at every level. The STARskaters received Certificates of Participation and Achievement and Badges. Special awards were presented to the following skaters:

Most Improved Junior: Olivia Koorbatoff and Taylor Singer

Preliminary STARskater of the Year: Jordan Singer

Intermediate STARskater of the Year: Alexia Kardash and Allison Soukeroff

Senior STARskater of the Year: Megan Cousins and Candice Soukeroff

Most Dedicated STARskater: Tara Gleboff and Hailey Gleboff

Congeniality Award: Allison Soukeroff

Best All Around: Sarah Cousins

Program Assistant of the Year: Annika Cheveldave

Artistic Award: Candice Soukeroff

Congratulations to all the STARskaters. Individually, their hard work, self-discipline and dedication are reflected in their numerous achievements. Collectively, their positive club spirit shines through their support of one another. Thank you to our coaches, Rachel Steward and Andrea Poznikoff for a wonderful season.



Nelson Skating Club

The Nelson Skating Club had a terrific 2014-2015 season from CANSkate to STARSkate and everywhere in between! The Club started the season by developing a new Club logo, and updating the name from Nelson Figure Skating Club to Nelson Skating Club. The logo was then used for new Club jackets to give the Club more of an identity. Many thanks to parent volunteers who developed the logo and the jackets.

The CANSkate program is now in the second year of running the New CANSkate, and the faster rate of progress of the skaters is noticeable and coupled with increased retention, resulted in a large number of skaters graduating to the Club's Jr. Academy program. The programs are supported by wonderful on-ice parent volunteers who used to figure

skate, speed skate or play hockey.

The Club's Jr. Academy and STARSkaters participated in the three Kootenay Region competitions this season with good results and a smaller number went to the Super Series Final in Kelowna. Skaters attended a number of test days and had an excellent 77% pass rate!

Of special note, the Club was able to fund raise and purchase a new track jump harness for the Civic Arena ice surface which was installed in the fall. It is a wonderful tool for coaches and skaters. Many thanks to the individuals and organizations that donated money to the jump harness, and the volunteers that ensured the installation proceeded smoothly!

At the end of the Spring Session, the Nelson Skating Club 'On Broadway' Ice Show was a fun look at popular Broadway musicals including Mary Poppins, The Lion King, Annie, Mamma Mia and A Chorus Line to mention a few of the numbers.

The season wrapped up with the annual Awards Banquet which honoured the achievements of the Jr. Academy and STARSkaters, the many volunteers on the Board of Directors and at large, and the work put in by the coaching team of Sarah Gower and Yoshie Measures.

The Club will be hosting a Summer Camp from August 10-28, please visit our Club website at <http://www.nelsonfigureskatingclub.ca> for more information.



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VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION AWARD WINNERS

CanSkater of the Year Award: Ariana Robertson (Juan de Fuca SC)

StarSkate Athlete Award: Jane Schaffhauser (Comox Valley SC)

Program Assistant Award: Indianna Berg (Sandy Shores SC)



Indianna Berg



Ariana Robertson

Vancouver Island Region

News

June 2015

S.S. V.I.S.I.2014: All went well. Thank you to all the Island Clubs who once again stepped up to the plate to help with volunteers and money and raffle items.

The V.I. Region September 2014 Seminar had 82 skaters. It was very exciting. Thanks to Skaters Development, Coaches Committee and former RDT for this worthwhile event.

THANK YOU to Mt. Arrowsmith!!! for volunteering to host the V.I. Interclub Competition and for the excellent job in hosting.

There was rather an 'interesting' start in that the computers kept freezing, cd's freezing. And, of course, Andrea McMorran decided to have baby Mathew a month early, (congratulations to Andrea and hubby!!) Thank You to Kelly Cruickshank who came IN SPITE of being ill.

Racquet Club of Victoria and the Sandy Shores Club really got into the act during the Element Event and thus they both shared the honors of the 'Club Spirit' Award. Congratulations also to the Racquet Club of Victoria on winning the Ernest Fisher Team Trophy! We started with our new medals at this competition which we think look marvelous.

