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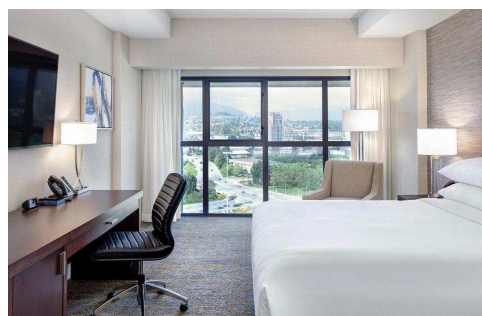
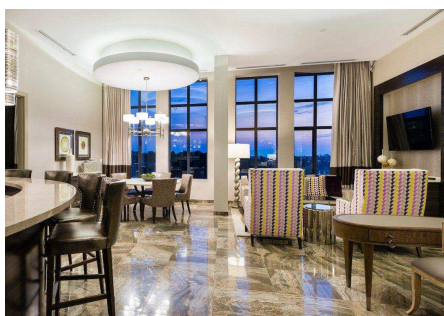
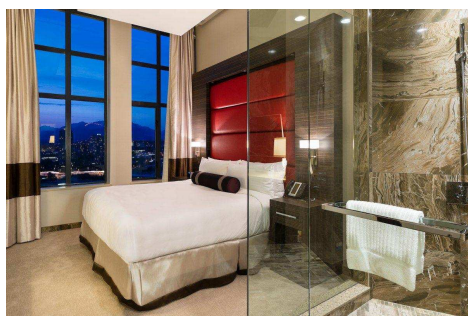
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**Thank you to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors**



*Missing Board Members: Janice Hunter and Marilyn Kreuzinger*

**59<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
BC/YK SECTION – SKATE CANADA  
Saturday, April 27, 2019  
Delta Burnaby Hotel – Burnaby, BC**

1. **Chairman's Opening Remarks** – Hilary Quick welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed her appreciation for all the hard work from the clubs and volunteers. She also commented on how our meeting today is being live streamed to our membership. Hilary welcomed Debra Armstrong, Skate Canada Chief Operating Officer to the meeting as our guest. At this time, we remembered those who left us this past year-Billie Mitchell – CFSA/ Skate Canada President, BC/YK Section Chair, Arbutus Club Founder, and BC/YK Section Hall of Fame member, Sylvain Guibord – Patinage Quebec, Michelle MacNamara – Newton FSC, Dave Marcy – South Okanagan SC, Peter Sloman – BC/YK Section Board Member, and Madeline Ellis – Totem FSC.

**1.1 Convene Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Susan Morriss **AND SECONDED BY** Margaret Warwick **AND RESOLVED** To Convene the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the BC/YK Section – Skate Canada. Carried.

2. **Introduction of the Board and Committee Chairs for 2018-2019**

The following Board members were introduced:

Lorraine Mapoles, Sharon Dahl, Syd Hughes, Joan Omasta, Shelley Verhelst, Leslee Rushton, Janice Hunter, Margaret Warwick, Diane Nielsen, Laura Carr, Marilyn Kreuzinger.

The following Committee Chairs were introduced:

Kevin Gordon, Carol Geisbrecht, Jacinta Marina, Janet Gordon, Lynne Henderson-Drake, Dawn Williams, Brian Pound, Lesley Morrison, and Cheyenne Irvine.

The following staff members were introduced:

Ted Barton, Danielle Williams, Bev Viger, Courtney Lott, Haley Adams, Jamie McGrigor, & Steve Muff.

3. **Reading of the Notice of Meeting** – Notice was duly circulated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. 2019 by e-mail.
4. **Report of Credentials Committee**  
We have 91 of a possible 117 voting members present. Quorum is present.
5. **Declaration of meeting duly called and in order, if a quorum present –**

**MOVED BY** Siobhan Philips **AND SECONDED BY** Laura Carr **AND RESOLVED TO** Duly Call this Meeting to Order, as there is a quorum present. Carried.

6. **Motion to amend the agenda as necessary**

**MOVED BY** Robynne Shaw **AND SECONDED BY** Ryan Sutherland **AND RESOLVED TO** Amend the Agenda as necessary. Carried.

7. **Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOVED** by Lynne Henderson-Drake **AND SECONDED** by Gail Weber and **RESOLVED** that the agenda be approved as amended with flexibility where necessary.

8. **Minutes of the preceding AGM of May 5, 2018 –**

**MOVED BY** Cheyenne Irvine **AND SECONDED BY** Pat Mayne **AND RESOLVED TO** Approve the Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> AGM from May 5, 2018. Carried.



9. **Report of the Nominating Committee – Lorraine Mapoles** – There are 3 positions to fill – Director of Finance (Two Year Term), 1 Director (Two Year Term) and 1 Director (Two Year Term).
10. **Review of voting procedures & appointment of scrutineers** – this shall be by a show of hands using your voting cards. If a request is made for a secret ballot vote, the following have been named as scrutineers for this meeting: Jamie McGrigor, Steve Muff, Courtney Lott and Bev Viger.
11. **Skate Canada Report-Debra Armstrong- Chief Operating Officer- Skate Canada** – A video message from Skate President, Leanna Caron was played. Debra presented the Skate Canada Update Presentation.
12. **Executive Director Report** – Ted Barton-Ted provided an update on current programs and initiatives and discussed the status of future projects.
13. **Chairman's Report Hilary Quick** – Hilary provided a highlight of successes within our Section this past year and items we will be working on in the upcoming season. She also highlighted that the BC/YK Section will be hosting the 2019 Skate Canada International in the upcoming season and that we are all very much looking forward to hosting this event.
14. **Director of Finance Report** – Syd Hughes. Syd thanked the finance committee – Lorraine Mapoles, Bev Viger, Hilary Quick and Shelley Verhelst. Syd then reviewed our income and expenses with a net profit of \$199,834. The net profit was much larger this year because of hosting three ISU Championships in the 2018/2019 fiscal. This is rare and will not happen again,

**MOVED BY** Syd Hughes **AND SECONDED BY** Joan Omasta **AND RESOLVED TO** Accept the Financial Statement as circulated. Carried.

## 15. **Board & Committee Reports**

15.1 **Past Chairman's Report – Lorraine Mapoles** - Nothing to add.

15.2 **Vice Chairman – Shelley Verhelst** -This past season 57 clubs had an increase in membership in the BC/YK Section. The BC/YK Section membership increased by 623 or 3.5% from the previous year. Welcome back to Skate Lillooet, and one inactive club Princeton SC. The Club who had the largest increase in membership by numbers was the White Rock South Surrey Skating Club who increased their membership by 137 members. Honourable mention to Connaught SC and Sungod SC. The Club was who had the largest increase in membership by percentage is Grand Forks SC who increased their membership by 147%. Congratulations to all clubs who increased their membership. We had 34 clubs participate in the Club Recognition with 4 Platinum Clubs, 15 Gold Clubs, 10 Silver Clubs, and 5 Bronze Clubs.

15.3 **Director – Sharon Dahl**. –There is an error in the report book. Lyse Prendergast should be listed as the BC Coast Data Specialist Rep. Thank you to the Data Specialist Reps in each Region. Lyse Prendergast - BC Coast Region, Jeanien Carmody Fallows - CNC Region, Allana Ferro - Kootenay Region, Megan Sutherland - Okanagan Region, Kathy Wallace - Vancouver Island Region.

15.4 **Director – Joan Omasta** - At the registration desk there are brochures for the Commit to Kids Program.

15.5 **Director – Leslee Rushton** - Nothing to add.

15.6 **Technical Director – Janice Hunter** – Not in Attendance

15.7 **Judges Committee Chairman – Dawn Williams** - Not in Attendance

15.8 **Competitions – Bev Viger** - Nothing to add.

15.9 **Music and Announcer Report -Wendy Martin-Stroyan** - Nothing to add.

15.10 **Skaters Development - Laura Carr** - The Skater Development Committee is looking at how we can develop pairs and dance in the Section. We need to figure out how to build the disciplines. This past season we have seen an increase in the number of boys competing in the Section.

15.11 **Skating Programs – Margaret Warwick** - Nothing to add

15.12 **Adult Skating – Cheyenne Irvine** - Nothing to add.

15.13 **Synchronized Skating - Lesley Morrison** - Nothing to add.

15.14 **Coaching Representative- Marilyn Kreuzinger** - Not in Attendance.

15.15 **Hall of Fame - Syd Hughes** - Nothing to add

15.16 **Athlete Trust- Diane Nielsen** - Thank you to Bev Viger, Shelley Verhelst, Wendy Martin-Stroyan and Courtney Lott for all the organization on the Auction and the Boat Cruise. Thank you to everyone who attended the boat cruise last night. We raised \$2003.50 for the Athlete Trust on the cruise last night. Thank you to the Kelowna SC, the Vancouver Island Region and the BC Coast Region for their monetary donations to the Athlete Trust.

15.17 **Publicity- Brian Pound** -Nothing to add.

15.18 **BC Coast Region Chairman's Report – Kevin Gordon** – Nothing to add

15.19 **CNC Region – Carol Geisbrecht** – Not in Attendance

15.20 **Kootenay Region – Jacinta Marina** – Not in Attendance

15.21 **Okanagan Region - Janet Gordon** – Not in Attendance.

15.22 **Vancouver Island Report - Lynne Henderson-Drake** – Nothing to add.

**MOVED BY** Lynne Henderson-Drake **AND SECONDED BY** Ethan Swinburnson **AND RESOLVED TO** Approve the Committee Reports as circulated. Carried

16. **Election of Officers** - Lorraine Mapoles asked each candidate to speak briefly.

All positions were acclaimed. Director of Finance-Joanne Nickel, Director-Sharon Dahl and Director- Shannon Downing.

17. **Appointment of Auditor**

**MOVED BY** Diane Nielsen **AND SECONDED BY** Syd Hughes **AND RESOLVED TO** Appoint Loewen Kruse. as auditors for the BC/YK Section - Skate Canada for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Carried.

18. **Appointment of Legal Counsel**

**MOVED BY** Allana Ferro **AND SECONDED BY** Gail Weber **AND RESOLVED** to appoint Norton, Rose and Fulbright LLP as Legal Counsel for the BC/YK Section - Skate Canada for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Carried.

19. **New Business**

19.1 **Motion to Pay he Bills of this Meeting**

**MOVED BY** Laura Carr **AND SECONDED BY** Siobhan Philips **AND RESOLVED** to pay the bills of this meeting. Carried.

19.2 **Staff Milestones** - Courtney Lott was presented a gift card from the BC/YK Section for celebrating her 5 Year Staff Anniversary.

19.3 **Skate Canada-BC/YK Section Hall of Fame** - Hilary congratulated the 5 members of the 6<sup>th</sup> class of the BC/YK Section Hall of Fame. The 5 inductees will be inducted at the awards banquet tonight.

19.4 **Skate Canada Ice Summit** - A reminder that the Ice Summit takes place in Ottawa, Ontario on May 23-26, 2019. It is up to every club to register to vote at the Ice Summit. There will be an election at this meeting for various board positions.

19.5 **AGM Photographer** - Thank you to Brett Barden for photographing the Section AGM Weekend.

20. **Introduction of the new BC/YK Section Board of Directors and Committee Chairs**

Board Members:

Hilary Quick - Chairman

Lorraine Mapoles - Past Chairman & Nominating Committee Chair

Shelley Verhelst - Vice Chairman & Membership Chair

Joanne Nickel - Director of Finance

Sharon Dahl - Director & Data Specialist Chair

Shannon Downing - Director

Leslee Rushton - Director

Janice Hunter - Technical Committee Chair

Marilyn Kreuzinger - Coaches Rep

Diane Nielsen-Athlete Trust Chair

Laura Carr-Skaters Development Chair

Margaret Warwick - Skating Programs Chair

**Committee Chairs:**

Kevin Gordon – BC Coast Chair

Carol Geisbrecht – CNCR Chair

Allana Ferro – Kootenay Chair

Janet Gordon – Okanagan Chair

Lynne Henderson-Drake – Vancouver Island Chair

Dawn Williams – Judges Committee Chair

Brian Pound – Public Relations & Historian

Lesley Morrison – Synchronized Skating Chair

Cheyenne Irvine – Adult Skating Chair

Syd Hughes-Hall of Fame Chair

21. **Announcement of the time & place of the new Board of Directors Meeting** - Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Firenze/Venezia Room

22. **Closing Remarks** - Hilary thanked everyone for attending and taking part in the meeting. The Section accomplished a lot of great things this year, and will continue to do so as we move forward. Lunch will be served momentarily and then our keynote speaker will begin at 12:30pm.

