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BC/YT Skaters Hit the Jr. Grand Prix Circuit

The BC/YT Section is dominating Canada's entries on the Junior Grand Prix Circuit this season with a record setting 10 Entries in ISU Junior Grand Prix competitions this season.

Four dance teams, Nicole Orford/Thomas Williams, Noa Bruser/Timothy Lum, Madeline Edwards/Zhao Kai Pang and Caelen Dalmer/Shane Firus, who are all coached by Megan Wing and Aaron Lowe at the BC Centre of Excellence, were invited to represent Canada on the Junior Grand Prix Circuit. Joining them is Liam Firus, coached by Lorna Bauer at the Vancouver SC and



Photo courtesy of Melanie Hoyt

Nicole Orford & Thomas Williams competing their gold medal winning Free Dance in Brisbane, Australia.

Nam Nguyen, coached by Joanne McLeod at the Centre of Excellence. Rounding out the BC entries is Mitchell Gordon who is coached by Eileen and Keegan Murphy at the Connaught SC.

To date our BC Skaters have already won three international medals. Once being a gold from Orford and Williams which was BC's first Gold medal in a Jr. Grand prix event in Dance.

With five entries yet to compete, the future looks promising for skating in BC.

For full results please go to www.isu.org.

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Audrey Williams Inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame

Audrey Williams, international figure skating judge, was inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame at the 43rd Annual Banquet of Champions at the Vancouver Convention Centre on September 13, 2011.

Involved for over fifty years in the sport of figure skating in a multi-

tude of capacities—all volunteer it should be noted—Vancouver's Audrey Williams stands as one of the all-time great skating officials from BC. Beginning her career as a pairs competitor, she judged her first test at age fifteen. Appointed a national judge in 1959, she judged the

first of over thirty Canadian championships in her career in 1961. By 1967, Williams was appointed an International Judge by the USU and went on to judge numerous international competitions including the 1994 Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer, six World Championships, and

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Jessica Dubé and Bryce Davison
2009 Canadian Pair Champions

Joannie Rochette
2009 World Silver Medalist and
2009 Canadian Champion

Patrick Chan
2009 World Silver Medalist and
2009 Canadian Champion

Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir
2009 World Ice Dance Bronze Medalists and
2009 Canadian Ice Dance Champions

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Message from the Chairman



Welcome back to another exciting year of skating in our Section! Clubs are busy registering skaters and getting their programs organized for the upcoming season.

Don't forget to register your Club Board and any Officials that are affiliated with your Club. Skate Canada put forward a new helmet policy for CanSkate this year, so please be sure to follow this on your sessions.

Even though our season is just beginning, we have had our largest group of skaters ever taking part in International competitions! And we've had wonderful results!! Congratulations to all of these competitors and their coaches for a job well done!

Our Super Series Competi-

tions have all been well attended – we have already had VISI, VDI, Summer Skate and in October we have Autumn Leaves. The BC/YT Section Skate Canada Championships in Kelowna will mark the final competition for our competitive skaters to try to up their point totals to become the Pond to Podium Super Series Champion! Our Star Skate competitors will be using points from their Region Championships and will have their chance to be a Super Series Champion in March 2012. Good luck to everyone and thank you for supporting this new initiative!

We were very pleased to be able to hire two Directors of Development for our Section – Jamie McGrigor and Steve Muff. These two coaches have been busy developing our Long Term Athlete Development model, keeping in touch with coaches throughout the province, assisting with the delivery of live streaming at our super series competitions, visiting Region Boards and holding workshops and seminars for skaters and coaches. I think that we can

look forward to more exciting things to come from these two talented gentlemen.

At our September Board meeting, we were thrilled to present Robert Mandley with the Skate Canada Honorary Official Award. Bob has retired from judging after many years and more travel miles than any other official in our Section I'm sure! This is a wonderful honour for someone who has given so much to this sport. Congratulations Bob!