Our Learn To Train Seminar was held on November 24th 2014 in Port Alberni immediately following our V.I. Interclub competition. 23 coaches representing 12 clubs (Campbell River, Comox Valley, Duncan, Fuller Lake, Gold River, Juan de Fuca, Kerry Park, Mt Arrowsmith, Nanaimo, Oak Bay, Racquet Club of Victoria and Saanich), attended the Canskate Clinic (thank you **Jeanne Leshures** for leading this and **Jannine Ranniger** for helping to organize.)

Competitions next year are Sandy Shores SC for the V.I. Interclub and Juan de Fuca for the V.I. Region Championships. Also thank you to Fuller Lake for saying they would host if no one else stepped forward. That is awesome!

V.I. Region Championships were hosted by the Racquet Club of Victoria under Chairman Brenda Reder, Chief Referee Lynne Henderson-Drake, Chief Data Specialist Kathy Wallace with Karen Mallon on computer. 415 entries—hours were long but overall went very smoothly. Some computer issues but our Data people were jolly on the spot.

Congratulations to the Racquet Club of Victoria on being awarded the

"Club Spirit Award" and to the Oak Bay S.C. on winning the Victoria Team Trophy Award.

Special O Qualifying: held in Kamloops. Our Zone did us very proud and it was so incredibly nice that our skaters did a Thank You card to all our Officials there. Lynne was given a Zone shirt after the competition (they did not wish to look like they were bribing her if they had given it beforehand) which she was very honored to have received. We can all take a lesson from our Special O Athletes as their motto is to have fun, and make friends—and if they do happen to win a medal—that is just icing. On a sad note—Special O's will no longer be part of Canada Winter Games, but, on a positive note, Special O will now be part of the B.C. Winter Games.

Congratulations to our Region Award Winners! Canskater - Ariana Robertson of the Juan de Fuca Skating Club Starskater - Jane Schaffhauser of the Comox Valley Skating Club P.A. - Indianna Berg of the Sandy Shores Skating Club.

Dates and host sites are in place for our 2015/2016 V.I. Region Competitions. Thank you to Sandy Shores S.C. for hosting the V.I. Interclub Competition (November

13th to 15th 2015) and to Juan de Fuca S.C. for hosting our V.I. Region Championships on February 5th to 7th 2016.

We will again be offering our A.S.L.T.T. program following our V.I. Interclub competition.

Spring 2015 stats from Skate Canada

Total membership for V.I. 1908

-Largest club: Mt. Arrowsmith (217), Juan de Fuca (191), Duncan (174)
-Largest Canskate: Mt Arrowsmith (129), Oak Bay (117), Comox Valley (103)

-Largest STARSkate: Juan de Fuca (70), Saanich (52), Racquet Club of Victoria (32)

-Largest Can Power: Mt Arrowsmith (41), Duncan (31) Campbell River (23)

-Largest Competitive: Racquet Club of Victoria (19), Oak Bay (8), Juan de Fuca (6)

Thank you to the Region executive/board and clubs and members for always helping to make the Vancouver Island Region so successful!

Someday everything will make perfect sense.

So, for now, laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears and keep reminding yourself that everything happens for a reason.

Campbell River Skating Club

VI Region AGM, April 19/15, Club Report



This is a time to reflect on our successes and a time to look ahead to areas where we want to improve. This holds true for our skaters as well as the running of the Campbell River Skating Club. We never stop learning or striving to be better!

We congratulate and recognize

- ▶ Shannon Mather, Krystal Moore and Andrea Beattie for achieving their Gold Skills;
- ▶ Savannah Wasden who was invited to be on the VI StarSkate Region Challenge team at the Super Series in Kelowna. She went on to place 3rd in the Senior Silver Ladies event and 3rd overall in the Provincial Super Series ranking;
- ▶ all of our competing skaters who represented our Club so well;
- ▶ all those skaters passing their tests...we see lots of movement with our skaters advancing to the Intermediate and Senior levels; and,
- ▶ all of our Award recipients.



This is our second year working with the new CanSkate program. We learned some things last year that helped us improve for this year. And yes I have completed the CanSkate Club Survey lol A BIG thanks to Matt Willis for taking the time to meet with our Executive and Coaches to discuss ideas for improvement. One of the more significant successes was the establishment of the Welcome Desk during our two CanSkate sessions. This is something we will want to definitely continue. It not only helped our Coaches but it also 'put a face' to the CRSC. We got a number of new skaters this way!