23. **Adjournment** – Diane Nielsen at 12:12pm.

*Hilary Quick*

Signature of Chairman

May 29, 2019

Date





What a year this has been! As I reflect on this year so many great memories stand out, but they seem so far away as we are now faced with the realities of a global pandemic. What started as a standout season will now stand out for how it ended. With our rinks closed, our events cancelled, but most importantly our community coming together to do the responsible thing so that we can get back to a new normal.

Some of this season's highlights were hosting Skate Canada International in Kelowna. We were treated to amazing skating, great volunteer teamwork, and more Winnie the Pooh bears than we can count! I also had the pleasure to attend the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships and to witness Emily Bausback of BC win the Senior Women's title, the first title won by someone from BC since Karen Magnussen in 1973.

We faced change this year with the introduction of the Star 6 – Gold test system. Change is never easy and we have all learned to stay the course and am thankful for the work coaches, officials and skaters have done to embrace this new program. We know that this program is still evolving and I personally will use some of my quarantine time to brush up

on my e-learning, I hope others will join me with this.

The Pond to Podium Super Series continues to grow. We have seen an increase in the number of skaters competing, which pushes us to up the quality of the delivery of the events that we offer. The success of these important events provides opportunities for skaters to compete at events with the highest delivery standards and allows officials the opportunity to officiate at large events which provides opportunities for growth and promotion.

I am always amazed at the work our volunteers do to support our athletes, coaches, and officials. Through their hard work we have seen officials gain promotions nationally and internationally. We have seen athletes earn medals nationally and internationally. This takes incredible mentorship, strategic planning and perseverance.

This work would not be possible without:

- An amazing board of directors
- A progressive office staff
- Strong region boards
- Efficiently run committees
- Passionate club boards who deliver quality programming

As our Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry says, "Be calm, be **kind**, be safe."

I hope to see you all at a rink in the near future.

Sincerely,  
Hilary Quick  
BC/YK Section Chair



As I finish my fourth and final term as Past Chairman for the Section, I want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to be on this great Board of Directors. What a wonderful group of dedicated individuals who bring differing opinions and ideas to the table, and who work together to agree upon the best plan for the Section and its members.

The staff members that we have working on our behalf are truly fabulous. They all have a passion for our sport, and a willingness to work with volunteers on the Board, in the Clubs, parents, skaters, and Skate Canada. They work quite tirelessly to provide excellent platforms for skaters to excel and reach whatever goal they aspire to. They share their knowledge with Coaches, Clubs and Regions. Each of them interacts with members of the Section Board and provide support for whatever program or project the Board is doing. It is because of them that life as a Director on the Section Board is a pleasure, and we can be productive.

This past year I have been a member of the Finance Committee, which is led by our Director of Finance Joanne Nickel. This was Joanne's first year in this role and I have to congratulate her on what a great job she has done. It can be very confusing dealing with everything on this committee but Joanne has done an admirable job in leading us through it all.

As Past Chairman, I Chair the Nominating Committee. I want to thank and congratulate the following people who put their names forward to be on the Section Board of Directors:

Chairman – Hilary Quick

Vice Chairman – Shannon Downing

Director (2 yr term) – Shelley Verhelst

Director (1 yr term) – Leslee Rushton

All of these Directors will be acclaimed at the AGM. All four of these ladies have experience on the Board and will do a great job on behalf of the membership.

I am always willing to help out wherever I am needed in the Section, and even though I will no longer sit on the BC/YK Section Board, I am still available! I will see many of you at the rink once we can get back in them – hosting competitions and cheering on our skaters. I'll be in the DS room enjoying the company of those wonderful volunteers.

Take care everyone and I do hope to see everyone soon!

Lorraine Mapoles  
Past Chairman  
BC/YK Section Skate Canada



I would like to start by thanking everyone for looking through our AGM Report Book and hopefully you will be joining us virtually for our Annual General Meeting. It has definitely been a challenging end to our skating season!

This past year we updated all of the documents in the Membership Manual including the "To Do List for Clubs and the Club Recognition Documents". A few new documents have been added, like the "Rule of Two Guidelines". All the documents in this manual contain necessary and helpful information needed for operating a Skating Club. This manual was emailed to the Club email address, along with other mail-outs throughout the year. Therefore it is important that the Club email address be checked regularly and the information directed to the appropriate people. All the mail-outs can be found on the BC/YK Section website, along with other important skating information. Please check the website regularly.

As of March 31, 2020 the BC/YK Section Skate Canada had a membership of 18437 which is a decrease of 271 over last years' membership. The trend shows that our increases in membership have been declining each year, though still on the positive side until this year where we show a decrease of membership. (Some of this decrease could be the result of Clubs not being able to run spring programs due to the Covid-19 pandemic)

2020 membership over 2019 had a decrease of 271  
 2019 membership over 2018 had an increase of 295  
 2018 membership over 2017 had an increase of 623  
 2017 membership over 2016 had an increase of 601  
 2016 membership over 2015 had an increase of 568

I would just like to remind everyone that **all members** of your Club need to be registered. This includes skaters, board members and officials. If they aren't registered, they are not insured and the Club will be liable for any injuries sustained by non-registered members.

The 2019-2020 membership (18437) was distributed throughout the Section as follows, with only Vancouver Island and Cariboo North Central Regions showing an increase in membership over last year.

BCCR	9188	49.8%
OKR	3528	19.1%
CNCR	2539	13.8%
VIR	2117	11.5%
KOR	1065	5.8%

Only 45 of the 105 Clubs and Skating Schools in the Section (43%) had an increase in membership. This is down from 57 Clubs last year. The number of Clubs showing an increase in membership by Region are:

CNCR	10/20	50%
OKR	9/20	45%
BCCR	15/36	42%
VIR	7/17	41%
KOR	4/12	33%

Every year we present a \$50 gift certificate to the Club that shows the largest increase in membership, defined by absolute number and by percentage increase. The Clubs showing increases this year are:



1) Largest increase in members registered:

Champs International Skating Centre of British Columbia in the BC Coast Region increased their membership by 106. They went from 775 to 881 members. Champs International SCBC will be sent a \$50 gift card. Honourable mentions go to Skate Sea2Sky in the BC Coast Region with an increase of 81 members and to Quesnel FSC in the Cariboo North Central Region for an increase of 69 members.

2) Largest Percentage increase in members registered:

This year the Hazelton FSC in the Cariboo North Central Region increased membership by an amazing 917%!! They went from a membership of 6 last year to 61 members this year. Well done Hazelton!! The Hazelton FSC will be sent with a \$50 gift card. Honourable mentions go to the Skate Sea2Sky with a 131% increase in membership and the Cowichan Lake & Distr. in the Vancouver Island Regio with a percentage increase in members of 96%.

<u>By Region:</u>	<u>Greatest Increase</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Greatest Percentage</u>	<u>Club</u>
BC Coast	106	Champs Inter. SCBC	131%	Skate Sea2Sky
CNCR	69	Quesnel FSC	917%	Hazelton SC
Kootenay	45	Columbia Valley SC	38%	Columbia Valley SC
Okanagan	22	Valleyview SC	40%	Revelstoke SC
Vancouver Island	22	Cowichan Lake & Dist.	96%	Cowichan Lake & Dist.

Thank you to all the clubs that took part in the Club Recognition program. These Clubs will be acknowledged at the AGM.

Shelley Verhelst  
Vice Chairman  
BC/YK Section, Skate Canada



I'd like to thank everyone on the Data Specialists Committee for the hard work they have all done this year within their regions.

The BC/YK Data Specialist Committee consists of:

Chairman	Sharon Dahl
Vice Chairman	Lorraine Mapoles
BC Coast Representative	Lyse Prendergast
Okanagan Representative	Megan Sutherland
Kootenay Representative	Allana Ferro
Cariboo North Central Representative	Jeanien Carmody-Fallows
Vancouver Island Representative	Kathy Wallace

As chair of this committee, I am responsible for staffing the section run competitions including the Super Series events, SummerSkate, Sectionals and BC/YK Synchronized Skating & Adult Skating Competition.

Our season started out strong and I would like to thank all of the Data Specialists who stepped up to the plate and worked all events. A great job was done by everyone, not only did our skaters receive their results quickly and accurately but working together closely with the production team allowed for efficient production of the live streaming that goes along with the Super Series events. Thank you to everyone who worked an event this year with a special thanks to those who stepped up and travelled outside their own region to lend a hand to other regions. BC was also well represented at the National level with our data specialists taking part in Skate Canada Challenge and Skate Canada Canadian Synchro Championships.

To start the season off we held a large computer clinic under the guidance of Alex Kilby and Norm Proft from the Skate Canada National Office. This was a big clinic as we all received new computer hardware – 7 new systems! – that all needed to be installed and tested. A great learning opportunity for all of us. Alex stayed in Vancouver for the weekend following the clinic and assisted at SummerSkate which was a great help. An introductory clinic was also held in the Coast Region during WinterSkate. This clinic was a "rules" only clinic as all attendees have had prior exposure to our DS rooms and the operations of the scoring systems. Another clinic was planned for Victoria Day, but due to the events cancellation we will look at doing this during SummerSkate (hopefully it will be a go!)

As we move into a new season it will hopefully be a great season. We are really looking forward to the start of the competitive year.

The calendar for next year's events is out there now, so if you haven't signed up yet please fill in your availability soon!

Sharon



It has been my pleasure to sit on the Section Board with this wonderful group of volunteers who support the BC/YK Section athletes, coaches and officials.

This past year I have followed up on all the hard work Joan Omasta did for Safe Sport for the Section. Joan and Courtney Lott, were able to provide me with the information needed for our Section to be able to send out to clubs in the fall manual, information on Commit to Kids and Rule of Two Guidelines.

Commit to Kids: Working Together to Keep Kids Safe in Sport, is a program of the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and is part of the Coaching Association of Canada's Responsible Coaching Movement. It is a resource guide with online training that is ideal for sports organizations, coaches, volunteers, and parents to help keep kids safe in sport in their role as protective adults.

Skate BC/YK and Skate Canada are proud to be following the Rule of Two Guidelines. This means that a responsible adult is never alone with or out of sight of any one athlete. Best practice is for two NCCP trained or certified coaches to always be present with an athlete (especially minors). All one-on-one interactions between a coach (official, volunteer or sport administrator) and an athlete must take place within view of the second screened adult. One coach/volunteer/adult should also reflect the genders of the athletes participating when possible.

In the fall, Skate Canada launched the Skate Canada Concussion Ed mobile app. The app is another step forward in the organizations goal of being a leader in Safe Sport by building awareness through education. The app was developed by Parachute Canada's team of experts and then customized for skating. It provides users with best practice, interactive resources and tools around how to prevent, recognize, manage and track concussions. The app also includes, return to sport guidelines. Skate Canada Concussion Ed provides a method to track signs and symptoms of concussion, following a diagnosis, enabling the user to track symptom duration and severity. The app pairs proven scientific research with fun, engaging material to ensure the information is accessible to everyone, whether you are an athlete, parent, educator or coach.

In November, I participated on behalf of the BC/YK Skate Canada in an online survey as well as a one-hour telephone interview on the Guidelines for Concussion in Sport. This was conducted for gathering information from various sports for the Implementation of Sport Specific Harmonized Concussion Protocols in Canada. Heather Shepherd (OT, MSc), a graduate student, Sport Injury Prevention Research Centre, Faculty of Kinesiology, University of Calgary conducted this interview for the project.

Skate Canada is proud to provide a safe and fun environment for all members of our community, in addition to Respect in Sport and Code of Ethics training for coaches and now also officials.

In May of 2019, I was fortunate to have the opportunity as a Section Board Member to attend the Skate Canada Ice Summit/AGM in Ottawa. The workshops provided so much valuable information for our sport. At our Section AGM as well as the Skate Canada Summit Keynote Speaker Dr. William Bridel spoke on LGBTQI2S Inclusion. He provided helpful sport specific resources on inclusivity and the ways we can make skating more inclusive. Leading the Way: Working with LGBTQ Athletes and Coaches is a resource in Canadian Sport from playground to podium aiming to make sport more welcoming. It suggests best practices for creating a sport environment that is safe and respectful for all.

Skate Canada will be unveiling the National Safe Sport Policy and the National Safe Sport Procedure this season. The meeting held during Canadians was spent reviewing those documents before they went to the Skate Canada Board for approval.

In these difficult times with the COVID-19 – Be Well, Stay Safe!

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslee Rushton, Safe Sport Director  
BC/YK Section, Skate Canada





As I reflect back on the past year I am in awe of the dedication and passion this board of directors offers our Section and of the tireless contributions by so very many within our organization.