Good luck to everyone for the coming season, I look forward to seeing you at the rink at competitions, or at Region meetings. Please remember that your Region Chairmen and the staff in the Section office are wonderful sources of information and are more than willing to assist you in any way.

Take Care

Lorraine Mapoles
Chairman BC/YT Section Skate
Canada

Thank You to SummerSkate Volunteers

Thank you to all the skaters, coaches, parents and volunteers who volunteered their time to make SummerSkate such a success.

We couldn't do it without you!





Website Launch Success

This past August saw the launch of a new Skating in BC website. The design and layout was created by Red Rocket and the staff of the BC Section office. We tried to have a unique, clean and stylish look while designing clear and easy navigation. Although we had a few minor glitches on SummerSkate weekend with the site going down as a result of the activity, overall the performance was very strong. Here are the important numbers showing the activity (As of Aug 24, 2011):

- 17,000 visits
- 5.3% social media referrals— anything above 2.5% is considered good.
- 5,900 unique visitors

- 135,000 page views
- Average of 9.5 mins on site
- 69% returning visitors
- 19.5% of visitors visited 9+ times
- Skatebuzz.com made up 10% of referral traffic

We hope to keep the site current and include more video and photo highlights from competitions. We will also keep new items coming and hope to get more people involved in blogs. All of this may take some time but we encourage you to participate and let us know how we are doing.

I would like to give great thanks to Red Rocket, the staff of the

BC Section Office, Janice Hunter and most importantly to the Executive of the BC Section for having the vision to make the decision to modernize our site. We hope you enjoy the new site.

~Ted Barton
Executive Director
Skate Canada BC/YT

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For all your skating news, interviews, athletes, events and live streaming check out Skate Buzz at www.skatecanada.ca.

BC Section Announces Competitive Synchro Teams



Skate Canada BC/YT Section is pleased to announce the formation of Provincial Competitive Synchronized Teams.

Over the past 15 years we have been very successful at the development of singles skating and ice dancing to the national and international level and now we begin a journey into Synchronized Skating.

Currently there are no competitive (working toward international competition) novice, junior or senior synchronized skating teams in BC but there are approximately 20 teams at various levels enjoying this wonderful team activity, including competing during a season.

It is our intent to actively engage the skating community in pursuing those

skaters with a high skill level who may be interested in working toward an international goal. Posted on the [skatinginbc](http://www.skatinginbc.com) website is a document which provides more information as to what that means in regards to time commitment, skill level etc. There will be input from experts, excellent coaching experience and as we have done with our other disciplines, an overall monitoring from the Section.

We fully understand this will take time to reach our goal of international success but every dream has a beginning and this is it!

To find out more about this exciting new endeavor, visit the Synchro Section on the Skaters Page at www.skatinginbc.com.

“Every dream has a beginning and this is it!”

BC Sports Hall of Fame

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four World Junior Championships. Williams remains the only female native British Columbian to serve as an Olympic judge in figure skating. In 1984, she was appointed as an ISU Referee, leading to countless referee assignments at international competitions. Earlier, she

served as team leader for female skaters at the 1972 Olympic Winter Games in Sapporo, fostering the environment that allowed North Vancouver's Karen Magnusen the opportunity to capture Canada's only medal—A silver—of the games. She served on countless provincial and national committees ranging from skater development to official development

to judging.

Boundless energy, smiling and styling in equal quantities, Williams has mentored dozens of individuals over the years who rose to prominent roles in the sport's provincial, national and International levels.

Audrey Williams





Live Streaming a Big Hit!

The live streaming of the BC SummerSkate Competition once again drew excellent numbers. We streamed both rinks which added to the complication of the operation and manpower required, but with the help of Steve Muff (BC Director of Development) it all worked beautifully. We had four cameramen to work those long hours covering every skater. Peter Lang, Rob Woodley, Jesse Sturdy, all former skaters and now coaches, and Neal Melancon. Thank you for all your great work.

In the production operation room we had Jeremy Ten and Tarrah Harvey along with the rest of the crew taking turns on the tri caster and the laptop streaming devices. It is a fun and creative process and we hope over the next few years to get more young people involved.