On behalf of the Campbell River Skating Club I would like to say good luck to our graduating Senior skater, Leana Tremblay. Leana has been involved with many of our fund raisers over the years as well as being one of our Program Assistants. We thank her for her many dedicated hours to the CRSC and hope that she continues to follow her passion for skating wherever life may take her.

And we say goodbye to a number of our Executive members as they move on. They have put in many dedicated hours to the CRSC and will be greatly missed on and off the Executive. Goodbye to;

- ▶ Gill Tremblay who has been a long standing Executive member, especially as our Test Chair. I haven't known Gill very long but I will miss her experience, knowledge, support and sensitivity to others.
- ▶ Lesley Brown who has held a number of Executive positions and is currently our Secretary. I haven't worked with Lesley for very long but will miss her down to earth approach to issues.
- ▶ Valerie Bissonette who is our current Treasurer. Val is new to the CRSC Executive and finishes her two-year term. Val's background in finance has been instrumental in keeping us on track. I will miss her on the Executive.

And a BIG thank you to our Club Coaches Jannine and Rae Anne for continuing to work together for the betterment of the CRSC and being the one constant that I can rely on during the constant changing in Executive members. Being fairly new to the Executive myself I rely on both of them heavily for their experience and patience with my many questions and my large learning curve.



We wish all of our VI Region Clubs, and their skaters, success as we move into the next skating season.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynda Ostashek, President
C R Skating Club

Comox Valley

Skating Club

Skater Achievements:

There were 53 tests for the CVSC this season with 49 successful results ---a **93% success rate!** (Tests that were not successful were at Senior Silver and Gold levels)

Dance:

- 3 Skaters completed Preliminary Dance
- 2 Skaters completed Senior Bronze Dance
- 2 Skaters working on Gold Dance

FreeSkate:

- 2 Skaters completed Preliminary FreeSkate
- 1 Skater completed Junior Bronze FreeSkate
- 1 Skater completed Junior Silver FreeSkate
- 1 Skater completed Gold FreeSkate

Coaching Achievements:

Dawn Ladret was nominated for – and will be receiving the Volunteer Coach of the Year Award at the BC/YT Section Awards Banquet on May 2, 2015. The CVSC is thrilled that she will be honored for her years of hard work and being the “heartbeat” of the club.

Greg Ladret is back on the ice after his surgery earlier this year. He had a slower recovery than he hoped (dealing with significant post operative complications) and throughout the entire experience, he maintained his positive attitude that we all adore.

Club News:

The CVSC is holding the AGM on Tuesday, April 28, 2015. We are hoping for a few new members to join the Executive and further engage with the activities of the club. With much hard work and encouragement, the CVSC has had improved volunteer participation this season!



Fuller Lake Skating Club

As usual a busy season we had, all the skaters have worked very hard. Thank you to our parents and guardians, for making the time to take their child / grand kids to the arena.

An update on what the club has done this season:

This year we decided to change our logo, lots of hard work was put into this, a lot of thinking on what it should be, we had different artists to do the logo and the membership voted which one represented our club the best, the outcome was a skater doing a split jump and a power skater. I'm sad that our mascot bumble bee is gone, he was so cute, but we must move on with time.

Our figure skaters from Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors decided to go on a club trip to Edmonton Mall call the Sunsational Competition, the girls fundraised all year, unfortunately due to some of the events being cancelled some of our skaters were not able to go; therefore skaters and coach decided to go next year instead.

We had two Bring a Friend Skating Events the Halloween Skate and the Skate with Santa, as always the children had a great time skating with their friends and parents.

Butchart Gardens was on December 13th, there were 19 skaters involving all three levels Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors Skaters. And they all had a great time!!

We had two pop concerts a Christmas Extravaganza on December 17th and a Spring Fling on the last day of skating March 27. The Christmas concert was so festive and the Spring show was awesome, all the skaters participated from Canskate, Powerskaters, and Figureskaters they were wonderful, they all improved so much. Next year is our Ice Show Year, can't wait to find out the theme.

Congratulations to Naomi Eastman who have completed her Gold Skills in December, she have worked extremely hard on accomplishing this goal. Also, there were 58 tests passed from our skaters this season, Congratulations and

the club is so proud of all of you!!

“Keep Working Hard, Never Give Up and You Will Succeed!!”

