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Pictured below: A group of skaters on the ice working on spins during the seminar.



Burnaby teen marks birthday with gold skate

Burnaby's Sarah Tamura wowed the judges and the crowd en route to the gold medal at last week's Canadian Tire National figure skating junior ladies championships in Halifax. Tamura registered personal best skates and earned the right to represent Canada at the Junior World championship in Hungary.

By: Burnaby Now

As birthdays go, the icing on the cake was golden.

Burnaby's Sarah Tamura celebrated her 15th birthday last week by going out and capturing the Canadian figure skating championships in Halifax.

The teen accomplished it in style, too, with new personal bests in both the short and free programs and a total score that made it a runaway success.

"I definitely felt real confident going to Halifax and it seemed like I was in the zone," Tamura told the NOW. "I did the (free) skate on my birthday, and how it all turned out was a really nice birthday present."

The Burnaby Central student scored 52.48 in the short program, then aced the free skate with a powerful 102.72 – both top results in junior ladies. That gave her a total of 155.20 points, bettering Quebec's Alicia Pineault's 137.83. In third place was Tamura's Champs Skating International Centre of B.C. teammate Megan Yim, who posted a 134.48 total.

Tamura tore up her previous bests by a good margin, too. Her new mark in the short shattered a 16-month-old record of 41.53 set at a Junior Grand Prix event in Nagoya. Her new free skate eclipsed a Junior Grand Prix person-

-al best set last August in Riga.

"I obviously haven't had this much confidence going into this season but my practices of late were going very well so I knew it was possible. I was very comfortable," she said, noting that posting a plus-50 total in the short skate was extremely satisfying.

"I kind of thought the (free skate) points were possible, so I expected that," Tamura noted. "The short program result was more surprising, as I had a very clean skate but I missed the last spin. But when I heard my score I was overwhelmed."

She landed all three jumps in her short skate but felt the missed spin would be costly – but in that thought she was off the mark.

"It was very disappointing because up until then my skate was super-solid."

Champs Skating International coach Joanne McLeod noted that it was in the work Tamura put in that carried her forward.

"Her training. (Tamura) is very consistent and mature with how she approaches training, and there's a level of confidence you get from that," said McLeod.

"I did the (free) skate on my birthday, and how it all turned out was a really nice birthday present."

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A MESSAGE

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

March 2016

Thank you everyone for a great skating season!! The Section had wonderful success stories at local, National and International events. We had a wonderful Super Series of events coordinated by Bev Viger that showcased all of the great talent in our Section.

Congratulations to all of the skaters who competed at Challenge this year and then moved on to Canadians. Congratulations to all of the skaters that were at Kelowna for the Super Series Final. Special congratulations to the Region Team Skaters who all tried so very hard to get their Region that big shiny Challenge Trophy. It went right down to the wire and the Gold Ladies event to determine the winning team – Congratulations to the Okanagan for winning the Challenge Trophy for the second year in a row!! Congratulations also go to all of the Super Series winners. This year every Region had a Super Series Champion,

which is a wonderful validation for all of the skating programs that have been developed throughout our Section.

I am looking forward to this years Annual General Meeting at the Burnaby Delta on Saturday April 30th. We will have special guest Andre Bourgeois the Nex Gen Director for Skate Canada. We have some interesting workshops lined up and of course the unsurpassable Awards Banquet that evening. I hope that as many of you as possible can come and join us for this wonderful day. And of course the night before is the dinner boat cruise and auction for the Athletes Trust!! Please sign up for all of the events through www.skatinginbc.com.

Lesley Morrison won the Sport BC Presidents Award for Figure Skating this year, and we are very proud of all of the work that she has done for Synchronized Skating in BC.



Thank you Club Board of Directors, and Coaches for all that you do for your skaters and Club. I hope that your AGM's all go well, and your newly elected Boards carry on in the same excellent manner.

Thank you to our Officials who worked very hard this past season attending all of our skating competitions and test days. The skaters appreciate your expertise and the Section appreciates your commitment to the sport.

I hope to see you all at our AGM!!

Lorraine Mapoles
Chairman BC/YK Section Skate



SUPPORT OUR ATHLETE TRUST



The BC/YK Section of Skate Canada is hosting its annual "ATHLETE'S AUCTION" in conjunction with our "Annual General Meeting and Work Shop Week-End", on Friday, April 29, 2016. This year the auction will be part of our Friday evening Hollywood Themed Dinner Boat Cruise. There will also be a silent auction for items during the Awards Banquet on Saturday April 30th at the Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Centre.

The purpose of the Auction is to raise funds for the British Columbia/Yukon Section, Athlete Trust. Figure skating is a costly sport and with government funding being cut dramatically, we need to find alternate ways of assisting our athletes with the cost of their training. With the generous support of skating friends, such as you, we have been able to help each skater on the BC Provincial team with a cheque the past eleven years.

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Burnaby teen marks birthday with gold skate.. continued

By: *Burnaby Now* - See more: [HERE](#)

This is Tamura's second straight year competing as a junior, after injuries last year limited her training prior to the 2015 nationals, where she finished sixth overall.

Two years ago Tamura captured the Canadian novice ladies crown, with Yim picking up her first bronze at the national level.

Both skaters train at McLeod's centre at 8-Rinks.

To see Yim achieve her podium place was gratifying.

"Megan had a truly special skate, very much from her heart," recalled McLeod. "She overcame some obstacles to get there, but the whole team was extremely proud of her."

Winning the Canadian title also earned Tamura a ticket to Debrecen, Hungary, where she will wear the Maple Leaf and skate at the International Skate Union World Junior championships in March.

Collecting the bronze in senior men's was Kevin Reynolds. A

member of the 2014 Canadian Olympic silver medal-winning team, Reynolds achieved last week's result despite having hip surgery last year.

The Coquitlam native had the procedure last April and only laced up the skates again in October – a very quick turn-around, his coach said. Even more risky was his decision to push to compete at full-force at the nationals, when he was half a year of training behind his competitors.

"It was unpredictable," she said of his recovery. "I left it to him to find his way back and I wanted it to be on his terms and no one else's."

The 25-year-old, who withdrew from the 2015 nationals after placing 12th in the short program, was focused on getting back up to speed as soon as possible. His bronze medal – after claiming three straight silver medals from 2012-14 – was a tribute to his determination," said McLeod.

"The timing (of his recovery) was more suitable to focus on next year, getting back into skating midway through the season," she noted. "But he wanted it... Coming third was like gold for him. It's really unheard of to come back so quickly, and a credit to how determined a young man he is."

One-time Burnaby skater and defending men's champion Nam Nguyen finished fifth. Nguyen, who trains in Ontario now under former national champion Brian Orser, won the 2015 men's title when reigning champ Patrick Chan didn't enter. Chan reclaimed the men's gold this year with a lauded performance. Coming in 13th place was Burnaby's Mitchell Gordon.

In novice men's, Champs' Brian Le placed sixth, just 0.02 points back of fifth. In 16th place was Gabriel Blumental. Another junior ladies result reflected similar perseverance.

Tilyna Pauer placed 14th overall,

with a 39.39 in short and 68.86 in free. A year ago, she ended up fifth at the BC/YT sectionals, with the top-four qualifying for nationals.

"(Pauer) dreamed of making it to nationals and she tried for four years," said McLeod. "It was special for her to reach this, to achieve this."

Emily Bausback finished seventh in novice ladies, thanks to a sixth-best mark in the free program.

McLeod noted that the 13-year-old Bausback's effort in Halifax drew a lot of attention from members of the media.

"She did one of the most spectacular performances in novice ladies and landed a triple lutz," said McLeod. "That's a jump that's more common in juniors. When she came off the ice there was a bit of media attention there, like 'Hello, tell us about yourself.'"

In senior ladies, Kelsey Wong skated to a 10th place finish, registering the 10th best score in both short and free events.

LESLEY MORRISON WINS SPORT BC AWARD

Congratulations to Lesley Morrison on receiving the Sport BC Presidents Award for Figure Skating! Thank you to Hilary Quick our BC/YK Section Vice Chairman for presenting Lesley with her Sport BC Award.

The Sport BC Presidents Award is given to a volunteer in a BC Provincial Sport Organization whose dedication, energy, and commitment contribute to development of their sport.



Left– Lesley Morrison

Right– Hilary Quick

KELOWNA, BC

BC/YK DEVELOPMENT CAMP



The BC/YK Development Camp took place March 25-27th at the Capital News Centre in Kelowna, BC. More than 200 skaters, ranging in age from 8-18, laced up their skates to partake in the annual event run by the BC/YK Section. The camp is designed to host skaters who are STAR 4 level and higher and are able to meet a minimum qualifying score. Scores encourage skaters throughout the

season to strive for excellence and show continuous improvement.

This year the theme of the camp was “A Journey through the Milky Way”, having groups of skaters named after planets and stars such as “Jupiter”, “Mars”, and “Little Dippers”. Skills & Transitions, Spins, Jumps, and Assessment classes were only a few of the classes skaters were required to attend throughout

the weekend. Each class was hosted by a top level Professional Coach from British Columbia who assessed the skaters and offered technical advice to help improve their flow, edges, and ability to perform. After the hard work took place at the rink, skaters attended a banquet dinner Saturday night at the Coast Capri Hotel. Here they rounded off the weekend by performing group jazz rou-

lines to space-themed music selections, which they perfected throughout the weekend in their jazz classes.

Our BC/YK Section would like to thank all the volunteers from the Kelowna Skating Club who dedicated their time throughout the weekend to host the event. We look forward to next year!



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BC/YK SKATING



News from Special Olympics BC figure skating: Special Olympics skaters shine at National Games, BC Games

In February and March, Special Olympics BC skaters delivered outstanding performances on the national stage competing at the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador, and on the provincial stage at the Penticton 2016 BC Winter Games.

Team BC 2016 figure skating Head Coach Elizabeth Roman of SOBC – Surrey and the figure skating coaching team kindly shared a great summary of their team’s tremendous performances and experiences at the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Games on the Rock March 1 to 5.

Marc Theriault of SOBC – Surrey skated to three gold medals in Singles Open, Ice Dance Level 5, and Pairs Level 3 with partner Tamika Broere-Shaw. He said the Games had awesome accommodations and great volunteers, and he enjoyed seeing old friends. In a particularly memorable moment for Team BC, Theriault received one of his medals from Dr. Frank Hayden, the pioneering researcher whose work on sport for individuals with intellectual disabilities helped serve as inspiration for the creation of Special Olympics.

“Marc, being our senior statesman, was down on his knees so he could give Dr. Hayden a hug and a special thank you,” his coaches said. Darlene Jakubowski of SOBC – Fort St. John won two gold medals in Singles Level 6 and Ice Dance Level 5. Her freeskate performance was

particularly strong – the coaches think it was her best ever.

Tamika Broere-Shaw of SOBC – Vancouver captured a silver medal in Singles Level 4 and won gold with Theriault in pairs. She enjoyed spending time with her teammates, and said pairs was a lot of fun. “Thank you to everyone, especially the coaches,” she said. “I enjoyed having the opportunity to bond with my team.” Her coaches enjoyed watching her overcome obstacles and gain confidence.

Alex Pang of SOBC – Vancouver won Singles Level 4 gold and Ice Dance Level 1 silver. He says he really enjoyed the skating, and his coaches enjoyed watching him grow into an exceptional representative for their team.

Alexandra Magee of SOBC – Surrey won two silver medals in Singles Level 5 and Ice Dance Level 3, and said she liked everything about the Games. She loved having her photo taken with Olympic and world champion Jamie Sale, and was excited to place second in a strong group of skaters. Her coaches enjoyed watching her become the calming, mature influence on their women’s team and a role model.

Michael Phillips of SOBC – Nanaimo won Level 1 Pairs gold with sister Arianna and finished sixth in Singles Level 3. “It was fun,” he said. “It was nice to skate in a big arena with an audience.” His coaches enjoyed seeing him stepping out on the ice with a



Team BC 2016 figure skaters Arianna Phillips, Darlene Jakubowski, Alexandra Magee, Stephanie Divin, and Laura Dale at the National Games. Photo by Team BC coach Jessica Chapelski

huge smile from start to finish and watching him connect with our other male skaters.

Arianna Phillips of SOBC – Nanaimo won gold in pairs with her brother and finished fifth in her Singles Level 3 division. “I had a lot of fun and made many new friends,” she said. “The coaches and my teammates were fun and helpful. I was glad I skated well.” Her coaches saw her skate her best ever, personal bests in both events. The youngest athlete on Team BC, she opened up and came into her own beautifully.

