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Patrick Chan, Canada's 2014 Olympic Silver Medalist in Men's Figure Skating was at Burnaby 8 Rinks on December 16th to work with BC/YK Male Skaters.

Pictured below: Patrick working with a group of skaters.



BC/YK SECTION TEAM

Ready for another Challenge

COQUITLAM—Edmonton, here we come.

- Photo: Jim Cheung

By: Brian Pound

With another successful Sectional championships in the books, the team that will represent the BC/YK Section at the Skate Canada Challenge December 2-6 begins turning their eyes towards the Alberta capital and the next phase in the quest for admission to the national championships, January 18-24 in Halifax.

The top four Pre-Novice to Senior Sectional finishers (with wild cards to be decided) at the Poirier Sports Complex stamped their entry into the Challenge event.

The final day of the four-day event saw champions declared in Junior men and women, Novice women and Pre-Novice and Novice pairs. When Megan Yim won the Junior women's title it was the 18th medal and eighth gold captured by members of the Burnaby-based Champs International Skating Club of BC. No other club was even close in the race for the Province Cup, awarded annually to the club amassing the most points during the

Sectional competition. Champs and Kelowna had tied for the honor one year ago.

Yim fashioned a near-perfect performance as she took both ends of the competition, short and long, and won with 102.68 points, finishing ahead of 2015 national Novice champion Rachel Pettitt of Arctic Edge FSC (139.15). Champs' Sarah Tamura was third with 135.08 points.

The Novice women's final was decided by the final skater in the field of 27. Kelowna's Olivia Gran showed promise of things to come as she dazzled with a free skate performance that earned her an impressive final mark of 127.06. She finished ahead of Champs' Emily Bausback (119.42) and Connaught's Danica Vangsgaard (105.08).

In all, 245 skaters representing 25 clubs throughout BC and the Yukon took part. Here's how BC/YK Executive-Director Ted Barton saw the competition:

"Kelowna's Olivia Gran showed promise of things to come as she dazzled with a free skate performance."

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FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

December 2015

I would like to thank all of our Clubs, Coaches and Officials for being so very patient with the registration process this year with Skate Canada. I know that it was very frustrating for everyone, but please know that your patience was appreciated by Skate Canada as they dealt with building a whole new registration system. By next season – it'll be fabulous!! But in the mean time – THANKS!!!!

Congratulations to all of our medalists at the BC/YK Section Championships held in Coquitlam this year. We had the largest team ever qualify to go to Challenge

in Edmonton. I was asked to attend Challenge as a Data Specialist this year, and I did get to see several of our team in action on the ice! Skaters please know how very proud the Section is of all of you, and your dedication to the sport. It really is quite something to see – three rinks going for 5 days straight! A lot of volunteers, officials, and coaches make this a special experience for all of the skaters. A special thank you to our BC/YK Team Leaders, who are there for support and encouragement the whole time!! It really was great to see everyone in action, and BC/YK had great results. Good luck to everyone that qualified to



Canada go to Junior and Senior Canadians in January in Halifax!

I wish everyone the Happiest of Holidays!

Lorraine Mapoles
Chairman BC/YK Section Skate



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BC/YK SECTION TEAM READY FOR ANOTHER CHALLENGE.. Continued

By Brian Pound

COQUITLAM—Edmonton, here we come.

“There were some very pleasant surprises and some revealing areas that require development. From a national perspective, skating in BC is healthy and in many areas strong. But the gap for International success remains a number one target. Overall, we have some very, very bright talent that must be developed.

“Overall, we know Quebec is strong as is Ontario but we know also our strength in areas and as a result we should look for good results.”

As for the overall administration of the competition, Barton said: “Coquitlam Skating Club did a marvelous job in hosting us. We hope to return to this site for this competition in the near future. We received strong support from the committee and all their volunteers.”

2016 Award Nominations

Here is the perfect opportunity to highlight valuable volunteers in your skating community. There are a variety of Skate Canada achievement awards to choose from— something for everyone. All of the awards and their descriptions are listed on our website under clubs > awards.

Any questions can be directed to

bcyksection@skatinginbc.com



Athlete Auction

The Athlete Auction is just a few short months away! This past year we were able to distribute over \$15,000.00 to the BC/YK Team.

Help us keep this momentum going! Contact the office for more details.

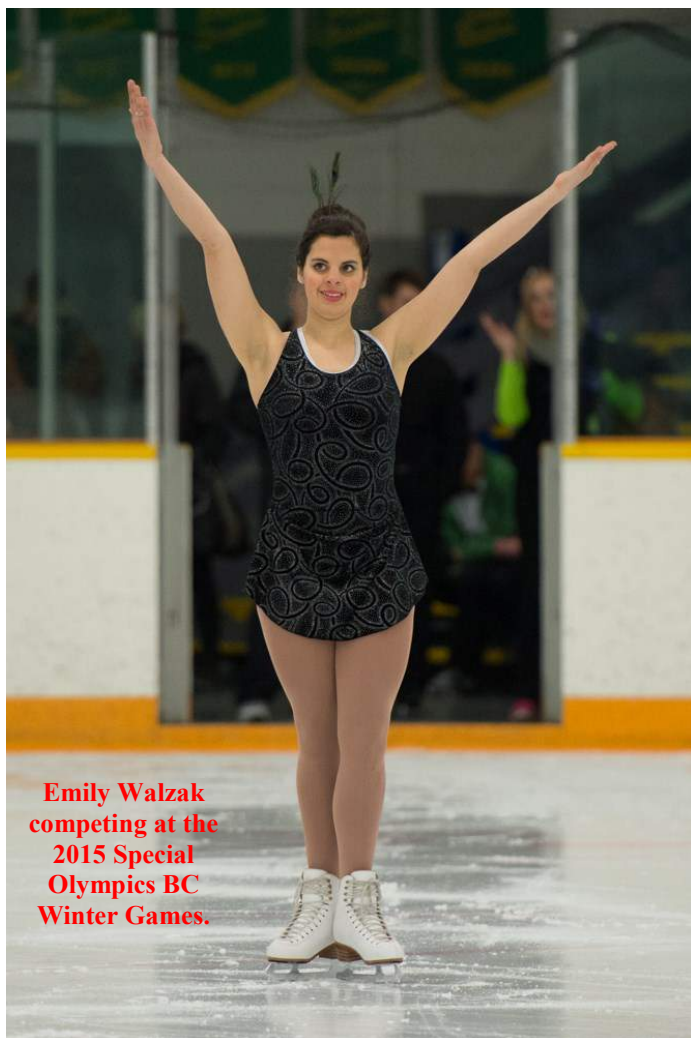


SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BC/YK SKATING



News from Special Olympics BC figure skating: Special Olympics skaters set to make BC Games debut



**Emily Walzak
competing at the
2015 Special
Olympics BC
Winter Games.**

In February 2016, Special Olympics BC figure skaters from around the province will compete at BC Games for the first time ever.

Set to be held February 25 to 28, the Penticton 2016 BC Winter Games will include the debut of the Special Olympics figure skating event, and SOBC basketball players will also compete in their own division for just the second time at BC Games. The SOBC athletes will join teammates from

their respective regions to represent their home zones.

The Penticton 2016 BC Winter Games are expected to have as many as 2,082 participants, including 1,495 athletes, 361 coaches, and 226 officials. These will be the 28th BC Winter Games and the fourth time Penticton has hosted the BC Games.

SOBC athletes have been showcasing their skills in the BC Games for 12 years, competing in Special Olympics divisions. Prior to 2014,

SOBC athletes at BC Games competed in athletics and swimming. Their expansion into BC Winter Games began in 2014 with basketball and continues in 2016 with the addition of figure skating.

"The BC Games are always an exciting opportunity for athletes and coaches to compete and learn. Our athletes get a lot out of competing and being part of the BC Games environment, and they put on a great demonstration of their skills as they participate alongside the mainstream athletes," says

Shawn Fevens, SOBC Manager, Sport.

These integrated competitive opportunities give SOBC athletes a chance to shine in front of their peers from generic sports. At the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George, SOBC figure skaters turned heads with both their on-ice abilities and off-ice sportsmanship. Even though they headed to the Canada Games straight from their four busy days at the 2015 Special Olympics BC Winter Games in Kamloops, the SOBC athletes and coaches presented the Prince George competition with stellar examples of true sportsmanship and love of sport.

Stephanie Divin of SOBC – Surrey, Matthew Lai of SOBC – Richmond, Eric Pahima of SOBC – Vancouver, and Emily Walzak of SOBC – Victoria were outstanding representatives of Special Olympics at the Canada Games along with their dedicated coaches Jessica Chapelski of SOBC – Vancouver and Martin Newham of SOBC – Victoria.

"I like the crowd cheering, when they cheer for Matthew and his elements," Lai told Skate Canada. "I cheer for the flag of British Columbia. I cheer for trying my best."

Walzak said the SOBC athletes were all very supportive of each other throughout their Canada Games events, and she said she really enjoyed the atmosphere at the well-organized Prince George event.