A Special Thank You to three of our Directors whose been on the board for so many years will be leaving us; Jonalee Gagnon whose been on the board for 18 years and Anita Ellison and Corinne Eastman for 10 years, you guys are incredible!! I can't thank you enough, you will be missed!!!!

Luisa Shillingford
President

Gold River Skating Club

Can Skate Achievements this season:

Level	Balance	Agility	Control	Badge
1	4	1	3	1
3	3	3	3	3
4	3	2	2	2
5	3	3	3	3
6	6	4	4	4



Star Skate Achievements this season:

- 4 Star Skaters completed the Preliminary Dances.
- 5 Star Skaters completed the Preliminary Freeskate Program and Preliminary Elements.
- 1 Star Skater completed Senior Bronze Freeskate Program and Senior Bronze Elements.

We also hosted two family skates - a Halloween and Valentine Family Skate.

Juan De Fuca FIGURE SKATING CLUB



JDF Figure Skating club had an exciting season! The CanSkaters enjoyed a successful season with many badges awarded, theme days, and the ever popular "Treasure Box". We are fortunate to have 30 Program Assistants! Their dedication and leadership is priceless. A preseason training course, requesting their input on the Program (such as choosing theme days), ongoing appreciation of gift cards and positive support from the Canskate Directors has all contributed to the success of this strong team of Program Assistants. We are proud of our BC/YK Section Canskater of the Year awarded to Ariana Robertson!

The Junior and Senior Skaters enjoyed a Club Seminar in May where they learned a lot and were inspired by Guest Coach Kevin Bursey and Guest Skater Jacqueline Chan.

Congratulations to Ashley Buxcey - Star 5 (13 & over) Ladies BC/YK 2015 Super Series Champion! Our Club had 180 JDF Skaters attended the Stars On Ice Show together as a group in May. Many attended the pre show warm up where they received autographed posters and cards. The highlight of the warm up was watching Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford make skating history by landing for the first time ever the Throw Quad Lutz!



Ashlyn Buxcey BC/YK2015 Super Series Star 5 Champion



Guess who just landed a throw quad lutz?!?! Guessing she is calling her coach? [Investors Group Stars On Ice Presented by Lindt](#) with Eric Radford and Megan Duhamel at [Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre](#).

All levels of Skaters are looking forward to 2015 Summer Skating Camp July 6 - August 12. The camp runs daily Monday - Friday and will be held at the Juan de Fuca Arena. Many great activities are planned such as Video/Ipod Technical Analysis, Jump Harness, Special Skater Exhibitions and FUN DAYS! Bileting is available for skaters needing room and board during the school camp. Please contact Leslee Rushton at lrush-ton@telus.net, Dave Macdonald at suenosvictoria@shaw.ca or Annaliese Forgiarini at JDFcoach@yahoo.ca for further information.

Mount Arrowsmith Skating Club

What an awesome year we have had. Our year started with a well-attended summer school. Then it was followed by us hosting the Vancouver Island Interclub competition in November. The ladies that organized the event made the club a detailed booklet outlining all the duties that it takes to host a well-organized competition.

At the end of February the skater put on "Mother Goose" on ice. They performed a morning show for the elementary children in grades 1-3. Which was almost a full house. Then had almost sold out evening performance. The

children really enjoyed the guest skaters Brianna Delmaestro and Timothy Lum.

The can skate program was very well attended. In both the fall and spring session that is offered. The children that have been in the program before enjoyed the new program that is being run by all clubs that offer Can skate. There were a number of special o children attend the Special Olympics winter Provincials in Kamloops in February. Two came home with metals one first place and one third place. They all enjoyed their time there.

MT ARROWSMITH SKATING CLUB

COME SKATE WITH US



As the session comes to an end the children are working hard to get ready for VISI and a test day and the beginning of April.

Looking forward to another successful year.

Eleanor Bone
MASC President

Peninsula Figure Skating Club

2014-2015 has been a very good season for PFSC.

We added an extra day to our Canskate sessions and by the end of the season our Canskate numbers were up 2.5 times higher than last year.

Over 35 Canskate badges were given out for level 1 alone and many others were handed out for the higher levels!

Our skaters took 28 tests this past season with a 100% pass rate! Congratulations to all the skaters who took those tests, with a special mention to the skater who passed her Gold Skills in the summer of 2014 and her Gold FreeSkate in November. Well done, everyone!