Laura Dale of SOBC – Terrace finished sixth in her Singles Level 3 freeskate division, and she enjoyed meeting new friends at the Games. Her coaches enjoyed watching Laura become comfortable enough to let her fun-loving personality show, seeing her bond with her teammates, and most of all watching her amazing dance moves after the Closing Ceremony. Stephanie Divin of SOBC – Surrey achieved fifth place in Ice Dance Level 1 and fifth in her

Singles Level 3 event. She said she enjoyed travelling to new places and meeting new and old, and her coaches are so proud of her positive attitude even though it was not the skate that was hoped for.

Coach Roman said, “What a great group of coaches, mission staff, first timers, and experienced skaters. I was so lucky and proud to be part of this team. We had lots of laughs and fun. A special thanks to Corner Brook – it was great.”

From February 25 to 28, 10 SOBC figure skaters competed in the exciting BC Winter Games in Penticton. The Penticton 2016 BC Games marked the debut of the Special Olympics figure skating event, and the SOBC skaters performed with pride. At BC Games, SOBC athletes joined teammates from their respective regions to represent their home zones.

SOBC – Port Alberni athlete Kimberly Giesbrecht competed in figure skating for the Vancouver Island-Central Coast Zone 6 team. She says BC Games present an excellent opportunity for SOBC athletes to show off their abilities.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

BC/YK SKATING



News from Special Olympics BC figure skating: Special Olympics skaters shine at National Games, BC Games

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“I like to compete and it was fun to get that exposure. It was a great experience,” Giesbrecht said.

“The biggest thing is just getting the chance to compete and show your program to the world and getting a chance to just do what you love,” SOBC – Victoria skater Emily Walzak said in an interview for BC Games TV, powered by viaSport British Columbia.

In the Special Olympics Women Level 2 event, SOBC – Surrey athlete Jennifer Utendale captured the gold medal, SOBC – Victoria athlete Desiree Grubell earned silver, and SOBC – Coquitlam’s Tracy Laberge claimed bronze.

Walzak won the gold medal in the Special Olympics Women Level 3 event, with Giesbrecht securing silver, and SOBC – Surrey’s Krista Milne bringing home bronze.

“I was really happy because I had a really good skate,” Giesbrecht said.

In the Special Olympics Men Level 2 event, SOBC – Vancouver athlete Eric Pahima won the gold medal and SOBC – Port Alberni’s Matthew MacDonald picked up silver. SOBC – Richmond’s Matthew Lai captured the gold medal in the Special Olympics Men Level 3 event.

Learn more about Special Olympics BC: <http://specialolympics.bc.ca>

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



Matthew Lai competing at the Penticton 2016 BC Winter Games



Marc Theriault competing at the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games

January 18-24, 2016

SKATE CANADA 2016 National Championships RESULTS

**Congratulations to Sarah Tamura from the Champs International
Skating Centre of BC for becoming the
2016 Canadian Junior Women's Champion!**



January 18-24, 2016

SKATE CANADA 2016 National Championships RESULTS

Congratulations to Liam Firus and Kevin Reynolds for both earning spots on the 2016 Senior Men's podium!

Liam Firus (Left)- 2nd Place

Kevin Reynolds (Right) – 3rd Place



January 18-24, 2016

SKATE CANADA 2016 National Championships RESULTS

**Congratulations to Olivia Gran from Kelowna SC for placing 2nd in
Novice at the 2016 National Championships!**



January 18-24, 2016

SKATE CANADA 2016 National Championships RESULTS

Novice

| | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Men | Brian Le | 6th Place | 103.78 |
| | Benjam Papp | 9th Place | 97.09 |
| | Gabriel Blumenthal | 16th Place | 88.01 |
| Women | Olivia Gran | 2nd Place | 121.84 |
| | Emily Bausback | 7th Place | 106.58 |
| Pairs | Tessa Jones/Matthew den Boer | 4th Place | 99.02 |
| | Sarah Kedves/Lucas Pallard | 9th Place | 71.47 |
| Dance | Ravie Cunningham/Cedar Bridgewood | 4th Place | 79.80 |

Junior

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Men | Alexander Lawrence | 9th Place | 146.33 |
| Women | Sarah Tamura | 1st Place | 155.20 |
| | Megan Yim | 3rd Place | 134.48 |
| | Rachel Pettitt | 6th Place | 127.95 |
| | Mckenna Colthorp | 7th Place | 127.82 |
| | Tilyna Pawer | 14th Place | 108.25 |
| Dance | Haley Sales/Nikolas Wamstecker | 4th Place | 134.73 |
| | Danielle Wu/Nik Mirzakhani | 8th Place | 118.96 |
| | Ashlynn Stairs/Lee Royer | 12th Place | 113.93 |

Senior

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|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Men | Liam Firus | 2nd Place | 237.20 |
| | Kevin Reynolds | 3rd Place | 236.18 |
| | Mitchell Gordon | 13th Place | 173.64 |
| Women | Larkyn Austman | 6th Place | 152.87 |
| | Kelsey Wong | 10th Place | 131.99 |
| Dance | Nicole Orford/Asher Hill | 5th Place | 156.37 |
| | Brianna Delmaestro/Timothy Lum | 7th Place | 145.67 |
| | Roxette Howe/Jean Luc Jackson | 11th Place | 118.65 |



West Kelowna, Vancouver figure skaters capture gold

West Kelowna and Vancouver ale for Zone 4 Fraser River competitors carved out figure and Tianna Potts also from skating's top spots at the 2016 West Kelowna with bronze. BC Winter Games. For the full list of results, go here: <https://www.bcgames.org/Games/ResultsandParticipationLists.aspx>

Vienna Harwood from West Kelowna won gold in the juvenile women for Zone 2 Thompson-Okanagan, with Faith Benko bringing silver back to Cloverd-

Horwood won bronze. Vancouver's Shohei Law stepped onto the top podium, capturing the top spot in juvenile men for Vancouver -Coastal. Wesley Chiu won silver, and Christopher

News from BC Games Website



*Vienna Harwood from West Kelowna
wins gold in Juvenile*



The 2016 BC Winter Games

RESULTS

| EVENT | COMPETITOR/ TEAM | PLACING |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Juvenile Men | Shohei Law | 1 |
| Juvenile Men | Wesley Chiu | 2 |
| Juvenile Men | Christopher Horwood | 3 |
| Juvenile Women | Vienna Harwood | 1 |
| Juvenile Women | Faith Benko | 2 |
| Juvenile Women | Tianna Potts | 3 |
| Pre-Novice Men | Shuma Mugii | 1 |
| Pre-Novice Men | Christopher Fan | 2 |
| Pre-Novice Women | Ashley Sales | 1 |
| Pre-Novice Women | Olivia Bau | 2 |
| Pre-Novice Women | Daria Carr | 3 |
| Special Olympics Men Level 2 | Eric Pahima | 1 |
| Special Olympics Men Level 2 | Matthew MacDonald | 2 |
| Special Olympics Women Level 2 | Jennifer Utendale | 1 |
| Special Olympics Women Level 2 | Desiree Grubell | 2 |
| Special Olympics Women Level 2 | Tracy La Berge | 3 |
| Special Olympics Men Level 3 | Matthew Lai | 1 |
| Special Olympics Women Level 3 | Emily Walzak | 1 |
| Special Olympics Women Level 3 | Kimberly Giesbrecht | 2 |
| Special Olympics Women Level 3 | Krista Milne | 3 |

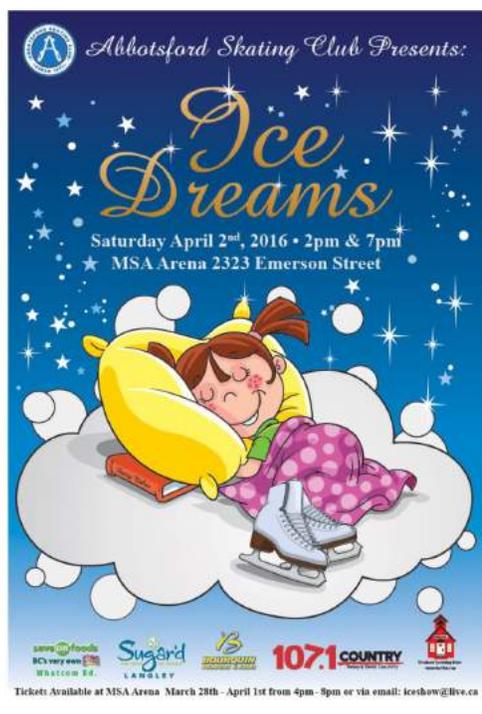
On Monday January 18th, 2016 a Memorial Tea was held at Hollyburn Country Club for past figure skater, Carol Grant. Carol was a double Gold Medalist, having tested in both the United States and Canada which is unheard of today. This event was well attended by the skating community.



Upcoming Competition– Victoria Day
Fleetwood, BC
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Abbotsford Skating Club



Congratulations to all our skaters who passed their High and Low tests in February!

Jessica Pawlovich, Emma Harley, Kendra Russell, Anika Phinney, Taralyn Geddes, Mica Kerr, Komalpreet Chauhan, Jennifer Oh, Keerat Jawanda, Lauren Paller, Nicole Krahn, Della Williamson, Emilie Ruffell, Alicia Horner, Emily Haw, Anette Nymeyer, Jagjot Kandola, Samantha Venema, Jada Mann, Ainsley Young, Wendy Lin, Anna Han

Winter Skate Regionals

Congratulations to Megan Geddes for placing 1st in Gold Ladies and Della Williamson for placing 3rd in Star 5U13. And to all our skaters who competed at the Winter Skate Regionals.



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We are proud to have had 12 competitors at the Kelowna SuperSeries Finale!
 A job well done to all skaters who participated!
 A huge Congratulations to Megan Geddes Who placed 2nd in Gold Ladies and 3rd over all for the BC Region and to Emma Harley who placed 1st in Junior Silver Ladies



Our Newest Level 3 Coach!



Aldergrove Skating Club

The Aldergrove Skating Club synchro teams have success

The Beginner Snowflakes have competed at BC/YK placing 3rd after 1st skate and 2nd after 2nd skate, they also attended the Mountain Regionals in Edmonton on Jan. 30th.

Elementary Icicles competed at BC/YK finishing in 2nd place for the Silver medal and receiving the Gold medal at the Mountain Regionals in Edmonton.

Pre-Novice Black Ice team won the Gold medal at BC/YK and came home with the Silver medal from Mountain Regionals.

Ice Silhouette Adult 3 team did an exhibition at BC/YK and travelled to Mississauga to compete at Winterfest, having 2 good skates to finish in 10th place.

Novice Ice Angels had 2 solid skates at BC/YK to place in 1st and receive the Gold medal, they went to Mountain Regionals, hoping to qualify for Nationals and managed to secure a spot to go onto to Waterloo, Ontario on Feb. 18 – 21, 2016. The team has many fundraisers scheduled to help them achieve their goal to go to Nationals!!

The Aldergrove Skating Club hosted Jingle Blades this past November and had 22 skaters enter and have personal best skates. Several of the skaters have also attended Autumn Leaves and Winterskate this year with excellent results.

The club has had many test passes and are working towards March test day and end of year Club Competition as well our annual Pop Concert – Let's get Animated.



Connaught Skating Club



The Connaught Skating Club has had a busy winter season that started with the 2016 Canadian Tire Skate Canada Championships. Connaught was represented by Mitchell Gordon in Senior Men who skated with great maturity, placing 13th. Danica Vansgaard also qualified in Novice Ladies but withdrew due to illness.

Most of our skaters and coaches have been busy getting ready for the 2016/2017 Competitive season and in January and February we were excited to welcome choreographer, Joey Russell from the Toronto Cricket Club. Joey did over 10 programs during his 2 visits and we couldn't be more excited to debut them this season.



In February, Connaught SC had 55 skaters compete at the 2016 BC Coast/Winterskate Championships with 19 STAR 2 & 3 athletes performing, 3 BC Coast Region Champions named; Madeline Kim, Neo Tran and Hanna Matsumoto and Connaught SC captured 8 medals in total; Madeline Kim STAR 5 U13 - GOLD, Neo Tran STAR 5 Boys - GOLD, Eason Zhu STAR 5 Boys - SILVER, David Li Pre Juvenile Men - SILVER, Hanna Matsumoto Jr. Silver Ladies - GOLD, Wesley Chiu Juvenile Men - BRONZE, Phoebe Yan Pre Novice Ladies SP - GOLD, Annie Lin Pre Novice Ladies LP - Bronze.

The 2016 BC Winter Games took place in Penticton, BC at the end of February and Team Connaught SC had 6 athletes named to the Zone 5 Vancouver Coastal Team; Wesley Chiu, Samantha Yeung, Michelle Wang, Phoebe Yan, Caitlin Tai and Mary Jo Yun. Wesley Chiu skated his way to a Silver Medal with many of our other skaters achieving some personal best scores and accomplishments.



We will be hosting a Spring Seminar open to other clubs. Check www.connaughtsc.com for up to date info!



