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The 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games will be in Comer Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador next March. BC will be sending nine figure skating athletes and four coaches to the games.

*Pictured below: Team BC and Performance Program figure skating athletes and coaches at work in their August training camp*



## National Coaches Week

### Features BC/YK Section Coaches

*MISSION STATEMENT- National Coaches Week is a week to celebrate the tremendous positive impact coaches have on athletes and communities across Canada. This week is an opportunity to recognize coaches for the integral role they play by simply saying #ThanksCoach*

*- Photo: Mile 300 Club Coaches*

**T**he Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) and the 13 Provincial and Territorial Coaching Representatives (PTCRs) meet numerous times throughout the year to discuss coach education, the National Coaching Certification Program, and how we can work together to enhance the experiences of all Canadian athletes through quality coaching. Together, the PTCRs identified that each province and territory, and many of the CAC's 67 National Sport Organization (NSO) partners, were hosting their own individual coaches weeks at various times throughout the year. In an effort to maximize these efforts, and to drive awareness and recognition for coaches across the country, the PTCRs decided to unify their efforts with the CAC and host a single national week for coaches across the country.

With 2015 proclaimed the Year of Sport by the

Governor General of Canada, it provided a platform for the Canadian Sport community to rally behind the first annual National Coaches Week in 2015. Each month of the Year of Sport has been given a theme, and the theme of the month of September is 'Coaches of sport, and leadership'. – CAC  
The BC/YK Section participated in the inaugural Coaches Week by asking members to submit a short write up on any coach they would like to feature. Submissions flooded in all week and posts were highlighted on our Section Facebook, Twitter and Website pages. Over 50 coaches were honoured representing areas from across BC/YK. Coaches Week ran from September 19-27, 2015 and was an incredible way to say #ThanksCoach to all of the very dedicated Coaches in our Section.

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*- For more on National Coaches Week please go to pg. 23*



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# FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

September 2015

**W**elcome back everyone to another skating season. I know that registering with Skate Canada this Fall, has been problematic, but the new IT system that they are now using will be wonderful once all of the bugs are worked out. They do thank you for your patience and understanding as they work through it all!! Hopefully registration numbers are up this Fall in every Club, as you continue to offer quality programming to all skaters. The competition dates for this year have been confirmed and are available at [skatinginbc.com](http://skatinginbc.com).

Thank you to the Clubs that have begun or even finished the process of updating your Club Bylaws. We will continue to offer our support to the Clubs that require assistance with this process. It is our objective that every Club have current and up to date bylaws. Our Club Ranking last year was successful and I congratulate the Clubs that were ranked. I hope that you post your certificate proudly in your arena. This years points were sent out in the September Club email from the Section. We have changed the time frame this year, so some activities that you used to get points last year, can be used to get

points this year due to the overlap. We hope that more Clubs participate in this program this season.

If you have any questions about anything in your Club, please contact your Region Chairman, they are always willing to be of assistance.

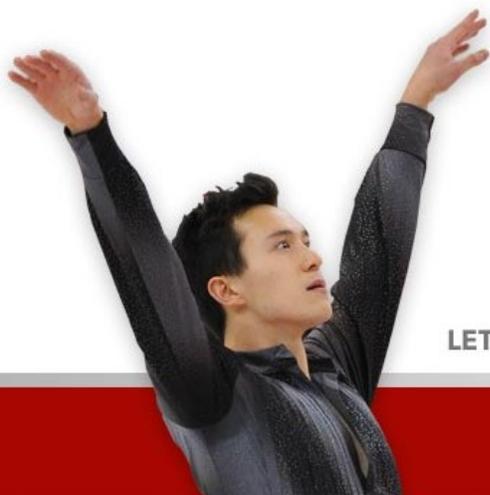
Have a great Season everyone!

Lorraine Mapoles  
Chairman BC/YK Section  
Skate Canada



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# 2015 BC/YK

# SUMMERSKATE

2015 BC/YK SECTION SUMMERSKATE: FINAL DAY

By Brian Pound

**T**he 2015 BC/YK Section Summerskate competition came to a rousing conclusion on Sunday at Burnaby 8 Rinks. And while in reality, Summerskate is the official start of the 2015-16 season for Section skaters, it is also a showcase for our younger skaters and those in the Star Skate program. They are our future and events like Summerskate afford an evaluation of where we stand.

So where do we stand, Ted Barton (Executive-Director BC/YK Section)?

“The next generation of BC talent appeared in Burnaby at Summerskate, August 13-16. In all sport there is a transition between generations and as a few of our top skaters are retiring, the next generation comes into focus and it is very exciting. This week the extreme talent of numerous young skaters in BC shone through. It will take a few years but the future, indeed, looks bright in BC.”

Joanne McLeod, Skating Director at the event’s host Champions International Skating Club of BC, concurs.

“We have a pocket of young skaters coming up and from that talent pool several can go all the way, and they will feed off each other to make each of them better. We saw a couple of super Star and pre-novice skaters who are on the verge of doing great things. And it’s not just coming from one club. It spells out that our Province is strong and it’s exciting to think if they keep doing what they’re doing

on the Junior world stage.”