It has been my pleasure to sit on the board for the first time, as a director primarily responsible for Policies and Procedures and keeping them up to date. Thank you to Lorraine and Danielle for their guidance and hard work with these efforts.

I look forward to my continued involvement on the board for the upcoming year and for the opportunity to work with such a talented and resolute group of people.

Shannon Downing  
Director  
BC/YK Section Skate Canada



• **Announcements for all Section, Region and Interclub competitions in the province were approved.** Thank you to the five Region Reps for your thorough work on all your Region's competition announcements: Karen Mallon, Syd Hughes, Cheyenne Irvine, Marilyn Kreuzinger and Lesley Runzer.

All announcements were posted on the Skating in BC website as well as schedules and results as they became available. Starting orders are posted for Super Series competitions.

• **STARSkate**

This past season there were no significant changes to the STAR competition requirements. At the time of writing this report, it is anticipated that there will be no changes for the 2020-2021 season. The roll-out by Skate Canada of evaluator training for STAR 6-Gold Assessments was very delayed in the fall and then underwent revisions in early 2020. Currently, the Skills discipline is now finalized and available for evaluators and coaches to access on the eLearning page of Skate Canada Member website. Please check the Skating

in BC website as well as the Skate Canada website on a regular basis for ongoing information related to STAR 6-Gold.

• **Competitive**

The 2020-2021 Competition Program Requirements for Pre-Juvenile to Novice have been posted on the Technical Page of the website. Technical Communications are posted under Technical Updates. These contain important information for coaches and officials.

- Changes for singles are the usual short program group changes for the Junior Women and Men and the solo spin for the Pre-Novice Men. There are no other changes anticipated.
- Ice Dance teams Pre-Juvenile to Novice will use the posted requirements for the new season. **Junior and Senior Ice Dance requirements will remain the same as for the 2019-2020 season.**

• **Technical Officials**

In Synchronized Skating, congratulations to Lauren Couture for her promotion to Section level Technical Specialist and to Shannon Downing for her promotion to Section level Technical Controller.

In June 2019, the Section held a Skate Canada Technical Panel Training seminar for Singles. Many participants are currently working on Phase Two. Unfortunately, with the cancellation of Super Series Vancouver Island and Super Series Victoria Day, the opportunities to complete are reduced and it will likely be next season before everyone has their final qualification. Congratulations to the following individuals were able to complete Phase Two: Kevin Reynolds - Section level Technical Specialist; Leslee Rushton, Shannon Downing and Ethan Swinburnson - Section level Technical Controller.

• **2020 Skate Canada Proposed Amendments**

There are proposed amendment to the Skate Canada bylaws this year but at the time of writing this report, they are unavailable. Due to COVID-19, the structure and format of the Skate Canada AGM is still being worked on. There will definitely be an online workshop on the proposed bylaw amendments. Watch for further information from Skate Canada and the BC/YK Section in the coming weeks.

• **Skating in BC Website - [www.skatinginbc.com](http://www.skatinginbc.com)**

The website is administered through the Section. We welcome all suggestions to help keep this an active and current site, which appeals to all skating family members. Please email me if there is something you would like to see on the website that is technical related. Thank you to those people who email me when they see errors or omissions... it is greatly appreciated!

• **Technical Clarifications**

All Technical changes, clarifications and pertinent information from Skate Canada and the ISU are posted on the Skating in BC website as they become available. Throughout the year I welcome any technical questions and am always available to clarify any rules or issues that coaches, skaters, parents and/or clubs may have. Many coaches continue to ask for clarifications on technical matters. I appreciate this communication and am pleased to assist whenever I am able.

The best way to contact me is by email: [janicedhunter@gmail.com](mailto:janicedhunter@gmail.com)



Guided by the Technical Chair, the BC/YK Section Judge's Committee contributes expertise and perspectives to the recruitment and development of Judges and Evaluators and ensures competitions and test days in the Section are serviced by competent, professional Judges/Evaluators.

The key duties of the Committee are as follows:

1. Establish and annually review the long-term vision and mandate of the Judge/Evaluator Committee.
2. Develop the annual operational plans and budgets for judge/evaluator initiatives.
3. Recruit, train and develop judges and evaluators in order that they can competently assess skaters.
4. Communicate with and provide educational opportunities and support for the BC/YK Judge/Evaluator community.
5. Assist in the development of judge/evaluator related input for the Section's annual strategic planning process.
6. Have input to Skate Canada policy changes and amendments that are submitted by the BC/YK Section.

The current members of the BC/YK Section Judge's Committee are as follows:

Chair	Dawn Williams
Technical Chair	Janice Huner
Past Chair and Regional Competitions	Pat Mayne
Secretary & Data	Angela Tremblay
Training - STAR	Amie Garras
Training - Competitive	Shannon Downing
Training - Evaluator	Joanne Nickel
Regional Competition Scheduling	Ethan Swinburnson
Region Judge's Rep Liaison	Cheyenne Irvine
Synchro Rep	Lesley Morrison
Staff Resource	Bev Viger

### **Summary of Activities this Past Season**

#### **Committee Meetings**

The BC/YT Section Judge's Committee met on 3 occasions this past season:

- In Person – April 27, 2019
- Via Conference Call – October 15, 2019
- Via Conference Call – February 28, 2020

In addition, members of this Committee attended the following Skate Canada National Judge/Evaluator Committee Meetings:

- May 24, 2019
- February 26, 2020.

#### **Judge/Evaluator Training**

##### **STAR Clinics**

Four STAR Clinics were held in our Section this past season...

<b>Region</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b># of Participants</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
Vancouver Island	November 2019	6	Amie Garras
CNCR	January 2020	3	Angela Tremblay
BC Coast	February 2020	10	Ethan Swinburnson
Okanagan/ Kootenay	February 2020	9	Cheyenne Irvine
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	

A big thank you to all Facilitators and welcome and congratulations to all our new judges.

##### **Competitive Singles Seminar**

Our Section's first Competitive Singles Seminar was held in Burnaby on June 1 & 2, 2019. The seminar was facilitated by Sherri McAndless and Amie Garras as well as five Learning Facilitator trainees. The singles qualifications of the ten participants ranged from STAR to Novice. Prior to the in-person seminar, online pre-work was required. Once the seminar and assessment process were completed, successful participants were either promoted to the Juvenile or Senior Invitational level. Then were then assigned a mentor. The mentors will hopefully help the judges achieve their Senior Sectional level, if that is what they aspire to and are able to achieve. Thanks to all who contributed to this phenomenally successful seminar and congratulations to all judge attendees who received a promotion. In addition, Judy Burwash, Shannon Downing, Cheyenne Irvine, Diane Kamagianis and Ethan Swinburnson all achieved their Senior Invitational Learning Facilitator status.

This year's annual Competitive Singles Seminar was planned for April 18-19, 2020. We had 10 participants sign up. Unfortunately, the seminar had to be cancelled due to COVID. The seminar will be re-scheduled when appropriate.

## **Competitive Ice Dance Refresher**

An Ice Dance Clinic/Refresher was held on Saturday June 22, 2019 at Burnaby Eight Rinks. The clinic was facilitated by Janice Hunter. We had a total of 20 officials attend the clinic/refresher. The morning session was for existing dance judges and they had the opportunity to watch an on ice training session of the new Tea Time Foxtrot dance and the Finnstep. The afternoon session was a clinic for those who expressed interest to become a dance judge.

## **STAR 1-4 Standards Update**

An informative STAR Update was held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Wednesday evening before Summerskate. This session was facilitated by Shannon Downing and Ethan Swinburnson. Sixty-nine people were in attendance, 46 coaches and 23 officials. Thirty-two people also watched the online live streaming version of the Update. An archived copy of the presentation is available on the skatinginbc website. A big thank you to both Shannon & Ethan!

## **Judge/Coach Competitive Seminar**

An informative and interactive seminar for coaches and judges was held on September 7 & 8 in Burnaby. ISU Referee and Technical Controller Karen Archer from Great Britain was the guest presenter. There was lots of great discussion and learning by all and feedback from participants was incredibly positive. Having almost an equal number of coaches and judges present really added to the discussions at each table.

## **National Synchro Trial Program**

Five BC judges attended the Synchro Trial Program at Nationals in Calgary in February. Connie Chu, Shannon Downing, Tiffany Edwardsen, Hilary Quick & Siobhan Phillips attended the clinic and Kortney Story from our Section was one of the program coordinators. Feedback from attendees was that the program was a good blend of classroom and ice-level experience, with good discussions about GOEs and PCs. The program attendees also used headsets so that they could hear the opinions of the tech panels and some higher level off duty judges. The clinic was very flexible and catered to the needs of the participants. A big thank you to Jennifer Betts and the Alberta Section for including the BC officials, organizing the program, and ensuring all received feedback on their judging.

## **Code of Ethics & Respect in Sport Training**

Both Code of Ethics and Respect in Sport Training became mandatory for all officials beginning the 2019-2020 season. Going forward, the Code of Ethics training must be completed each season. The Respect in Sport training will need to be completed once every three years. As officials cannot officiate until the training is completed, this committee will be required to track in our BC Section Official's Information Database whether the training is complete or not.

## **STAR 6-Gold Initiative**

As was reported in last year's annual report, Skate Canada was to complete their mandate of aligning the LTAD model to the assessment of skaters by replacing the old "Test" system with the Star 6-Gold Assessment Structure. Training modules were made available on Skate Canada's e-learning website to train all gold level evaluators. The training is mandatory prior to evaluators being able to assess skaters going forward. As very few evaluators completed the initial training, it resulted in us not having enough evaluators to service our assessment needs.

The STAR 6-Gold Skills and Artistic assessments were implemented on September 1, 2019 and the STAR 6-Gold Dance and Free Skate assessments were implemented on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. After receiving significant stakeholder feedback, many changes have been made to assessment requirements. In addition, in April 2020, Skate Canada decided to release revised evaluator training modules. To date, the Introduction, Skills & Artistic Modules have been re-released...Free Skate and Dance still to come. We are hoping more existing gold evaluators since the training has been revised. In addition, our plan is to have a "New" Evaluator Clinic in the Fall for those evaluators who were not at a gold level prior to the Star 6-Gold Assessment rollout and for anyone else who is interested in becoming a new evaluator.

A big thank-you to Joanne Nickel and Shannon Downing disseminating the ever-changing information about the new Assessment Structure to all the stakeholders in our Section.



## World's 2020 Officials Program

Congratulations to Hilary Quick & Ethan Swinburnson who were accepted to the Worlds 2020 Official's Program in Montreal. Unfortunately, as Worlds were cancelled due to COVID, so was the Worlds Official's Program.

## Skate Canada Fast Track Program for Officials

As was announced in April of 2019, Skate Canada was to introduce an Official's Fast Track Program in the 2020/2021 season. The program was intended to accelerate the promotion process for Senior Invitational Singles Judges who had previously competed at a Canadian Championship at either the junior or senior level. We have recently been advised that the program will not be going forward this upcoming season.