We had one skater enter the Vancouver Island Interclub competition in November and she brought home a gold medal in the Star 4, U13 category.

Four skaters entered 6 events at Regionals and brought home 1 gold, 2 silvers, 1 bronze, a 5th and a 7th place finish.

One skater entered the Starskate Final in Kelowna where she placed 1st in Star 4 U13 Group 2, and 3rd in the Introductory Interpretive Group 2 category.

VISI was also a successful competition for our skaters, where we had 3 skaters in 4 events. Our skaters placed 1st in Star 4 U13 Group 1,

and 1st and 4th in Star 4 U13 Group 2. We also had a 2nd place finish in Introductory Interpretive at this event.

This has been a good season for our Club and we are looking forward to building more in the upcoming season. Please look for an announcement regarding the launch of our new website. We hope to have it up and running soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Henderson
Peninsula Figure Skating Club

Peninsula Figure Skating Club



RACQUET CLUB OF VICTORIA FSC

January/February 2015

Our pair teams competed at Nationals in Quebec. RCV sent representatives to the “Women in Sport” event during a Victoria Royals Game. The Maekawas competed at Four Continents in Seoul, South Korea. RCV successfully hosted the 2015 Vancouver Island Regional Championships. Pairs team Tessa Jones and Matthew Den Boer competed at the Canada Winter Games in Prince George.



March/ April 2015

RCV representatives attended the Victoria Royals Game on March 15th and sold 50/50 tickets for a club fundraiser.

We all took a small break in March to rest and get ready for Spring Skating, VISI, spring tests and our AGM.

Saanich Skating Club of Victoria

The Saanich Skating Club of Victoria held our Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony in May, celebrating the hard work of our skaters, board members and coaches! Of note, we welcomed the addition of four new board members and said thank-you and farewell to three 8 and 9 year term executive members, Christine Delano, Jodie Bridgewood & Bonnie Millar. In addition to many awards, nineteen of our Program assistants received certificates & gift cards for their dedication to the Can-skate program.



Nine first time competitors received the SSCV Competitor pin and seventeen continuing competitors received their 2014-15 year bars.

We have had two very successful test days. The end of winter test session had a very high passing percentage with Jamie Daniel, Olivia McKillop and Olivia Williams passing their gold skill tests and Katie Harrison passing her gold dance test. The Spring Skating Sessions were well attended and a 100% pass rate was achieved at our Spring test day! Congratulations to all!

Our end of season awards ceremony saw many surprised but happy skaters receiving accolades:

Canskater of the Year - Ava Ruffolo

Canskate champions – Jamie Page, Beyonce Vuong, Memphis McCharles

Most improved Canskater - Lia Schultz

Most improved Junior - Inge Sunli

Most Improved Intermediate – Tie - Jasmine Dhami & Rilyn Cid

Most Improved Intermediate A – Kelly Hwang

Most improved Senior – Tie - Jenny Hwang & Julianna Tomaselli

Canskate Helper – Rilyn Cid

Junior PA – Jasmine Dhami

Senior PA - Shayla Sarton

Sportsmanship – Sequoia Korner

Gaipman Interpretive Award – Tie Sarah Phillion & Madey Harrison



Summer skating will soon be upon us and we look forward to seeing all of our skaters back at the arena. Once again, we want to say thank you to our amazing coaches, Brenda Charity, Barb Turner and Murray Carey, who are always motivating and inspiring our wonderful talented kids to do their best and have fun. They are the constants in our club. These coaches are always behind the scenes on every project working to make sure things run smoothly - they are simply the best!

Sandy Shores Skating Club



2014/2015 Year End Wrap up ~ Sandy Shores Skating Club, Parksville, BC

Wow! What a year our little club has had! It was a year that started off with a spectacular May 2014 Test day (where every free skate test was tried, both Elements and Free skate, with only one retry on a Junior Bronze elements). Kudos to Club coach, Shannon Light, who showed everyone that this is only just the beginning. The highlight of the day, of course, was Kennedy Lavertu's Gold Freeski.