"It was amazing. I felt like a real athlete," Walzak said. "The

whole atmosphere was incredible. Everyone was in their team gear and you really saw the relationships between the athletes. It was really nice to see everyone come together and cheer for each other. It was something I'll never forget."

Walzak has only been skating for three years, having been inspired after watching the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver and then finding her way to Special Olympics. She said she felt energized by the 2015 Canada Games experience.

"It makes me want to work harder and get to the national and world level. My goal is to make the World Games eventually," Walzak said.

Learn more about Special Olympics BC:

<http://specialolympics.bc.ca>

Stay tuned for more reports from Special Olympics BC's skaters and programs!

Patrick Chan Seminar



2015-2016

Super Series Winners

Senior Women		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Larkyn Austman	Coquitlam SC
2	Kelsey Wong	Champs International SC of BC
3	Julianne Delaurier	Kelowna FSC

Senior Men		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Mitchell Gordon	Connaught SC
2	Shawn Cuevas	Connaught SC
3	Satish Stefansson	Connaught SC

Junior Women		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Megan Yim	Champs International SC of BC
2	Sarah Tamura	Champs International SC of BC
3	Rachel Pettitt	Arctic Edge Skating Club

Junior Men		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Kelly Basisty	Kelowna SC
2	Alexander Lawrence	Vancouver SC
3	James Thompson	Connaught SC

Novice Women		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Olivia Gran	Kelowna FSC
2	Danica Vangsgaard	Connaught SC
3	Alexandra Canning	Coquitlam SC

Novice Men		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Brian Le	Champs International SC of BC
2	Ehren Chang	Connaught SC
3	Justin Hampole	Northern BC Centre for Skating

Pre-Novice Women		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Vasilisa Matantseva	Champs International SC of BC
2	Leah Lee	Sunset FSC
3	Emily Bausback	Champs International SC of BC

Pre-Novice Men		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Aleksa Rakic	Champs International SC of BC
2	Shuma Mugii	Champs International SC of BC
3	Christopher Fan	Champs International SC of BC

Juvenile Women U14		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Lucy Hua	Coquitlam SC
2	Miku Makita	Inlet SC
3	Madeline Foley	Kelowna FSC

Juvenile Men		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Wesley Chiu	Connaught SC
2	Carson Consiglio	Champs International SC of BC
3	Terry Yu Tao Jin	Champs International SC of BC

Juvenile Women U12		FINAL RESULTS
Rank	Name	Club
1	Melody Zhu	Champs International SC of BC
2	Samantha Yeung	Connaught SC
3	Vienna Harwood	Kelowna FSC

Congratulations to all of the
Super Series Winners!

SKATE CANADA

November 5-8, 2015

2016 SECTIONAL RESULTS

Pre-Juvenile

Men	Brendan Wong- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	1st Place
	Lairaby Hiatt- <i>Coquitlam SC</i>	2nd Place
	Ron Vainer- <i>Coquitlam SC</i>	3rd Place
Women	Maho Harada- <i>Connaught SC</i>	1st Place
	Brooklyn Cowen- <i>Kelowna SC</i>	2nd Place
	Dorothy Yuen- <i>Connaught SC</i>	3rd Place

Juvenile

Men	Wesley Chiu- <i>Connaught SC</i>	1st Place
	Carson Consiglio- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	2nd Place
	Vincent Liang- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	3rd Place
Women U12	Melody Zhu- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	1st Place
	Samantha Yeung- <i>Connaught SC</i>	2nd Place
	Vienna Harwood- <i>Kelowna SC</i>	3rd Place
Women U14	Lucy Hua- <i>Coquitlam SC</i>	1st Place
	Isabel See- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	2nd Place
	Rebecca Liu- <i>Grandview SC</i>	3rd Place
Dance	Carrera Shek/Liam Lewis	1st Place
	<i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	

Pre-Novice

Men	Aleksa Rakic- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	1st Place
	Shuma Mugii- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	2nd Place
	Christopher Fan- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	3rd Place
Women	Vasilisa Matantseva- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	1st Place
	Ashley Sales- <i>Kelowna SC</i>	2nd Place
	Leah Lee- <i>Sunset SC</i>	3rd Place
Pairs	Norah Haydar/John Horwood	1st Place
	<i>Racquet Club of Victoria</i>	
	Emma Knight/Garrison Beacom	2nd Place
	<i>Racquet Club of Victoria</i>	
Dance	Victoria Verrelli/Tyler Gunara	1st Place
	<i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	
	Amelia Boone/Alessio Carello	2nd Place
	<i>Calalta SC/Champs ISC of BC</i>	
	Audrey Darrah/Christopher Horwood	3rd Place
	<i>Racquet Club of Victoria</i>	

Novice

Men	Brian Le- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	1st Place
	Gabriel Blumenthal- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	2nd Place
	Justin Hampole- <i>Northern BC Ctr for Skating</i>	3rd Place
Women	Olivia Gran- <i>Kelowna SC</i>	1st Place
	Emily Bausback- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	2nd Place
	Danica Vangsgaard- <i>Connaught SC</i>	3rd Place
Pairs	Tessa Jones/Matthew den Boer	1st Place
	<i>Racquet Club of Victoria</i>	
	Sarah Kedves/Lucas Pallard	2nd Place
	<i>Racquet Club of Victoria</i>	
Dance	Ravie Cunningham/Cedar Bridgewood	1st Place
	<i>Racquet Club of Victoria</i>	

Junior

Men	Alexander Lawrence- <i>Vancouver SC</i>	1st Place
	Kelly Basisty- <i>Kelowna SC</i>	2nd Place
Women	Megan Yim- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	1st Place
	Rachel Pettitt- <i>Arctic Edge SC</i>	2nd Place
	Sarah Tamura- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	3rd Place
Dance	Haley Sales/Nikolas Wamsteeker	1st Place
	<i>Kelowna SC/Champs ISC of BC</i>	
	Ashlynn Stairs/Lee Royer	2nd Place
	<i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	
	Danielle Wu/Nik Mirzakhani	3rd Place
	<i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	

Senior

Men	Liam Firus- <i>Vancouver SC</i>	1st Place
	Mitchell Gordon- <i>Connaught SC</i>	2nd Place
	Shawn Cuevas- <i>Connaught SC</i>	3rd Place
Women	Larkyn Austman- <i>Coquitlam SC</i>	1st Place
	Kelsey Wong- <i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	2nd Place
	Julianne Delaurier- <i>Kelowna SC</i>	3rd Place
Dance	Brianna Delmaestro/Timothy Lum	1st Place
	<i>Coquitlam SC</i>	
	Roxette Howe/Jean-Luc Jackson	2nd Place
	<i>Champs ISC of BC</i>	

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2016 Sectionals

Brenden Wong
Champs ISC of BC



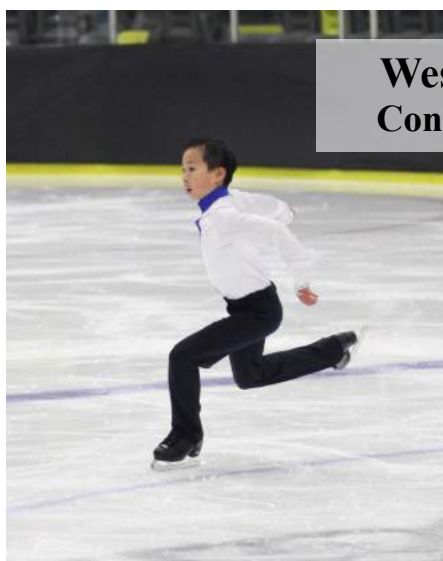
Maho Harada
Connaught SC



Melody Zhu
Champs ISC of BC



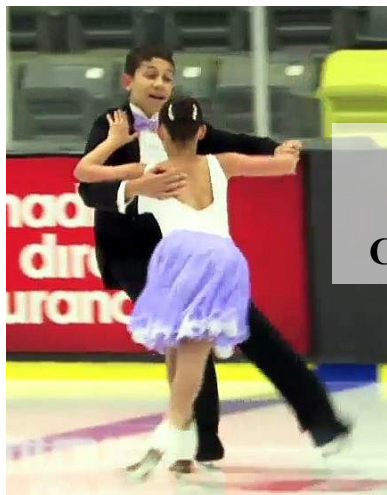
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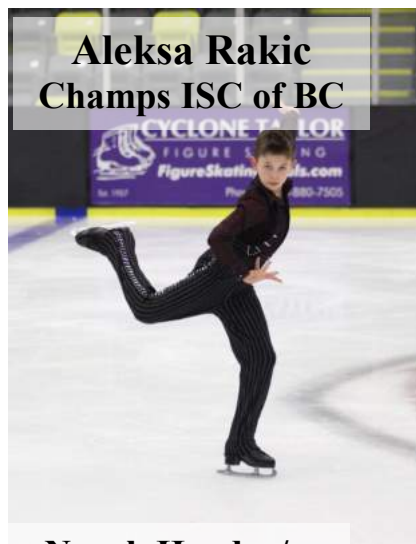