Delta Skating Club



Solar Ice competed in the Pre-Novice category and earned a silver medal.

Delta Skating Club had a fantastic 2015/2016 season. We started our year with a new addition to our coaching team, Anastasia Baikova from Montreal joins our coaches, Michelle, Melissa, Nicole and Jackie. Enrollment in all our programs is up and we were really excited to have two Synchronized Skating Teams. We had a number of skaters compete at Autumn Leaves, Jingle Blades, WinterSkate and West Coast Challenge. We had a very successful Test day with 100% passing and

two of our Adult skaters passing their Gold Skills. We were thrilled for the first time to host a competition, West Coast Challenge on February 13th at the Ladner Leisure Centre. The entire arena was filled with hearts and love for Valentine's Day!! 16 Synchronized Skating Teams from the Lower Mainland competed in categories from Beginner to Adult 1. A total of 21 Adult competitors from the Interior, the Lower

Mainland and Vancouver Island competed in both Freeskate and Interpretive events. Delta Skating Club's Solar Flare competed in the Beginner 1 category and took home silver. Solar Ice completed in the Pre-Novice category and also earned a silver medal. All the girls had a fabulous time and the club is very proud of their accomplishment and their coaches, Melissa Tye and Jackie Hadden! Hopefully all

teams enjoyed the event and got their picture taken on the Wall of Hearts!!! Delta Skating Club would like to thank all the Skate Canada Judges and Officials for their dedication to the sport. We would also like to thank the BC Section for their support throughout the process. The entire volunteer staff at Delta Skating Club were extremely pleased with the event and are looking forward to next year already.

Mission Skating Club



SPRING ICE!! Mission Skating Club has some great news! For the first time in the club's history, we are able to offer Spring Skating this year! Coaches, skaters and parents are all very excited about this opportunity. From March 29th to June 30th at the Mission Leisure Centre, we will offer all of our regular programs. These include: Private Lessons, Starskate, CanPower, Preschool Canskate and Canskate well as for the first time ever: Adult CanPower! Our skaters will be able to maintain or improve their skills close to home! There are still spots available. Please contact our registrar, Laurie Chapman: l_chapman@shaw.ca

GALA 2016!! We are also very happy to say that our Annual Gala was a big success. This year's theme, SPORTS, had all of our skaters finding ways to show off their skating skills while highlighting other sports that they enjoy. From Baseball Players and Cheerleaders, to Flamenco Dancers and Gymnasts all of our skaters looked great! Our soloists set their programs to new music and found new "uniforms" to wear; new small and large group numbers were choreographed and presented as well. Ticket sales for raffle baskets and a 50/50 draw kept things interesting before the show as well as during intermission. It was a fun night and all of our skaters impressed the happy and supportive audience of friends and family who came to watch.

Of "Special" Note... during our regular season for the past 3 years, our club has offered a Special Olympics figure skating program. Coach Laurie McMillan volunteers her time every week and teaches figure skating to athletes with intellectual disabilities. This is a growing program that our club is especially proud of. Our 3-member Special Olympics team performed in the Gala this year, with a number highlighting their other favourite sport: Rhythmic Gymnastics. We are grateful to Coach Laurie as well as Volunteer Alexis Chapman for their hours of time and commitment.

If you are looking for a smaller, friendly club where the ice is not so crowded and the people are welcoming, come on out to Mission! Our club is growing and our enthusiasm is unmatched!!



*Gala Photo credits to
Ellen Nguyen*

Newton Skating Club



Lucky us to have had a captive audience at our March test day. Mirth Sawyer (88 years young) was a figure skater in Tisdale Sask. And dreamt about getting back to an arena. At her Seniors assisted living residence, once a month they have a draw where residents enter a special request for an outing. It's called "Moments that Matter". We were thrilled to have them come and by the look on Mirth's face, she was thrilled to be back in an arena watching her life long passion.

Our season wind up "Beach Party" was a huge hit, especially the popsicles. Spring skating resumes Apr 5 at Surrey Sports and Leisure Centre.

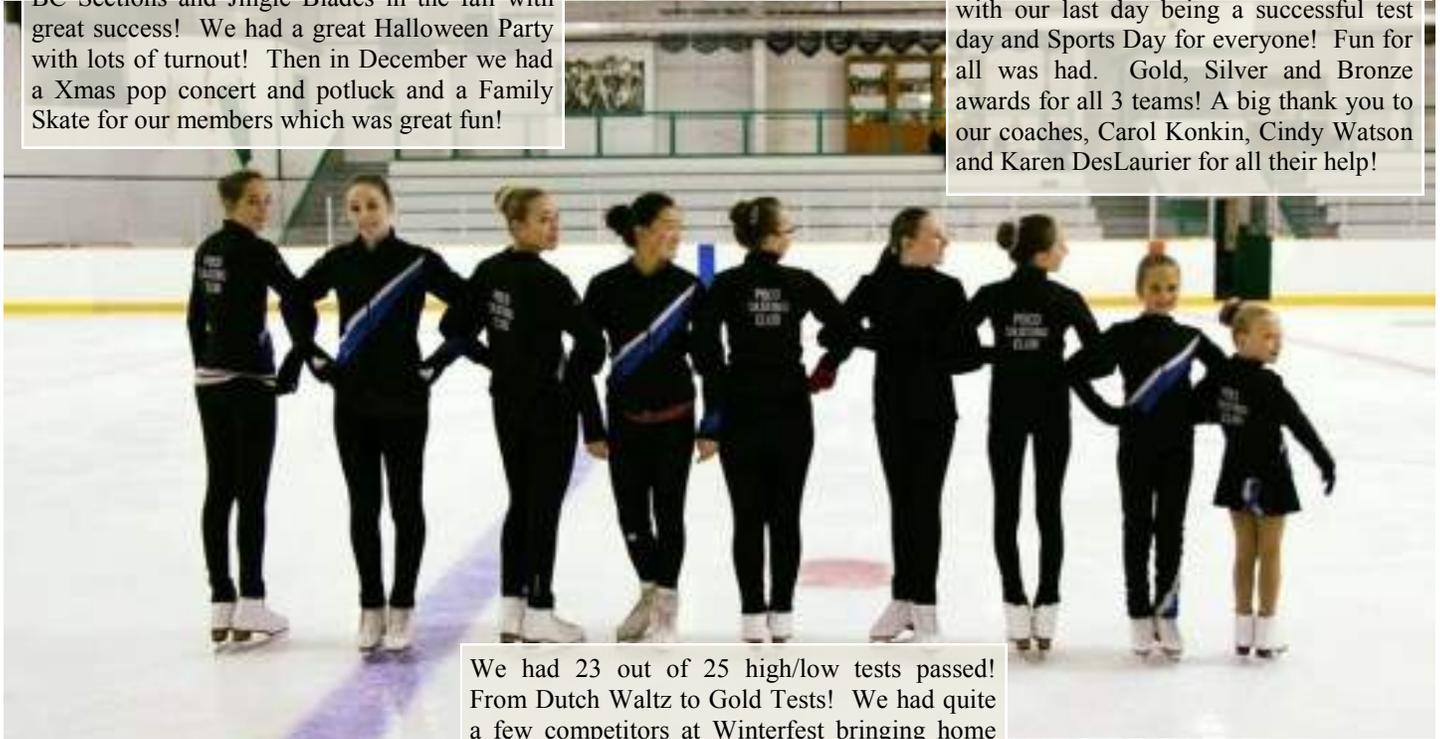


Port Coquitlam Skating Club



This season has been full of events and competitions! Our skaters competed at Autumn Leaves, BC Sections and Jingle Blades in the fall with great success! We had a great Halloween Party with lots of turnout! Then in December we had a Xmas pop concert and potluck and a Family Skate for our members which was great fun!

Our winter season has drawn to a close with our last day being a successful test day and Sports Day for everyone! Fun for all was had. Gold, Silver and Bronze awards for all 3 teams! A big thank you to our coaches, Carol Konkin, Cindy Watson and Karen DesLaurier for all their help!



We had 23 out of 25 high/low tests passed! From Dutch Waltz to Gold Tests! We had quite a few competitors at Winterfest bringing home some hardware. Gold, Silvers and Bronze medals! Go POCO! Good luck in May at Victoria Day! We will continue the skating season with a spring school being held in Pitt Meadows from May till the end of June.



A Big Congratulations to Natalie Wong who passed her Gold Free skate in February and to Violet Beech who passed her Gold Skills and Gold Free Part 1 in December. Congratulations on your achievements.



Sungod Skating Club



Another Wonderful Performance at the Sungod Skating Club!

The Ice Show presented by the Sungod Skating Club this March 12th, 2016 featured 150 skaters ranging from tiny tots to seniors. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Hana Haraga, coaches and volunteers put together 12

group numbers and 5 solos. In keeping with tradition, the show started with the Sungod Girls and included the Gold Feet. The Sungod Girls is a number that was choreographed in the 70s by Vern Hartt, Sungod Skating Club's first coach, and it remains a highlight at every show. The Gold Feet is performed by

skaters that earned their gold in one of the skating disciplines; skills, freeskate, dance or interpretive. All the skaters were applauded for their skills and wonderful performance. The Ice Show Committee came up with great ideas for all levels and the tiny tots were a crowd favourite as they made their

way across the ice as Minions! It was a lot of work but so much fun for the skaters and so much enjoyment for the families, neighbours and friends. It is for sure a great way to finish the Winter season!



Sungod Girls

(left to right: Kyla Agostinho Pires, Kyran Steuart, Jessi Hutton, Valerie Williams, Sabrena Boyal, Priya Sahota, Amanda Ma, Jennifer Somerville, Peyton Molberg, Abbie Irwin, Kathryn Rektor, Pareena Sidhu and Natalie Decario)



Gold Feet

(left to right: Jessi Hutton, Valerie Williams and Kyran Steuart)

Photos Courtesy by SW photography

Sunshine Coast Skating Club

Following a fun family Christmas skate with special guest appearance by Santa, The Sunshine Coast Skating Club began the second half of our season running!

With fundraising ramped up we continued to sell tickets for our Raffle and the winners were drawn Feb 20th :

Grand Prize – 4 Canucks tickets, ferry and parking and \$100 for dinner – Linda Evans

2nd Prize – 3 Canucks tickets Mar 9 game – Blair Joe

3rd Prize – Rona outdoor bistro set – Cory

The Purdy's push was on for Easter sales, a big thank you to everyone who helped make these fundraisers successful.

The SCSC was represented by 9 skaters at Regionals Winterskate in Chilliwack Feb 5-7:

Star 1 – Raven Shaw Gold, Jager Rosenberg Bronze, Teigan Turner Gold

Star 2 – Alice Clements Silver, Lucy Watson Gold

Star 3 Girls – Helena Vourtsis Silver, Isabella Jones Silver

Star 3 Boys – John Mailey Silver, Cooper Jones Gold

Congratulations !!



We held our annual test day with 34 skate Canada tests taken and 32 passes. Congratulations to All.

The club will be represented by 8 skaters attending the Super Series Vancouver Island in Parksville, April 8-10 – Good luck everyone!



The SCSC held its Annual Performance night for all skaters to show friends, family and the community the skills they have worked so hard to acquire this season. We were thrilled to have returning guest skater Larkyn Austman and former club member, guest skater Beres Clements performing! We all enjoyed a fun filled evening! Kudos to everyone for a job well done!

We are holding our AGM April 12, 7:00-8:00 at Gibsons Community Centre. HUGE THANKS to our Board of Directors. The club would not be where it is without the hard work, dedication, time, commitment etc of these wonderful volunteers. A big thank to EVERYONE who volunteers to make the sport of skating better for our athletes, parents, coaches and fellow volunteers.