One of those exciting skaters Joanne had on her mind no doubt was Megan Yim of her Champs club, who fashioned one of the biggest comebacks in the event’s history. Going into Sunday’s free program in the second group of Junior women, Yim was in seventh place and 12.10 points behind teammate and short program leader Tilyna Power. What happened next was amazing as Yim put together an outstanding free program to score 102.58 points and a 138.28 final score, to ease past Power who finished second with 126.17 points. Things also changed in the Junior women’s group one as Sarah Tamura of

Champs, who stood third after the short, traded places with short program leader Rachel Pettitt of Arctic Edge skating club. Tamura won with 138.86 while Pettitt scored 125.45. Sandwiched in between in second was Kelowna’s Mckenna Colthorp at 130.63. Neither Connaught’s Mitchell Gordon or teammate Larkyn Austman were able to duplicate their personal best short program performances from one day earlier but both performed well enough to hang on to the Senior men and women’s titles, respectively. Gordon easily took his title with 176.60 points while Austman won the women’s gold medal with 146.43 points.

Taking nothing away from Miss Yim’s brilliant job on the ice, the performance of the whole four-day event, though, had to go to Thornhill, Ontario’s Antony Cheng, who summer trains with McLeod at Champs. He won the Junior men’s short program by 29 points and the long by 35.92 points for a combined score of 178.64 points, a personal best. Runner-up Kelly Basisty of Kelowna was runner-up at 113.48. Have we just witnessed the next Junior men’s national champion? Just over 600 skaters from across the country and a few other countries thrown in took part in Summerskate.



Kayla Smart,  
Mt. Boucherie SC.  
Junior Girls div, BC  
Summerskate figure  
skating competition  
at Burnaby 8 Rinks.  
Photograph By  
Jennifer Gauthier

# INTERNATIONAL

# BC/YK TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

## Past Events/ Results

Junior Grand Prix # 2, August 26-30th  
Riga, Latvia

**Sarah Tamura– Ladies** **13th Place**

Junior Grand Prix # 4, September 9-13th  
Linz, Austria

**Megan Yim– Ladies** **12th Place**

**Haley Sales/ Nikolas Wamsteeker– Ice Dance** **6th Place**

**Ashlynn Stairs/ Lee Royer– Ice Dance** **8th Place**

Senior US International Classic, September 16-20th  
Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

**Brianna Delmaestro/ Timothy Lum– Ice Dance** **6th Place**

## Upcoming Events

Senior Finlandia Trophy, October 8-11th  
Espoo, Finland

**Liam Firus– Men**

**Brianna Delmaestro/ Timothy Lum**

Autumn Classis, October 13-15th  
Barrie, Ontario, Canada

**Mitchell Gordon– Senior Men**

**Mckenna Colthorp– Junior Ladies**



Halcy Sales/ Nikolas Wamstecker



Megan Yim

# SPECIAL OLYMPICS BC/YK SKATING

*News from Special Olympics BC figure skating: Team BC 2016 members gearing up for National Games*

**W**ith the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games coming up next March, the 181 athletes, coaches, and mission staff on the Team BC 2016 Training Squad are hard at work getting ready to be at their best in Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador. Special Olympics BC's provincial team includes nine figure skating athletes and four coaches from all over the province. The athletes are a strong group of accomplished veterans and talented skaters getting set for their first National Games appearance.

The Team BC 2016 training squad skaters qualified for their places on the team through their terrific performances at the 2015 Special Olympics BC Winter Games in Kamloops. Among the team

members are four prior Special Olympics World and National Games medallists: Darlene Jakubowski of SOBC – Fort St. John, Alexandra Magee of SOBC – Surrey, Alexander Pang of SOBC – Vancouver, and Marc Theriault of SOBC – Surrey.

They are joined by Tamika Broere-Shaw who skates with SOBC – Vancouver, Laura Dale of SOBC – Terrace, Stephanie Divin of SOBC – Surrey, and Arianna and Michael Phillips of SOBC – Nanaimo. Arianna Phillips is the youngest member of the whole provincial team, as she will be 13 when she hits the ice in Corner Brook.

Significantly, the team includes two sets of pairs competitors, with Broere-Shaw and Theriault and the Phillips siblings. All four athletes will also compete in singles events.

The skilled and dedicated Team



Darlene Jakubowski skating at the 2015 SOBC Winter Games

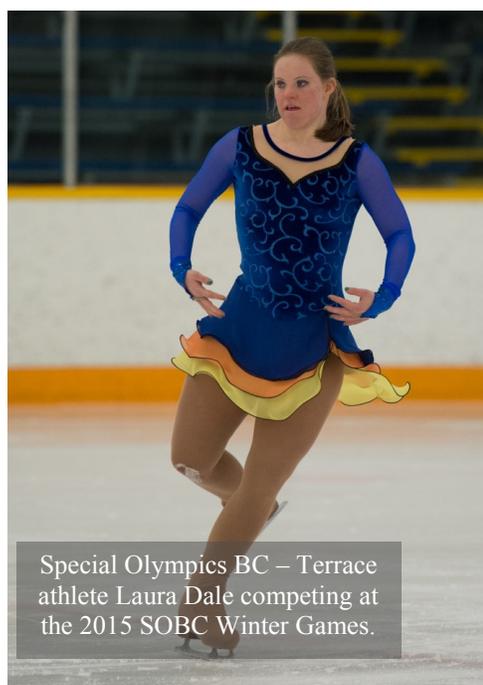
BC figure skating coaches are physical training, mental performance, and on-ice skills, to help the skaters in their own training in their home communities.

In August, the team members came together in Burnaby for a training camp where they hit the ice together, put in hours of dryland training, and worked on off-ice support such as mental training and nutrition to help get themselves into tip-top shape for the National Games.