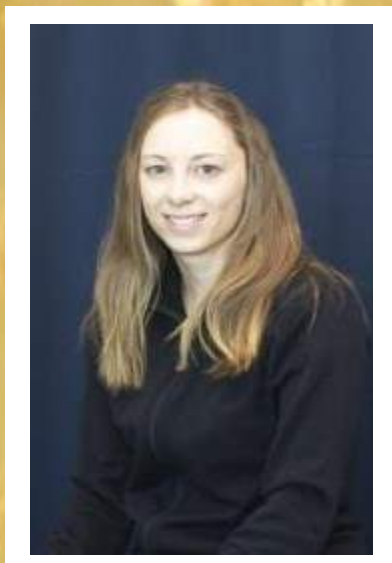
Spring School and Summer school saw busy sessions and happy kids, as skaters and parents alike anticipated the arrival of new Director of skating, Tyler Bidnyk on September 1st. And since then, there has been so much! A new logo, new website, new jackets, and an awesome new energy in the building and on the ice. You can find us on Facebook and Instagram (Sandy Shores SC), and follow the news and follies of our crazy bunch as they practice hard, laugh hard and try new tricks. Winter has been busy with competitions, and fundraising, not to mention some well earned Double Axels and Triple jumps.

Summer School starts the 29th of June, and it sounds like it will be at least as lively and fun as the winter season has been. The Off Ice Jump Harness has been installed in time for Spring School, and lots of plans are in the works for an incredible summer. Hope you will join us!

Canskate and CanPower are lively, hardworking sessions, where parents are pleased with how much instruction their children are getting and how happy those kiddos are to come to the rink.

As we get ready for our new season, we are excited to say that we are a 12 month club, with full programs running all year. The biggest news as we get ready for 2015/2016 is that in September 2015, Sandy Shores will be taking over all of the Learn-to-Skate programs for the Oceanside area.

Gold Feet



Jamie Daniel



My name is Jamie Daniel and I am 15 years old. I have been skating since I was 3 and I now skate with the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria. I am very happy to have completed my gold skills and I would like to thank my current coaches Barb Turner, Murray Carey, and Brenda Charity, as well as Corrine King and Heather Fraser-my two previous coaches and mentors who helped me get started. I love skating because it is a way for me to express myself and I love the feeling of landing new jumps.

Cloe Bernard

Gold Freeskate
Juan de Fuca FSC
Great work Cloe!

Christina Champlin



At the Spring Session Test Day in April, Nelson Skating Club senior skater Christina Champlin achieved the Gold Free Skate Test, and passed the last of four Gold dances, the Argentine Tango. Christina is now a quadruple Gold Test skater, having already achieved Gold Skills and Gold Interpretive.

"Not many skaters in the Kootenays achieve the Gold Free Skate test", comments Coach Yoshie Measures. "I am so proud of Christina who is a skater that I have coached for the last 10 years to reach this goal".

"Christina is an excellent role model for other skaters in our Club who see that with hard work and determination, the highest levels can be achieved in a small Club outside of the bigger population centres", comments Coach Sarah Gower who led Christina through the Dance discipline for most of her skating career.

Christina is a Grade 12 student at LV Rogers and will be graduating this year. The Nelson Skating Club wishes her all the best in her future endeavours!

Gold Feet

Rachel Fawcett

Congratulations to Rachel Fawcett for completing her Gold Skills! Rachel joined the North Surrey Skating Club as a CanSkater at age 9. She quickly leapt into StarSkate competitions and saw immediate success. She has been a committed and diligent skater, setting a outstanding example for others on the ice. Rachel began taking Skills Evaluations in December 2012 and completed the levels in record speed, under two years. Rachel continues to compete at the Junior Silver level of Freeskate and she is presently testing her Senior Silver dances. Rachel plans to continue helping as a Program Assistant until she is able to teach CanSkate herself. She also volunteers with our Special Olympics program. Rachel thoroughly enjoys seeing other skaters experience the joy of skating. We celebrate Rachel as she joins a select group of NSSC figure skaters who has achieved a Gold level of figure skating.



Lucy Hua



Lucy Hua has been skating at the Coquitlam Skating Club since she was 8 years old in the Canskate program. Now she is 13 and has been looking forward on stepping on the ice, landing another jump and holding another spin since then. In June, 2015 Lucy successfully passed her Senior Silver and Gold Free skate tests. She is grateful for having amazing coaches, Kelly Champagne and Bruno Delmaestro, for teaching her to add softness in her movements, proper technique and many more. They make it possible for Lucy to reach these achievements, thank you!