## Training Priorities for Judges for the 2020/2021 Season

Below is a list of our Committee's anticipated training priorities this upcoming season:

Activities	Dates/ Comments
Competitive Judge Coach Update/ PC Clinic	August 2020 (Wednesday prior to BC Summer Skate)
Competitive Singles Clinic	TBA... postponed from April
Competitive Judges Exchange	July to October 2020 (6 Officials)
Jr Grand Prix Trial Judge Program	August 2020
Nationals Trial Judge Program	January 2021
New Evaluator Clinic	Fall 2020
Novice Synchro Clinic	Fall 2020
Synchro Judge Coach Update	October 2020

## Promotions

Following are the promotions that were awarded to our Section's Judges this past season:

Name	Role	Level	Discipline	Region
Treena Chomik	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Melanie Kilcherr	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Colleen Laferriere	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Elizabeth McIlwraith	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Sarah Oxland	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Angela Qin	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Kate Risso	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Bianca Rodriguez	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Marya Speton	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast

Name	Role	Level	Discipline	Region
Robyn Summers	Judge	STAR	Singles	BC Coast
Jessalyn Aitken	Judge	STAR	Singles	CNCR
Reese Johnson	Judge	STAR	Singles	CNCR
Lane McAvany	Judge	STAR	Singles	CNCR
Larissa Verhelst	Judge	STAR	Singles	CNCR
McKenna Colthorp	Judge	STAR	Singles	Okanagan
Samantha Fallows	Judge	STAR	Singles	Okanagan
Michelle Fetzko	Judge	STAR	Singles	Okanagan
Brie Gibson	Judge	STAR	Singles	Okanagan
Olivia Gran	Judge	STAR	Singles	Okanagan
Olivia Levesque	Judge	STAR	Singles	Okanagan
Ashley Sales	Judge	STAR	Singles	Okanagan
Dani Valgardson	Judge	STAR	Singles	Vancouver Island
Rayven Algor	Judge	STAR	Singles	Vancouver Island
Nicole Dugaro	Judge	STAR	Singles	Vancouver Island
Pam Ellis	Judge	STAR	Singles	Vancouver Island
Heidi Schulte	Judge	STAR	Singles	Vancouver Island
Gee Son	Judge	STAR	Singles	Vancouver Island
Jessica Timmins	Judge	STAR	Singles	Vancouver Island
Steven Yeung	Judge	Juvenile	Singles	BC Coast
Ellen Bornowsky	Judge	Senior Invitational	Singles	BC Coast
Rosalyn Carr	Judge	Senior Invitational	Singles	Okanagan
Stephanie Lam	Judge	Senior Invitational	Singles	BC Coast
Carrie McClelland	Judge	Senior Invitational	Singles	BC Coast
Olivia Marleau	Judge	Senior Invitational	Singles	Okanagan
Ethan Swinburnson	Judge	Challenge	Singles	BC Coast
Shannon Downing	Judge	Juvenile	Pairs	BC Coast
Tiffany Edwardsen	Judge	Challenge	Pairs	BC Coast
Hilary Quick	Judge	Challenge	Pairs	BC Coast
Shannon Downing	Judge	Juvenile	Dance	BC Coast

Name	Role	Level	Event	Region
Ellen Bornowsky	Judge	Junior	Synchro	BC Coast
Shannon Downing	Judge	Senior	Synchro	BC Coast
Alex Clarke	Referee	Event	Singles	BC Coast
Stefanie Kent	Referee	Event	Singles	BC Coast
Sarah Lafebvre	Referee	Event	Singles	Okanagan
Carrie McClelland	Referee	Event	Singles	BC Coast
Colleen Norton-Jones	Referee	Event	Singles	Vancouver Island
Tiny Pauer	Referee	Event	Singles	BC Coast
Lesley Runzer	Referee	Event	Singles	Kootenays
Joanne Brandon	Referee	Sectional	Singles	BC Coast
Shannon Downing	Referee	Sectional	Singles	BC Coast
Andrea McMorran	Referee	Sectional	Singles	Vancouver Island
Joanne Nickel	Referee	Sectional	Singles	BC Coast
Cindy Smith	Referee	Sectional	Singles	Vancouver Island
Angela Tremblay	Referee	Sectional	Singles	CNCR
Laura Carr	Referee	Sectional	Pairs	Okanagan
Hilary Quick	Referee	Sectional	Dance	BC Coast

Congratulations to all the above!

In addition, we have just received confirmation that the following BC/YK judges will be writing exams at Challenge in December 2020 or Canadians in January 2021:

- Joanne Brandon - Challenge Pairs
- Shannon Downing - Challenge Singles
- Amie Garras - Challenge Pairs
- Hilary Quick - Canadian Dance
- Ethan Swinburnson - Canadian Dance

Good luck to all!

### **2019/2020 Tech Reps**

We would like to sincerely thank the following Tech Reps and their Assistants who volunteered their time this past season. Without these individuals we would not have been able to hold these competitions...

Event	Location	Tech Rep/ Assistant
SUPER SERIES VANCOUVER ISLAND	Parksville	Bev Viger/ Courtney Lott

Event	Location	Tech Rep/ Assistant
SUPER SERIES VICTORIA DAY	Fleetwood, Surrey	Shannon Downing/ Danielle Williams
SUPER SERIES SUMMERSKATE	Burnaby 8 Rinks	Bev Viger/ Margaret Warwick
SUPER SERIES AUTUMN LEAVES	Twin Rinks, Chilliwack	Cindy Smith/ Sarah Lefebvre
SUPER SERIES BC/YK SECTIONALS	Capital News, Kelowna	Bev Viger
Vancouver Island Interclub	Kerry Park	Judy Burwash
Jingle Blades	Prospera, Chilliwack	Ethan Swinburnson/ Shannon Downing
Okanagan Interclub	Summerland	Pat Mayne
Kla How Ya	Houston	Cindy Smith
Western Kootenay Interclub	Nelson	Sarah Lefebvre
Gold Nugget	Whitehorse	Peter Gibbons
BC/YK Open Synchro & Adult	South Surrey	Margaret Warwick/ Robynne Shaw
East Kootenay Interclub	Kimberley	Judy Burwash
CNCR Regionals	PRince George	Syd Hughes
Winterskate	Sportsplex, Langley	Shannon Downing
Vancouver Island Region Championships	Port Alberni	Cindy Smith
Okanagan Regionals	Salmon Arm	Cheyenne Irvine
Totem	Fort St John	Tiffany Edwardsen
West Coast Challenge	Ladner	Siobhan Phillips
Kootenay Region Championships	Creston	Debbie Mandryk
BC Winter Games	Fort St John	Bev Viger
SUPER SERIES STARSKATE FINAL & ADULT	Kelowna	Syd Hughes

Once again, Pat Mayne & Ethan Swinburnson did a fabulous job of coordinating Tech Reps and Officials for this season's 13 Regional Competitions. Thirteen Tech Reps were assigned and over 180 officials were used for the 13 competitions around the Section! Members of this committee once again updated the "BC/YK Section Tech Rep Manual for Regional Competitions" due to rule and process changes. This manual is posted on the skatinginbc website for the reference of all the Tech Reps of the regional competitions.

### **Awards & Accolades**

Congratulations to the following officials who were presented with awards at the 2019 BC/YK Section AGM Banquet:

- Ethan Swinburnson - Skate Canada Section Officials Award
- Peter Gibbons - Lifetime Achievement Award
- Jeannie Sent - Skate Canada Officials Award of Excellence (also the national winner of this Skate Canada Award).

In addition, the following judges received their service pins this past season:

- 25-year pin - Tiffany Edwardsen
- 50-year pin - Rowena Gajadhar & Jeannie Sent

Congratulations to all!

### **Retirements**

The following officials retired this past season...

Patti Crighton - 12 Years of Service (Vancouver Island)  
Debbie Murphy - 28 Years of Service (Vancouver Island)  
Barb Stott - 40 Years of Service (BC Coast)  
Kathryn Johnston - 50 Years of Service (Kootenays)  
Jeannie Sent - 54 Years of Service (BC Coast)

A total of 184 years of service for these 5 individuals... thank you to all for their many years of commitment!

### **Miscellaneous Items**

Our Annual Judge's Survey was emailed out to all BC Section Judges last June. Sixty-six percent of recipients completed the survey. A big thank you to those that completed the survey....not only did the information collected give us an idea of the official's training we needed to plan for, but it also ensured that we had current contact information for judges, and whether they wished to remain on our Section's Active Judge's List. We will be emailing out the link to the 2020 survey again this June.

This past season we sent out a Judges Newsletter in June. Our 2020 Spring Newsletter will be sent out soon and then our next newsletter will be sent out in the fall.

We continue to expand our use of Google Sheets to share documents with others. Ethan Swinburnson set up folders for all Tech Reps of Regional Competitions so that the most current versions of all pertinent documents are quickly available for all stakeholders. This continues to approve the accuracy of the information that is being circulated and has eliminated re-work. In addition, we continue to track all mandatory training and competition activity in our Official's Information Database.

This past year, letters were sent to 17 officials that had not officiated in more than 3 years. We received responses from 5 officials...2 confirming to remove them from our officials list and 3 wanting to re-train and remain on the officials list. Unfortunately, in the end, 14 officials were removed from the Skate Canada and BC/YK Officials Lists this past season due to inactivity.

This past season, Janice Hunter was a member of the Skate Canada National Board of Directors. In addition, Laura Carr, Janice Hunter, Joanne Nickel, Hilary Quick and Sally Rehorick were members of one or more of the other Skate Canada Committees.

### **In Closing**

In closing, I would like to thank my Committee for all their hard work and dedication to the Judge/Evaluator initiatives in our Section. I look forward to continuing to work with them and all of you in the 2020/2021 season.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn

Dawn Williams  
Judge/Evaluator Chair  
Skate Canada BC/YK Section





This competition report is on the 2019-2020 season and we are already well on our way into the Corona Virus lock down.

We had to cancel STAR 1-4 which was the last competition of our fiscal year and to date have also cancelled Vancouver Island Super Series and Victoria Day Super Series.

This was the tenth year of the BC/YK Section Pond to Podium Super Series and we clearly saw the positive results of this initiative. The numbers continue to grow slightly at each competition but we have not seen the steep growth we saw 2-3 years ago.

This year we hosted 1 extra event – Skate Canada International in Kelowna.

Our competition calendar year coincides with our fiscal year and starts with Vancouver Island Super Series and ends with STARSkate Final Super Series - April 1 to March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The following competition were held this year:

- April 5-7, 2019 Vancouver Island Super Series – Oceanside Arena, Parksville*
- May 17-19, 2019 Victoria Day Super Series - Fleetwood Arena, Surrey*
- August 16-19, 2019 – SummerSkate Super Series – Burnaby 8 Rinks*
- October 18-20, 2019 – Autumn Leaves Super Series – Sardis Sports Complex, Chilliwack*
- October 23-27, 2019 – Skate Canada International – Prospera Place, Kelowna*
- November 7-10, 2019 – Sectional Championships – Capital News Centre, Kelowna*
- Dec 15, 2019 – BC/YK Synchronized Skating & Adult Skating Competition– South Surrey Arena, Surrey*
- February 15, 2020 – West Coast Challenge Synchro Competition – Ladner Arena, Ladner*
- March 6-8, 2020 – STARSkate Final Super Series – Capital News Centre, Kelowna*
- March 21-22, 2019 – STAR 1-4 - CANCELLED*

Thank you to Marg Warwick and Robynne Shaw for all your work as Event Coordinators, and the entire Competition Committees as well as a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the army of volunteers throughout our province that have worked so hard to make our competitions successful. The music and announcing teams, the judges, the tech panels, the DS teams, the production teams, the LOC's and their volunteers. This could absolutely never happen if it was not for each and every one of you going above and beyond and donating countless hours to make these events happen. Thanks Skating Family!!

If you are interested in being a volunteer on our amazing team give me a call!

## Competition Committee

Cheyenne Irvine	Adult Skating
Janice Hunter	Announcements & Technical
Wendy Martin-Stroyan	Announcer Coordinator
Sharon Dahl	Data Specialist
Margaret Warwick	Event Coordinator
Robynne Shaw	Event Coordinator
Diane Nielsen	Hotels
Dawn Williams	Judges
Rebecca Oxland	Medical Coordinator
Murray Anderson	Music Techs
Steve Muff, Ted Barton	Production
Laura Carr	Scheduling
Lesley Morrison	Synchro
Bev Viger, Danielle Williams, Courtney Lott	Staff Event Managers

**2020 – 2021 Calendar of Events – any events to be cancelled will be on our website**

2020 Vancouver Island Super Series	Cancelled	Parksville
2020 Victoria Day Super Series	Cancelled	Fleetwood, Surrey
2020 SummerSkate Super Series	August 13-16, 2020	Burnaby 8 Rinks
2020 Autumn Leaves Super Series	October 16-18, 2020	McArthur, Kamloops
2020 BC/YK Sectional Championships	November 5-8, 2020	Parksville
2020 BC/YK Synchronized Skating & Adult Competition	December 12, 2020	South Surrey
2021 Canadian Championships	January 11-17, 2021	UBC
2021 Mountain Regional Synchro	January 29-31, 2021	Minoru, Richmond
2021 West Coast Challenge Synchro	February 13, 2021	TBD
2021 STARSkate Final Super Series	March 5-7, 2021	Kelowna
2021 STAR 1-4	TBC	

Thanks to all of you for your support over the past competition season!!

**BC/YK SECTION TEAM LEADERS**

A huge **THANK YOU** to the BC/YK team leaders for 2019-2020 Challenge and Nationals. The team leaders were Joan Omasta, Shelley Verhelst, Danielle Williams and Bev Viger. The team leaders spend long, long hours at the arena supporting the athletes and coaches and are the link between the LOC and Skate Canada. There is always a team leader at each arena and at the hotel manning the team room. The team room is open from first thing in the morning until the last thing at night and this person also does long hours. The team room is somewhere for the athletes to hang out when they are not at the arena. This is the hub for all information between the arena and the athletes and coaches and is a very important component of the athlete support. There are games, crafts and snacks, a warm safe environment and the skaters love it.