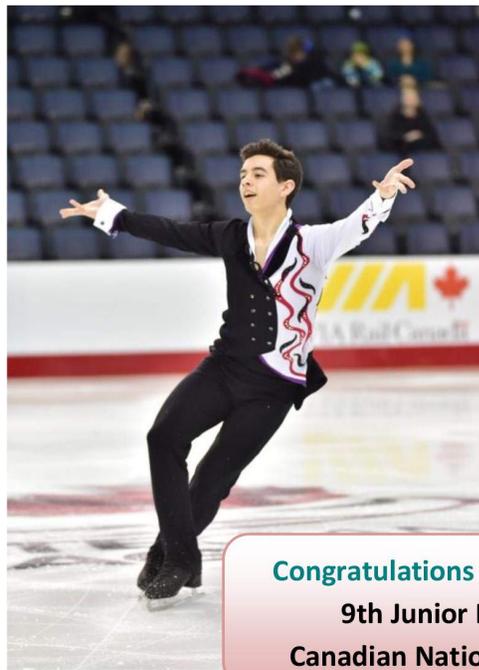


VSC Vancouver Skating Club



Congratulations Liam!
SILVER MEDALIST
Canadian Nationals 2016

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| FINAL STANDINGS | | | |
| | SHORT | FREE | TOTAL |
| 1 PATRICK CHAN | 1 | 1 | 295.67 |
| 2 LIAM FIRUS | 2 | 3 | 237.20 |
| 3 KEVIN REYNOLDS | 3 | 2 | 236.18 |
| 4 NAM NGUYEN | 5 | 4 | 227.69 |
| 5 NICOLAS NADEAU | 6 | 5 | 226.56 |
| 6 KEEGAN MESSING | 4 | 6 | 221.50 |
| 7 ELLADJ BALDE | 7 | 7 | 210.01 |
| 8 BENNET TOMAN | 8 | 9 | 207.89 |
| 9 ROMAN SADOVSKY | 9 | 8 | 204.59 |



Congratulations Alexander!
9th Junior Men's
Canadian Nationals 2016



VSC Clean Sweep at Jingle Blades!
Gold - Charlotte W, Silver - Olivia J, Bronze - Carrie B

VSC Scholarship Recipients

Annie Le & Paige Cooper



Past President Marci, Coach Lorna, Annie



Coach Tina, Paige, President Lisa

OKANAGAN REGION News

Kevin Davies - AAA Photography



Every year at STARSSkate Final, each region selects 10 skaters to represent them at the competition. These 10 skaters points are added up throughout the weekend to determine which region wins the Region Team Trophy.

This year the winning region was **Okanagan Region!**

Congratulations!

Kelowna Skating Club

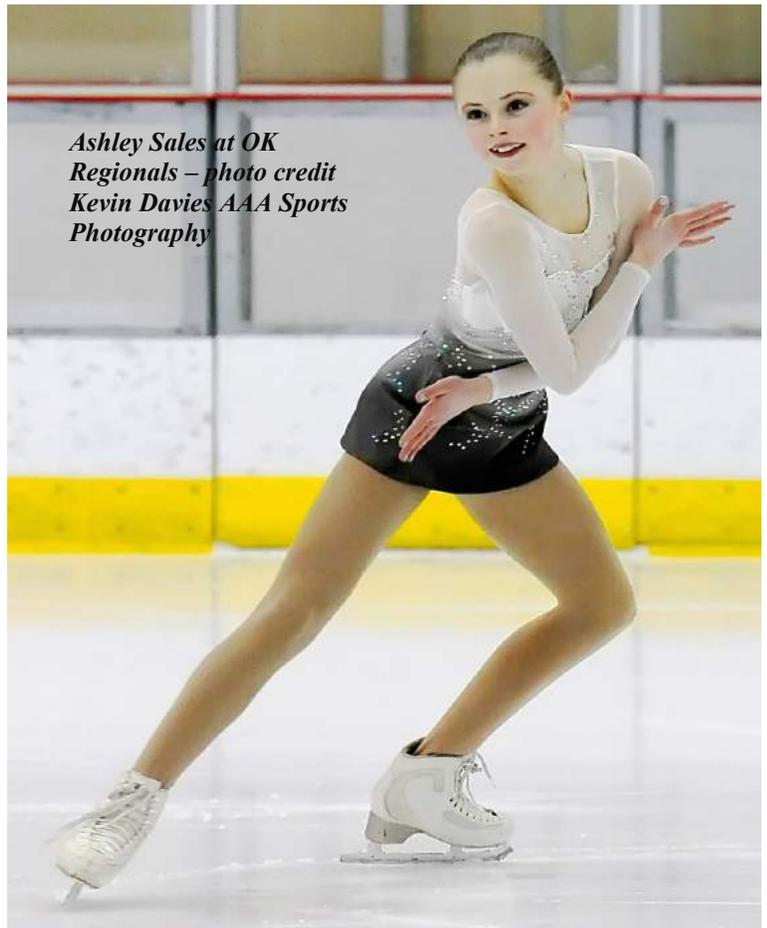
Greetings from Kelowna!

We've just wrapped up a busy winter season, and are ready for spring!

Our skaters had great success in the winter months. At the Canadian Tire National Championships at Halifax in January, our own Olivia Gran won the silver medal in Novice Women! Also competing at the Canadians were Rachel Pettitt (6th in Junior), Mckenna Colthorp (7th in Junior), and Emma Bulawka (13th in Novice).

In early February, 29 KSC skaters traveled to Kamloops to participate at the Okanagan Regional Championships, winning 24 medals in total. Ashley Sales (2), Abby Bulawka (2), Emily Sales (2), Paige Edgar, Aurora Schultz, and Megan Yudin won gold medals!

Brooklyn, Malayna, and Emily at the STARSkate Final



Ashley Sales at OK Regionals – photo credit Kevin Davies AAA Sports Photography

Two weeks later, seven of our skaters, along with Team Coach Cambria Little, traveled to Penticton to compete at the BC Winter Games. Vienna Harwood won the Juvenile Women's title, while Ashley Sales won the Pre-Novice Women's title! In addition, Daria Carr won the bronze medal in Pre-Novice Women. Our team had a blast!



Our BC Winter Games competitors

Our club was very happy to host the BC Super Series STARSkate Final in March. It was great to see all of the skaters and coaches there from across BC. Our own skaters had great performances as well. It was very exciting to see our Pre-Juvenile Women Brooklyn Cowen, Malayna Lesko, and Emily Sales sweep the podium! Paige Edgar (gold, STAR4 Girls U13) and Aurora Schultz (3rd, STAR5 Girls U13) also won medals for the KSC.

We are looking forward to the warmer months ahead, and hope to see many of you at the BC Development Camp and upcoming Super Series events!

Mt Boucherie Skating Club

We are very proud to announce that Kayla Smart, Makenna Jensen, Tianna Potts and Kira Koffler are all part of the 2016 Prospect, Development and BC Team this year. "Congratulations Girls!" Our first competition of the year was The Okanagan Regionals in Kamloops. In Star 1 Matthew O'Donaghey won a Silver ribbon and Shaelyn Hunter won a Bronze ribbon. In Star 2 Jessica Hatch got a merit. Our Star 3's Shanelle Rodrigues and Ayla Cross got a Bronze ribbon and Taylor Luft earned a Silver ribbon. Shy Kuchera placed 7th for her first Star 4 competition. Kira Koffler

received a Bronze medal in the Element 2 event and placed 4th in the Pre Juvenile Women's event. Taylor Fleming received Gold medals in both Silver Interpretive and in Silver Creative; as well she placed 5th in the Juvenile Women's event. Phoebe Kemp also received 2 Gold medals; one in Gold Interpretive and the other in Gold Women. Tianna Potts competed in her first Pre Novice Women's long program and earned a Bronze medal. In the Novice Women's long program, Kayla Smart earned a Gold Medal while Makenna Jensen took the Silver medal.



On February 27, 2016, Tianna Potts competed as part of the Thompson Okanagan Zone 2 team in the BC Winter Games held in Penticton, B.C. She skated in the Juvenile Ladies event where she achieved a personal best score and won the Bronze medal. We are all very proud of her hard work and dedication.

Super Series Final was a great event for our club. The weekend started with our Star 2's Sophie Hughes, Meagan Scowen, Jessica Hatch getting Bronze ribbons and Sheena Roen earned a Gold ribbon, they all performed great solo's. Our Star 3's also had excellent performances with Shanelle Rodrigues, Taylor Luft, Ayla Cross and Jennifer Dmytrowich all receiving Silver ribbons. In the Star 4 event,

Shy Kuchera placed 5th. Kira Koffler placed 6th in the Pre Juvenile Women event with a huge personal best score. Taylor Fleming earned first place winning the Gold in the Juvenile Women's U-14 event and won the Silver medal in the Silver Women's Interpretive event. Donna Bergvinson won Gold in the Adult Bronze freeskate. Phoebe Kemp added to her Gold medal wins, winning the Gold medal in the

Gold Women event as well as in the Gold Women's Interpretive event where she also earned a new personal best score! Phoebe finished 2nd overall for the year in the Super Series standing for the Gold Women. "Congratulations!" Phoebe. Our skaters are now working

hard and looking forward to Spring Fling scheduled for May 25th. Many of our skaters have new programs to perform and there will be some great group numbers. We are hoping for a big turnout to come and see our show. For more information, please check our website at www.skatemtb.com



Valleyview Skating Club



The Valleyview Skating Club has had a busy, exciting, and successful winter season! Congratulations to coach Eva Davies and skater Brooklyn Castro who have been selected to participate in the Sesqui film! Sesqui is a 360 degree film that will be shown across Canada in 2017 celebrating 150 years of Canadian confederation. This March, Eva and

Brooklyn will fly by helicopter to be filmed by 360 degree cameras skating on a frozen mountain lake near Whitehorse. What an exciting opportunity for these skaters! Skaters have been busy with competitions this winter as well. We had skaters compete at the Okanagan Region Championships in Kamloops as well as the Super Series Finals in Kelowna. We saw

many great skates including several personal bests and podium finishes! We have capped off our winter season with a group showcase and family skate. The theme this year was Broadway Musicals, and we had groups participate from Senior and Master skaters, Intermediate, Junior Academy, PreCanSkate and CanSkate, and even our CanPowerSkaters!

The Valleyview Skating Club would like to thank our wonderful coaches for an amazing 2015-2016 skating season! Eva Davies, Tammy Cadwell, Tanya Ney, Lisa Henson, and Sarah Falk, you are a talented and dedicated team! We would also like to thank all of the families, program assistants, volunteers, and board members that helped to make this season such a success!

Vernon Figure Skating Club

Hello from the Vernon Figure Skating Club! The 2015/16 skate season has been a busy one for our members. Last summer (2015) we offered summer ice for the first time since 2011. For three weeks in

August, youth and adult skaters from Vernon, Lumby, Winfield, and even Edmonton turned up at 7:00 a.m. to enjoy practice and private coaching time. With parents blinking sleepily on the benches, supporting each

other with tell-tale cups from Starbucks and Tim Horton's, young skaters who normally had to be dragged from bed in the summer were hitting the ice in a far too sprightly manner for that time of the day. Summer ice was well-received by our local skating community, and we expect to offer it again in August of 2016.

Our committed volunteer board brought in a new Director of Skating two years ago, Carla Bryan. Carla and Schelley McRae form an energetic, focused and enthusiastic coaching team, and our club membership is predictably growing in response. Skater participation in competition events has also grown. VFSC sent skaters to the Mountain Gems invitational in Revelstoke, the Okanagan Interclub,

the Okanagan Region Championships, and the Super Series STARSkate Final.

Activity-wise, our fundraising is ongoing, and we have managed to support our skaters through chocolate sales, grocery store bagging, and a bottle-drive, to name a few. Our current goal is to fund the purchase of a new jump harness, as well as a portable harness. Our juniors enjoyed a pajama party movie night, with in-house made popcorn and cotton candy; it was a great team-bonding night. Our seniors have been attending Performance Pathways workshops to help develop their training and mental skills. Finally, as in previous years, VFSC entered one of the most popular floats into the Vernon Winter Festival Parade again this year.



CARIBOO NORTH CENTRAL REGION News



The 2016 CNCR Regionals Competition was held January 22nd to 24th, hosted by the Prince George SC. Being centrally located it is the one competition held within the CNCR that attracts skaters from every area of our Region. The weekend started off Friday with a well-attended Jamboree & continued Saturday & Sunday with the Regional Competition. Even though there were a few technical difficulties everyone understood that competitions don't always go as planned & went with the flow throughout the weekend.

Our AGM was hosted on Friday night taking advantage of the turnout of clubs for the weekend. We were fortunate enough to have the BC/YK Section Director Shelly Verhelst & BC/YK Section Past Chair Gail Weber in attendance. Both ladies spoke to the members updating us on the happenings within the Section. As well thank you was given to Gail who has graciously assisted the Region this season & retiring treasurer Jessica Goncalves. Both ladies have been a tremendous help to the Region & we can't thank them enough for everything that they have done.

The weekend also offered the opportunity for vendors to show off their wares to all that attended, while the Region held their annual silent auction & made the draws for their raffle fundraiser. Without the support from the clubs, their skaters & families, our fundraisers wouldn't have been the success they were & their efforts have not gone unnoted. The winning results of the raffle were as follows:

- 1st Prize of \$1500.00 went to Joesph Galanie of Kitimat
- 2nd Prize of \$1000.00 went to Pattie McLaren of Mackenzie
- 3rd Prize of \$500.00 went to Charlie du Preez of Prince George

As well, all of the skater's results over the weekend were calculated from the competition & then added together to form the Team Trophy points. Congratulation goes out to the Terrace SC for receiving the highest team points & as a result was awarded the CNCR Regionals Team Trophy.