Emily Hanson

Gold Freeskate & Gold Interpretive
Juan de Fuca FSC
Great work Emily!

Katey Harrison



Katey Harrison has had a lot of fun skating over the past several years and is pleased to have passed her Gold Skills and Gold Dance tests.

Gold Feet

Anita Hurt

Anita recently completed her Gold Dances. Prior to this she attained her Gold medals in the Skills and Interpretive categories. She is currently working to complete her gold freeskate and is coached by Pam Greenslade at Arbutus Skating Club and partnered by Thomas Williams.

Anita graduates this spring and will go on to pursue a career in business and corporate law. In her spare time she volunteers to help our younger skaters, enjoys competitive cheer leading, baking and socializing with friends.



Julianna MacDonald

Gold Interpretive
Juan de Fuca FSC
Great work Julianna!

Metea Marr

Gold Skills
Juan de Fuca FSC
Great work Metea!



Olivia McKillop

Getting my Gold skills took a lot of time and effort. I would like to thank my coach Barbara Turner for helping me achieve this major milestone and working with me over the nine years that I have been skating. I started skating at the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria when I was 4 years old and I have been in love with the sport ever since. Whenever I have a bad day I just remember how much I have accomplished through this sport and how lucky I am to have something this special in my life.

Gold Feet

Sarah Steberl



My name is Sarah Steberl. I am 14 years old. I live near Hope, BC. I skate with the Abotsford Skating Club. I completed my Gold Skating Skills in July 2013, Gold Dances in December 2014, Gold Interpretive in February 2015, and my Gold Freeskate in March 2015. I am thankful to be done testing this far and become a quadruple test skater. I would like to thank my coaches, Stacy Geddes and Tami Kerr for encouraging me to do my best.

Breanna Tomilin became the first skater in the Club to achieve Gold dances in many years when she passed her fourth Gold Dance, the Westminster Waltz at the March Test Day. 'Breanna is a super dancer, and really improved her speed and power this season. She has a real talent for being able to dance with the partner as one unit. As she was the first skater I had taken through all the Gold dances, she will have a special place in my coaching memories,' noted dance coach Sarah Gower.

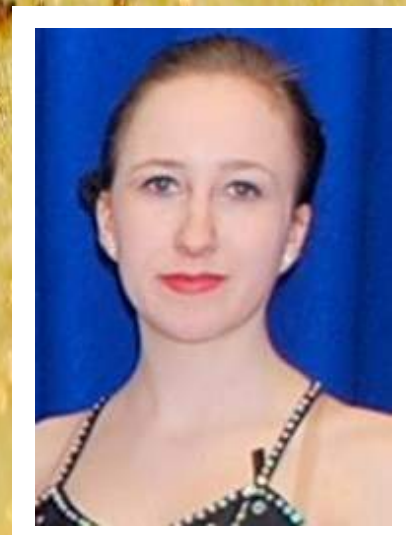
Breanna is considered an exceptional role model at the Nelson Skating Club, and was put forward for the Kootenay Region STARSkate Athlete award, an award to recognize the excellence of her achievements and highlight Breanna's positive attitude, ability to overcome challenges and amazing sportsmanship.

Ashley Popham

Gold Dance & Gold Interpretive
Juan de Fuca FSC
Great work Ashley!



Breanna Tomilin



Gold Feet

Olivia Williams

Olivia joined the Canskate Program with the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria at just 3 years old. Since then, she has been hooked. Now, at 10 years old, she skates 5 days a week and competes in the Pre-Juvenile level. She most recently passed her Gold Skills and was so proud to get her Gold Feet. Her next goal is to get her Gold feet in Dance. When she's not skating, Olivia enjoys Acro and Jazz dance classes. Olivia would like to thank her skating coaches for their ongoing support.



Ivee Zhou

Congratulations for completing your Skate Canada Gold Dances. Ivee has previously attained her Gold medal in Skills and Interpretive.

Currently a grade 10 student at Crofton House, Ivee volunteers to help out our younger skaters and is the current recipient of the Alan Atkins Sportsmanship Trophy. Beside her training on the ice, Ivee has managed to attain First Class Honors with Distinction since grade 8, is working towards her silver level for the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, loves art and has won many awards for her drawings, is currently testing the ARCT for piano and has an abounding love of the outdoors and snowboarding.

Ivee is coached by Pam Greenslade at Arbutus Skating Club and partnered by Thomas Williams.