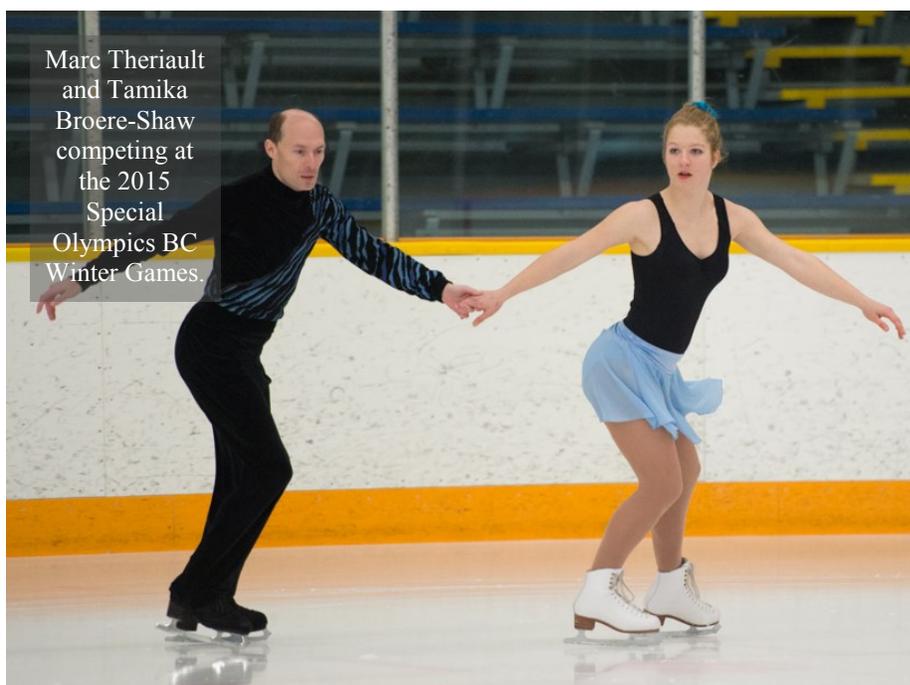
All Team BC coaches have worked hard throughout the summer to support their athletes with an active Facebook group where they post terrific daily tips and resources on topics such as nutrition,

To learn more about Special Olympics Team BC 2016, visit <http://specialolympics.bc.ca/team-bc-2016>

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



Special Olympics BC – Terrace athlete Laura Dale competing at the 2015 SOBC Winter Games.



Marc Theriault and Tamika Broere-Shaw competing at the 2015 Special Olympics BC Winter Games.

*KAREN MAGNUSSEN*

# MESSAGE OF THANKS

*September 14, 2015*



Dear Connaught Skating Club, Coaches , Skaters, All the Members of the BC Section and Friends of Skating,

How do I ever find the appropriate words to express in full how very grateful I am to all of you for your generous contributions of donations .

My life was changed for ever early one morning on November 28th, 2011 at the North Shore Winter Club, my home Club. Until this day they have never apologized or been held accountable for taking away my career and livelihood. Teaching skating and passing on my knowledge that I gained over many years on the ice to others, has been a blessing. My involvement in this glorious “Sport of Figure Skating” the greatest joy in my life!

The “Benefit Show” in March 2015 that was Choreographed by Keegan Murphy and his mother Eileen Murphy was a real treasure. To see the amount of time and energy they put into the Show to support me was beyond anything I could have ever imagined!!!! All the hard work of the parents, skaters , and Coaches ,as well as all of their Figure Skating Committee was overwhelming. Thank you!

To the Members of the BC Section Board and Members thanks to all of you for your time, energy and support you gave to help me out, as well as so many skating Clubs with their donations from their Club Carnivals and Ice Shows.

I miss my teaching and students terribly, I was not ready for retirement and felt that the joy of working with young skaters every day kept me creative and full of energy! I will miss all of that !

To all of you that I skated with and taught with “Good Luck and “God Speed”. Forever Grateful!

Regards,  
Karen Magnussen O.C.

# Club Rankings

**C**ongratulations to the Clubs that submitted their Club Ranking for the 2014-15 season. We hope that you saw your results in the June 2015 Issue of Thin Ice. This season the timeline for the Club Ranking will be April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. There will be an overlap with some items that you may have used for this past years ranking and this coming years rankings. For instance, attendance at the 2015 Section AGM gave you points last year and you can also claim points for that same AGM attendance for this year.

Below is the criteria and point rankings for this season. Each year the criteria may vary depending upon what the Section feels Clubs should be focusing on. This year the largest “points” will be given to Clubs that Increase their Club Membership. The form to be completed online will be available on the BC/YK website April 1st, 2016. This form must be completed by April 15, 2015.

Results will be announced at the 2016 Section AGM. The results will give Clubs either a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum ranking. Clubs will be emailed a certificate stating the ranking that they have achieved. This certificate may be posted in your arena. The list of Clubs will also be posted on our www.skatinginbc.com website, and published in Thin Ice. Good Luck to All Clubs!

**Platinum Ranking 100 Points**  
**Gold Ranking 75 Points**  
**Silver Ranking 50 Points**  
**Bronze Ranking 25 Points**

The April survey will have the following items on it. Please collect and keep your proof of activities throughout the year.