**Carrera Shek/
Liam Lewis**
Champs ISC of BC



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2016 Sectionals



Aleksa Rakic
Champs ISC of BC



Vasilisa Matantseva
Champs ISC of BC



Olivia Gran
Kelowna SC

**Norah Haydar/
John Horwood**
Raquet Club of Victoria



Brian Le
Champs ISC of BC

**Victoria Verrelli/
Tyler Gunara**
Champs ISC of BC



**Tessa Jones/
Matthew den Boer**
Racquet Club of Victoria



**Ravie Cunningham/
Cedar Bridgewood**
Raquet Club of Victoria

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2016 Sectionals



Alexander Lawrence
Vancouver SC



**Haley Sales/
Nikolas Wamsteeker**
Champs ISC of BC

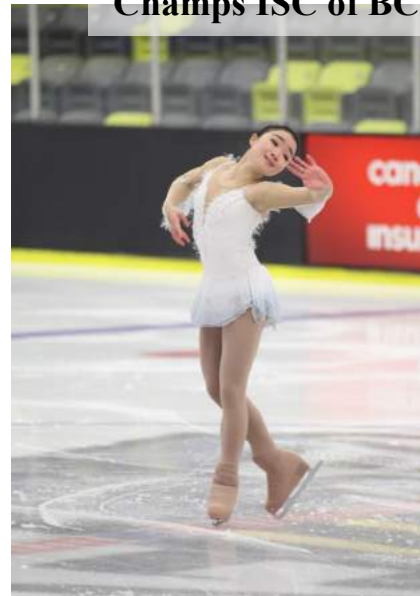


Larkyn Austman
Coquitlam SC

**Brianna Delmaestro/
Timothy Lum**
Coquitlam SC



Liam Firus
Vancouver SC



Megan Yim
Champs ISC of BC



2016 CHALLENGE RESULTS

Pre-Novice

Men	Aleksa Rakic	4th Place
	Shuma Mugii	14th Place
	Christopher Fan	15th Place
Women	Vasilisa Matantseva	1st Place
	Leah Lee	5th Place
	Ashley Sales	9th Place
	Mikayla Kramer	21st Place
Pair	Norah Haydar/ Jon Horwood	5th Place
	Emma Knight/ Garrison Beacom	7th Place
Dance	Victoria Verrelli/ Tyler Gunara	3rd Place
	Amelia Boone/ Alessio Carello	13th Place

Junior

Men	Alexander Lawrence	13th Place
	Kelly Basisty	19th Place
Women	Mckenna Colthorp	2nd Place
	Sarah Tamura	3rd Place
	Rachel Pettitt	9th Place
	Megan Yim	12th Place
	Tilyna Pawer	15th Place
	Danielle Gordon	19th Place
	Ajsha Gorman	22nd Place
Dance	Haley Sales/ Nikolas Wamstecker	3rd Place
	Ashlynn Stairs/ Lee Royer	6th Place
	Danielle Wu/ Nik Mirzakhani	7th Place

Novice

Men	Brian Le	3rd Place
	Benjam Papp	17th Place
	Gabriel Blumenthal	18th Place
	Beres Clements	21st Place
	Justin Hampole	25th Place
	Ehren Chang	26th Place
Women	Olivia Gran	1st Place
	Emily Bausback	12th Place
	Danica Vangsgaard	13th Place
	Elvie Carroll	35th Place
	Kayla Smart	37th Place
Pair	Tessa Jones/ Matthew den Boer	4th Place
	Sarah Kedves/ Lucas Pallard	9th Place
Dance	Ravie Cunningham/ Cedar Bridgewood	5th Place

Senior

Men	Kevin Reynolds	2nd Place
	Mitchell Gordon	8th Place
	Shawn Cuevas	14th Place
	Satish Stefansson	24th Place
Women	Larkyn Austman	3rd Place
	Kelsey Wong	8th Place
	Cailey England	24th Place
	Julianne Delaurier	34th Place
Dance	Brianna Delmaestro/ Timothy Lum	4th Place
	Nicole Orford/ Asher Hill	5th Place
	Roxette Howe/ Jean-Luc Jackson	9th Place

Congratulations to both Vasilisa Matantseva (Pre-Novice Women's Champion) and Olivia Gran (Novice Women's Champion) for setting new Canadian Records at the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge Event!

Also a BIG Thank You to all of the Team Leaders!

Photos from the event follow on the following pages.