For the first time since Karen Magnussen in 1973, the Senior Women's Canadian Champion is a BC/YK skater! Congratulations, Emily Bausback! Unfortunately, Emily's season, like many others, was cut short with the cancellation of the World Figure Skating Championships in Montreal due to COVID-19. Earning a spot on the Canadian team is an honour and we commend her on her outstanding achievements this season.

BC/YK skaters had strong results again this season nationally and made gains at international events, including a silver by Aleksa Rakic on the Junior Grand Prix event in Courcheval, France. Our ice dancers had strong results internationally with Miku Makita and Tyler Gunera finishing just shy of the podium at their two Junior Grand Prix events and an eighth place finish at Junior Worlds in Tallinn, Estonia. Haley Yu and Brendan Giang started the season with a bang winning the Novice dance event at the North American Cup in Lake Placid, New York and finished up the season with a bronze at the Bavarian Open, in Oberstdorf, Germany.

Along with capturing the National title in Novice Women's singles, Amy Shao Ning Yang, set a new Canadian Record. Yang added another gold medal with a win at the Bavarian Open. Other national medals included a silver by Wesley Chiu in Junior Men and a silver by Emily Millard in Junior Women. In Novice Men, Brendan Wong won the bronze medal and then went on to win another bronze at the Bavarian Open.

It's always exciting to have local skaters participate in international events especially when they are hosted at home. Haley Sales and Nikolas Wamsteeker placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the ice dance category at Skate Canada International held in Kelowna. They also achieved a bronze medal at the Bavarian Open to close out their season.

Our Section was proud to have three skaters selected to attend the Youth Winter Games in Lausanne, Switzerland in January 2020. Aleksa Rakic skated to a fourth place finish in the men's event and Miku Makita and Tyler Gunera were fifth.

### Competitive Round Up

- # BC/YK Skaters Qualifying for Challenge: 39
- # Challenge Medals: 4: 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze
- # BC/YK Skaters who attended Nationals: 3
- # BC/YK teams who attended Synchro Nationals: 3
- # National Medals: 5: 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze
- # International Assignments: 27
- # International Medals: 6: 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze

### Development Events

In June of 2019, the annual June Program Components Camp was held for qualifying BC/YK Team skaters in conjunction with a Technical Camp for our Prospect and Development team skaters. Skaters attending the Program Components Camp had the opportunity to work one-on-one with international officials. Time was also allocated with technical specialists to review spin and step sequence levels. Judges also helped with giving feedback on GOEs for these elements.

The Technical Camp provided skaters and their coaches the opportunity to learn from top freeskate coaches Joanne McLeod, Scott Davis and Manon Perron. Off the ice, skaters had other classes including dance and nutrition workshops.

As part of the Camp, BC/YK Team members also undergo a series of physical tests. These tests measure strength, agility and cardio and are conducted by staff at Fortius Sport and Health.

Thank you to the BC/YK staff for organizing the camps and to the following officials who provided valuable feedback to our skaters:

Yukiko Okabe  
Sissy Krick

Andrea Derby  
 Rafella Locatelli  
 Jamie McGrigor  
 Lynne Dey  
 Karen Howard  
 Janice Hunter  
 Sally Rehorick  
 Beth Cane  
 Kelly Cruickshank  
 Nicole Leblanc-Richard  
 Susan Heffernan  
 Svetlana Lyapina  
 Manon Perron  
 Marie Bowness  
 Andre Bourgeois

Unfortunately, due to restrictions related to COVID-19, the 2020 Easter Camp, which is always a highlight for our STAR 4 and higher skaters, had to be cancelled as well as the June Program Components and Technical Camps. We look forward to hosting these events next season.

### **Synchronized Skating**

The BC/YK Section had three teams participate in 2020 Synchro Nationals this year: LMSSC Junior placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Junior category and in the Open Synchro Event Ice X-Calibur was 9<sup>th</sup> and Sakura 10<sup>th</sup>. On November 1-3<sup>rd</sup>, the Section hosted a Synchro Monitoring and Coach Development Seminar in Aldergrove. Expert coaches included Nancy Alexander from Gold Ice Organization who has coaches teams internationally and Aaron Lowe, international ice dance coach. Aaron provided guidance on improving skating skills. Teams had the opportunity to received feedback from judges on their programs as well in preparation for the season. Additional feedback was provided by judges at the BC/YK Synchro and Adult competition which was held the following month.

Thank you to Diane Kamagianis for joining the committee as our Synchro Rep. This season the Section reorganized committees and Synchro is now a part of Skater Development.

### **Super Series Feedback**

This season we continued to offer the Super Series Feedback Service to skaters and coaches. Skaters at the STAR 5 to Novice level could request feedback on either the technical side of their skating from a technical specialist or components and GOES from a judge. Skaters could select one or two programs from a Super Series Competition and feedback was conducted using video footage. This year we processed 24 requests. Thank you to Haley Adams in the office and Sally Rehorick for coordinating this program. Thank you to all our officials for lending your expertise and time to provide detailed assessments for our skaters.

### **Team Leaders**

The Team in Blue is always there to provide answers and support to our skaters and coaches. This incredibly knowledgeable team works tirelessly to help our skaters be at their best at national level competitions, filling in the gaps to reduce stress and make everything as enjoyable as possible. From the Team Room to behind the scenes, they have it all covered. Thank you for all you do!

Joan Omasta  
 Shelley Verhelst  
 Bev Viger  
 Danielle Williams

## Skater Development

Thank you to committee members: Aaron Lowe, Neil Wilson, Jason Mongrain, Keegan Murphy, Diane Kamagianis, Steve Muff, Jamie McGrigor, Sally Rehorick, Janice Hunter, Dawn Williams, and Marilyn Kreuzinger. Thank you to Kevin Bursey, who retired from our committee this year. We appreciate your contributions over the years.

A special thank you for the tireless efforts of our staff members Ted Barton and Danielle Williams.

## BC/YK Competition Results 2019-2020 Season

### Singles, Pairs and Ice Dance

Men	Category	Event	Result
Alexander Lawrence	Senior Men	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	8th
	Senior Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	8th
	Senior Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	2nd
Aleksa Rakic	Junior Men	JGP Courcheval, France	2nd
	Junior Men	JGP Zagreb, Croatia	12th
	Junior Men	Youth Olympic Games, Lausanne, Switzerland	4th
	Senior Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	5th
	Senior Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st
Beres Clements	Junior Men	JGP Lake Placid, New York, USA	9th
	Senior Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	11th
	Senior Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	3rd
Wesley Chiu	Junior Men	JGP Egna, Italy	13th
	Junior Men	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	2nd
	Junior Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	2nd
	Junior Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st
Gabriel Blumenthal	Junior Men	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	4th
	Junior Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	5th
	Junior Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	2nd
Shuma Mugii	Junior Men	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	10th
	Junior Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	13th
	Junior Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	3rd
Brendan Wong	Novice Men	Bavarian Open, Obertsdorf, Germany	3rd
	Novice Men	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	3rd
	Novice Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	3rd
	Novice Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	4th
	Novice Men	North American Cup, Leduc, AB	4th
Shohei Law	Novice Men	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	4th
	Novice Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	2nd
	Novice Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st
	Novice Men	North American Cup, Leduc, AB	6th



David Li	Novice Men	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	5th
	Novice Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	4th
	Novice Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	2nd
	Novice Men	North American Cup, Leduc, AB	9th
Terry Yu Tao Jin	Novice Men	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	11th
	Novice Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	13th
	Novice Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	3rd
Ron Vainer	Pre-Novice Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	4th
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	2nd
Neo Tran	Pre-Novice Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	6th
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st
Tehran Lee	Pre-Novice Men	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	20th
	Pre-Novice Men	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	3rd
<b>Women</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Result</b>
Emily Bausback	Junior Women	JGP Lake Placid, New York, USA	6th
	Senior Women	Warsaw Cup, Warsaw, Poland	6th
	Senior Women	ISU Four Continents, Seoul, South Korea	15th
	Senior Women	International Challenge Cup, The Hauge, Netherlands	11th
	Senior Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	1st
	Senior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	5th
Emma Bulawka	Junior Women	International Halloween Cup, Budapest, Hungary	9th
	Senior Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	6th
	Senior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	6th
	Senior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st
Sarah Tamura	Senior Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	17th
	Senior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	14th
	Senior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	3rd
Olivia Gran	Junior Women	JGP Chelyabinsk, Russia	15th
	Senior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	15th
	Senior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	2nd
Emily Millard	Junior Women	International Halloween Cup, Budapest, Hungary	14th
	Junior Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	2nd
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	5th
	Junior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	4th
Leah Lee	Junior Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	4th
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	7th
	Junior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st

Ashley Sales	Junior Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	7th
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	14th
	Junior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	3rd
Vienna Harwood	Junior Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	13th
	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	8th
	Junior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	2nd
Melody Zhu	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	25th
	Junior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	6th
Mikayla Kramer	Junior Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	33rd
	Junior Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	5th
Amy Shao Ning Yang	Novice Women	Bavarian Open, Obertsdorf, Germany	1st
	Novice Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	1st
	Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	7th
	Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st
Emma Szeto	Novice Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	8th
	Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	4th
	Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	2nd
	Novice Women	North American Cup, Leduc, AB	4th
Malayna Lesko	Novice Women	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	17th
	Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	15th
	Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	3rd
Faith Benko	Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	23rd
	Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	4th
Emily Sales	Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	28th
	Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	6th
Maho Harada	Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	23rd
	Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	4th
	Novice Women	North American Cup, Leduc, AB	12th
Vanessa Ho	Pre-Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	5th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st
Gabrielle Jugnauth	Pre-Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	15th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	2nd
Hailey Yu	Pre-Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	16th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	4th
Luka Miyake	Pre-Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	19th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	3rd

Rebecaa Mah	Pre-Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	23rd
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	5th
Ellie Cheung	Pre-Novice Women	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	38th
	Pre-Novice Women	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	6th
<b>Pairs</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Result</b>
Jessie Sun/ Victor Lum	Pre-Novice Pairs	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	11th
	Pre-Novice Pairs	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st
<b>Dance</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Result</b>
Haley Sales/Nikolas Wamsteeker	Senior Dance	Nebelhorn Trophy, Obertsdorf, Germany	11th
	Senior Dance	Skate Canada International, Kelowna, BC	10th
	Senior Dance	Bavarian Open, Obertsdorf, Germany	3rd
	Senior Dance	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	4th
	Senior Dance	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	1st
Miku Makita/ Tyler Gunara	Junior Dance	JGP Lake Placid, New York, USA	4th
	Junior Dance	JGP Gdansk, Poland	4th
	Junior Dance	Youth Olympic Games, Lausanne, Switzerland	5th
	Junior Dance	Bavarian Open, Obertsdorf, Germany	5th
	Junior Dance	World Junior Championships, Tallinn, Estonia	8th
	Junior Dance	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	3rd
Hailey Yu/ Brendan Giang	Novice Dance	Bavarian Open, Obertsdorf, Germany	3rd
	Novice Dance	North American Cup, Lake Placid, New York, USA	1st
	Novice Dance	National Championships, Mississauga, ON	4th
	Novice Dance	Skate Canada Challenge, Edmonton, AB	4th
	Novice Dance	BC/YK Sectionals, Kelowna, BC	1st



My duties include overseeing the Skating Program Committee that provides support and direction to Clubs and Coaches for CanSkate, Adult Skating and Synchronized Skating. Along with reporting any activities, plan and attended meetings for the season for CanSkate, Adult Skating and Synchronized Skating as needed. Additionally I am a member of the Section Awards Committee.

Included in the Section AGM Report from the above Committee members you will find detailed activities for the 2019-2020 season.

Should you have any questions about the Skating Programs activities for the season please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to close with a special thank you to all of the committee members, Section Board, Section Staff, Coaches, Skaters and last but not least all the Volunteers who have supported the Skating Program activities over the past year.

### **CanSkate**

The Section offered a "CanSkate Program Update and Refresher Clinic" for coaches. The update was held September 7 & 8, 2019 at Burnaby 8 Rinks and included both on and off ice activities.

The moderator was a Skate Canada's CanSkate Learning Facilitator, Mary-Liz Wiley. Mary-Liz went over changes to the CanSkate program as well as gave ideas to enhance and update a club's CanSkate Program.

We are pleased to report that 18 coaches from across the province attended the clinic. Coaches who attended were encouraged to share the knowledge and skills learned within their club, region and peers. In addition coaches were eligible to received CEP points.

I would like to close with a special thank you Diane Knutson who organized the CanSkate Skaters that volunteered to be part of the on ice activities during the clinic. Additionally thank you to the Section Board, Section Staff, Coaches, Skaters and last but not least all the Volunteers who have supported the Skating Program activities over the past year.