Held your Club AGM Attach your Notice of Meeting	5 points
Approved new BC/YK Club Bylaws, registered them with the Registrar of Companies, and submitted stamped approval letter to the Section office. Attach Registrar’s stamp of approval letter	10 points
Are running the new CanSkate Program Attach a photo of your session	5 points
Had an increase in membership over last year Increase in General membership Increase in CanSkate membership	10 points 10 points
Someone from your Club attended your Region AGM List Person	10 points
Someone from your Club attended the BC/YK Section 2015 AGM List Person Or a Proxy was submitted	10 points 5 points
Skaters from your Club attended your Region Championship Competition in February 2016 List Skater	5 points
Skaters from your Club attended one of the Pond to Podium Super Series Competitions List Skater and Competition	5 points
Your Club financially supported your coach(es) further education at seminars, workshops, clinics, etc Attach copy of Registration	10 points
Your Club submitted nomination(s) for a Section or Region Award List nominee and award nominated for	10 points
Your Club submitted an article to BC Thin Ice during the 2015/16 season Attach copy of article	5 points
All Club coaches have given the club a copy of their up to date Skate Canada Coaching Card thus proving they have their First Aid, BackCheck, CEP points, and NCCP status up to date Attach a copy of all your Club Coaches Skate Canada cards.	5 points

# Cloverdale Skating Club

The Cloverdale Skating Club started the September 2014/15 season with some changes to the coaching staff. Courtney Howe-Smith joined our team coaching group and Jayden Nickel joined our canskate coaching group. Larry Aytton came to us from Alberta in December to join our team coaching group and brings with him years of experience and expertise.

We had skaters from star 1 to Gold compete through the season. Our skaters brought home many Gold, Silver and Bronze awards. The club

held 3 low test days, with many skaters successfully moving forward in their disciplines. McKenna Nickel completed her Gold skills and Junior Silver dances and Kaitlin Chamberlain and Katy Flack were successful with their Senior Silver skills at high test days. McKenna was invited to the Kelowna Development Camp and attended along with one of her coaches who took part in the learning opportunities offered for coaches at the camp.

We held our "Spring Fling" in March 2015. Skaters choreographed programs and presented them to family and friends. Fun was had by all with games and activities for our members and their

families.

Our head coach Elise Magill has taken on the role of Director of Programs and we are thrilled she has accepted this position. The club has implemented a restructure of our programs to reflect the LTAD model. This allows us to offer more specific programs for the test and competitive stream and will allow skaters to focus on their goals.

This coming season will be our bi-annual ice show. The coaches and the skaters are all looking forward to that event which will be held March 10-12, 2016.



# SUNSHINE COAST SKATING CLUB



**CLUB GOLD RANKING...** The SCSC board of directors, coaches and members are very proud to have achieved the Gold Club ranking. Congratulations to everyone for their participation and hard work.

## SUMMER ICE PARTICIPATION...

Unfortunately the SCSC was not able to secure any ice from April thru August again this year. Some of our skaters were able to attend elsewhere, one member attended Brian Orser's school in Toronto - a fabulous experience and opportunity - along with attending a camp in Russia with Alexei Mishin - another amazing experience! One Club member attended for 3 months in Korea, our Club partnered with the Squamish SC to obtain ice in Vancouver where 4 SCSC skaters attended sessions throughout July and Aug.

## "I LOVE A PARADE"....

The club participated in two local parades on the Sunshine Coast: the Canada Day Parade in Sechelt and the Sea Cavalcade Parade in Gibsons. Thank you RONA (Russ and Tess Jones) for generously donating use of their truck for decorating and driving in the Gibsons parade and to Aspen Wing for the use of her van in the Sechelt Parade. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this year's float decorating for the Sea Cavalcade Parade and to the skaters (and coach Daryl Austman) who rode or walked in the parades representing the club. The club handed out freezies, candy and flyers for registration in our Boot Camp as well as for September registration.

## PRE SEASON BOOT CAMP...

The SCSC is offering a one week pre- season Boot Camp at the Gibsons Arena designed to give skaters a running start at their fall skating season. The camp includes on-ice and off-ice training components as well as some fun off- ice activities.

**BC/YK SUMMERSKATE COMPETITION....** Due to no ice, our skaters were not able to participate in this competition, however, we would like to acknowledge and thank Jill Marie Jarvis, our Club's Test Chair and honorary member for her hard work and volunteerism, in her role as chief cook and bottle washer for this competition, her food prep is always gratefully appreciated by all in attendance!

We all look forward to a fun filled, exciting winter season!

*Photo Left- Summerskate 2015 meeting the team, L-R Danielle Williams (BC/YK Section), Jill Marie (Sunshine Coast SC), Marg Warwick (Connaught SC) and Bev Viger (BC/YK Section)*

# Vancouver SKATING CLUB



On June 27th and 28th we hosted a fantastic seminar with Olympic World Level Coach Tammy Gambill! The event was well attended. Everyone had a blast!!



The summer was also a creative time with a wonderful SUPER HERO theme day!!



Further great times were had with our awesome looking group of VSC skaters!!



## Mt. Boucherie Skating Club

**D**onna Bergvinson, one of our adult skaters, had a great season. Donna won 2 gold medals at the Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships held in Calgary. The first medal was awarded in Intro Open Freeskate while the second was awarded in Pre-Introductory Interpretive. Donna's goal is to one day go to the Adult Worlds in Germany.

Breanne Bergvinson, one of our Gold Women skaters, also had a great final season winning 7 medals in total for all her events. Breanne was presented with the Mt. Boucherie Skating Club bursary at her graduation by her mother, Donna, who is also a board member. She plans to attend UBC Okanagan for a bachelor's in Human Kinetics in hopes of becoming a physiotherapist. Breanne will also be Coaching Canskate and will begin working with our Junior program this fall.