People watched from all across Canada. There were viewers from England, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and Mexico... and we are sure from other countries as well.

Unique Viewers

BC

Thursday—3521

Friday—4240

Saturday—3512

Sunday—2216

TOTAL—13,489

Hours Viewed

BC

Thursday—1952

Friday—2207

Saturday—2190

Sunday—1285

TOTAL—7,634

Our next broadcast will be from Autumn Leaves in Kamloops October 14th-16th, then the Provincial Championships in Kelowna November 10th-13th. There is now a link to the archived videos from both rinks on skatinginbc.com.

Club News

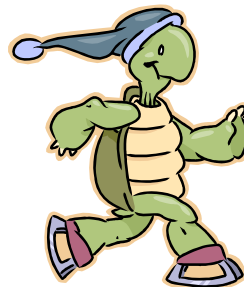
Fort St. John SC

Fort St. John Field Training Seminar Oct 15-16, 2011. Train with special guest moderator Jamie McGrigor, Head Coach and Director of Oak Bay Figure Skating Club, Victoria, BC. As current Director of Development for Vancouver Island, Jamie has been an NCCP level 3 coach for over 25 years, and has produced

numerous national and international level coaches and skaters in singles, pairs and dance. This seminar will be jam-packed and fun. In addition to Jamie's program, on and off-ice sessions include choreography, yoga, ballet, sports nutrition, as well as information sessions on the new LTAD program and recent changes to the Skate Canada programs.

For questions/

information, contact Danette Dawkin at danette.a.dawkin@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there!!!



Kelowna SC

The past few months have been very busy for our coaches and skaters of all levels, and everyone is looking forward to the fall and winter seasons!

We are pleased to welcome Madison Lyon to our full-time coaching staff. Madison is a former BC/YT Senior Team member and was taught by Karen Mongrain at Grand Forks. She is also attending UBC-Okanagan in pursuit of a degree in kinesiology.

May saw twenty-eight of our skaters make the trek to Surrey for the Victoria Day Interclub competition, returning home with 12 medals in total. Gold medals were won by Jayda Jurome in Junior Women Short and Free programs; Priscilla Sabang in Pre-Novice Women Short; Dana Bobyn in Pre-Novice Women Free; and Daria Carr in Pre-Preliminary Women. Medals were also won by Kelsey Wiebe, Desiree Schaefer, Haley Sales, Monika Randall, Alyssa Dobbs and Ashley Sales.

Another busy and suc-

cessful summer school went by quickly in July and August. The KSC once again hosted the OSA Summer Simulation on July 23. Forty-nine skaters from Kelowna and areas stretching from Whitehorse to Victoria to Grande Prairie to Fernie participated in another great event. Technical Specialists Ryan Sutherland and Andrea Fleming were on hand to call elements, while top Okanagan judges and Technical Controllers scored elements and gave feedback for program components. The Okanagan is very fortunate to have a very dedicated group of judges!

Thirty-seven of our skaters competed at the BC/YT Summerskate competition held at Burnaby in August. Gold medalists were: Kelsey Wiebe, Junior Women; Julianne Delaurier, Pre-Novice Women; Brianne Mapson, Senior Bronze Women; and Ashley Sales, Preliminary Women. Medals were also captured by Haley Sales, Dana Bobyn, Diane Nguyen, Savana Sheardown, and Rachel Hiob.

Right now, our skaters and coaches are back in full training,

while we in Kelowna are enjoying a bit of an extended summer! Upcoming events for our team will be the Sask Skate Invitational/Open and Autumn Leaves Freeskate competitions, as well as the KSC-hosted BC/YT Sectional Championships.

Looking forward to seeing you in the upcoming season!



BC SummerSkate Medalists

Club News cont...

Mount Arrowsmith SC

The Mount Arrowsmith Skating Club put a float in the Fall Fair Parade in Port Alberni. The float was in the Parade 18 yrs ago, put together by The Moyer Family. It was the exact float down to the truck. That had to have some work done to it to make it road worth. The float won 3 prizes, 2nd place for the float, ribbon for parade marshals choice, and a special recognition from a judge.