### **Synchro Monitoring**

The Section was pleased to offer monitoring again this year to our Synchronized Skating Teams. Monitoring took place November 2-3, 2019 and was held at the Aldergrove Community Arena. There were 15 teams who participated.

This year our guest coach moderator was Nancy Alexander, a Skate Canada NCCP Level 4 coach, working with the Gold Ice Organization. Nancy consulted with our coaches and teams on choreography, performance, and interpretation.

Monitoring sessions provided coaches and teams live technical and judge feedback. Following the feedback, the remainder of the session Nancy Alexander worked on ice directly with the coach on the team's program.

Follow up feedback for teams that participated in the November monitoring was provided in writing after the BC/YK Synchro Competition on December 7, 2019.

New for this year a Coach Seminar was offered during the Synchro Monitoring Weekend. The seminar was held on November 1, 2019 at the Aldergrove Community Arena and was open to all Coaches in the Section. There were 12 coaches in attendance.

The Coach Seminar featured two moderators, Nancy Alexander, Level 4 Synchronized Skating Coach and Aaron Lowe, Level 4 International Ice Dance Coach.

Coaches who attended the seminar were eligible to receive CEP credits.

I would like to extend a special thank you to working group members Lesley Morrison, Shannon Downing and Diane Kamagianis. Additionally thank you to the Section Board, Section Staff, Coaches, Skaters and last but not least all the Volunteers who have supported the Skating Program activities over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Warwick  
Skating Programs Chair



The 2019/20 Skating season was a busy one for adult skating in our Section.

#### **Adult Seminar:**

After a couple of year's hiatus, an adult seminar was held at Burnaby Eight Rinks on October 5 & 6, 2019 and it was an outstanding success. There were 27 skaters registered for the entire seminar and another 5 for the Saturday only session. In addition, we had nine additional skaters register for the Social Ice Dance portion. Saturday consisted of an edges and stroking seminar with Megan Wing, Aaron Lowe and Colleen Laferriere followed by a social ice dance with a Western theme and an off-ice social. Sunday started with a lunch with inspirational guest speaker Sally Rehorick speaking about her Olympic experiences - Olympic Flames - Experiencing the Sizzle: Coping with the Heat followed by a freeskate focused on-ice session with coaches Colleen Laferriere, Miki Mori, Devon Neuls and Zdenek Pazdirek. At the conclusion of the freeskate portion 11 skaters who will be competing in Lake Placid and/or Winter World Masters Games in Innsbruck, Austria were able to take advantage of a competition simulation with feedback from judge Tiffany Edwardsen.

#### **Adult Competition News:**

This past skating season saw adult events held as part of the BC/YK Open Synchro & Adult Championships on December 7, 2019 with 26 entries, West Coast Challenge Synchro and Adult Competition on February 15, 2020, with 15 entries and Starskate Final in Kelowna on March 6 – 8, 2020 with 30 entries.

Once again my thanks to the local organizing committees for all of the competitions that include adult events and also to the BC/YK Section for including adult events at these competitions as they are most appreciated.

There were two ISU adult competitions held, one in Oberstdorf, Germany on May 19 – 25, 2019 with 12 entries from BC and one in Lake Placid, New York on October 14 – 19, 2019 with 3 entries.

Last but not least Canada's adult figure skaters (including many from BC) brought home 43 medals (17.5 per cent of all medals awarded in figure skating) from the [Winter World Masters Games 2020](#) (WWMG) held in Innsbruck, Austria from January 10-19, 2020. The 43 medals included: 12 gold, 15 silver and 16 bronze. This is the first time that figure skating was included in the WWMG, which is an international multi-sport event held every four years. Figure skating was the largest of the 12 sporting events, attracting more than 600 participants – 70 of the skaters were from Canada.

#### **In the News:**

The CBC documentary entitled "To the Worlds" which aired on January 18, 2019 has been nominated for an award from the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television in the Best Documentary Program category. Due to COVID-19 the award ceremony that was due to air on March 29, 2020 was cancelled. The documentary featured many skaters from the Okanagan Region of the BC/YK Section. We in the BC/YK Section are excited by the amount of positive publicity that adult figure skating has received and continues to receive because of the inspirational documentary.

#### **Website:**

The Skating in BC website is continually being updated with information regarding results and pictures from competitions and news about upcoming competitions. Again, many thanks to Janice Hunter for assisting me in keeping things current for our adult skaters. Please send me any and all information that you might have that would be of interest so that I can pass it along.

#### **Special Thanks:**

I would also like to take this time to give my thanks and appreciation to Diana Barkley, Marita Clayton and Karen Blyth-Smith for being my sources of information and assistance for the adult skaters in the BC/YK Section.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheyenne Irvine  
Adult Skating Representative - BC/YK Section





### **Coaching Region Reps 2019-20**

Once again it has been a season of many changes....for Coaches, Skater's and Evaluators. For many it has been a frustrating time trying to keep up with the ongoing changes. I have had many emails and questions.

The new Star 6 – Gold program was rolled out across the country. Online Training modules were developed for Coaches and Evaluators. Skate Canada is currently updating the Online Training Modules to streamline the information and make the modules clearer. Coaches and Evaluators who have completed the first versions of the STAR 6 – Gold Online Training Modules do NOT have to re-take the Training. However it is strongly recommended that they go through the Training as a refresh. For new Coaches, it also strongly recommended that you print off the STAR 1 – Gold Resource Guide before beginning the Training. Also, please note that the Resource Guide is now Star 1 – Gold – so all information is together. Note that the dates of the documents will be on the footer

of the document, so please make sure you have the current information. This document will be ready by the end of April.

Synchro was introduced as a mandatory part of the Star 1 – 5 skating curriculum – asking that clubs do a minimum of 15 minutes of Synchro per week.

CanSkate also went through some changes, the course was updated and refreshed. Coaches certifying in CanSkate are now appointed a Mentor Coach to guide them through the Videos/Lesson Plans submission. An exciting addition to CanSkate was the use of ice – Star Lessons, Synchro, Sledge, CanSkate, CanPowerSkate can all be done on the same session – if there is sufficient room. This is great for small clubs – they can utilize their ice time much more efficiently.

Plan for Launch Dates – Skills are currently ready. The Gold Skills currently has a "Challenge" Skill. Skaters can choose to do the Challenge Skill or choose not to do the Challenge Skill. If they choose not to do it, then the Evaluator will reduce the number of exercises by one.

Artistic – released mid April.

Dance is headed into translation – note: Evaluators can choose to do the just the Star 6–8 Dance Training if they only want to be Evaluators up to that level.

Free skate – no date yet

Synchro – no date yet

Note – the Assessment Sheets are being revised to be more user friendly for both Evaluators and Assessment Coordinators.

I have received some questions about the Pathways for Certification – these have not changed, the procedure is still the same.

### **BC Coast Report – Kevin Gordon**

As reported last year, at the beginning of the 2018-2019 year, the BC Coast Region opted to not require the services of an appointed Coach Representative, in favour of a Coaches Advisory Committee. As such we have been operating in this fashion for the past 18 months. This committee is regularly consulted on the format and structure of our development seminars, advising on seminar guest presenters, on what kind of enrichment skills to provide to our attending skaters, and essentially helping out at many of these events. The current coaches are Jacob Cryderman, Anastasia Baikov, Kathryn Kang, Jolene Lambley and Shawn Cuevas. We have also added Colleen Laferriere, to advise us on the structure and support for our grassroots Synchro development initiatives. Both Colleen & Jolene participated in our Synchro Skills sessions, a 10 week program at the Trout Lake Arena. One or more of the Coach Advisory Team will join us for semiannual planning as well as regular consultation. But attendance will not be required at monthly board meetings.

**Okanagan Report – Cambria Little**

The Okanagan Region has had a fantastic 2019/2020 season, filled with successful competitions and seminars. In September the Learn-to-Train and Singles seminar was organized by Jennifer Harwood and Natalie Marleau in Kelowna with guest coach Anne Schelter. A CanSkate Coach training course is planned to be held in September 2020 and moderated by Marilyn Kreuzinger in Kelowna. Planning is underway for this years Learn to Train and Singles Seminar with input from Jason Mongrain as well as coordination with Natalie Marleau and Jennifer Harwood. The Okanagan Region sent five skaters to BC Winter Games, Ava Sanderson, Aurora Schultz, Gabrielle Jugnauth, Ariana Rose, and Calissa Adlem, along with myself, Cambria Little as Head Coach. Natalie Marleau attended as chaperone.

**Kootenay Region Report – Larissa Verhelst**

For the 2019/2020 season, there were 19 coaches registered with the twelve clubs in our region. The Region held three seminars this season, two STAR 1-4 seminars and one Learn-to-Train Seminar. I am unsure of the number of coaches that attended the two STAR 1-4 seminars. There were ten coaches that attended the Learn-to-Train Seminar. Our skater numbers were lower this season than previous seasons. This season we opened our Learn-to-Train seminar to STAR 3 skaters also.

We did not have any issues or concerns this season and the Region did not offer any new programs.

Submitted by Larissa Verhelst.

The Executive Board for the 2020/2021 season:

- Chair: Larissa Verhelst
- Vice-chair: Melanie Barker
- Secretary: Sarah Gower
- Director: Lis Iannone

**Vancouver Island – Matt Willis**

In September 2019, the Vancouver Island Region held its annual Skater Development seminar in Parksville, BC. Olympic coaches Doug Leigh and Robert Teddy came and kindly shared their technical knowledge with our skaters and coaches. Our region is planning to hold another seminar in September 2020 in Parksville with head coaches yet to be announced. At this point, due to unforeseen circumstances, all other programs and planning from a skater development standpoint is on hold and will be revisited once skating resumes. Respectfully submitted, Matt Willis

**CNCR - Cynthia Medeiros**

As our Region is so vast – each area host's their own Seminars.

Mackenzie – Rory Allen & Andrea Ludditt

Little Giant – Zdenek Pazdirek – 64 skaters

FSJ – Steve Muff – 44 skaters

Snow Valley – Steve Muff

Snow Valley – Ravi Walla & Kaetlyn Osmond

Mile O – Jason Mongrain & Jessica Dodds – 105 skaters – also had a separate session for the Coaches.

Terrace held a Club Seminar

CNCR also sent 2 Coaches to the CanSkate refresher Course in Vancouver. These coaches submitted a report to the Region as to the "changes, additions etc" to the CanSkate Program.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marilyn Kreuzinger

Coaching Representative



This should have been the seventh year of the BC/YK Section Hall of Fame inductions. Sadly, due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic everything is on hold. The four planned inductees will be held over until next year when, hopefully things will have become more stable.

Thanks to Ted Barton for his work and preparations for the induction ceremonies. I'm sure he has saved the work so he can carry it forward to next year.

I also wish to thank my committee members, Gail Weber, Wendy Martin-Stroyan, Audrey Williams, Murray Anderson and Brian Pound for all of their work. I extend special thanks to Gail Weber as she is resigning from her position on the Hall of Fame committee. We will miss her.

Respectfully submitted

Syd Hughes

Syd Hughes  
Chair



Many Thanks to all who support the BC/YK Athlete Trust in any way!

I have included the report on Funds disbursed to the Athlete's who made the Team each year and also the bursaries distributed to our Athlete's furthering their educations. It is very exciting to see how many of our Skaters are having successful careers both in and out of our sport once their competitive careers have ended.

The boat cruise was a great success! Everyone had a good time, thank you all for your support!

The Trustees are very proud of the fact that we have been able to return so much money to the Athlete's. Almost \$345,000.00 in the last 21 years.