Mt. Boucherie skaters had a great start to the summer competitions with Kayla Smart, a Junior Women skater, winning the silver medal in Wenatchee. The Wild Rose competition in Edmonton had Tianna Potts winning a gold medal in the Juvenile U12 event and Kira Koffler placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Pre-juvenile U11 ladies.

MBSC skaters did a great job at the Summer Skate competition. Kira Koffler placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Pre-juvenile ladies U11, Tianna

Potts placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Juvenile Ladies U12, Makenna Jensen placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Pre-Novice ladies U16, and Kayla Smart placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Women.

We are all looking forward to a great fall competitive season. We will be hosting the Okanagan Interclub November 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. To find out more about our club please check out our website at [www.skatemtb.com](http://www.skatemtb.com).



Kayla Smart  
at Wenatchee



Tianna Potts  
at Wild Rose



Donna  
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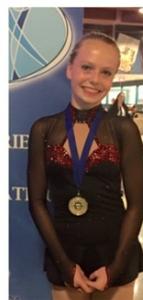
Breanne  
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Breanne's Graduation



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### Summer Skate



# Northern BC Centre for Skating

Spring brought beautiful weather to Prince George and saw many NBCCS skaters taking advantage of the centre's pre-summer office program. After a six-week long hiatus from the May long weekend to June 29, the ice was back at the Elksentre and the NBCCS' annual summer skating school commenced with skaters from junior academy to senior level taking to the ice, to hone their skating for the 201516 competitive season. The NBCCS also welcomed skaters from Williams Lake, Quesnel and Vanderhoof. In August our power skating program also saw hockey and ringette players going on the ice to prepare for the upcoming season.

Summer brought exciting news to the NBCCS with one of the centre's well known skaters, Justin Hampole, getting invited to represent BC as part of the BC/YK team going to the US for the Skate Detroit competition in July. Justin did amazing and made us all proud with placing 11th overall in his first International Competition.

For the SummerSkate in Burnaby the centre sent 7 skaters. Starting the centre's fall schedule was NBCCS's 3rd Annual MOVE clinic, where this year's main focus was skills needed for competition and assessing skaters. As a result of the MOVE Clinic, a number of our skaters are now moving up to a higher competitive level. With fall fast approaching, the NBCCS' executives have been hard at work implementing a new system called uplifter. Which will be an excellent tool to help with overall club management and registration for the upcoming season. We are all looking forward to a season full of skating, hard work and lots of fun.



# Prince George Figure Skating Club



**H**ello from the North. The Prince George Figure Skating has just come out of a very successful season and we are eagerly anticipating another! We extend a big welcome to our new coaches: Barbara Eimer as our Assistant Director of Skating, Katie Ball as our CanSkate Coordinator and Sharon Bull as a member of our CanSkate team. We welcome back:

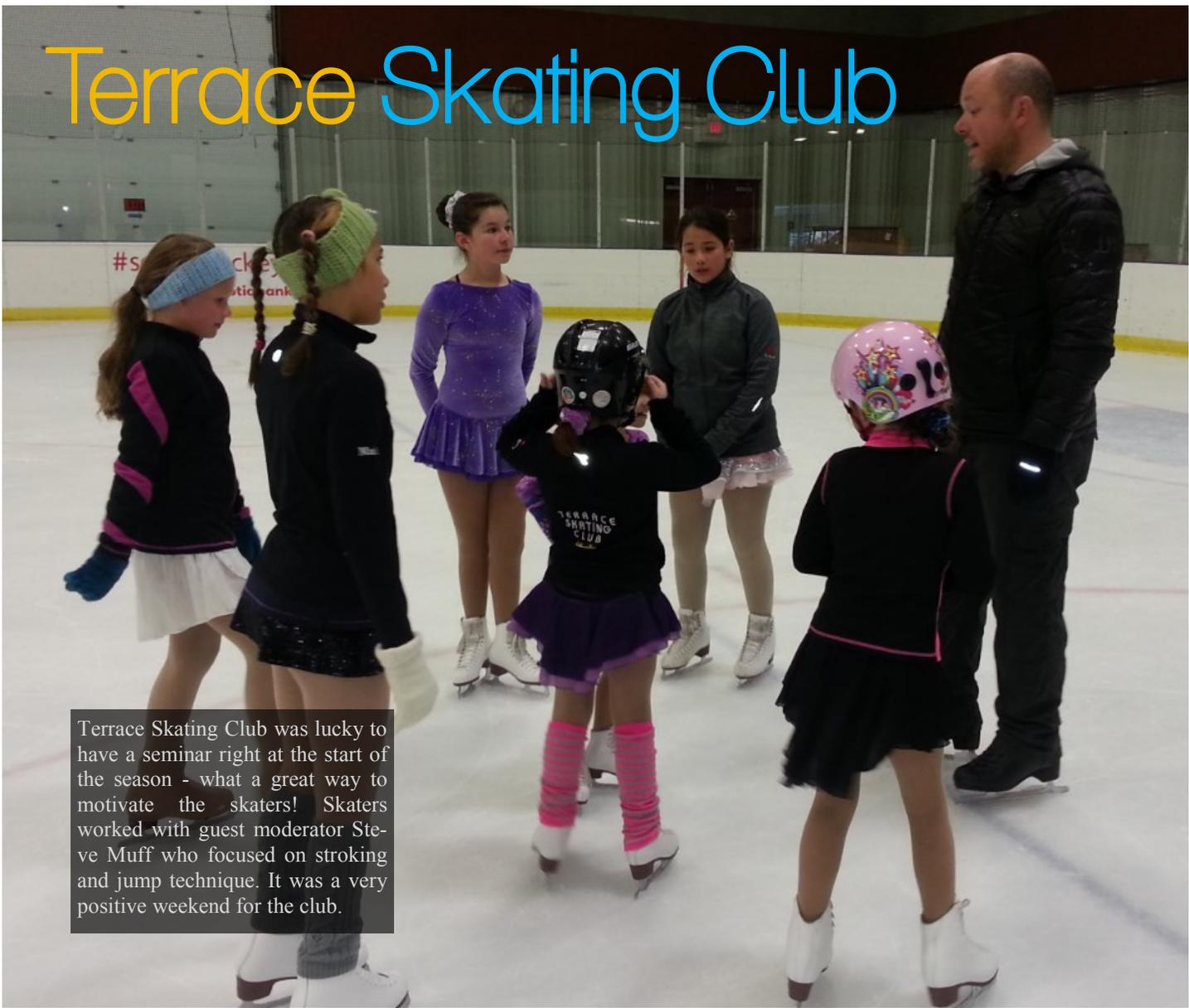
Jennifer Auston as our Director of Skating, Nicole Arnett, Courtney Iwaskow, Chelsea Akerley, Greg Galliazzo and Alison Aikins as our club coaches. Shout out to Danielle Sidsworth and Allyse Smith who will be joining us as helpers! Heading up the CanPower program will be Shawn Gendron joined by Chris Kaban. What a great team of coaches!! This year we bid