Sunshine Coast SC

The Sunshine Coast Skating Club recently wrapped up a successful 2010/2011 season on an extremely positive note.

Bringing in a high level judge and a dance



partner from Vancouver, the Club saw a 100% pass rate in the assortment of tests taken in May. In conjunction with the Test Day in February the following tests were passed for the season:

Beres Clements: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Preliminary Skating Skills, Jr. Bronze Skating Skills, Preliminary Freeskate part 1 & 2, Jr. Bronze freeskate part 1 & 2

Brenda Harkin: Jr.

Bronze Skills

Brooke Kwasney: Sr. Bronze Skating Skills, Jr. Bronze freeskate part 1 & 2

Caitlin Jarvis: European Waltz, Keats' Foxtrot,

Rocker Foxtrot, Sr. Silver Skating Skills, Gold Skating Skills, 2nd Gold Interpretive, Gold Freeskate part 1 & 2, Novice Freeskate

Elleni Antonio: Dutch Waltz, Preliminary Skating Skills

Elisabeth Lyle: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Preliminary Skating Skills

Jaymie Capron: Willow Waltz, Fourteenstep, Sr. Bronze Skating Skills, Bronze Interpretive

Madison Welch: Canasta Tango, Baby Blues, Swing Dance, Fiesta Tango, Preliminary Skating Skills, Jr. Bronze skills, Preliminary Freeskate Part 1 & 2, Jr. Bronze freeskate Part 1

Club News cont...

Maya Moudahi: Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, Baby Blues, Swing Dance, Preliminary Skating Skills

At the 2011 Victoria Day Super Series Competition, Beres Clements placed third in pre-preliminary men while Caitlin Jarvis participated in the pre-novice ladies category as well as Gold Interpretive,

placing 1st in the Gold Interpretive event.

Earlier competitions saw numerous successes in the Club with Gold assessments for Performance Evaluations earned by Maya Moudahi; Silver by Beres Clements, Maya Moudahi, Elisabeth Lyle, & Madison Welch; Bronze by Beres Clements, Maya Moudahi, as well as placements by Jaymie Capron & Caitlin Jarvis that earned both spots in the final Pacific StarSkate Championships. Jaymie Capron placed 1st in Pre-Intro Interpretive at the Regional Competition. Beres Clements placed 5th in men's Pre-Preliminary at VISI while Madison Welch competed in Ladies' Pre-Prelim 9 & Under at the WinterSkate Qualifying competition. Caitlin Jarvis placed 3rd in Gold Interpretive at the 2010/11 Regional Championships & 6th at VISI in Parksville.

Club events this year were extremely well attended; the Halloween Skate was fun for all as was the Xmas Eve Santa Skate. The In-house Jr.Academy performance competition saw a

100% attendance! A new Board was voted in at the AGM and the Club welcomes: Joanne Bennison, Deborah Clements, & Stuart Mclean as new Board members as well as welcoming back Jill-Marie Jarvis, Carmen Welch, Lesleigh Farr, & Nancy Moudahi.

Awards handed out at the AGM Awards Banquet:

-CanSkater of the Year- tie: *Camilla Pierre & Joey Stepanek*

-CanSkate Champions x 2- *Alice Clements & Natalie Martin*

-PA of the Year – *Brenda Harkin*

-PA Helper of the Year – tie: *Matthew Bentley & Noah Matthew-Moore*

-Spirit of Skating (Jr.Academy)- tie: *Halle Holmes & Madison Tidmarsh*

-Most Improved Jr.Academy- *Elly Thistlewaite*

-Most Improved StarSkate/CompetitiveSkate – *Beres Clements*

-Sportsmanship Jr.Academy – tie: *Tashina Mclean & Elly Thistlewaite*

-Sportsmanship StarSkate/

CompetitiveSkate – *Caitlin Jarvis*
-Aggregate Performance Evaluation- *Maya Moudahi*