#### Total Disbursements

Year Ending	Direct Funding	Bursaries	Special Projects	Total Funding
1997-03-31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1998-03-31	\$7,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$7,500.00
1999-03-31	\$7,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$7,700.00
2000-03-31	\$16,150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$16,150.00
2001-03-31	\$18,325.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$18,325.00
2002-03-31	\$19,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,200.00	\$24,700.00
2003-03-31	\$16,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$ -	\$18,750.00
2004-03-31	\$13,600.00	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$15,600.00
2005-03-31	\$13,800.00	\$2,500.00	\$ -	\$16,300.00
2006-03-31	\$13,800.00	\$2,500.00	\$ -	\$16,300.00
2007-03-31	\$13,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$ -	\$15,400.00
2008-03-31	\$13,600.00	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$15,600.00
2009-03-31	\$12,600.00	\$2,950.00	\$ -	\$15,550.00
2010-03-31	\$8,050.00	\$2,800.00	\$ -	\$10,850.00
2011-03-31	\$7,520.00	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$9,520.00
2012-03-31	\$9,640.00	\$2,800.00	\$ -	\$12,440.00
2013-03-31	\$9,900.00	\$4,150.00	\$ -	\$14,050.00
2014-03-31	\$13,730.00	\$3,550.00	\$ -	\$17,280.00
2015-03-31	\$11,150.00	\$3,000.00	\$ -	\$14,150.00
2016-03-31	\$11,520.00	\$4,000.00	\$ -	\$15,520.00
2017-03-31	\$12,010.00	\$3,400.00	\$ -	\$15,410.00
2018-03-31	\$10,980.00	\$2,500.00	\$ -	\$13,480.00
2019-03-31	\$9,990.00	\$5,000.00	\$ -	\$14,990.00
2020-03-31	\$14,247.00	\$4,749.00	\$ -	\$18,996.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$284,512.00</b>	<b>\$56,849.00</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>	<b>\$344,561.00</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Nielsen  
Chairman  
BC/YK Athlete Trust



This is the end of my first term as Chair of the BC Coast Region. It has been very satisfying serving the clubs in our Region. BC Coast clubs include Powell River through the Sunshine Coast, Sea to Sky, Metro Vancouver and the Fraser Valley all the way to Hope and Lillooet, and of course Arctic Edge club in Whitehorse Yukon. In total we have 36 clubs in the BC Coast Region.

We serve our clubs, skaters, parents and volunteers in many ways. With help from local clubs, who bid to organize competitions, we produce two notable competitions, Jingle Blades, and BC Coast Regionals (Winterskate). We also partner with the BC Section to host Victoria Day Super-series, Autumn Leaves in alternate years, and well as several synchro competitions, notably BC/YK Open Synchro and Adult competition. You will also find the BC Coast Region volunteers at Summerskate, and often some BC Coast region board members will even get on a ferry to help out at VISI. We have developed a high degree of expertise at planning and putting on competitions.

For the past couple of years we have made a requirement that clubs who bid on competitions provide a two rink facility. The result was Jingle Blades, hosted by Abbotsford Skating at the Chilliwack Coliseum (formerly Prospera) with 856 participants, and Winterskate, hosted by Langley Skating Club, at Langley Sportsplex with 900+ participants. Not only do these large capacities allow most every skater who wants to skate, but they serve a healthy fundraising revenue to bidding clubs and to the BC Coast Region. The (net) revenue we generate from competitions and certain other activities goes back into several other activities, namely Skater Development, Club Support, Continuing Education, and acquiring certain assets critical for supporting competitions such as music, data, and judging equipment. This year and onwards we are changing the process of awarding competitions. Because of the large size of these competitions, the requirements on facilities, logistics and operations have become very specialized, and that specialty is now being increasingly supplied by the board members of the BC Coast Region. Moving forward, we will still award other clubs to help host these two large competitions, but the bid process will be more of a partnering request, and clubs will not be left to produce these competitions all on their own. The BC Coast Region board will assume leadership roles in production and logistics (music, ds, judging stands, awards etc.) to help streamline the operations of these functions. Further we will no longer have the Region's membership vote on who will hold these competitions, rather the BC Coast Board will carefully review partnering requests and assign the best partner(s) for each competition and venue.

In terms of skater development, over the holidays our customary events included a Singles seminar. We worked with our coaching advisory team to staff the event. Also we put on a 10 week Synchro skills session at Trout Lake arena. We want to thank the Grandview skating club for subleasing the ice to us, and we will continue to look for Synchro development activities in future years. Lastly, we organized and fielded a team to support the BC Winter Games in Fort St John. All in all our investment in Skater development was more targeted and quite successful this year.

Also, we produced a "Know Your Sport" event in September for our clubs and their board members, it was held at BCIT in a beautiful set of classrooms, it was incredibly well attended and the topics discussed were of keen interest to all who attended. We even had a special session on nutrition and mental toughness for skaters. We invited Monica Lockie from Skate Canada as our keynote speaker. Her energy and keenness is very 'admirable' (I would say infectious, but you know...). Support for skaters and clubs is provided via the Test Committee, who organizes centralized test days. With the roll-out of the new full Star-6-10 assessments from Skate Canada, we held some very large test days in December and February. These test days were well executed, but since there are not enough officials who can do the assessments, it has been a challenge to provide the level and especially quantity of service our region expects. We do expect this to improve over time. Another way we support clubs is through governance support/advice, guidance, and dispute resolution. We have 5 club presidents (past or existing) on our BC Coast Region board. Collectively this represents many years of experience managing clubs. Whether it is a Club in crisis or just asking a couple of simple questions, we are here for you.

Of course, as you all know, all our operations as a sport stopped or were put into suspended mode, as the world made arrangements to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes all organizing operations from Skate Canada head office through the Section, to the Region and all clubs. As such, our ability to plan for our AGM, or attend the Section or Skate Canada AGM were all cancelled.

While we are currently in suspended state for now, I have every confidence that with time and good management from the government of Canada and Provinces, that we will overcome this challenge, and be back to operations in the near future. Of course we will have to delay our AGM until September 2020.

I want to thank our excellent team, our Board Members - Siobhan, Alex, Lyse, Kari, Yee-Sin, Jenny, Shannon, Ethan, and past president Lori. We have had a very successful year, and it has been a pleasure to see us get so much done. Also, thanks so much to our committee chairs (Denise, Syd, Vanessa), and to our coaching advisory team.

I will look forward to the 2020/21 season and the ability to continue to collaborate with the hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers throughout our Region. We have much to achieve for our sport of figure skating in the BC Coast Region!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Gordon





Our season started off with the Board getting together May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in Prince George to update our Terms of Reference, Policies & Procedures and Competition Manuals as well as setting our budget for the season. It's always a long busy weekend but a very productive one.

After that challenges and how to work through them seemed to be the theme for the CNCR. Several of our clubs exist in small towns with only one certified coach & one CanSkate coach. The new rules set by Skate Canada regarding ice supervision made even a simple visit to the doctor a major difficulty for some. With so many questions they reached out to the Region, Section and Skate Canada searching for guidance & support. By everyone working together coaches & clubs were able to fulfill their commitments to their skaters as best as they could. With that working together spirit, our Region once again teamed up with the Island Region and shared the expenses to have their Team Leader take our skaters under her wing at Sections. Their willingness to work together this way is a huge financial assist and we can't thank them enough.

During the season the Mile Zero FSC and Terrace SC took advantage of Centralized Test Day subsidies from the Region helping with the high costs of bringing in judges & dance partners from outside our Region. Plus the Snow Valley SC and Little Giant SC - Free skate with Zdenek Pazdirek also took advantage of Seminar subsidies from the Region to help lessen costs for their skaters; & the Smithers FSC – in house, Terrace SC and Mile Zero FSC – Free skate seminar with Jason Mongrain and Jessica Dodds hosted seminars without subsidy for the skaters in their areas.

Our Region hosted 4 competitions this season. The Kla-How-Ya Competition had to be moved to Smithers last minute when the Houston FSC didn't get their ice in on time for the Dec. date. Everything was a scramble but thankfully not cancelled thanks to the many user groups in Smithers whom switched their ice allocations for us. Our CNC Regionals Competition was hosted by the Prince George FSC where we were able to have 3 previous skaters complete their STAR Singles Judges Promotion. Congratulations to Reese Johnson, Lane McAvany & Jessalyn Plant. The future of the CNCR is brighter because of your commitment to becoming a judge. Then the Fort St. John FSC hosted a wonderful Totem Competition & our season was topped off by the Fort St. John FSC and Peace Passage SC working together to host figure skating at the BC Winter Games. Their volunteer efforts were truly amazing making for a very successful games experience. We would also like to thank the Section for applying for a legacy grant that our Region received from the 2020 BC Games to help us purchase our new computer equipment. A huge thank you must also go out to Lyse Prendergast for personally setting up our new computer totes for us. Also the Taylor arena received an upgrade to their sound system for helping host the figure skating event. The 2020 BC Winter Games truly blessed the CNC Region this season & we are very grateful for everything that we received. Unfortunately there were some hiccups along the way from our competitions which we will be addressing with better clarity so as to not be repeated in the future.

Once again our skaters did great this season with Mile Zero FSC's Elementary synchro team having a great skate placing gold and their Adult 3 team placing silver at the Mountain Regional Synchro Competition in Red Deer. They also had 4 adult skaters compete at the 2020 Super Series STARSkate Final in Kelowna & our Regional Challenge Team consisting of Madyn Peebles, Katelynn Grant, Addison Stone, Shaye Peebles, Kolbi Seterengen, Emma Penner, Regan West, Alexis Conroy, Jayna Mason and Emma Stevens stepped up and represented us wonderfully there as well, along with all our other skaters who attended any of the competitions this season.

We couldn't be more proud of all of our skaters and their disappointment was felt by all when the season came crashing to a halt cancelling test days, carnivals and awards ceremonies.

Respectfully Submitted By: Carol Giesbrecht  
CNCR Region Chair



The 2019/2020 season for the Kootenay Region has seen its share of challenges. The Kootenay Region has run this season without a full board. With the recent illness of Allana Ferro we have had to appoint myself as Chairman and are now actively searching for 4 members to join the board. In light of the recent COVID-19 crisis it seems it will be a while before we can make connections to help fill those gaps. As with most volunteer boards people are finding themselves "too busy" and unwilling to give any additional time to the sport. Our Kootenay Region Championships offered me an opportunity to connect with many individuals from our various clubs and I will be working to further understand each clubs unique way of operating with the goal of making connections to hopefully add support to the region team and support the Clubs as needed through the season.

This season Kootenay Region has hosted two "Learn to Skate STAR 1-4" Clinics, one "Learn to Train STAR 3-Competitive" Clinic and three competitions. Our Learn to Train seminar was facilitated by Ravi Walia and had excellent feedback. The region saw its best turn out to any clinic we have hosted, and the skaters came away with a full weekend of learning opportunities both on and off ice. The two "Learn to skate" seminars were less

successful both poorly attended and loosing money. We will be restructuring the clinics for the 2020/2021 season going to a single seminar and opening it up to the STAR 2 skaters. If any clubs, choose to host an additional seminar it will be at their own expense.

Our 3 competitions saw a substantial decrease in revenue with the switch to Artistic events being singled out as the area with the greatest decline in revenue. At the beginning of the season it was discussed that there were too many Skate Canada changes in effect for the region to add any new events to the competition roster. After discussion with the other regions I feel it will be key to the competitions revenue to ensure there are some additional events added to the offerings with "team elements" "showcase" and "creative improve" being the most likely additions for 2020/2021. We will be alerting coaches in August of the planned additions so that they can start to prepare the skaters who may be interested in additional categories. Our West Kootenay Invitational will be hosted in Castlegar December 11,12,13, 2020, East Kootenay Invitational will be hosted in Fernie January 22,23,24, 2021 and our Regional Championships will be in Creston February 19,20,21, 2021.

Financially the region saw a loss this season. The decline in competition revenue and purchase of new computers were the biggest contributing factors. We greatly appreciate the help received from the BC/YK section on the purchase of the computer equipment. The 2020/2021 season is off to a great financial start without any of the major spring expenses such as Region AGM, Section AGM and National AGM. However, we are anticipating there could be some additional cost for club consultations as everyone's' seasons ended so abruptly and several clubs are challenged with boards that aren't functioning well.

Leanne Beddie,  
Kootenay Region Chairman



The Okanagan Region currently has 19 clubs and one Skating School. We are home to approximately 3500 skaters, representing 19% of the skaters in the BC/YK Section.

We begun our year with our Learn to Train and Singles seminar in Kelowna where a record number of attendees and their coaches enjoyed a one day seminar with Annie's Edges. In October, Kelowna was the host city for Skate Canada International. Thanks to all the committee chairmen and many volunteers who worked tirelessly to make it another great experience for the competitors and attendees. The Kelowna Club also hosted the BC/YK Section Championships in November and the Super Series Final this past March. It was a very busy season for our largest club and their volunteer base and we are grateful for all of their efforts in making these important competitions successful.

Our Region Competition season began in November with the Interclub competition being held in Summerland. This was the first time that the Summerland Club had hosted a region competition and they didi an outstanding job. Our Region Championship in

February enjoyed the largest registration we have had in a number of years. The Salmon Arm Club, who had not hosted a competition in over a decade, stepped up and made it a very successful and memorable competition in their great facility. At the competition we also enjoyed a synchro demonstration from our Region's award winning team, Skate of Mind from the Vernon Club and their newly formed junior synchro team. The winner of the Yvette Delcourt Memorial Plaque at our Region Championship this year was Emily Sales, who earned the highest free skate score at the competition.