Vasilisa Matantseva
1st Place
Pre-Novice Women





Victoria Verrelli/ Tyler Gunara
3rd Place
Pre-Novice Dance



Brian Le
3rd Place
Novice Men



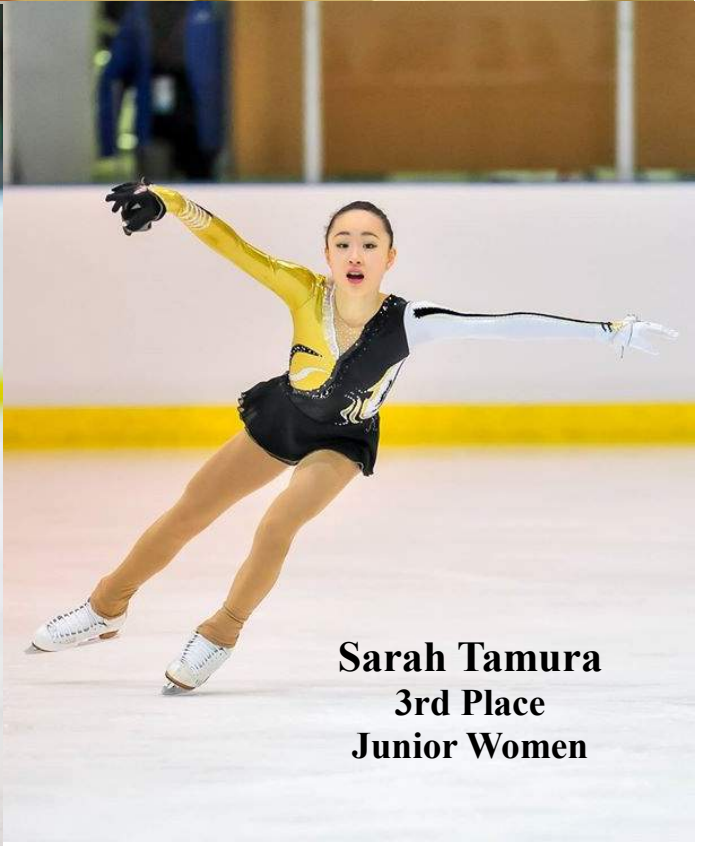


Olivia Gran
1st Place
Novice Women





Mckenna Colthorp
2nd Place
Junior Women



Sarah Tamura
3rd Place
Junior Women

Haley Sales/ Nikolas Wamsteeker
3rd Place
Junior Dance

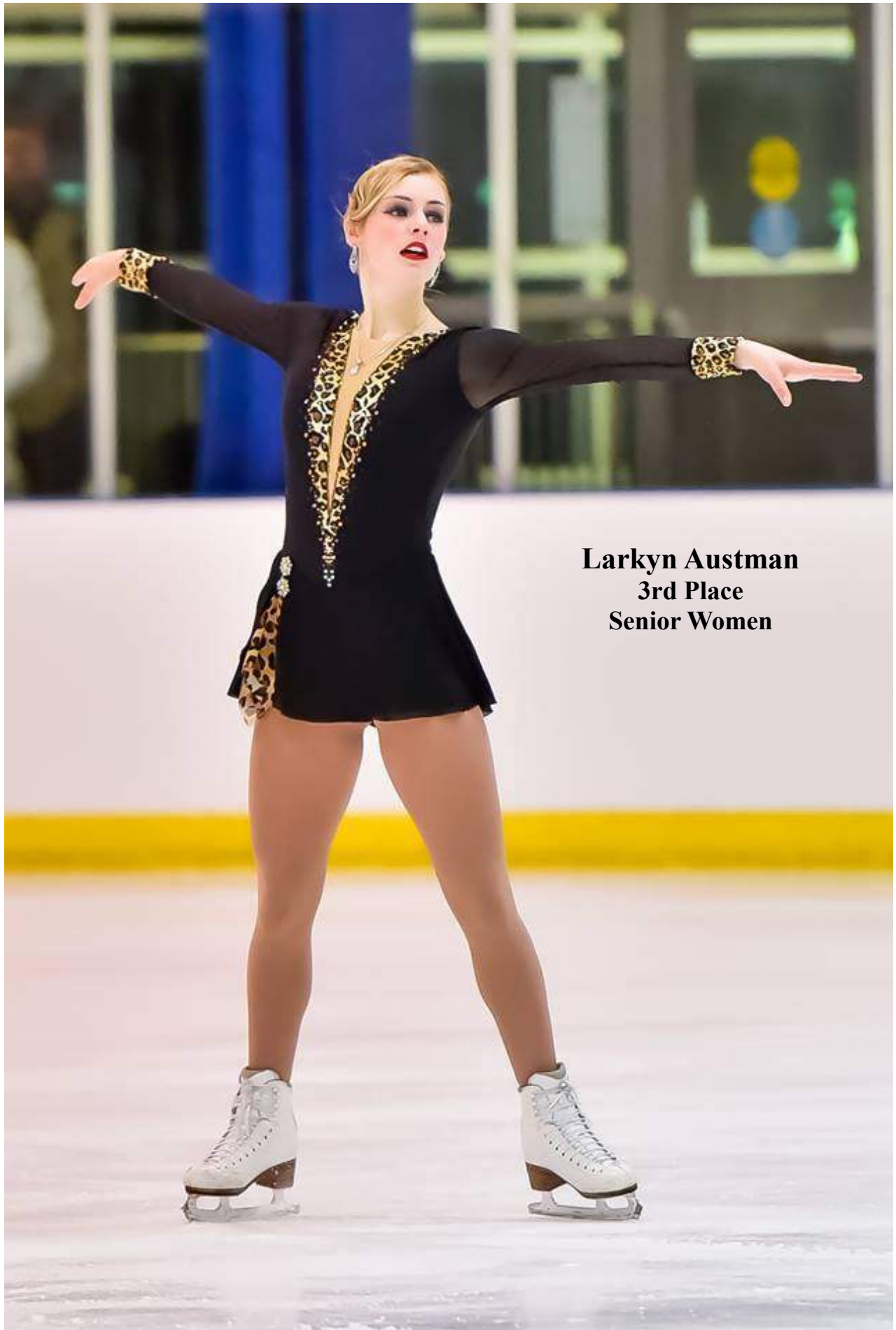




Kevin Reynolds
2nd Place
Senior Men



Larkyn Austman
3rd Place
Senior Women



Larkyn Austman
3rd Place
Senior Women

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Every Friday skaters from the Abbotsford Skating Club perform their solo's during intermission and carry the flags during the singing of the national anthem. No matter the age or skill level, all skaters are welcome! Skaters shown in pictures range from age 3 to 17.



Ice Dreams

Watch for information about our annual ice show on Saturday April 2 2016.



December 11th
Parents & kids look forward to our pot luck and Family Skate with Santa. Everyone works really hard to choreograph their own programs which they perform for their family and friends.

Merry Christmas
from our family to yours!

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LOW TESTS

Congratulations to the following skaters for successfully passing their Low Tests.

Alicia Horner
Samantha Venema
Ainsley Young
Mica Kerr
Komalpreet Chauhan
Lauren Paller
Anna Han
Keerat Jawanda
Wendy Lin
Emily Haw

2

HIGH TESTS

Congratulations to the following skaters for successfully passing their High Tests.

Megan Geddes
Karman Gill
Kendra Russell
Anika Phinney
Taralyn Geddes
Emma Harley

3

COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to all our skaters who competed in Autumn Leaves and Jingle Blades. We are very proud of the personal success each and everyone of you achieved!

Sungod Skating Club



Sungod skaters proudly posing with very own homegrown Elsa.
Well done Mariah Cawkell, Sungod Skating Club is proud of you!



Sunshine Coast Skating Club



The Sunshine Coast Skating Club held our Annual Halloween Skate as a potluck and family fun skate. The costumes were great and everyone enjoyed a good time, music/sport prizes and good food. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this event such a success!!



The SCSC had seven skaters attending the Jingle Blades Competition Nov 19th-22 in Aldergrove. The skaters received 6 gold and 1 silver assessments representing the club proudly. Prior to attending

we held a simulation with judge, and Honorary Club member, Susan Hefferman, who came in to assess skaters and give feedback. We always appreciate her time and expertise!! Thank you Susan!



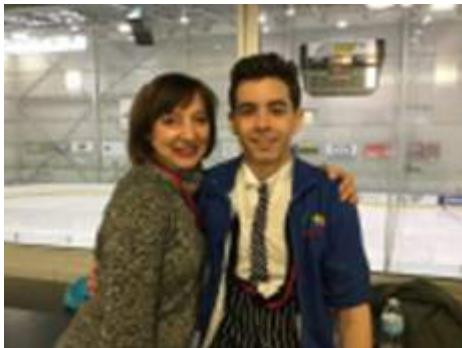
The club participated in the community for the RBC Sport Day by hosting a wear your jersey skate, along with an info booth upstairs at the Sports Fair in the Gibson's Community Centre. We also partnered with the SCRD to hold an Emergency Evacuation Drill that included the fire alarm going off, firemen attending etc. It went well but we wished it had not been on a day with such high winds and rain! Those things we can't control!!

Our Canpowerskate is a huge success this year - kudos to coach Daryl Austman. We have a great working relationship with Minor Hockey who support our Canpowerskate program. The program is full for both fall and winter and we are adding an additional session for each program!



We have been working hard with the ever necessary and ongoing fundraising! Huge thanks to Aspen Wing, Fundraising Chair who does such an incredible job! Fundraising events include: Christmas Purdy's, selling Chamber of Commerce coupon books, upcoming silent auction and bake sale, and Easter Purdy's. Our biggest fundraiser, our Club's Winter Raffle is just about to start with some incredible prizes: 1st place: 4 Canucks tickets Mar 12 vs. Nashville game Club seats 6th row section 107 centre ice. Also includes parking pass, ferry pass and \$100 cash for dinner. 2nd place: 2 Canucks Tickets for Mar. 9th vs. Phoenix game. 3rd place: \$150 Bistro Patio Set donated by RONA Sunshine Coast. See our club website for more info. Thank you to our Registrar, Kate Turner, for her patience with the Skate Canada website, we finally now have everyone registered! Thanks for all you do over and above! We have an amazing Board of Directors this year under the leadership of Club President Stacey Rosenberg! Thanks to all of you for all you do! Skaters are looking forward to our Christmas Family Skate and Potluck Party with Santa on Dec. 17th and are working hard toward Regionals and our local test day!

VANCOUVER Skating Club



So proud of Alexander Lawrence qualifying for Nationals Junior Men in Halifax!



WOW to Julia!! National Champion Iceland 2016

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our beautiful skaters who were honoured with their Gold test status at the June 2015 banquet. We are so proud of all of you!!

Paige Copper- Gold Dance (Gold Freeskate and Skills)

Emily Dorling- Gold Freeskate and Skills

Payton Gallagher- Gold Dance (Gold Skills)

Tasha Johansen-Lanthier - Gold Dance (Gold Freeskate and Skills)

Annie Le- Gold Skills (Gold Freeskate)

Fuzhan Majzoubi- Gold Skills

Katrina Young- Gold Freeskate and Skills

We are EXCITED to see everyone at the GALA December 19th 12:45pm



December 08, 2015

Picture: (Left to Right) Jenn Yates- Coach, Cassandra Labermeyer, Dennis Bryan- Co-Coach/Choreographer

Thin Ice

| The KSC is very proud to report: |

Cassandra Labermeyer has received her GOLD pin for her Artistic. Cassandra, 17, (at the time 16) is one of the Kamloops Skating Club's Senior Skaters. Despite a very busy schedule Cassandra found time to train and Compete with this particular program last spring at the Super Series Victoria Day Competition in Parksville, BC. She entertained the audience with a very strong performance placing 2nd in the Gold Category. Her program: **"Stepping Out From Behind the Curtain"**, (Nervous & Naughty) 🍷. Music from "Burlesque" the- actual film- which isn't too far a stretch to relate to, in that it's somewhat familiar; (although still far from any real- life actuality; in so far that its similarity is merely the portrayal vs. actuality. Albeit - a familiar scenario for Cassandra; (in a less- the performing of 'Burlesque'- and more the 'actual' performance of Competitive Dance). All the while (Revealing only) the "nerves of steel" it would take to perform in any relatable situation for this busy young woman. A lifestyle she experiences live; first- hand competing in Ballet, Jazz, and various other disciplines of Dance. - Some which she herself now teaches. Balancing a very heavy academic course load,



dancing competitively, teaching , and skating while working two part-time jobs, and volunteering in her "spare" "time" this eager young role model is always a class act. Even if portraying "A Good Girl". We applaud you Cass!! On behalf of everyone; we proudly congratulate your achievements today and always. D. Bryan- Co-Coach/ Choreographer KSC

Also... We are super impressed with several of the results from our Skaters from the past few competitions which were attended. Congratulations to Jazmine Barnes, Brooke Benoit, Brittany Boyd, Erika Denis, Molly Egli, Alice Lanzoni, Giorgia Lanzoni, Tieler Shular, Emma Sowpal, Kathrin Ricketts, Victoria Warner, Kathy Zhang. These girls have all been competing and scorings some personal bests... as well as some hardware. Keep up the great work girls. Congratulations to Jazmine Barnes, and Giorgia Lanzoni on passing their Bronze interpretive tests (both while competing) that is fantastic... We look forward to new and exciting things in the new year at KSC Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year. Thank you DB.

Kelowna Skating Club

Mckenna Colthorp

Happy Holidays from Kelowna! How quickly the summer and fall months have gone by!