-Aggregate StarSkate- *Madison Welch* (Honorable mentions: *Jaymie Capron & Caitlin Jarvis*; both qualifying for Pacific StarSkate Championships in Interpretive)

-Aggregate CompetitiveSkate- *Caitlin Jarvis*


-Shelley Cromie Off Ice Award:

-Jr. Academy- *Tashina Mclean*
StarSkate/CompetitiveSkate- *Elisabeth Lyle*

-Volunteer Appreciation Award- *Carmen Welch*

The Club would like to thank Lesleigh Farr, Brooke Kwasney, and the Executive Board for their continued hard work and dedication to making the Sunshine Coast Skating Club a great place for the kids to be. The Club looks forward to the 2011/2012 season!





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Region News



BC Coast Region

The BC Coast Region proudly recognizes the achievement of our judges. Recent promotions at judging clinics this summer are:

Ellen Bornowsky - Novice Singles
Joanne Brandon - Novice Dance
Lisa Letondress - Juvenile Pairs
Becky Roos - Juvenile Singles
Kortney Story - Sr Bronze Evaluator
Connie Chu - Sr Bronze Evaluator

Congratulations to our Home Town BC Coast Region skaters!

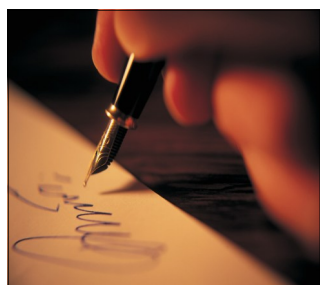
Nam Nguyen placed 12th in the men's division at the first event of ISU Junior

Grand Prix circuit in Riga, Latvia.

Nicole Orford of Burnaby, B.C., and Thomas Williams of Okotoks, Alta., won the gold medal in ice dancing and Liam Firus of North Vancouver added a bronze in men's singles to conclude the second stop on the ISU Junior Grand Prix figure skating circuit in Brisbane, Australia.

***"Congratulations
to our Home
Town BC Coast
Region skaters!"***

Notice to all Clubs



Just a reminder that all clubs should update their club constitution and by-laws every 5 years.

Please send updated constitution along with your Form 10 to:

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Chilliwack, BC, V2R 3H6
sharondahlis@gmail.com

FORM 100's

Make sure you submit your form 100 to Amy at amy@skatinginbc.com along with your Region Chairman.

International Medals

ISU JGP Brisbane 2011
Brisbane, Australia
September 7-11



**Nicole Orford &
 Thomas Williams**
 ~Junior Dance~
Gold Medal
 3rd Short Dance
 1st Free Dance
 1st Place Overall

Liam Firus
 ~Junior Men~
Bronze Medal
 3rd Short Program
 4th Free Program
 3rd Place Overall



ISU JGP Brasov Cup 2011
Brasov, Romania
September 21-25



Nam Nguyen
 ~Junior Men~
Bronze Medal
 5th Short Program
 2nd Free Program
 3rd Place Overall

International Assignments

ISU JUNIOR GRAND PRIX COMPETITORS

ISU JGP Volvo Cup 2011
Riga, Latvia
Aug 21-Sept 4

Nam Nguyen
~Junior Men~
12th Short Program
9th Free Program
12th Place Overall

ISU JGP Baltic Cup 2011
Gdansk, Poland
September 14-18

Noa Bruser & Timothy Lum
~Junior Dance~
8th Short Dance
2nd Free Dance
6th Place Overall

ISU JGP Austria 2011
Innsbruck, Austria
September 28-Oct 2

Liam Firus
~Junior Men~

Nicole Orford & Thomas Williams
~Junior Dance~

Madeline Edwards & Zhao Kai Pang
~Junior Dance~

ISU JGP Trofeo W. Lombardi 2011
Milano, Italy
October 5-9

Caelen Dalmer & Shane Firus
~Junior Dance~

ISU JGP Tallinn Cup 2011
Tallinn, Estonia
October 12-16



Mitchell Gordon
~Junior Men~

INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENT

Nebelhorn Trophy
Oberstdorf, Germany
September 21-24

Tarrah Harvey & Keith Gagnon
~Senior Dance~
8th Short Dance
8th Free Dance
8th Place Overall