The Okanagan Region was very well represented at Skate Canada Challenge by: Gabrielle Jugauth, Malayna Lesko, Emily Sales, Vienna Harwood, Ashley Sales, Emma Bulawka and Olivia Gran. Emma Bulawka, Ashley Sales, Vienna Harwood and Malayna Lesko went on to skate at Nationals.

Our Region Challenge Super Series Final team included the following skaters: Amy Kim, Giselle Weisheit, Ollie Zhang, Lauren Bitte, Sarah Mullins, Meagan Kembel, Taylor Fleming, Phoebe Kemp, Payton Bannerman, Matthew O'Donaghey and Payton Ferguson. Our BC Winter Games competitors were: Arianna Rose, Calissa Adlem, Gabrielle Jugnauth, Ava Sanderson and Aurora Schultz. The team was coached by Cambria Little and our chaperone was Natalie Marleau. Our annual Region Awards will be celebrated at our AGM which has been postponed until at least September.

The STAR 1-4 Judges clinic, presented by Cheyenne Irvine, was held in late February in Kelowna and saw our largest attendance to date. Thank you to Cheyenne Irvine and all who attended.

I would like to thank my Board of Directors, Jen Harwood, Vice Chair, Karen Deans, Treasurer Joan Omasta, Past Chair and Directors, Jill Kellerman, Cheyenne Irvine, Melina Stathopulus, Natalie Marleau, Megan Sutherland, Ryan Sutherland and our Coach Rep Cambria Little. On behalf of the Region Board of Directors, I would also like to thank our hardworking volunteers at every level, our dedicated officials and coaches, who all help to make the Okanagan Region successful. It has been my pleasure and privilege to work with all of you.

Respectfully Submitted

Janet Gordon  
Okanagan Region Chair



***"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light"***  
**(Aristotle Onassis)**

*How true that comment is at this time in the World. All we can hope for is that it is over soon and we stay safe!*

Update for V.I. for this past year:

#### **COMPETITIONS:**

• Our Competition committee for the past year chaired by Chairman Karen Mallon, Recorder Sue Smith, Coaches Brenda Charity, Matt Willis, Data Specialist Kathy Wallace, Region Treasurer Colleen Norton-Jones, Region Chairman Lynne Henderson-Drake and Host club chairs (V.I. Interclub),(V.I. Region Championships). We had our annual meetings via emails to update our announcements, events, fees, etc. along with our competition manual. Sue Smith has been appointed Registrar for our competitions. It makes for a much more streamlined system to have one person handling the work. A lot of work for the Registrar but much appreciated by the Data Specialists. This is the second year we have used Wufoo for online registration and there was a 50% decrease in the numbers of registration missing music uploads and 90% decrease in music uploading in the incorrect format compared to the previous season. Large numbers (25 to 35%) of uploaded files still are being incorrectly labeled.

• Our Vancouver Island Interclub Competition was held and hosted by the Kerry Park S.C. in Mill Bay under Co-Chairs Betsy Burr and Debbie Murphy. 237 skaters representing 15/17 Region clubs. Tech Rep was Judy Burwash along with 16 Tech/Judges and Kathy Wallace as Chief Data Specialist, with Karen Mallon as Computer Data Specialist, plus Elaine Bergen and Caroline McAllister as Data Specialists. Congratulations to the Juan de Fuca S.C. on receiving the Ernest Fisher Team Award. The Region and Club received \$2801.33 each in profit. Many thanks to the Cowichan Valley Clubs (Duncan and Fuller Lake) who jumped in to help as Kerry Park is a small club and did need the support. Clubs working together!

• Our Vancouver Island Region Championships was hosted by the Mt. Arrowsmith S.C. in Port Alberni under Co-Chairs Karen Mallon and Lenora Milliken. Their theme was "Love to Skate." 250 skaters entered in 298 events representing 15/17 Region clubs. It was a busy time! Tech Rep was Cindy Smith plus 14 Tech/Judges. Gill Greydanus was Chief Data Specialist with Kathy Wallace as Computer Data Specialist, plus Karen Mallon and Katrina Mallon as Data Specialists. Congratulations to the Saanich S.C. on being awarded the Victoria S.C. Team Trophy! The Region and Club received a profit of \$3502.81 each.

#### **SKATER DEVELOPMENT:**

• Our Skater Development Committee is comprised of Matt Willis (Coaches Chairman) as Chair, V.I. Region Chair Lynne Henderson-Drake, Region Tech Advisor Susan Morriss, Coach Jean Leshures, Technical Specialist Kelly Cruickshank, Region Liaison and Judges Chair Judy Burwash and Region Treasurer Colleen Norton-Jones.

• The September seminar was held in Parksville from September 21st-22nd, 2019. Our Head Coach was Doug Leigh assisted by Robert Teddy. The emphasis was in jump techniques. 55 S.D. skaters attended along with 5 coaches (from Fuller Lake, Mt. Arrowsmith, Port McNeill, and Racquet Club of Victoria) attended. Our Active Start seminar, with 26 skaters, ran on the Sunday with coaches Jean Leshures, Alaine Chartrand and Kevin Reynolds. Many, many thank you's to you Matt Willis and Judy Burwash who work extra hard to give us a productive clinic for our skaters!

• Team Leader, Cindy Smith, did double duty with our team of 16 and the C.N.C.R. team of 5 at the B.C./Y.K. Section Championships. Small gifts were given to all. The expenses of \$1298.91 were split (according to the cost divided by each skater and then multiplied by the number per Region) with our Region and the C.N.C.R. Their cost was \$309.20. Thank you Cindy for doing a great job with our skaters!

- Our Winter Games were February 21st-23rd, 2020 in Fort St. John. Our Zone 6 coach was Leonardo Maekawa and our team comprised of Juvenile Women: Ariana Robertson and Stacy Zhu, Pre-Novice Women: Tendo Mukahanana and Olivia Williams, Pre-Novice Men: Andy Chen (who won Silver) and our Special Olympians, Level 3 Women: Kari Trott (Gold), Level 2 Men: Lucas Bell (Gold) and Matt MacDonald (Silver), Level 3 Men: Lucas Bell (Silver). Congratulations to all and thank you Leo for taking this on! Thank you also to the C.N.C.R. and their Winter Games coach Mikaela Carreiro, who was for backup for our girls if Leo needed her as we were unable to find chaperone in time. We paid Leo his honorarium of \$500.00 and his Team jacket, plus 50% for our skater's jackets.

- \$375.00 was given out in Skaters Bursary for their volunteer time and put towards their Seminar costs.

- Our Region Challenge team for the STARSkate was: Nico Conforti (Pre-Juvenile Men U13), Jordyn Mitchell (Pre-Juvenile Women U13), Fox McGrigor (STAR 5 Boys), Jane Hopkins (STAR 5 Girl 13 & Over), Sydney Poland (STAR 6 Women), and Anna Myllyniemi (STAR 8 Women).

- Congratulations to Kari Trott on being selected to compete at Canada Winter Games for Special Olympics.

- During 2019, we had a total of 19 tests (assessment) days - 3 of which were in the new system.

- The September 2020 Seminar is being held from the 26th-27th, 2020 in Parksville. The contracts are being worked on now.

#### **OFFICIALS:**

- Judges Update was done on September 15th, 2019 at the Uplands Golf Club in Victoria with moderators Judy Burwash and Susan Morriss. 10 judges attended. The Region paid \$692.36 to help with travel, etc.

- Patti Crighton and Debbie Murphy have officially resigned as Evaluators/Judges. They will be missed.

- A very successful STAR 1-4 judges training was facilitated by Amie Garras at our Inerclub competition and we now have 6 new STAR 1-4 judges.

- We also have one new Introductory Data Specialist, Julie Bussiere.

- We sent Judy Burwash, Peter Gibbons, Susan Morriss and Cindy Smith to the Program Component clinic in Burnaby. Travel, etc. amounted to \$1230.95.

- Senior Clinic expenses \$555.70 were paid for Pam Abra and Sue Smith to attend in Burnaby.

- Data Specialist Training \$30.00

#### **COACHES:**

- Congratulations to Matt Willis on being re-elected as Chair of our Coaches Committee and welcome aboard Dominic Turgeon on being elected as a Member-at-large.

- 31 Coaches paid their Coaches Committee dues.

- The Coaches Update was held on July 28th, 2019 in Duncan with moderators Judy Burwash, Kelly Cruickshank and Susan Morriss. 24 coaches attended. The total cost was \$927.43.

- The coaches had their yearly meeting at our V.I. Region Championships in Port Alberni.



### MEETINGS:

- I attended the BC/YK Section AGM last April along with Betsy Burr, Colleen Norton-Jones, Susan Morriss and Kathy Wallace. Oh, and I sent my yearly report!
- Colleen Norton-Jones and I were honoured to attend the Ice Summit in Ottawa from May 24th-26th, 2019.
- Attended all of our Region meetings. Did reports, agenda, correspondence, etc. Held: September 29th, 2019 (11/17 Clubs, 8/8 Executive. Total: 19/25 plus 6 guests), February 2nd, 2020 (13/17 Clubs, 6/9 Executive. Total: 19/25 plus 3 guests).
- Executive meetings held July 21st, 2019 (8/9 Executive) at Judy Burwash's house. Judy always does up a fabulous lunch for us and goodies to get started, which is much appreciated. September 28th, 2019 (7/8 Executive), February 2nd, 2020 (6/9 Executive).
- Attended a Section Working Group/ Board meeting in November, which has originally been slated for September, and participated in a Working Group conference call in March. Our in person meeting was cancelled due to the CODIV-19, as is our Section A.G.M.
- The Finance meeting consisting of Judy Burwash, Colleen Norton-Jones, and me was held on March 9th at Judy's house in Parksville, where of course she fed us lunch! Our budget for the ensuing year was done and then redone when we were told S.S.V.I.S.I., plus no Ice Summit. We had planned on sending the Chair and Treasurer. Raised a few prices, etc.

### DATES/HOST SITES:

- November 20th-22nd, 2020 V.I. Interclub Competition, Fuller Lake in Chemainus.
- February 5th-7th, 2021 V.I. Region Championships, Racquet Club of Victoria in Victoria.
- Dates for our Region Tri-annuals are slated for September 20th, 2020, January 31st, 2021, and April 18th, 2021 — Hopefully!!!
- We are still waiting to have our 2020 A.G.M. which we also hope will be on July 12th, 2020 or in August. IT WILL HAPPEN! (Once it IS SAFE)

### MISCELLANEOUS:

- 14/17 of our clubs responded when asked if they do a Volunteer Charge: 11 do not, 1 does \$50.00, 1 does \$75.00 (for 5 hours of volunteer times in one season), and 1 does \$200.00 (for 20 hours of volunteer time).
- Amendments (fine-tuning basically) were presented and passed at our September Region Executive and Tri-annual.
- Amended our Policy to read "V.I. Clubs may apply to our Region Treasurer for 50% subsidy of an Evaluators expenses on Test Days with reason. Clubs may apply under the "Good Faith" understanding. For this subsidy (all expenses including mileage, food, and hotel).
- Campbell River S.C. managed to hold their Gala on March 7th, 2020 with Patrick Chan as their Guest skater. It was fantastic and Patrick certainly wowed the crowd. I was a proud grandmother watching our Scarlett (who just started skating in September) at her first performance. Patrick did a seminar the next day with all of our skaters who were in the Gala. The club picked up all of the costs. Thank you!
- The Racquet Club of Victoria unfortunately had to postpone their Ice Show with Kurt Browning until it is safe to hold them.



- We donated \$250.00 to the Athlete Auction for this year and it is in the mail.
- Thank you to the Campbell River S.C. and the Mt. Arrowsmith S.C. for sending in reports.
- Betsy Burr has agreed to be the Chair for our Region at the B.C. Section Championships being held in Parksville in November.

*So as I close my final report as Vancouver Island Region's Chairman, I will start with two sayings that hold true: **"Never Give Up. Great things take time. Be Patient"** and **"The Future Belongs To Those Who Believe in the Beauty of Their Dreams"**. I have spent the last 40+ with the Region/Section and will continue in being Past Chairman. After we hold our A.G.M. Karen Mallon will be our new Chairman and Karen brings lots of experience and I have complete faith in her. My sincere gratitude to the Section for these many years of learning and support and to the other Region Chairmen, who are also my friends and have taught me too much. Thank you for always being there, not only for our skaters but for me when I really needed you.*

To our past and present Region Board and our clubs, many of whom have become close friends, what can I say except "You are simply the very best" and my appreciation and gratitude goes beyond what may be said in just mere words. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynne Henderson-Drake



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27 International Assignments  
6 International Medals  
1 Four Continents Entry  
2 Youth Olympic Games Entries  
1 Junior Worlds Entry  
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