a fond farewell to Eric Henderson, long time CanPower coach with PGFSC. Thank you for all your years of service Eric - you will be missed!

Wishing all of our new and returning members an amazing season of learning and accomplishment!



# Terrace Skating Club



Terrace Skating Club was lucky to have a seminar right at the start of the season - what a great way to motivate the skaters! Skaters worked with guest moderator Steve Muff who focused on stroking and jump technique. It was a very positive weekend for the club.



# KOOTENAY REGION News



**F**ernie Skating Club Summer Camp 2015, hosted skaters from Elkford, Cranbrook, Creston, Kimberley, and even as far London England. These senior level and Competitive Star Skaters had the opportunity to train with Lilah and Jacob, from Great Britain, for two of the four week camp. Coaching staff included Kathy Sutherland- NCCP Level 3, Deb Joseph-NCCP Level 2, and Lisa Skubovius-NCCP Level 2. Many East Kootenay skaters improved their skills, jumps and free skate programs, as well as, increased their flexibility, endurance, balance/coordination with their off-ice program. The skaters had a great time practicing and getting to know each other.

### The Skating Pair:

"Lilah has grown up in London, England, but comes to Fernie at least twice a year and always skates at the FSC. About three years ago, Lilah and Jacob teamed up as an ice dance couple. They train at the Slough ice rink in the UK with coach Phillip Poole.

In 2013, they were British Novice Champions. In 2014, they were British Junior bronze medalists and competed abroad for Great Britain in Estonia, Germany and

Hungary. This year they have been named to the National Performance Team for Great Britain.

Part of their summer training involved skating under Deb Joseph at the FSC. With her competitive ice dance background she had been helping them with their programs and getting them ready for the season ahead. They have loved their time in BC!"

-Kristen Fear





# Fernie Skating Club

Adina Gilliland of the Fernie Skating Club accepting an Outstanding Achievement award for winning the Pre-Intro-Interpretive at Nationals that took place at C.O.P in Calgary, Alberta April 2015.



Fernie Skating Club members Abby Hughes, Emma Nieuwesteeg, & Jodi Stemberger skated at the Wild Rose Alberta Summer Skate.



# Juan de Fuca Skating Club

The Juan de Fuca Skating Club has begun another season with a very busy schedule both on and off the ice! PA training was held with the club proudly having 19 amazing skaters volunteering their help on the 3 Cankstate sessions the club has per week. The skaters look forward to a Spooky Halloween Skate, Participating in Victoria's Santa Light Parade, the Christmas Gala and hosting Vancouver Island Regional

Championships this year, just to name a few highlights. Club skaters will be competing at Autumn Leaves, V.I. Interclub, BC Sections to start this fall season off. Our club's synchronized skating program is winding up for another season. Skaters ages 18 years and up are welcome to come out and take part in a fun and exciting Synchro and Skill Development Program where no synchronized skating experience is necessary.

The skaters are looking forward to building their skills which will be showcased to the club, friends and family at the end of the season. Summer Skating School was held for 5 weeks and we had skaters attend from other clubs and Regions and was well attended by our own Juniors, Intermediates, and Senior skaters, both Starskate and Competitive levels. We had skaters test at the end and also compete at BC Summer Skate in Burnaby.

There were many fun days throughout including movie night, glow in the dark mini golf, dress up theme days, watermelon Wednesdays and Freezie Fridays! There were also 2 showcase evenings for the families and friends to come out and watch the skaters perform. The skaters worked hard both on the ice and at the off-ice classes and had a great experience of combining hard work and fun!



JDF Skaters during off ice summer session



JDF Skaters glow in the dark mini golfing summer of 2015

# Saanich Skating Club of Victoria



**S**ummer Skating brought out the very best in our skaters. They worked hard but they also made time for fun. We had full participation on our theme days. The skaters always amaze us with their creativity.

This summer we offered a half day summer camp for Canskaters. They made some pretty spectacular crafting projects, and they mastered the sport of skating. The summer ended with a very successful test day.