ISU SENIOR GRAND PRIX COMPETITORS

ISU GF Skate Canada International 2011
Mississauga, Canada
October 27-30

Tarrah Harvey & Keith Gagnon
~Senior Dance~

ISU GP Cup of China 2011
Kingston, Ontario
October 29-31

Kevin Reynolds
~Senior Men~

ISU GP Trophée Eric Bompard 2011
Paris, France
November 18-20

Kevin Reynolds
~Senior Men~

Coaches Corner

TECHNICAL MEMO

Following testing of PPS at the BC SummerSkate Competition, the following changes regarding jumps and choreographed spirals have been made. These changes take effect immediately.

Jumps

All standard rules regarding jumps apply in PPS. The technical panel will be more lenient with two types of calls regarding jump elements:

- **Edge Calls:** A flat or unclear edge take off for flip and lutz jumps will not warrant an edge call. Only jumps which clearly take off from the **wrong** edge will be identified as incorrect.

- **Jump Sequences:** Unless the skater states on their planned program sheet that they intend to perform a jump sequence or an element unquestionably becomes a jump sequence, the technical panel will not call a sequence if two jump elements are executed in close proximity to each other.

Rationale: As many skaters are still developing proficiency with flips and lutz jumps, they will not be penalized for a weak or flat entry edge by the technical panel. As completing nine elements in 1:30 can be challenging for these skaters, the technical panel must consider the intent of the skater when calling jump sequences.

Choreographed Spirals

For a series of Choreographed Spirals to receive a Level 1 call,

- A skater may perform one spiral for 3 seconds or two spirals for 2 seconds each.

- The spiral (or spirals) must be on edge and be **unsupported**.

- The level of the skating free leg must be nearly at or parallel to the ice.

The positive GOE for holding a spiral longer than 3 seconds has been changed to:

-Able to hold a spiral 4 seconds or longer

Rationale: To focus skaters on developing good flexibility and strong camel spin positions, all spirals performed must be unsupported. As the window of opportunity for flexibility is between the ages of 6-10, LTT is a critical phase for developing suppleness in skaters. In keeping with rules for spins, developmental spiral positions will be accepted so long as the technical panel can agree that the free leg is close to a spiral position.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact Laura Carr. laura@ripsand.com.



Live Streaming Q & A for Coaches

We are thrilled to announce a new service for coaches in BC. We want to provide a series of question and answer live streaming shows on skatinginbc.com.

These shows would be interactive and give an opportunity for coaches to anonymously ask questions about levels of difficulty, GOE's, jumping or spin techniques. We hope to have skaters to demonstrate as seeing what the technical specialist is calling or judge is evaluating and why is much better than reading about it.

We encourage you to send questions in beforehand to coaching@skatinginbc.com and to text questions during the show to 604-809-2891.

Here are the details of the broadcast:

When: Thursday, October 6th 11:00 - 12:00

Where: BC Centre of Excellence

Hosts: Jamie McGrigor ISU Technical Specialist and Director of Development for BC, Janice Hunter ISU Judge, Skate Canada Controller and

Skate Canada BC/YT Section Executive Member, Lorenza Samarelli (host), Mitchell Gordon, 2011 Canadian Novice Men's Champion (demonstrator)

This is a pilot project and depending on interest we may continue it in order to help coaches in developing their club programs, skill exercises and techniques.

So please tune in to www.skatinginbc.com. We look forward to hearing your questions!

“Text in your questions during the show to 604-809-2891 or e-mail them in beforehand to coaching@skatinginbc.com”

BC/YT Sectional Championships Accreditation

Reminder to Coaches:

All coaches must be ISPC Certified in order to receive accreditation to coach your skaters at the event.