Our Regional Championship is an accumulation of the season's hard work & dedication of our members to the sport of figure skating & their successful results shined through over the weekend. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Sincerely
Carol Giesbrecht
CNCR Chair

Mile Zero Figure Skating Club



The Mile Zero Figure Skating Club Synchronized Skating Teams had a new cheer in January – **Our Team is Red HOT!** Our Pre-Novice, Juvenile, Elementary and Beginner II teams travelled to Edmonton to compete in the Mountain Regionals competition, travelling on 2 buses, one of which caught on fire! All of those on board evacuated the bus and everyone was completely safe from harm. The amazing fire and police personnel managed to save all of the skates and dress as well! The other bus came back to pick everyone up, a good Samaritan took all of the excess luggage to the hotel and the skaters went on to perform beautifully at the competition and had a great time. The Juvenile team brought home a silver medal, and all of the skaters now have a story they can tell for years to come.



The Smoking Bus!



Operation "Rescue Skates and Dresses"



Beginner II Team Having Some Fun!

Northern BC Centre for Skating



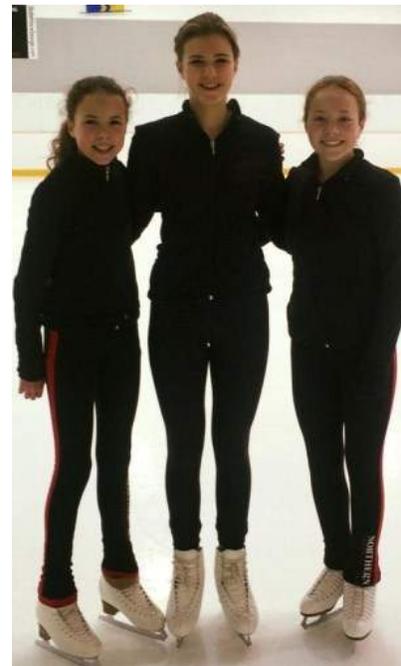
With water dripping from the eaves troughs and spring knocking on our door the NBCCS is preparing for the upcoming spring season. While skaters and coaches are busy on and off the ice, volunteers and parents are busy to wrap up the final fundraisers for the season. Winter was a busy time with lots of exiting things happening. Justin Hampole qualified to compete at the 2016 Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton and was also honored with his CWG skate memorabilia being put on display at the Canada Winter Games exhibit "We are Winter" at the Exploration Place in Prince George. The club hosted our annual Holiday ice Show and

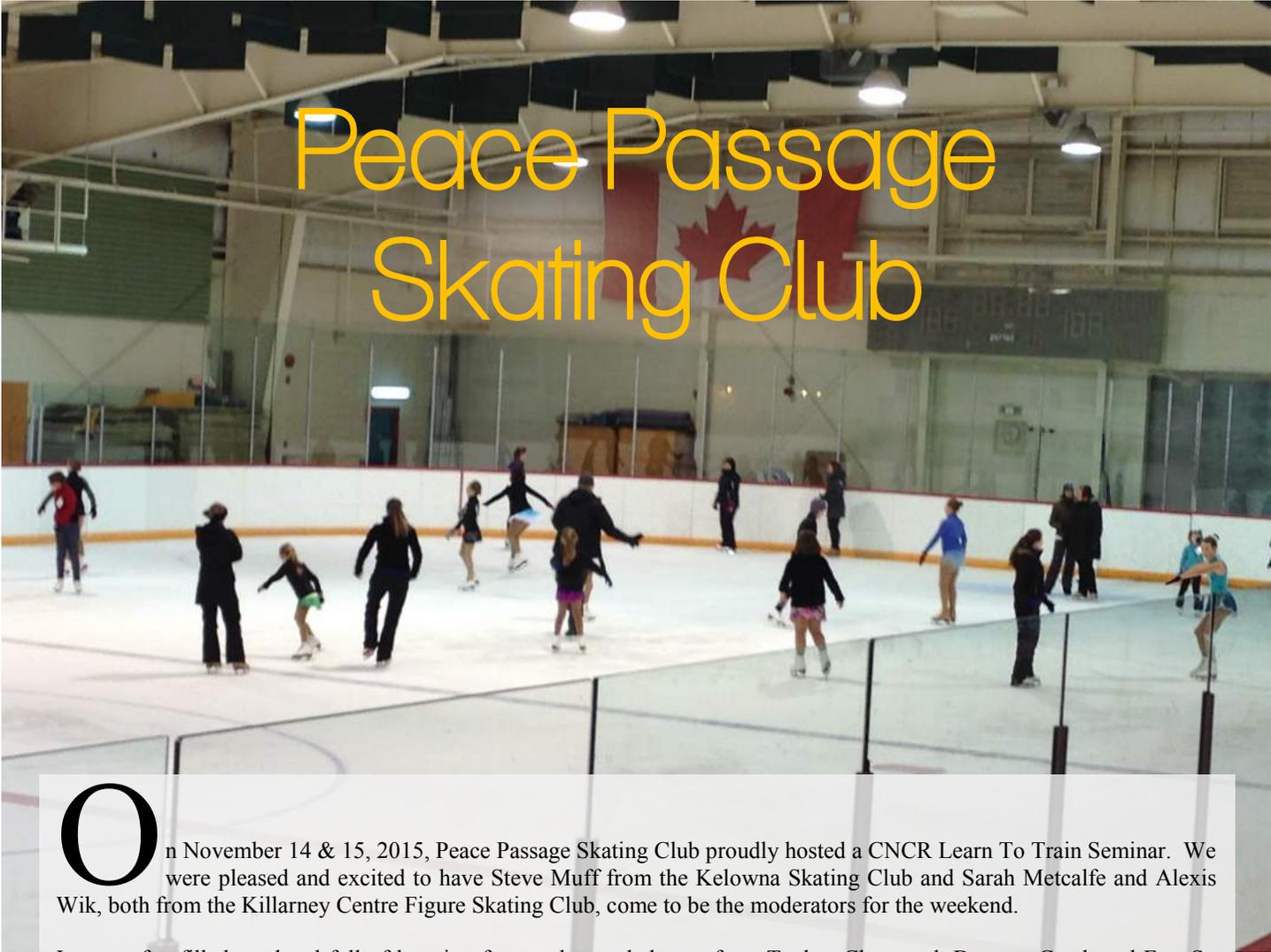
donated part of the proceeds to the Big Brother Big Sisters of Prince George. The NBCCS also had 3 skaters qualifying to represent Region 8 at the 2016 BC Winter Games in Penticton; Myah Milner and Olivia Wankling in Juvenile Women U13 and Olivia Trampuh in Pre-Novice Women.

2016 started with 37 NBCCS skaters competing against the best of the north and taking home a total of 12 Gold, 9 Silver and 5 Bronze medals and several personal bests at the 2016 CNCR regional competition hosted in Prince George. In February 4 skaters went to Fort St. John to compete at the 2016 TOTEM Interclub

competition and brought home 2 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals as well as three personal bests. At the 2016 Super Series STARSkate Final in Kelowna 10 skaters represented the Centre with several personal bests. Three skaters from the NBCCS Jessie Harder, Jayna Mason and Makenzie Domhof were selected by the Region to be part of the Region Challenge Team to compete for the Region Team Trophy at the StarSkate Final.

As we transition from winter into spring we all look forward to an exciting spring season and we wish everybody a *Happy Easter and Happy Skating!*



A large photograph of an indoor ice skating rink. In the background, a large red maple leaf logo is mounted on the wall. The rink is filled with people of various ages skating. The title "Peace Passage Skating Club" is overlaid in yellow text.

Peace Passage Skating Club

On November 14 & 15, 2015, Peace Passage Skating Club proudly hosted a CNCR Learn To Train Seminar. We were pleased and excited to have Steve Muff from the Kelowna Skating Club and Sarah Metcalfe and Alexis Wik, both from the Killarney Centre Figure Skating Club, come to be the moderators for the weekend.

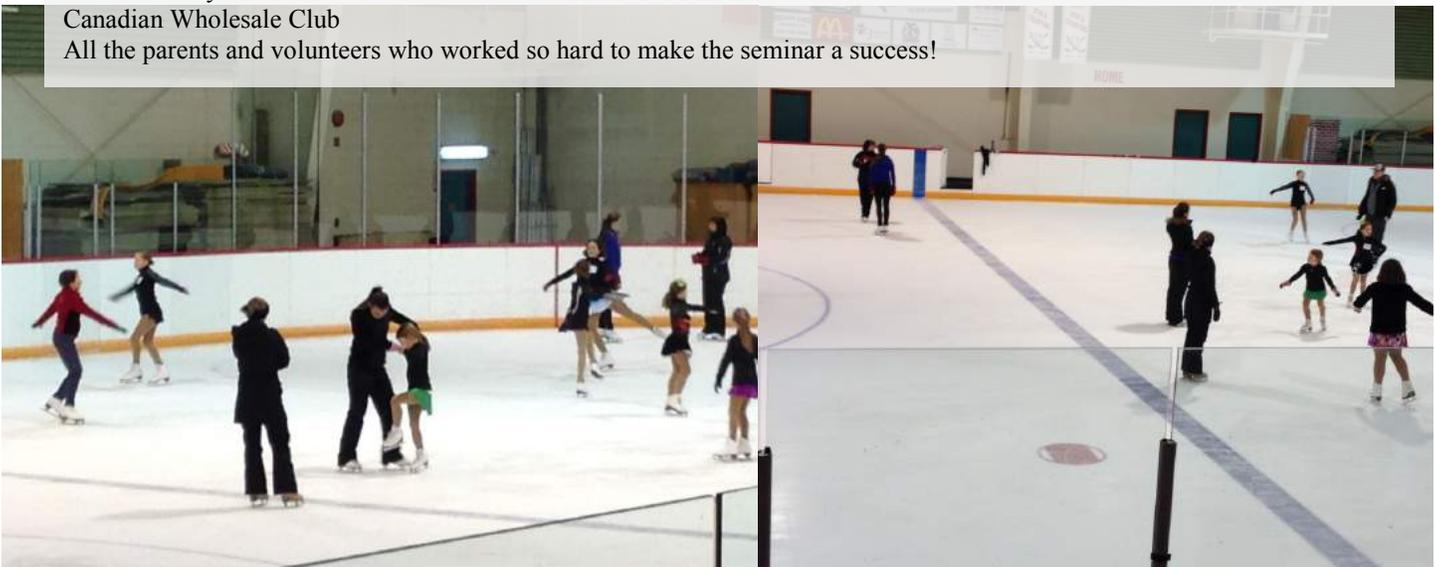
It was a fun filled weekend full of learning for coaches and skaters from Taylor, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek and Fort St. John skating clubs. The skaters worked on jumps, spins, stroking, skating enhancement, transitions and performance. Skaters were also offered Yoga and Jazzercise for their off-ice sessions.

Peace Passage skaters were excited to have a chance to work one on one with Sarah Metcalfe and Alexis Wik on the Friday evening before the seminar.

Peace Passage would like to send out a huge Thank you to our sponsors for the Learn To Train Seminar:
District of Taylor

Canadian Wholesale Club

All the parents and volunteers who worked so hard to make the seminar a success!



Prince Rupert Skating Club



In photo: Amy McNabb, Renee Charlton Mickaela Ward

It has been another great skating season for our skaters. We had 3 skaters that went to Regionals competition in Prince George! They did an amazing job coming home with a silver and a bronze medal! Great job to Amy McNabb, Renee Charlton and Mickaela Ward. Another group of skaters attended the Jamboree in Smithers and all brought back medals from their teams. Wiccem Toye-Oesch, Marissa Gardiner and Quayan Toye-Oesch did an amazing job while attending their first Jamboree. The Prince Rupert Skating Club recently hosted their end of year Ice Show. The theme was 'Come Fly with Me' and the skaters enjoyed performing to music from around the world.

Snow Valley Skating Club

Road Trip Adventures on the way to Regionals! When you live in Northern British Columbia, winter time travel can be dangerous and many of our skating families do not want to drive in winter road conditions. With dwindling numbers of skaters willing to travel to Regional competitions in January, three years ago our Executive decided we would look into hiring a coach to travel to CNC Regionals in Williams Lake – we quickly filled up a

43 passenger bus and we have since travelled on the bus to Regional competitions to Quesnel and this January to the competition in Prince George. We loaded up the Zuca Bags and headed out. The weather was terrible, thick fog and snow, we were all happy that we didn't have to drive. These bus trips are a great opportunity for skaters and parents to relax and enjoy each other's company. This year we had an extra

adventure on the way to Prince George. We had made our usual stop for snacks and Starbucks in Smithers and were about 20 minutes outside of Houston when the bus driver pulled into "Grizzly Jim's General Store" in Topley. The bus had a leaking hose and couldn't travel too much further – we needed to get to a garage. A very helpful gentleman at Grizzly Jim's assisted us in contacting a garage in Houston where the mechanics stayed over on their lunch break to get us back on the road. With a few hours to kill, we decided to go for lunch and contacted a local restaurant to see if they could handle 34 guests – they could and we enjoyed a wonderful meal together. After lunch we all

walked over to Houston's fantastic bowling alley where the skaters enjoyed an hour of bowling while some mums kept score and others relaxed and watched. We pulled into our hotel in Prince George a few hours late, but having made some great memories that the skaters will talk about for years to come! This was great competition; coaches Cynthia Medeiros and Mikaela Carreiro are very proud of the 27 skaters who attended and of the club's 3rd place ranking in overall points. There were many medals and personal bests achieved, but most importantly we are very proud of how the skaters competed and how well they represented Snow Valley Skating Club.