Our new season started with 25 of our skaters participating in the Program Assistants clinic. We are fortunate to have so many skaters willing to give back to the club via their volunteering. Registration has brought us 20 brand new Canskaters so the Program Assistants will be kept very busy. We look forward to another exciting year of skating.

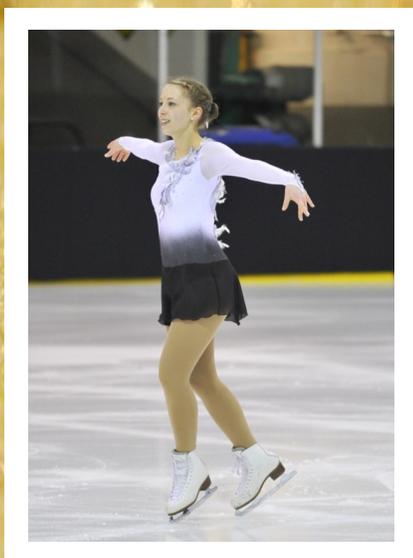
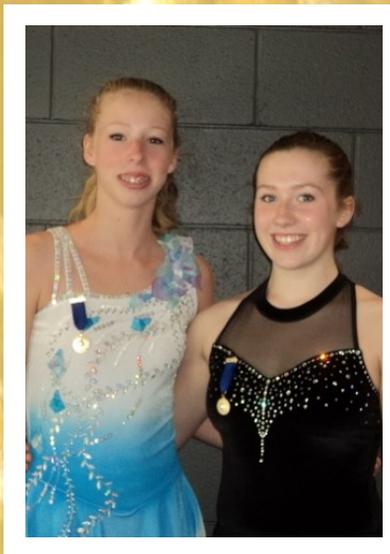


# *Gold Feet*

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## *Sungod Skaters Challenge Gold*

Five Sungod skaters “Challenged Gold” this past season; four Gold Freeskate Challenge and one Gold Interpretive. Above are Kyran Steuart and Valerie Williams with their well deserved Freeskate Gold medal. All skaters were quite nervous but they helped each other to remain confident and focussed. Congratulations to them for their success and camaraderie



## *Cloe Bernard*

Juan de Fuca Skating Club (JDFSC) is proud of our skater Cloe Bernard. She passed her Gold Interpretive test at the JDFSC summer school in August 2015. She is now a Skate Canada Gold test medalist in Freeskate, Skills, Dance and Interpretive!

Cloe is a member of JDFSC, however has returned to Quebec this month to finish her degree in art education at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. She will resume competing at the Gold level, before moving to Victoria permanently. Good luck Cloe!

## Coaches Corner

# Upcoming NCCP Courses

As the skating season has now started, we are working on organizing dates for future NCCP courses.

**The following dates are tentative:**

### **NCCP Instruction Beginner CanSkate Course**

March 25-27, 2016

Registration will be available in the new year

### **NCCP Instruction Intermediate Primary STARSkate Course**

March 18-20, 2016

Registration will be available in the new year

### **Skate Canada CanPower Course**

June 25-26, 2016

Registration will be available in the new year

### **NCCP Intermediate STARSkate Provincial Coach Course**

June 13-17, 2016

Registration will be available in the new year

**Information can be found on**

**[www.skatinginbc.com/national-coaching-certification-program](http://www.skatinginbc.com/national-coaching-certification-program)**



## Skate Canada Coach Registration Update

This past September 2015, Skate Canada implemented a new Members Only website as I am sure you are all aware. Through the implementation, many technical difficulties have arisen. To accommodate coaches who are experiencing issues with registration, Skate Canada has extended the registration deadline.

### **New Deadline: October 23, 2015**

This means that all coaches have until October 23, 2015 to register. Meanwhile, coaches who have not registered are allowed to coach on Skate Canada ice as long as they can prove they have updated First Aid, NCCP Qualifications, MED, Backcheck, and CEP Credits.

Any questions with the Registration process can be directed to [info@skatecanada.ca](mailto:info@skatecanada.ca)

# Coaches Corner



# NATIONAL COACHES WEEK

The BC/YK Section was thrilled to participate in National Coaches Week. Below are a few of the submission honouring BC/YK Coaches!