As always, our skaters and coaches have been very busy. In the summer, a team of our Novice, Junior, and Senior skaters traveled to Anaheim, California to compete at the Glacier Falls Summer Classic. Mckenna Colthorp, Rachel Pettitt, and Ajsha Gorman qualified to the Junior Women's Final, while Olivia Gran qualified to the Novice Women's Final. The opportunity to compete with top skaters from the US was a fantastic experience!

At the Super Series BC Summerskate, we had 24 skaters capture 13 medals in total. Olivia Gran took gold in Novice, while Malayna Lesko and Brooklyn Cowen won their respective groups of Pre-Juvenile Women under 11.

In October, Mckenna Colthorp represented Canada at the Skate Canada Autumn Classic International at Barrie, Ontario. She opened with a 4th place short program, but came back to win the free program and the bronze medal! Mckenna is the first skater in club history to win a medal at the ISU international level!

Mckenna at Barrie for the Skate Canada Autumn Classic – photo by Stephan Potopnyk

While Mckenna was away to Barrie, our other skaters were busy at Chilliwack for Super Series Autumn Leaves, where they won 14 medals. Kelly Basisty, Aurora Schultz, Zoe Wu, Abbey Reiter, Malayna Lesko, Emily Sales, and Olivia Gran won gold in their events.

In November, 26 of our skaters were off to Coquitlam for the BC/YK Sectionals. It was a great week for them, as they came away with 9 medals, 9 BC Team spots to Skate Canada Challenge, and 3 Artistic Awards!



In December, our BC Team members enjoyed some surprisingly mild weather at Edmonton, as well as some great skates during the Skate Canada Challenge. Olivia Gran had a personal best score to win Novice Women, while Mckenna Colthorp won silver in Junior Women. Rachel Pettitt (Junior) and Emma Bulawka (Novice) also had strong skates and also qualified to the Canadian Championships at Halifax in January!

We are looking forward to a great winter season and wish you all a Happy New Year!

Mt. Boucherie Skating Club



The Mt. Boucherie Skating Club had a successful fall season that started with some excellent performances at the Super Series Autumn Leaves in Chilliwack and the 2016 Skate Canada BC/YK Sectional Championships held in Coquitlam. The MBSC hosted the 2015 Okanagan Interclub competition in November where 19 skaters from the club participated.

Kira Koffler has had a great fall competition season, she scored a personal best at the Sectional Championships in the Pre-Juvenile Women U-11. She also recieved a bronze medal in the Elements 2 Event at the Interclub Competition.

Taylor Mae Flemming had a personal best score at the Sectional Championships in the Juvenile Women U-14 and the Okanagan Intercub Competition Taylor did amazing; winning 3 gold medals in Juvenile women U-14, Silver Interpetive, and Silver Creative.

Tianna Potts won a bronze medal in the Juvenile women U-12 at Autumn Leaves, at

the Okanagan Interclub Competition she won a gold medal in the Elements 3 Competition. Tianna placed 4th in the overall Super Series standings this year. Tianna was also named to the Zone 2 BC Winter Games team competing in Penticton this February.

Phoebe Kemp recieved a gold medal in the Gold Women at the Autumn leaves Competition, her first of the season. At the Okanagan Interclub Competition she did an excellent job, earning 3 medals. Silver in the Gold Women Freeskate, Gold in the Gold Creative, and Silver in the Gold Womens Creative.

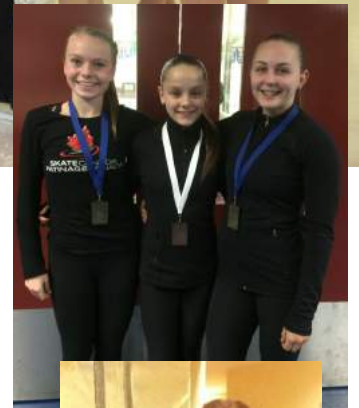
Makenna Jensen recieved a gold medal in the Pre-Novice Women U-16 at Autumn Leaves. She had a personal best score at Sectional Championships and she won a gold medal in the Creative Womens Gold Event at the Okanagan Interclub Competition.

Kayla Smart skated two clean programs in Novice Women at the 2016 Skate Canada BC/YK Sectional Championships earning her a score of 98.57 points.

Kayla's 4th place finish qualified her to skate at the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton and a spot on the BC Team.

We are very proud of our Primary and Intermediate skaters for doing so well at the Okanagan Interclub competition. Congratulations to all our Star 1 skaters who took part in their very first comeptition. Gigha Roen, Shaelyn Hunter, Matthew O'Donaghey and Gabriella Lima. In Star 2 Shanelle Rodrigues, Taylor Luft, Megan Scowen, Maya Schauer, Sophie Hughes, Sheena Roen, and Jessica Hatch all skated terrific solos and received some valuable feedback from the judges. Our Star 3 skaters did a fantastic job at their first competition of the season. Shy Kuchera, Ayla Cross, and Jennifer Dmytrowich all did a great job presenting their newly acquired Star 3 solos.

Congratulations to all the skaters for all their hardwork during the first half of our 2015/2016 Season. The



MBSC would like to wish all the skating families in our province a happy and healthy holiday season. We're looking forward to a successful winter season.



CARIBOO NORTH CENTRAL REGION News



The Hazelton Skating Club making the best out of an unlucky situation. The Club continued to Skate outdoors when the roof of their rink was deemed unstable. After lots of community support they won the Aviva Community Grant winning \$100,000.



Photo by Tim Sullivan



Hazelton Skating Club

Photo by Tim Sullivan

On March 13, 2015 the Atoms hockey team was cleared from the ice during a practice when the structural engineer determined that the logs that formed the roof of the ice arena were extremely unstable. It was the day before the Hazelton Skating Club Ice Show. The ice show had to be cancelled and we held a BBQ in the parking lot to celebrate the end of our season.

Our community arena is run by a group of volunteers and functions as a non-profit organization. It serves a large area ranging from Kitwanga to Morice Town encompassing seven first nations villages and the Hazelton communities. The Hazelton's have seen a lot of hardship in the past. Sawmill closures have of 70%, and created unemployment rates youth suicides and pregnancy rates

and high school dropouts are among the highest in the province. The arena has always functioned as a common space where youth and adults can choose to be part of an active lifestyle as well as interact with all the diverse peoples of our community. When the arena closed, the community was devastated. There are few other recreation opportunities, no pool, no gymnastics club, and this in communities without streetlights where it is dark at 4:30 in the winter.

The arena board decided they would tear the roof off the arena, and provide an outdoor ice arena for our communities. The board spent the operating budget for the next two years, in addition to gifts from municipalities and the Regional District to make this happen. The skating club earned \$3000 for the ice arena working at the music festival, and several BBQs were held. We were left at the end of summer with a roof-less arena that required

lighting and a hut for our tractor pulled zamboni tank, and a very tight bank account. Skating coach Stacey Brown, along with Val Anderson started the campaign for the Aviva Community Grant to try and earn some money for a new Zamboni, and money to operate our rink for the winter, "I never thought when I started coaching, that I would be organizing volunteers to build a zamboni hut and looking for money to get our skaters a place to skate!!!!". There was a huge mobilization in the Hazelton communities, and all across Canada with family and friends and people who had heard our story voting for us every day to support the "Hard up in the Hazeltons" application. We were thrilled to make it into the finals of the Aviva competition, but had a ton of work to do to get our outdoor rink up and running. There were many work bees at the arena with contractors and community members donating their

time and skills and materials to build a hut for our Zamboni, as well as putting up hydro poles and floodlights. Volunteers of all ages were out to support the project, with even younger skaters helping to put the hockey lines on the ice.

It has been a long journey since that March day nine months ago, but Nov 24th we stepped on the ice of our outdoor arena, and on Dec 2 learned that we were successful in the Aviva Community Grant winning \$100,000. We will be able to get a real Zamboni now, and will have a start on having enough money to run our arena. Getting our skaters on the ice in Hazelton has been fabulous. However, the hockey and figure skating clubs recognize that running our programs in an outdoor facility will be challenging. Already, hockey practices have started with a shovelling warm up to clear the snow from the ice, and at some skating practices the ice is too rough to spin. But we are willing to make it happen. Parents

watching their skaters take turns shovelling snow, or helping mop the lobby as the rink attendant has new duties to manage the outdoor rink.

It has been magical to skate outside. Even at -15C, even with the snow falling on us, even with the sun setting on the mountains and the moon rising over us it has been extraordinary. It has been a strengthening experience and our community will be better for it. Someday, we hope to have a new arena, but for now, we are happy to be on the ice. If you are driving past Hazelton, come on in for a skate.

Check out our arena on Face Book at "Hard up in the Hazeltons" or "Hazelton Skating Club".

Mile 300 FSC



Internationally renowned figure skating coach wows Mile 300 figure skating club

It was an amazing weekend for the Mile 300 Figure Skating Club and an opportunity of a lifetime for many of the skaters.

Jamie McGrigor national and internationally renowned figure skater, coach, and program instructor was in Fort Nelson instructing Mile 300 Figure Skating club coach, Kennedy Sha, in an intensive three day Skate Canada Primary StarSkate (PSS) course.