Skaters from left to right:

Back Row: Tayah Pacheco, Ava Galante, Aliyah Goncalves, Nina Gibaldi, Angela Schmidt, Elsa Boucher, Bethany Kaberry, Rachel Riggs, Haddassah Hoffmann

Middle Row: Olivia Petersen, Christine Ferreira, Emi Groves, Sara Beam, Diana Empinado, Lena Arlt-Dufresne, Emma Swerdfeger, Emma Laroche, Dani Dennill-Welsh

Front Row: Katie Swerdfeger, Olivia White, Dylan Gardiner, Camryn Pankhurst, Maija Sutherland, Hannah Hoffmann, Kasandra Luckey

Missing: Emily Pankhurst, Miranda Anderson





Terrace Skating Club sent 12 skaters to the Cariboo North Central Regional Championships in Prince George (January 2016) and racked up enough medals to earn the osteoporosis points in the Region - winning the team aggregate trophy! It is only the 5th time in history that Terrace has won this award!

In February (over Valentines weekend) some of the TSC members took part in the Northwest Jamboree fun event in Smithers.

Laura Dale traveled to Corner Brooke Newfoundland at the beginning of March and competed in Special Olympics Nations - Level 3

singles where she placed 6th in the country! What a great accomplishment.

Seven TSC members attended Super Series Final in Kelowna (in March) and took home 9 medals and 3 evaluation ribbons.

TSC CanSkate has come to an end for this season. Skaters partook in a fun day for

their last session of the year. Terrace figure skaters will continue to skate during spring break, then, once the ice is taken out of the Terrace rinks the figure skaters travel to Kitimat April to mid May to skate with the Snow Valley Skating Club for our spring ice session.





Beaver Valley Skating Club

The Beaver Valley Skating club hosted the 2016 Kootenay Region Championships in Fruitvale Feb 12-14, 2016. With 96 registered skaters competing from the West Kootenays, the event was a huge success! The Beaver Valley Skating Club would like to thank the many local sponsors and volunteers that made the event possible. Congratulations to ALL the skaters who competed over the weekend, the West Kootenays are well represented! Good luck to those skaters going on to compete at the Super Series Final in Kelowna March 4-6, 2016.

Awards:

The Beaver Valley Skating Club took the top prize winning the **Barclay Trophy** for the third year in a row for the Club with the most points.

The Rossland Skating Club took the award for **Most Sportsmanlike Club**. They had a lot of fun cheering on all the skaters especially during the elements competition....the pompoms and shakers were even out!

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| Coaches Jr. Artistic Award- | Bianca Marina, North Star |
| Coaches Sr. Artistic Award | Hunter Bezak, Fernie |
| Juvenile Award | Bianca Marina, North Star |
| Novice Award | Emma Nieuwesteeg, Fernie |
| Star 4 Ferraro Foods Award | Sarah Cousins, Castlegar |
| Star 5 Rolf Benner Award | Emily Newel, North Star |

Star 4 (U13) Freeskate

- 1st place Sarah Cousins, Castlegar
- 2nd place Olivia Sombrowski, Fernie
- 3rd place Emerson Zimmerman, Fernie

Star 4 (O 13) Group1 Freeskate

- 1st Place Megan Cousins, Castlegar
- 2nd Place Zoey Crockart, Castlegar
- 3rd Place Annika Cheveldave, Castlegar

Star 4 (O 13) Group 2 Freeskate

- 1st Place Candice Soukeroff, Castlegar
- 2nd Place Isabella Kroker Kimber, Nelson
- 3rd Place Ireland Benson, Cranbrook

Star 5 Freeskate

- 1st place Claire Sibbald, Beaver Valley
- 2nd place Jillienne Thom, Cranbrook
- 3rd place Emily Newel, North Star

Sr. Bronze Ladies Freeskate

- 1st Place Brenna Paulsen, Beaver Valley SC
- 2nd Place Yvonne Gregory, Beaver Valley SC
- 3rd Place Taryn Verhelst, Beaver Valley SC

Jr. Silver Ladies Freeskate

- 1st Place Charly Defouw, Nelson
- 2nd Place Serena Deadmarsh, Beaver Valley

Sr. Silver Ladies Freeskate

- 1st Place Hunter Bezak

Juvenile Women Freeskate (U14)

- 1st Bianca Marina

Novice Women Freeskate (U17)

- 1st Emma Nieuwesteeg, Fernie

Bronze Interpretive

- 1st Place Brenna Paulsen, Beaver Valley
- 2nd Place Sydney Wilson, North Star
- 3rd Place Jillian Leslie, Beaver Valley

Silver Interpretive

- 1st Place Geneve Miller, Cranbrook
- 2nd Place Hunter Bezak, Fernie
- 3rd Place Zoe Marina, North Star

Gold Interpretive

- 1st Place Taryn Verhelst, Beaver Valley
- 2nd Place Bianca Marina, North Star
- 3rd Place

Star 3 Solo Dance

- 1st Place Hannah McClure, Nelson
- 2nd Place Jasmine Needham, Beaver Valley
- 3rd Place Isabella Louwe, Beaver Valley

Jr. Bronze Solo Dance

- 1st Place Elle Ballendine, Rossland
- 2nd Place Bree Fitzpatrick, Beaver Valley

Sr. Bronze Solo Dance

- 1st Place Brian Chan, Rossland
- 2nd Place Jillian Leslie, Beaver Valley
- 3rd Place Erin Flood, Rossland

Sr. Silver Solo Dance

- 1st Place Brenna Paulsen, Beaver Valley
- 2nd Place Yvonne Gregory, Beaver Valley
- 3rd Place Claire Sibbald, Beaver Valley

Gold Solo Dance

- 1st Place Taryn Verhelst, Beaver Valley
- 2nd Place Breanna Tomilin, Beaver Valley

Intro Elements Group 1

- 1st Place Jillian Leslie, Beaver Valley
- 2nd Place Bree Fitzpatrick, Beaver Valley
- 3rd Place Aiko Kreuzer, Beaver Valley

Intro Elements Group 2

- 1st Place Morgan Corkill, Rossland
- 2nd Place Ella Wilkinson, Nelson
- 3rd Place Kana Dolgopol, North Star

Intro Elements Group 3

- 1st Place Hannah McClure, Nelson
- 2nd Place Courtney Donaldson, Nelson
- 3rd Place Brian Chan, Rossland

Elements 1 Group 1

- 1st Place Sarah Cousins, Castlegar
- 2nd Place Naomi Lee, Nelson
- 3rd Place Zoey Crockart, Castlegar

Intro Elements Group 2

- 1st Place Megan Cousins, Castlegar
- 2nd Place Tara Gleboff, Castlegar
- 3rd Place Candice Soukeroff, Castlegar

Elements 2

- 1st Place Brenna Paulsen, Beaver Valley
- 2nd Place Jillienne Thom, Cranbrook
- 3rd Place Claire Sibbald, Beaver Valley

Elements 3

- 1st Place Bianca Marina, North Star
- 2nd Place Charly Defouw, Nelson
- 3rd Place Taryn Verhelst, Beaver Valley

Castlegar Skating Club



Coach Andrea with STARskaters at the East Kootenay Invitational

The Castlegar Skating Club's 2015-16 season has gone by quickly. Highlights of the season include hosting the West Kootenay Invitational in December and attending competitions and testing in Invermere and Beaver Valley with outstanding results. We finished our busy season

with a fun and entertaining year end show. We would like to thank our coaches Rachel Stewart and Andrea Poznikoff for a successful and fun season. Also, this season, we were fortunate to have Dawn Hadikin join our club as CanSkate Coach (in training). Sadly, this is Andrea's last season with

the club as she is leaving to pursue her education. Andrea grew up skating on the Castlegar rink and achieved great success as a figure skater and coach. We wish you luck in all your future endeavours. You will be greatly missed!

Nelson Skating Club

Nelson Skaters Compete at the East Kootenay Invitational Competition

A small group of Nelson figure skaters braved the winter weather and roads to travel to Invermere for the second competition of the season, the East Kootenay Invitational Competition, January 15-17, 2016. Skaters attended from throughout the Kootenays and into the Rockies, Crowsnest and Alberta. Brianne Morris and Ella Wilkinson each won the gold medal in their respective Introductory Elements groups. Helena Keating placed 6th in Elements 2. In the STAR 3 Free Skate events, Brianne Morris and

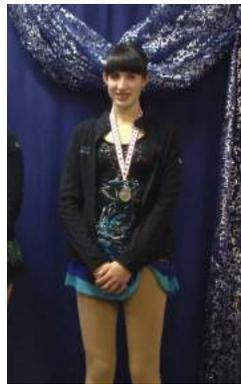
Ella Wilkinson received Bronze ratings and will be looking to improve their levels in the next competition. Charly Defouw placed 7th in Silver Interpretive, while Helena Keating placed 9th in STAR 5 Free Skate. Molly Anderson completed the STAR 1 Event and received a Bronze rating. At the coinciding Test Day, Charly Defouw passed her first Gold Dance, the Quickstep. Congratulations to all the skaters and thanks to Coach Yoshie Measures who provided the coaching support at the competition.



From left to right: Helena Keating, Brianne Morris
Front: Molly Anderson



Charly DeFouw



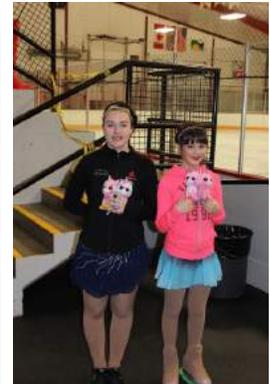
Isabella Kroker Kimber



Back – Ceili Kooznetsoff,
Makayla Pickering, Front
- Molly Anderson



Brian Chan –Bronze,
Hannah McClure – Gold,
Courtney Donaldson – Silver



Mallory Pinske and Naomi Lee with rainbow unicorns!

Nelson Skaters Compete at the Kootenay Regional Championships

The Nelson Skating Club sent 15 figure skaters to compete at the Kootenay Regional Championships, held in Fruitvale and hosted by the Beaver Valley Skating Club over the weekend of February 12-14. Coaches Sarah Gower and Yoshie Measures launched the skaters during the test and competition events. Result highlights from the competition included a Gold medal for Charly DeFouw in the Jr. Silver Women free skate, meaning that Charly is now the Region Champion in this event! In STAR Girls O13 Group 2 Isabella Kroker Kimber took home a Silver medal while Hannah Corven placed fourth and Mallory Pinske fifth in Group 1. Naomi Lee placed fifth in the competitive STAR 4 U13 category. The Nelson skaters shone in the Elements events, with Ella Wilkinson winning the Silver medal in Intro Elements, Group 2. In Intro Elements Group 3, Hannah McClure won Gold, Courtney Donaldson Silver and Brianne

Morris tied for 3rd place. In Elements 1, Group 1 Naomi Lee took home the Silver medal, in Elements 1 Group 2, Isabella Kroker Kimber placed 5th and Hannah Corven 6th, and in Elements 3, Charly DeFouw also won the Silver medal, Hannah McClure won a Gold medal in the Jr. Bronze Dance Solo while Mallory Pinske placed 4th in the Sr. Bronze Dance Solo. In the Interpretive events, Hannah Corven received a Gold rating for her entertaining Introductory Interpretive 'Big Spender' number. Isabella Kroker Kimber and Mallory Pinske received Silver ratings in the same category, skating to Coldplay and Adele respectively. In the Introductory Interpretive event, Brianne Morris received a Silver rating for her first interpretive program. Charly DeFouw placed fourth in the Silver Interpretive level, skating to 'Stronger' by Christina Aguilera. The final day of skating saw the STAR 1 level skaters putting forward their

best efforts in the evaluated STAR 1 event. Ceili Kooznetsoff was awarded a Gold rating, while Molly Anderson, Raisa Nazaroff and Makayla Pickering all received Silver ratings and their seasons' best

Super Series STARSkate Final

A small contingent of Nelson Skating Club skaters went to Kelowna to compete at the annual Super Series STARSkate Final. Unfortunately the Nelson team suffered a number of injuries and ills which meant that only one skater, Isabella Kroker Kimber was able to compete. A few weeks before skater Helena Keating suffered a bad fall off a spin entrance leading to a Concussion and she has not been cleared to skate yet. Just prior to the event, Mallory Pinske injured her knee, and Hannah Corven became ill. The Club's luck changed at the competition, where Isabella

Kroker Kimber, with all her team mates supporting her from the bench, won the Gold medal in her STAR 4 O13 Girls group. In the Introductory Interpretive event, Isabella received a Silver rating for her interpretive program to Coldplay's 'Sky Full of Stars'. Congratulations to Isabella!