 <h2>Amanda Thomas</h2> <p><i>"Peace Passage Skating Club would like to thank our coach Amanda Thomas for all her hard work, encouragement to our skaters and always showing her enthusiasm and love of skating."</i></p> 	<h2>Killarney Centre FSC</h2>  <p><i>"The Killarney Centre Figure Skating Club would like to thank the KCFSC Coaches team ( Peter Ahluwalia, Sarah Metcalfe, Josh McRae, Michelle Moscone and Alexis Wik) for their continuous support for skaters, no matter if they're in canskate or Senior! We love you guys!"</i></p> 
<h2>Stacey Brown</h2> <p><i>Determination: Coach Stacey Brown working tirelessly to keep Hazelton skating since our arena was condemned in March and the roof was demolished.</i></p> <p>- Hazelton Skating Club</p>  	<h2>Jill Marie Harvey</h2>  <p><i>"Our very special coach is Jill Marie Harvey from Champs International Figure Skating Centre of British Columbia. She has taught figure skating lessons to my daughter for two and a half years already after we have moved to this great skating school. We would like to thank her from the bottom our hearts, for all the time and effort that she has put into coaching our daughter and other skaters through all these years. We really appreciate what she has done for the skaters and especially for our daughter. Our daughter wouldn't been in the place she is now without her. Jill Marie Harvey has devoted so much time and effort into making her successful today. She has taught her sportsmanship, fair play and many values that she will need throughout life. Thank you Jill Marie Harvey for your guidance and continuing support"</i></p> 
 <h2>Steve Muff</h2> <p><i>"Thank you so much for all the hard work you do for us. We can always count on you to push us to do our best. You are the best coach ever and we are so lucky to have you. Thank you for being there for us!"</i></p> 	 <h2>Andrea Fleming</h2> <p><i>"Thank you for always pushing us to expect more from ourselves, you make us want to skate better and spin to perfection."</i></p>
<h2>Mt. Boucherie SC</h2> <h3>Tamara Mapoles</h3> <p><i>"Thank you for always putting a smile on everyone's face, your enthusiasm is always amazing to be around. We always look forward to your outstanding choreography."</i></p>  <h3>Anne McGraw</h3> <p><i>"Thank you for your gentle pushing to make us better skaters, we always look so forward to your lessons. You bring a special touch to our programs."</i></p> 	 <h2>Lorna Bauer</h2> <p><i>"Lorna has inspired me to go farther in this sport then I ever thought I would. She is the most dedicated Coach, Mentor and Friend!"</i></p> 
  <h2>Joanne McLeod</h2> <p><i>"You make me stronger and more determined with each passing day. You inspire me to be the best that I can be. Thank you, Joanne!"</i></p> <p><i>"Joanne McLeod is the director of Champs International Skating Centre of British Columbia. She is a brilliant coach who shares her vast knowledge and wisdom with all her skaters. Joanne always goes the extra mile to encourage you, support you, and helps you turn your dreams into reality."</i></p>	<h2>Danalee Harrison</h2> <p><i>"Thank-you Danalee for your dedication and passion to building our teams and inspiring us with new choreography each season. No matter if we are your 10 year old skaters or we are the ones who are 56, we notice everything you do for our club and the sport. Your hard work beyond our practices each week is appreciated!"</i></p>  

You can find all of the submission on our website [www.skatinginbc.com](http://www.skatinginbc.com) , Facebook Page Skate Canada British Columbia/YT, or on our Twitter Page [Skate Canada BC/YT](https://twitter.com/SkateCanadaBC/YT)

## Coaches Corner

# Coach Education Scholarship

Skate Canada professional coaches teach far more than just skating skills. In fact, coaches have a huge impact on the lives and development of their athletes by teaching them to be active for life. Achieving coaching success is not only demonstrated by what the athlete achieves but also how the coach assists them in accomplishing their goals. Extraordinary coaches inspire a Skate for Life philosophy and live by a set of values that define how they coach and the type of coach they strive to be.

In honour of former Chief Operating Officer Bethany Tory, Skate Canada is pleased to announce the Coach Education Scholarship. Over the next three years of this quadrennial, this Scholarship will recognize those coaches who meet the following characteristics:

- Embrace a skate for life philosophy
- Exemplify the values of integrity, fairness, courage, and generosity
- Are dedicated to improving their coaching skills through expanding their academic knowledge



During each of the next three years, Skate Canada will award up to five, **\$2,000** scholarships to Skate Canada professional coaching members who best meet the application criteria and requirements. To be eligible, applicants must be currently enrolled or participating in a post-secondary program at a recognized college or university and be pursuing a degree or diploma that is applicable to their role as a skating coach. In the first year of the program, 2015-2016, special consideration will be given to those coaches teaching Can-Skate.



[Apply Here](#)

# EVENTS

2015/ 2016 Season

# Calendar

## Autumn Classic International

October 13-15, 2015  
Barrie, Ont

## Super Series Autumn Leaves

October 16-18, 2015  
Chilliwack, BC

## Skate Canada International

October 30-1, 2015  
Lethbridge, AB

## Super Series BC/YK Section Championships

November 5-8, 2015  
Coquitlam, BC

## Vancouver Island Interclub Competition

November 13-15, 2015  
Parksville, BC

## Jingle Blades Competition

November 20-22, 2015  
Aldergrove, BC

## Kla How Ya Competition

November 27-29, 2015  
Snow Valley, BC

## Okanagan Interclub Competition

November 27-29, 2015  
Mt Boucherie, BC

## Gold Nugget Competition

November 27-29, 2015  
Whitehorse, Yk

## Skate Canada Challenge Event

December 2-6, 2015  
Edmonton, AB

## Featured event



### Super Series Autumn Leaves

October 16-18, 2015  
Chilliwack, BC

## West Kootenay Invitational

December 4-6, 2015  
Castlegar, BC

## BC/YK Open Synchro & Adult Competition

December 12, 2015  
South Surrey, BC

## ISU Grand Prix Final

December 10-13, 2015  
Barcelona, Spain



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For more information on these events please visit our website

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



## Champs International Skating Centre of British Columbia



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***Fall/Winter/Spring Season: Sept 8, 2015 - May 12, 2016***  
*Sanctioned by Skate Canada*

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*Both Joanne McLeod, Skating Director, and Megan Wing & Aaron Lowe, Competitive Dance Coaches have won Skate Canada National Competitive Coach of the Year recognition.*

*We take pride in not just performance excellence but also in building coping and confidence skills for life.*



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- *Off-ice physical strength training facility and program (Acceleration Program)*
- *Currently sports a beautiful wall mural*



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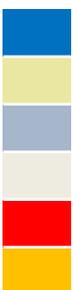
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