During his four-day stay, McGrigor also worked with skaters and local coaches in all of the club's various programs and at all levels, from Pre Canskate to Primary StarSkate.

"He has a remarkable ability to make every skater feel like a world champion," said club president Alex Swaren. "The transformation in the skaters at all levels over the weekend was incredible to witness. Within six hours of his tutelage, skaters were landing jumps and doing spins they had been working on for years. Every skater came off the ice with their head held high, laughing, and beaming with confidence."

The senior skaters were overheard jokingly conspiring and thinking of ways to keep him in Fort Nelson. "In a very short period of time he inspired

and made his way into the hearts of skaters and became the club hero," Swaren said.

McGrigor worked with the skaters alongside local coaches and gave the coaches mentorship and direction. He was impressed with the Mile 300 Figure Skating Club. "If you want to learn to skate, this club is where people need to go," said McGrigor. "It's a great skating club." McGrigor also commented how lucky people are in Fort Nelson to have such an incredible recreation centre.

McGrigor has been a Skate Canada coach for 40 years. He was on the World Team twice as a competitive pairs skater alongside legends like Toller Cranston. He coached national and Olympic level skaters and coached the current coaches of Olympic skaters. He has instructed hundreds of coaches through Skate Canada's certification programs, and is the only instructor in BC who instructs the Skate Canada PSS Course.

At the end of this month he'll be in Vancouver working with skaters and their coaches who are heading to the Nationals. He is the Director of Development for BC, which includes competition preparedness for coaches and skaters at the National,

International, and Olympic level.

He has taught all over Canada and has coached at one of the most prestigious and successful pairs schools in Preston, Ontario. He has worked with talents such as Lloyd Eisler & Cathy Matusik, Christine Hough & Doug Ladret, and Melinda Kunhegyi & Lydon Johnson.

He is an internationally respected ISU Technical Specialist who after March 2016 will have been on both Junior and Senior World Championship technical panels. He is heading to the World Championships in Boston in March where he will be the technical specialist for the men's competition.

He worked at the Olympics in 2010 as a commentator.

He is also the Director of Skating at the Oak Bay Skating Club in Victoria where he coaches with his wife, Katrena.



'Down, Down, Down, and Hold,' Alayna perfects her sit spin

A great BIG hello from the Nechako Figure Skating Club in Vanderhoof! It's hard to believe our season is already half over! Time flies when you're having fun. Our little club is growing, growing, growing. We are so pleased to see so many up and comers taking an interest in figure skating. Our Pre-Star skaters have been learning the Star 1 skills and are working hard to prepare for the CNCR Re-

gional Championships coming up in Prince George in January. Our Star skaters have been busting their butts learning new choreography and perfecting all their jumps/spins, etc for the same reason. In late November we began to prepare for the "Christmas in the Country" ice show. The show featured festive country music, cowboys and cowgirls and of course fabulous skating. A big thank you to Theresa Simoes and

Emma Floris who have been assisting Coach Jenn with the CanSkate program. You ladies are awesome! We are really excited to see what the second half of our season brings. Happy Skating everyone!



Northern BC Centre for Skating

Looking back at these past few months puts a smile on all our lips seeing what all the NBCCS skaters have accomplished with a lot of kids moving up a level, getting new solos, competing and simulating at different events.

Fall started with a bang with the NBCCS sending a total of 15 skaters to the Autumn Leaves Competition, where our skaters managed to bring home a total of 5 medals. Olivia Trampus Gold Medal in *Junior Silver Women*, Olivia Wankling Bronze Medal in *Bronze Interpretive*, Alicia Hayne Silver Medal in *Senior Bronze Women*, Jayna Mason Bronze Medal in *Pre-Juvenile Ladies U13* and Ali Norum Bronze Medal in *Pre-Juvenile Women U11*. In addition, there were also several personal bests.



Fall didn't only bring competitions to our amazing skaters, but athletes and parents have been busy with several different fundraisers such as; the very popular Centennial Meat Fundraiser, selling raffle tickets, Pub Night with silent auction and Shopping parties to name a few.

With winter finally knocking on our door, six of our talented skaters got an opportunity to participate and show their beautiful solos at the 23rd Annual Civic Centre Christmas Light-Up Ceremony, which was attended by a record number of Prince Georgians cheering in the Holiday Season. A few of our skaters have also had a fun time showing their skills during intermission at our local hockey teams' home games.

The Northern BC Centre for Skating is now gearing up for our annual Holiday Ice Show and Santa Skate. With skaters performing from our littlest skaters to our seniors it is sure to be a successful start of the Christmas Holiday.

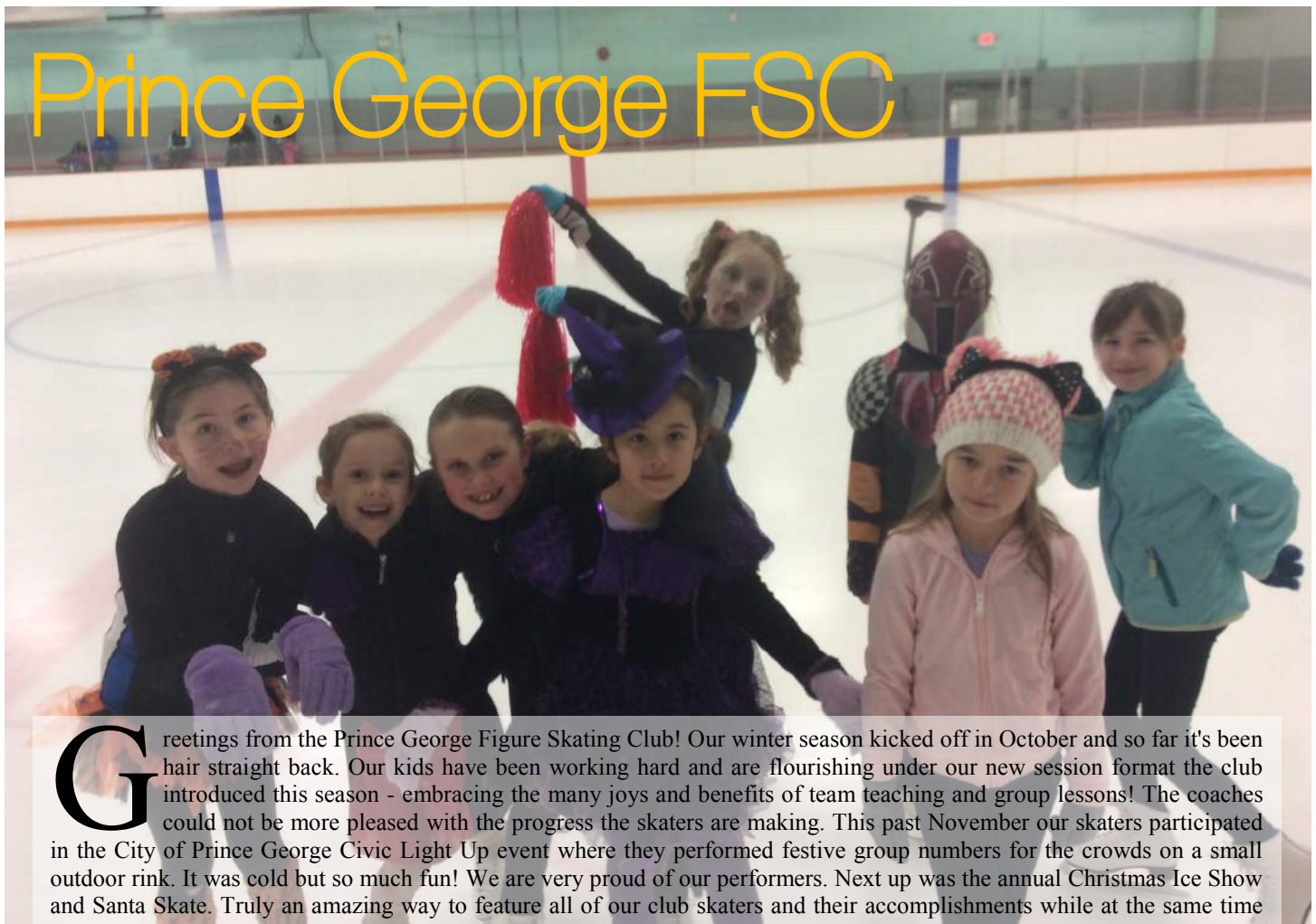
**From all of Us to all of You
We wish you a Very Merry Christmas
And all the best for the New Year!**

Happy Skating!



At the BC/YK Sectional Championships we had 5 skaters competing and Justin Hampole scored a personal best with 102.92 points and won a Bronze Medal for his accomplishment in Novice Men U17. With Justin's Bronze medal he qualified to compete at the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge on the BC/YK team representing our beautiful province. In addition, Justin was also awarded the 2015 SuperSeries Novice Men Pond to Podium Trophy for 3rd best overall of the season.