Isabella Kroker Kimber – Gold

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION News

Campbell River Skating Club

Winding up another season! Our Executive, Coaches and Reps. are busy planning our annual Awards and Banquet night (March 12th), which is fast approaching. We will also be including our AGM and drawing our raffle prizes. A fun night for sure as we celebrate the achievements of our skaters. Close on the heels of this event will be our Pop Concert planned for April 6th, getting ready for VISI a few days later, last day of skating April 15th and test day April 17th, then the ice comes out for maintenance.

Congratulations to our skaters who attended the Vancouver Island Region Championships in early February.

Megan Weber won a Gold medal in the Junior Silver Women FreeSkate; and, Gold in the Gold Interpretative class.

Savannah Wasden won a Silver medal in the Senior Silver Women FreeSkate.

Janelle Tumbaga - SILVER RIBBON - Star 3, Group 5

Heidi Schulte - SILVER RIBBON - Star 3, Group 6

Sierra Petrovcic - 5th - Star 4 13 yrs+ and 9th in Bronze Interpretative

Jazlynn Balalio - 9th - Star 4 Under 13 yrs

Shanti Kellerhals - 11th - Star 4 Under 13 yrs

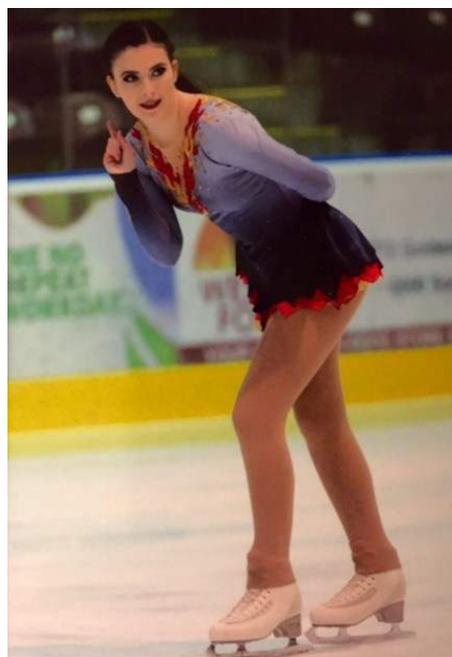
Celeste Gale - 5th - Star 4 Under 10 yrs

Frederick Prinsloo - SILVER RIBBON - STAR 2 Boys

Zoe Greze Kozuki - BRONZE RIBBON - STAR 2 Girls

Taryn Latrace - BRONZE RIBBON - STAR 1 Girls

Also congratulations to Kate Steel, Player of the Week. Kate participates in our CanPower class.



And of course, our CanSkate program is full steam ahead. We have noticed an increase in membership and it is due in no small part to this revised Skate Canada program. An in-house Program Assistant (PA) update clinic was held in February and was well attended. We thank our PAs for their hard work and dedication. We were also able to offer support to two CanSkate skaters who were visually impaired by giving them their own PA to work with them. Thank you PAs.

Back row, left to right:

Heather Mudie, Andrea Beattie, Sierra Petrovcic, Heidi Schulte.

Front row, left to right:

Janelle Tumbaga, Celeste Gale, Shanti Kellerhals, Emily Deering

Good luck to all the skaters attending VISI and remember there are lots of volunteer jobs needing to be done so hope to see you all there. Happy skating!!!



Cowichan Lake Skating Club



We had two Special days Halloween and the Santa Skate all went well and the highlight for the season was the Ice Show for many of our young skaters. This year marks the 45th anniversary of our club. The Theme was "Puttin on the Glitz".

We had one skater attend the Region Championships in February.

Thank-you to Sarah Darling and Morgan Shyshka for helping with our Canskate Sessions.

The club would like to thank coach Lorraine for a very successful season.

Duncan Skating Club



Duncan Skating Club has had another successful season. Our skaters have competed in 2 competitions so far Interclub and Regions. VISI is being held next month. We have had two special skates Halloween and our Christmas Exhibition and Family Skate. We have had 2 skaters achieve 3 gold tests this season. . Cecilia Faustino completed her Gold Dances in December and Baylee Hopwo completed her Gold Skills in April and her Gold Interpretive in December. We had a very successful Ice show "Wicked". Our awards banquet will be held in April. We will be holding our Spring Skating in April and then Summer Skating in August. Our coaches are Lorraine Francisty, Cleve Shillingford and Marcie Walker.



Juan de Fuca Skating Club



The club skaters have had a busy start to the New Year after wrapping up 2015 with our Christmas Gala on Dec. 20th. It was a wonderful social event for the skaters, their families and friends! There were many wonderful performances on ice to holiday theme music, and even our group of PA's performed! Our club hosted the Vancouver Island Regional Championships which was a great success. Well done skaters who competed at this event and thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!

We also had another test day at the end of February and are proud of all the skaters who tested! Congratulations to our Gold Test skaters Moira, Heather and Kaylin who are listed in the Gold Feet! Stars on Ice being held in Victoria on the May long weekend and this is another event the club is planning. We already have 85 members going and the list is growing. At this event last year we had 180 in our group, 156 the year before. A fun evening for the skaters, their friends and families.

We are busy preparing for another test day this month and also a year -end showcase for the skaters to be able to skate for their friends and families. Spring skating begins for our club in April and many are competing at the Vancouver Island Super Series that month.

Our Canskate which continues to grow is a wonderful program with so very many fun theme days for the skaters. Our wonderful group of PA's show spirit in these as well by dressing up and helping hand out stickers, hand stamps, colouring sheets and treasure box prizes for those that participate. Our PA of the month for December was Rebecka Crighton, January was Tanisha Virk, February was Makayla Carlton, and March was awarded to both sheyda Shams and Rachael Ferguson. Thank you to all of our PA's and PA helpers as you are amazing!!!

We all look forward to a great spring and summer school program with continued success both on and off the ice, as well as many fun activities planned for the JDFSC members. Our club that is growing in numbers and enthusiasm is a great place to skate!

Nanaimo Skating Club

Michael and Arianna Phillips started skating with the Nanaimo Skating Club in 2006 at the ages of 5 and 3 in the Can Skate Program. Michael joined the Special Olympics in 2009 and entered his first competition in 2010. Arianna started competing in 2009 and joined Special Olympics in 2010. In 2013, Michael and Arianna began skating together as a pair's team and entered their first competition in 2014. In 2015 they went to the Special Olympics Provincial competition and won gold in their level one pairs event. They recently came back from the 2016 Special Olympic National Winter Games held in Corner Brook Newfoundland, where they won Gold for their level one pairs event. Carrie Hawkes from the Nanaimo Skating Club and Angela Behn from Special Olympics are Michael and Arianna's coaches.



*Michael and Arianna on the Podium
2016 Special Olympic National Winter Games*



*Nanaimo Skating Club performed "Frozen on Ice"
at Butchart Gardens in Victoria December 2015*



*The Nanaimo Skating Club performed "Inside Out on
Ice" at Frank Crane Arena in Nanaimo March 2016*

Peninsula Skating Club

This year has certainly gone by very quickly! It seems that we just had our registration day, and we are already wrapping up our CanSkate season.

CanSkate has been very busy, as we doubled our registration after the Christmas break. It was great to see so many new and returning skaters. We have handed out about 35 badges for level 1, 24 for level 2, 20 for level 3, 4 for level 4 and 4 for level 5, as well as all the ribbons that go with them! The skaters and their families seem to have enjoyed their time on the ice, and most are already asking when they can register for next season.



Our junior, intermediate and senior skaters showed off their programs in a short exhibition which was followed by a “Friends and Family” skate in December. It sure looked like everyone who was there had a good time and it was so nice to give some of the CanSkaters an idea of what they can look forward to.

Test days have been quite successful this year, with one skater completing her Gold Dances, making her one of only four skaters in the history of PFSC to achieve their Gold Feet in Freeskate, Interpretive, Skills and Dance while being a member.

Four of our skaters have competed in six competitions so far this season, bringing home multiple medals and personal best skates. A big congratulations to all on your achievements.



Racquet Club of Victoria



2015/16 skating season has been busy for the Racquet Club of Victoria Skating Club Skaters.

Our club had skaters at:

- **Regional** competitions | Skaters competed in VI Interclub and the Regional Championships
- **Provincial** competitions | 17 skaters competed at 2016 BC Skate Canada Sections
- **BC Winter Games** | three club skaters competed at the winter games in Penticton February 2016, winning a bronze and placing 4th (Juvenile men) and 6th (Juvenile women)



- **National** competitions | 12 skaters (two dance teams and four pairs teams) qualified for Skate Canada Challenge in Edmonton December 2015, Six skaters (two pairs teams and one dance team) qualified for Skate Canada National Championships in Halifax this past January.

Fundraising is important to our club and this year we had our second annual fun-raiser golf tournament. In November 2015 we had a very successful winter "Silent Auction Night" just in time for Christmas

The club's 2015/16 season culminates with our bi-annual ice show - "**Lost and Found - A Toy Story on Ice**". The show is about a group of toys who travel the world in search of their lost friend. It promises to be magical, colourful and fun!



RCV Skaters ready for Sections



RCV skaters compete at Nationals



RCV Challenge Team



Pre-novice dance and pairs teams

Saanich Skating Club of Victoria



Our annual family skate with Santa was very well attended. The children had lots of fun skating through their circuits with Santa, and all left with a treat from Jolly old St. Nick! We held our annual bottle drive on a crisp but sunny day and were pleased to have almost 100% participation from the club. Thanks to all of the volunteers, this was the most successful bottle drive ever. Immediately following the bottle drive, the skaters performed at Butchart Gardens. The theme for our performance was World Peace; many tourists gathered to watch the skaters perform. Congratulations to all our skaters who participated in the Regional Competition in Victoria at the "Q Centre". You all skated very well and made us proud! We have had two very successful test sessions and the final test day for the winter season will be on March 20th, 2016. Our Welcome to Wonderland recital will be held on March 12th, 2016. The excitement grows as skaters practice their routines and get measured for costumes. Spring School starts April 4th/16.



Gold Feet

Yvonne Gregory

The BVSC would like to congratulate Yvonne Gregory for achieving her gold feet in Dance and Skills during the 2015/16 season. Yvonne is 14 years old and is a Grade 9 French Immersion Student in Rossland BC. She skates out of the Beaver Valley Skating Club in Fruitvale, BC. Her interests outside of skating are Tae Kwon do and she has reached her red belt status.



Breanna Tomilin



The Beaver Valley Skating Club would like to congratulate Breanna Tomilin for achieving her gold feet in Skills during the 2015/16 season. Breanna also achieved her gold feet in dance during the 2014/15. Way to go Breanna! Breanna is 15 years old and a grade 11 honor roll student at J.L. Crowe Secondary School. She has been skating since she was 7 years old. Outside of skating Breanna plays softball and is learning the guitar.

Brenna Paulsen

The Beaver Valley Skating Club would like to congratulate Brenna Paulsen for achieving her gold feet in Skills and Dance during the 2015/16 season. Brenna is 11 years old and has been skating since she was three. Outside of skating Brenna is learning to play the piano and does track and field. Last season she won the District Athlete Aggregate award for grade 5 breaking a record for the 400 meter race. Way to go Brenna! Brenna also loves to snow and water ski.



Gold Feet

Heather Mudie

Congratulations to Heather Mudie of the Campbell River Figure Skating Club on passing her Gold Skills this February. Heather started working on her skills in 2011 and has worked hard to complete her goal of finishing them this year. This grade 11 student keeps very busy when not in school, with figure skating, helping with Canskate, and track and field. During the summer she likes to hang out at the lake, swimming and waterskiing with friends.

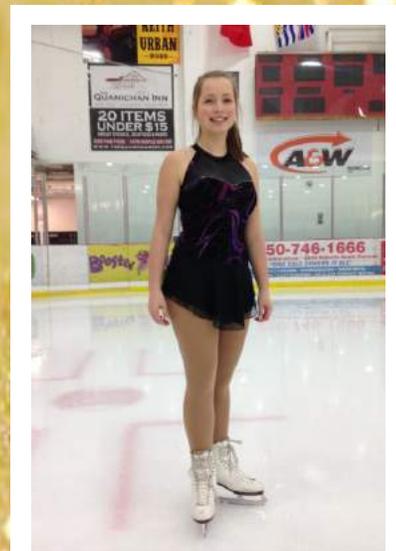


Jackie Christoff & Alex Clarke



Delta Skating Club congratulates two of our Adult Skaters for passing their Gold Skills, Jackie Christoff and Alex Clarke

Cecilia Faustino



Cecilia is 15 years old. She completed her Gold Dances in December. She is working on finishing her Gold Interpretive and her Junior Silver Freeskate Cecilia is a program assistant with the club. She would like to thank her coach Lorraine Francisty.