Coaches Corner



UPCOMING NCCP COURSES

NCCP Instruction Beginner CanSkate Course

August 17-19, 2015

Registration is **FULL**

Deadline: July 24, 2015

NCCP Level 3 General Subjects & Singles Course

August 18-21, 2015

Registration is Open Now!

Deadline: July 20, 2015

NCCP Instruction Intermediate Primary STARSkate Course

September 18-20, 2015

Registration Now Open!

Deadline: August 21, 2015

Information can be found on

www.skatinginbc.com/national-coaching-certification-program





2015 June CanPowerSkate
Coaching Course Participants

Key messages for coaching 2014-2015

These messages were approved by the Coaching Development Committee to help guide coaches for the 2014-2015 skating season:

- Achieve a gold, silver, or bronze status in the Continuous Education Program
- Further educate yourself on the Cumulative Points Calculation (CPC) judging system and the Long Term Athlete Development model (LTADM)
- Take responsibility for your education and your business
- Manage your athletes effectively
- Develop healthy athletes
- Earn the respect of others
- Model, encourage and support ethical coaching behavior
- Ensure a safe and welcoming environment
- Anticipate and embrace change
- Share information and embrace a team coaching approach

National Coach Apprenticeship Program

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING WORLDS IN HAMILTON

*By Regan Taylor
April, 2015*



I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the National Coach Apprenticeship Program in Hamilton during the World Synchronized Skating Championships in April. Besides getting to watch the entire competition live from bird's eye view seats straight above the event from the press boxes, the program was filled with amazing presentation from top coaches and officials from the international world of synchro. We began by being invited to the ISU coaches meeting where we heard the coaches and ISU officials talk about possible changes to synchro and the application to get into the Olympics. The next day we watched the official practices while the program host,

Cathy Dalton, told us what to look for in terms of strategies by the teams and coaches. We had a sport psychology presentation by Judy Goss followed by a Technical Panel presentation by Julie Petrilli. Mika Saarelainen gave us an amazing presentation on ISU policies and program components. During the short programs that evening, we got to listen on the head sets to our own panel of Technical Specialists describing how they would call the event. The final day was spent watching more practices with Cathy, and presentations from Monica Lockie, Tracy Wilson and Philippe Maitrot from the ISU. The evening was once again spent watching the event and listening to

the conversation over the headsets from our presenters and officials over the weekend. I brought back an amazing amount of knowledge and experience of synchronized skating that could not have ever been duplicated. What a great experience and I am thankful to Skate Canada for hosting this event and creating the NCAP program to give coaches like me these types of experiences.

As well, Skate Canada hosted a summit and many of my colleagues, Leslie Rupp and Colleen Laferriere, were chosen by BC to attend the event. I am anxious to see synchronized skating grow in BC as a result of the experience and knowledge gained over this fantastic opportunity.

EVENTS

2015/ 2016 Season

Calendar

Super Series SummerSkate

August 13-16, 2015
Burnaby, BC

NCCP CanSkate Coaching Course

August 17-19, 2015
Burnaby, BC

NCCP Level 3 Coaching Course

August 18-21, 2015
Burnaby, BC

BC/YK Section Board Meeting

September 11-13, 2015
Burnaby, BC

NCCP PSS Coaching Course

September 18-20, 2015
Burnaby, BC

Super Series Autumn Leaves

October 16-18, 2015
Chilliwack, BC

Super Series BC/YK Section Championships

November 5-8, 2015
Coquitlam, BC

Vancouver Island Interclub Competition

November 13-15, 2015
Parksville, BC

Jingle Blades Competition

November 20-22, 2015
Aldergrove, BC

Kla How Ya Competition

November 27-29, 2015
Snow Valley, BC

Featured event



Super Series SummerSkate

August 13-16, 2015
Burnaby, BC

Okanagan Interclub Competition

November 27-29, 2015
Mt Boucherie, BC

Skate Canada Challenge Event

December 2-6, 2015
Edmonton, AB

West Kootenay Invitational

December 4-6, 2015
Castlegar, BC

Gold Nugget Competition

December 4-6, 2015
TBD

For more information on these events please visit our website

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We are the 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/YTK Section has approximately 19,000 skaters, 115 clubs, 430 coaches and 229 officials which we serve.



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