Greetings from the Prince George Figure Skating Club! Our winter season kicked off in October and so far it's been hair straight back. Our kids have been working hard and are flourishing under our new session format the club introduced this season - embracing the many joys and benefits of team teaching and group lessons! The coaches could not be more pleased with the progress the skaters are making. This past November our skaters participated in the City of Prince George Civic Light Up event where they performed festive group numbers for the crowds on a small outdoor rink. It was cold but so much fun! We are very proud of our performers. Next up was the annual Christmas Ice Show and Santa Skate. Truly an amazing way to feature all of our club skaters and their accomplishments while at the same time filling everyone with the spirit of the season. In January, our club is hosting the CNCR Regional Championships so not only have our club volunteers been working hard (thanks!), but our skaters have been very busy gearing up for their home rink performances at the competition. It's going to be an amazing time and we are all very excited.

Shout out to Marissa McCarville who earned her GOLD INTERPRETIVE TEST this past spring! We are so proud of you!



Prince Rupert Figure Skating Club



In November the Prince Rupert Skating Club participated in the Kitimat Jamboree and K'la How Ya. Five skaters participated in the competition. Renee Charlton came home with a bronze in Star 1 Freeskate and Canskate/Star 1 Jumps gold in Canskate/Star 1 Solo. Holly Lowe took 3 bronze in Star 2 Freeskate, Star 2 Field Moves and Star 2 Jumps as well as a silver finish in Intro Elements. Kaitlyn Davies notched a single gold in the Special O Level 1 division and Mickaela Ward took two gold medals in Gold Interpretive and Sn. Silver Dance Solo. Michaela also placed fourth in Star 5 Quad. Amy McNabb took gold in Star 5 13+ Freeskate and two silver medals in Silver Interpretive and Star 5 Quad Threat.



Terrace Skating Club



Terrace Skating Club has been busy! In October we had 4 skaters travel to Autumn Leaves competition where Makayla Forrest (solo photo attached) won the silver medal in Introductory Interpretive. This was her first time at Autumn Leaves and she was very excited about the podium placement!

Mid November the TSC figure skaters had a test day that was very positive and included great feedback from the judge.

End of November brought the Kla-How-Ya Interclub competition which was held in Kitimat this year. (photo attached with team trophy) Terrace sent 16 skaters who all came home with a medal. The total medal count added up and the TSC won the Team Aggregate trophy for the most points! It has been five years since TSC won the team trophy so coaches and skaters were thrilled!

The start of December the motivation kept coming when TSC hosted a northwest area skating seminar. The special guest moderator was Kelly-Lynn Champagne from the Coquitlam Skating Club. Skaters improved on their jumps, spins, stroking and theater on ice. (group photo of attached)

TSC is looking forward to CNC Regional Championships in January (in Prince George) and TSC Special Olympic skater, Laura Dale is looking forward to Special O Nationals in February (in Newfoundland).

Castlegar Skating Club



From December 4th to 6th the Castlegar arena was buzzing with excitement as the Castlegar Skating Club hosted the West Kootenay Invitational. The Castlegar Skating Club was joined by skaters from Armstrong, Beaver Valley, Columbia Valley, Cranbrook, Fernie, Grand Forks, Nelson, North Star, Rossland and Sparwood. A total of seventeen skaters from the Castlegar Skating Club competed in various events. The Castlegar STARSkaters received the “spirit award” for their outstanding sportsmanship. Congratulations to all the skaters on their exceptional achievements. Thank you to coaches Rachel Stewart and Andrea Poznikoff. Thank you to BC Hosting, ViaSport and the province of BC for their support of this event, as well as all our community sponsors. Thanks to all the enthusiastic volunteers who dedicated so much time and effort into making this competition a marvelous success. “Dream Big Reach Higher”!

STAR 1, 2 and 3 Ribbons

Bronze: Rebecca Metcalfe, Olivia Koorbatoff, Andrea Smithies, Kennedy Walton, Daira Batchelor

Silver: Taylor Singer, Jordan Singer

STAR 4 U13 Free Program

Hailey Gleboff 4th, Sarah Cousins 6th, Allison Soukeroff 7th

STAR 4 13 & 0 Free Program

Candice Soukeroff 2nd, Annika Cheveldave 3rd, Megan Cousins 5th, Zoey Crockart 7th, Tara Gleboff 9th, Alexia Kardash 11th

Pre-Intro Interpretive Group 1

Taylor Singer 3rd, Olivia Koorbatoff 5th

Pre-Intro Interpretive Group 2

Jordan Singer 3rd, Alexia Kardash 5th, Daira Batchelor 6th, Andrea Smithies 7th

Intro - Interpretive Group 1

Sarah Cousins 1st, Hailey Gleboff 5th, Rianna van Tonder 8th

Intro – Interpretive Group 2

Annika Cheveldave 2nd, Megan Cousins 4th, Zoey Crockart 5th, Tara Gleboff 9th

Bronze Interpretive

Candice Soukeroff 4th, Allison Soukeroff 6th

Intro-Elements

Jordan Singer 2nd

Level 1 – Elements

Candice Soukeroff 1st



What better way to celebrate the upcoming season and the start of the New Year than with friends, family and our skating community!

Our members are looking forward to our Christmas Family Skate and Potluck; a tradition of the CRSC. Three graduated skaters (Trina, Carly and Blake) stepped forward and have been organizing this event. We thank them for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to our skaters who passed at our recent Test Day. Special mention to Savannah for passing her Gold FreeSkate and to Celeste and Shanti for moving up to our Senior group of skaters. We also recognized our Coaches, Jannine and Rae Anne, for the time and effort they put in to making our programs run smoothly with an eye to increasing membership.

This year we had a Halloween family skate and potluck, which was enjoyed by all. There were lots of ghoulish skaters, prizes and 'fun' stuff to eat. Again, thank you to our Coaches for looking after the on ice festivities. This is an event that will continue to grow and will fast become another tradition!

On the competition side....congratulations to:

- Savannah Wasden for earning a Gold medal in the Senior Silver class at the BC 2015 Super Series Summer Skate Competition in Burnaby.
- Megan Weber for earning a Bronze medal in the Silver Interpretative class at the Super Series Autumn Leaves Competition in Chilliwack.



The Vancouver Island Interclub Competition was held in Parksville (November) and was a tremendous amount of fun. Congratulations to all our skaters who participated and for their achievements. To name a few,

- Megan Weber for achieving a Gold medal in the Silver Interpretive class and Gold in the Junior Silver class.
- Andrea Beattie for achieving a Bronze medal in the Silver Interpretive class.
- Savannah Wasden for achieving a Bronze medal in the Senior Silver class.
- Heidi Schulte, Johana Panas, Jazlynn Balalio and Samantha Clowes, the Quad Squad, for achieving a Gold medal in the Formation Fiesta class.
- Celeste Gale for achieving a Silver medal in the STAR 4 under 10 class.



In-between competitions, our parents are active with multiple Club fund-raising activities and preparing for our upcoming AGM and year-end awards celebration.

In closing, we wish all of you a Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year. Good luck to you all in achieving your personal bests.

Comox Valley SC

Congratulations to the Comox Valley Skating Club Skaters who participated in the successful December Test Day! We had 13/15 skaters successfully complete their tests. The Comox Valley Skating Club would like to give a special shout out to Peyton Meiers who passed her fourth dance and therefore achieved 'Gold Feet' for Dance. With this successful test, Peyton has now achieved 'Gold Feet' in all four areas: Skills, Free Skate, Interpretive and Dance. Congratulations, Peyton! The Comox Valley Skating Club hopes many more skaters strive to achieve this skating accomplishment! Congratulations all skaters on a super successful Test Day!

With Test Day out of the way, the Comox Valley Skating Club can focus on preparing for their March 19th Ice Show Las Vegas on Ice— Starring Elvis Stojko! Tickets will be on sale soon. Contact comoxvalleyskatingclub@gmail.com for more information.

Duncan Skating Club

Duncan Skating Club is off to another busy season. Our numbers are very good with almost 160. We had skaters compete at the Vancouver Island Interclub in Parksville in November. The end of October was our Halloween Skate. We recently had a very successful test day with a pass rate of 80%. This past season we had 4 skaters achieve 8 gold tests.

The middle of February will be the Vancouver Island Region Championships followed by our Ice show on March 5th "Wicked".

Our coaches for this season are, Lorraine Francisty, Marcie Walker, and Cleve Shillingford.

Right-Skaters from the Interclub Competition



Left- These are our Gold Test Skaters – Courtney Vanderstap – Gold Skills, Interpretive and Dance. Baylee Hopwo – Gold Skills and Interpretive, Anna Brancato- Gold Skills and Interpretive and Cecilia Faustino – Gold Skills. Congratulations to all of them for their achievements.