Gold Feet

Rylee Whitson

I have been skating since I was five years old. When I was little, I spent a lot of time at the rink with my mom watching my older skater skate only wishing that one day I could do all the things that she could do; eventually I could. My favourite part about skating is the rush that I get when I first step onto the ice to compete. That one moment makes all the falls and all the tears worthwhile. I enjoy many other sports: downhill skiing, dirtbiking, mountain biking, basketball, badminton, and track and field. As a skater, my goal is to complete all my golds in freeskate.



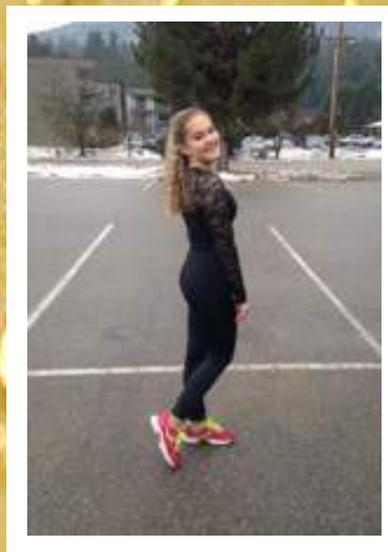
Jodi Thompson



Sonia Mende

My name is Sonia Mende, I am a grade 11 student at Fernie Secondary School in French Immersion I have been skating with the Fernie Skating Club since I was in kindergarten. I love to skate and hope to be able to carry on with skating after I graduate from high school. To achieve that goal I would like to skate on a synchro team while I attend post secondary education.

From the first day that I placed my blade on the ice as a member of the Fernie Skating Club, at the age of ten, I knew that skating would become a part of me. In the past seven years, skating has taught me many of the life lessons that I know today: patience, friendship, hard work, and of course, if you fall you must get back up— or you'll be immediately sprayed in the face with snow. Figure skating has become a part of my identity and I can't imagine what I'd be doing without it; through all the times that I've wanted to throw my skates across the room and quit, to the times where the only thing I wanted to do was skate, my friends, family and coaches have all been there by my side. I would like to thank my coaches over the years, they have always been there to calm me down and get me smiling again no matter what, I don't know how they managed to put up with me for all these years; my friends, who stuck by my side so that we could spend nights at competitions and early mornings laughing non stop; and of course my family, who have supported me through this adventure of skating. I will never forget my time as a skater and what it has taught me; figure skating is more than just a sport, it is an important part of myself.



Gold Feet

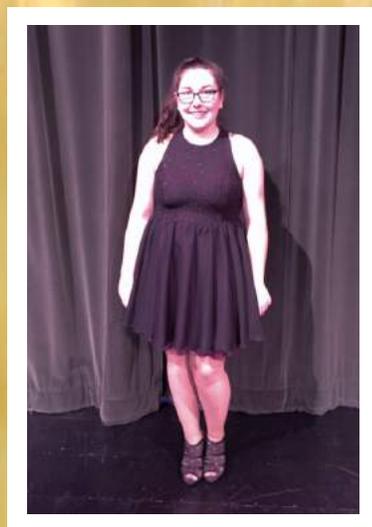
Heather Robertson



Congratulations to JDF Skating Club member Heather Robertson!! Heather is a student in her 3rd year of university at UVic. She is majoring in Psychology and is minoring in Spanish language. She has recently returned from a semester of school abroad in Ecuador, where she learned to speak Spanish. Heather is also a judge for Skate Canada, and currently has the ability to judge up to Juvenile singles events and is now working on a promotion to be able to judge Pre-Novice and Novice singles. Heather has now completed her Skate Canada Gold Skills, Freeski and Dance tests and is testing her Gold Interpretive this spring.

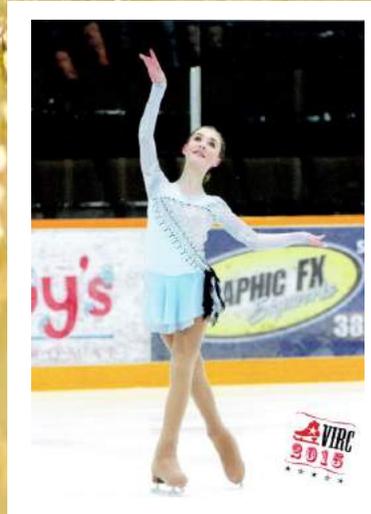
Congratulations to Kaylin Cound from Juan de Fuca Skating Club on passing her Gold Test in Skills! Kaylin passed her first gold test this February in Skills and is working towards completing the remaining tests. She first started skating at age 6 and has been with the Juan de Fuca Club since 2009. When she's not skating, Kaylin enjoys dance and time with her friends. Kaylin would like to thank her skating coaches for their ongoing support.

Moira Barker



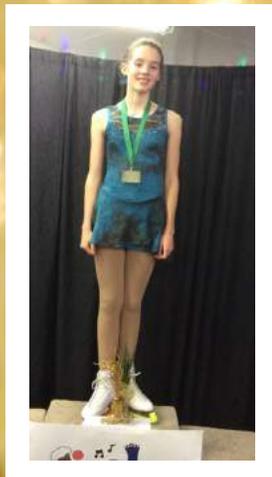
Congratulations to Moira Barker from Juan de Fuca Skating Club on passing her Gold dances! Moira has been skating with the Juan de Fuca skating club for the past 8 years. She is happy to have completed her gold dances this year. She is planning on attending the University of Victoria for a year of general studies. She would like to thank her amazing coaches for getting her through her dances.

Kaylin Cound



Gold Feet

Violet Beech



Violet recently passed her Gold Skills test and part one of her Gold Freeskate. She also recently returned to dance and passed her Killian. Violet was very successful this past year as she placed on the podium at all of the competitions she has attended this season. She would like to thank her longtime coach Carol Konkin and her choreographer Karen Deslaurier. Violet has been with Poco Skating Club and also volunteered as a Program Assistant. Violet is currently in grade 8 at Maple Creek Middle in Coquitlam and going to high school next year. She is a straight A student and enjoys art. She also sews and designed her own competition dress. Violet also likes running activities like cross country and track and field.

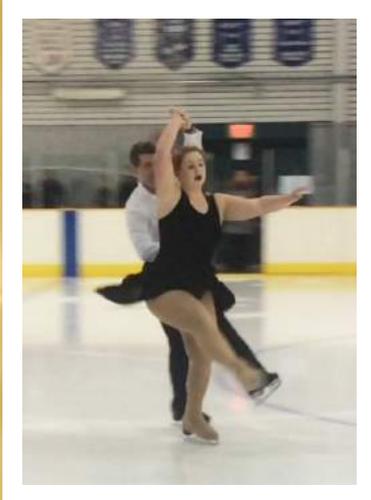
Natalie Wong

Natalie passed her Gold Freeskate in February in Cloverdale. Last year she competed in Senior silver Ladies winning and placing every time. She currently competes in Pre-Novice Ladies and is planning on moving to Novice Ladies next season. Natalie is an Honour Roll Student in Grade 10 at Heritage Woods Secondary. Natalie is a very popular skater at POCO. She is a Program Assistant, club promoter, helps with registrations and promoting POCO SC. Natalie enjoys travelling with her family and her 2 dogs.



Gold Feet

Rowena Lochhead



Rowena Lochhead is the first skater from the North Surrey Skating Club to achieve her Diamond Dances. She has been with the club since 1996 and participated in all disciplines, Interpretive and Ice Dance being her favourite. Rowena is now part of the coaching team at the club, and after receiving her degree from SFU in 2014, has decided to pursue education alongside her coaching career. She is so happy to have had her longtime coach Elizabeth Roman and partner Graham Casey by her side to share in this exciting achievement.

Charly DeFouw



Nelson Skating Club skaters finished off the regular skating season with an extremely successful test day hosted by Beaver Valley. Of special note, Charly DeFouw passed the Gold Interpretive test, which is her first Gold Test. Congratulations Charly!

Saffron Hilder



Saffron took her first skating test in December 2009, and at the end of November, 2015 she passed her final Gold Dance tests to earn her fourth Gold level test. In the time between the first and last test she took many tests and passed her Gold Interpretive, Gold Skills and Gold Freeskate tests. This makes her only the fourth skater in the history of Peninsula Figure Skating Club (40 years!) to get all the Gold tests while skating with our Club. Saffron trains many hours every week, and if you can't find her at the arena skating, she is probably at the dance studio where she also participates in many classes and activities

Gold Feet

The Riley Park Figure Skating Club is very proud of all these three skaters have accomplished, with their hard work and dedication. It is such a privilege to witness their growth and progress both as skaters and young women.

Mikaila Meslo

Mikaila is known for her hard work and dedication to her skating. We all love how persistent and passionate she is as well as being a great role model within the club. Recently, this hard work paid off with her passing her first Gold test (skills)! She is an inspiration to our younger skaters. She is at the rink both in the early morning 6am open ice session or the late night dance session, and yet never fails to be on time, composed and ready to go. Great job Mikaila



Marie-Geo Sato



Marie-Geo always brightens up the rink with her warm, outgoing personality and her expressive moves on the ice. She recently passed her Gold Interpretive test, proof of her hard work in practice and her patience coming together. She has an energetic, artistic style of skating. We wish her the best of luck for the final months of her Grade 12 Year, and look forward to her continued success as a skater.

Anna McLean

Anna is well known in our club as a welcoming, genuine and supportive person. She is dedicated and committed to skating, you can clearly see her enjoyment of skating every time she is on the ice. She skates with grace and energy that is a joy to watch. Her easy going personality makes skating and hanging out with her fun. We are very proud of her passing her Gold Skills, Dances and Freeski tests. Wow, all of that! Her seemingly effortless skating is always enjoyed by the audience.





Coaches Corner

Upcoming NCCP Courses

NCCP Instruction Beginner CanSkate Course

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

September 9-11, 2016
Kimberley, BC
Registration Open July 2016

NCCP Instruction Intermediate Primary STARSkate Course

September 16-18, 2016
Burnaby, BC
Registration Open July 2016

Skate Canada CanPower Course

June 25-26, 2016
Registration Open April 2016

NCCP Intermediate STARSkate Provincial Coach Course

June 13-17, 2016
Registration Open in April 2016

More Information can be found on our website:

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

New Level 3 Information:

Skate Canada is excited to be launching the new NCCP Competition-Development: National Coach Program that will replace the NCCP Level 3 Program. Skate Canada will be offering in May the **Analyze Technical and Tactical Performance Course** which is considered to be the sport-specific training of this new program. The new Analyze Technical and Tactical Performance Course (ATTP) will replace the current NCCP Level 3 general subjects and technical discipline courses. A two-day multi-discipline training, the ATTP course will emphasize the following learning objectives:

- Analyze technical and tactical performance by observing and defining key factors that influence competitive performance
- Analyze technical and tactical performance by applying the principles of motion to detect and correct key performance factors
- Identify strategies to monitor and evaluate technical and tactical performance
- Implement and assess the effectiveness of corrections

The first ATTP course will be offered in the Newfoundland and Labrador Section prior to the Ice Summit in St. John's.

Dates

May 21-22, 2016

Location

Delta Hotel in St. John's Newfoundland

Time

9:00-5:00 (Both Days)

Recommended For

ISPC/Level 2 Trained or Higher

Course Fee

\$250.00 (includes 2 lunches) + \$50.00 Marking Fee

[Register Here](#)

EVENTS

2015/ 2016 Season

Calendar

NCCP CanSkate Coaching Course

April 1-3, 2016
Burnaby, BC

Kootenay Region AGM

April 2, 2016
Creston, BC

Vancouver Island Region AGM

April 3, 2016
TBD

Super Series Vancouver Island

April 8-10, 2016
Parksville, BC

Okanagan Region AGM

April 9, 2016
TBD

BC Coast Region AGM

April 12, 2016
TBD

Adult Skating Championships

April 22-24, 2016
Oakville, ONT

BC/YK AGM & Awards Gala

April 29– May 1, 2016
Burnaby, BC

Super Series Victoria Day

May 20-22, 2016
Fleetwood, BC

2016 Skate Canada Ice Summit

May 25-29, 2016
Saint John's, NL

Featured event:

BC/YK SECTION AGM WEEKEND

2016 BC/YK Section AGM Weekend

April 29-30, 2016

Burnaby, BC

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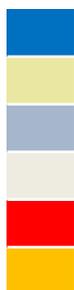
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