Juan de Fuca FSC

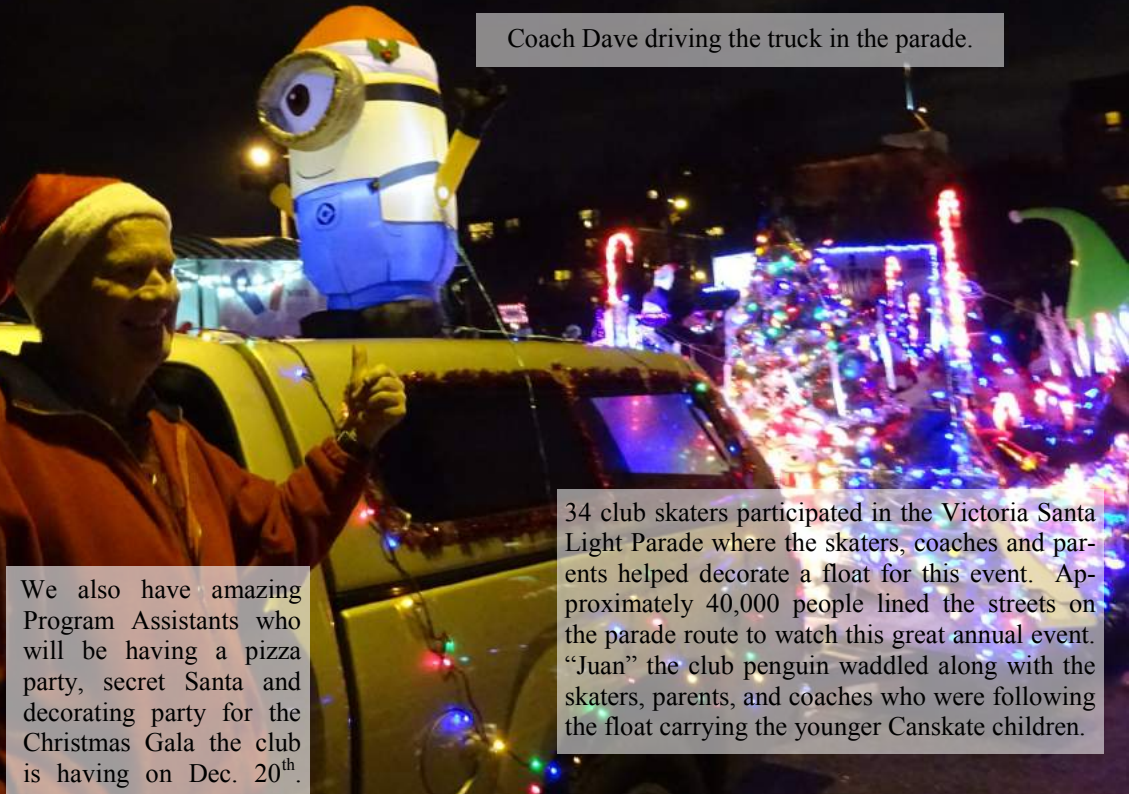
The skaters of the JDFSC have had a very busy start to the fall/winter season with skaters competing at Autumn Leaves, BC Sections, and 22 at our Vancouver Island Interclub in November! They are all looking forward to competing in Feb. 2016 when our club is the host for VI Regionals.

The first ever Spooky Skate-a-thon Hallowe'en fundraiser was a great success and fun for all the skaters and PA's that participated. There were prizes for costumes, most pledges raised, and trick or treating on the ice!

Many tests were passed at our Dec. 6th test day and on the same day some of our skaters participated in the City Centre Park Santa Skate, another annual event in the community.

Dec. 12th is our annual Winter Wonderland skate for all our members and the next day 89 children from the JDFSC will perform on the outdoor rink at Butchart Gardens!

We are having our Bring a Friend day on Dec. 19th as our Canskate program is very healthy and many children have friends wishing to join in the New Year! This program continues to grow with the fun that it provides both on and off the ice. The weekly theme days, stickers, hand stamps, colouring sheets and treasure box prizes are among some of the highlights of this program.



Coach Dave driving the truck in the parade.

We also have amazing Program Assistants who will be having a pizza party, secret Santa and decorating party for the Christmas Gala the club is having on Dec. 20th.

The PA's also will perform at the Gala, and are involved with all club events! PA of the month for Sept. was Jessica Coady, Oct. was Le Vu, and Nov. was Stephanie Crighton.

The Christmas Gala will be a fun evening of performances and desserts for all the members of the club to come out and celebrate before the club has a break for the holidays.

34 club skaters participated in the Victoria Santa Light Parade where the skaters, coaches and parents helped decorate a float for this event. Approximately 40,000 people lined the streets on the parade route to watch this great annual event. "Juan" the club penguin waddled along with the skaters, parents, and coaches who were following the float carrying the younger Canskate children.



Our club offers so much more than just skating. Happy Holidays to All!

Mt Arrowsmith SC

Mount Arrowsmith Skating club had a busy month of November. There were 18 skaters participated in the Parksville Vancouver Island Interclub Competition. The skaters all did really well. Then at the end of the month we had a test day. Where there were approximately 12 skaters test for a wide range of exams. Very proud of all the hard work the children have been putting in.





Saanich SC of Victoria



The Canskate Program is humming right along and each week sees new skaters joining the program. Perhaps it's all the colourful circuits catching the eyes of the people walking by as they use the Recreation Center. Our annual Halloween Family Skate hosted 97 children this year, with all dressed in delightful costumes. Everybody went home with treats and with huge smiles on their faces.

Eight skaters represented The Saanich Skating Club of Victoria at the Vancouver Inter-club competition in November. We came away with 5 medals. As well, we hosted a successful test session on Nov 20th with a 98% pass rate. Our skaters will have two more opportunities to test at other clubs before the new year. Good luck to those who will be taking their tests.



That jolly old bearded man who dresses in a red suit has accepted our invitation to join us at the Family Christmas skate on Dec 19th. It'll be fun watching Santa demonstrate his skating skills. Maybe he & his elves will become our next new Canskate members! SSCV has been invited to perform at the Butchart Gardens outdoor skating rink on January 3rd/16. The skaters and coaches are busy preparing for and looking forward to that event. Once skating gets back in session after the holidays, preparations will begin for the March recital. We are expecting a large number of skaters from our club to be participating in the Vancouver Island Regional Competition Feb 5-7th/16.

Gold Feet

WRSSSC

Congratulations to Maria Maskall, Hannah Philips, and Darla Morrell for achieving triple gold status in 2015. Maria in freestyle, skills and interpretive and Hannah with Darla in dance, interpretive, and skills. Both Maria and Hannah are presently attending UBC where they both are active members of the UBC Figure Skating Club. As well, Hannah continues to skate with her synchro team Ice Explosion. Darla continues to skate at WRSSSC where she has recently passed a diamond dance test.



Metea Marr



Metea is in her grad year with thoughts of general studies at university next year. An icy pond in Montana was the setting for her first connection with skating. She has achieved Gold Skills and Dance at Juan de Fuca Skating Club, skating since 2008. When she is not on the ice, she can usually be found at the barn; scooping, caring for horses, stacking hay, or creating Halloween fright night. At home she enjoys the company of her husky/shepherd, Azul, bearded dragon, Phoenix, and her tarantula, Shelob.

Iris Liu

The Kerrisdale Skating Club along with her coach Lorenza Sammarelli, wishes to congratulate 14 year old Iris Liu on passing her Gold Sills Test! Iris has been a great Role Model for the club both on and off the ice! She has had straight A's for the past 3 years putting her on the Honour Roll and Principal's List. Congratulations Iris on all your achievements!



Coaches Corner

Upcoming NCCP Courses

NCCP Instruction Beginner CanSkate Course

March 21-23, 2016
Burnaby, BC
Registration Open January 2016

August 22-24, 2016
Burnaby, BC
Registration Open June 2016

NCCP Instruction Intermediate Primary STARSkate Course

January 8-10, 2016
Dawson Creek, BC
Registration is available now on our website. [Click Here](#)

March 11-13, 2016
Burnaby, BC
Registration Open January 2016

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Skate Canada CanPower Course

June 25-26, 2016
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www.skatinginbc.com/national-coaching-certification-program



EVENTS

2015/ 2016 Season

Calendar

East Kootenay Invitational

January 15-17, 2016
Columbia Valley, BC

National Skating Championships

January 18-24, 2016
Halifax, NS

CNC Regional Championships

January 22-24, 2016
Prince George, BC

Mountain Regional Synchro Championships

January 29-31, 2016
Alberta

Vancouver Island Regional Championships

February 5-7, 2016
Juan de Fuca, BC

BC Coast Regional Championships

February 5-7, 2016
Chilliwack, BC

Okanagan Regional Championships

February 12-14, 2016
Kamloops, BC

Kootenay Regional Championships

February 12-14, 2016
Beaver Valley, BC

West Coast Challenge

February 13, 2016
Delta, BC

Skate Canada Synchro Skating Championships

February 19-21, 2016
Waterloo, ON

Featured event



Super Series STARSkate Final

March 4-6, 2016
Kelowna, BC

Totem Interclub

February 19-21, 2016
Fort St John, BC

BC Winter Games

February 25-28, 2016
Penticton, BC

Super Series STARSkate Final

March 4-6, 2016
Kelowna, BC



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