Please contact Amy at coaching@skatinginbc.com if you have any questions.

2011 Adult Figure Skating Competition

BC SKATERS TAKE HOME 1 GOLD AND 2 SILVER MEDALS AT 2011 ISU ADULT FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION

Canadian adult figure skaters from across the country captured a record number of medals at the 2011 Adult Figure Skating Competition held June 8 to 11, 2011 in Oberstdorf, Germany. Canadians brought home 20 medals (10 gold, four silver and six bronze) in this popular international competition which attracted more than 300 skaters from 26 countries.

Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires from Metro Vancouver (Kitsilano and Kerrisdale Figure Skating Clubs) won the Master's Short Dance. Their Viennese Waltz to Aretha Franklin's "Natural Woman" was not only a crowd favourite, but they won the gold with a score of 37.15 points. The French and Great Britain teams tied for second with 29.30 points and the US team scored 24.89.

Geoff and Diana, who have skated together since the first adult nationals were held in B.C. in 2003, also took Silver in the Gold Pattern Dance (Quickstep and Blues). As well, they placed second in the Mas-

ter's Free Dance with a personal best of 47.58 points.

Two other skaters represented B.C.

Alexandra Gunsett from Kerrisdale Figure Skating Club competed in the Silver and Bronze Ladies Artistic Free Skating. In a field of 24 skaters, Alexandra placed 10th. She also skated in the Silver Ladies Free Skating category and placed 21st in another full field of 24 skaters.

Monique Lagnerius from Grandview Figure Skating Club (she has just moved to Munich) placed 13th out of 23 skaters in the Silver and Bronze Ladies II Artistic Free Skating category.

For the first time ever, Canada was represented in the judging area by ISU Judge, Sally Rehorick from Vancouver. This was Sally's first adult competition and she was impressed by the level of skating from all competitors and was most kind with her time to provide personal feedback to many of the Canadian skaters.

One of the highlights of the competition was the first time appearance of Japan's Midori Ito who was a warm, gracious and fun

fan as well as a beautiful figure skater. This was the former World Champion's first competition following her retirement many years ago. As well, the competition featured a former Olympic ice dancer from the 1976 Olympics (Innsbruck, Austria). The oldest competitor was 72 – a former competitive ice dancer from Paris (competed the same year as Donald Jackson). She also placed 2nd in the Silver Pattern Dance category.

As usual, the Canadian competitors and their fans had a big presence. Four skaters from Kerrisdale travelled to Oberstdorf just to check things out – Ron and Sandy Johnston and Ralph and Yin Case. In addition Penny Siller (and husband Fred) from West Vancouver also helped cheer the British Columbia and other Canadian skaters on. Penny is a former synchro skater as well as a diamond level ice dancer.

And, a big thank you to Jim Wilkins (Kerrisdale FSC) who once again was the official photographer for the competition. Over the four days, Jim took more than 16,000 (yes, that's 16 thousand!) photos of all the skaters.

"As usual, the Canadian competitors and their fans had a big presence."

Canadian results are as follows:

Gold medal performances were turned in by:

Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires (from B.C.), Ice Dance

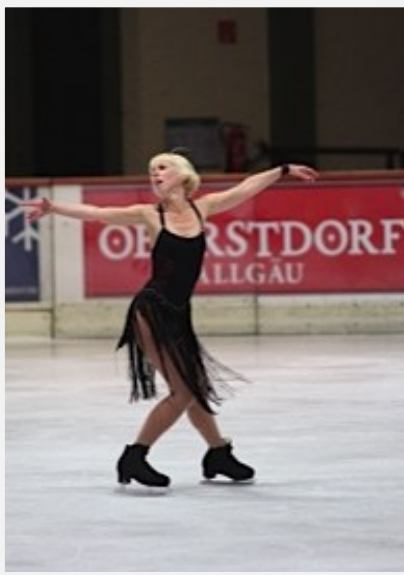
Silver medals were awarded to:

Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires (B.C.), Ice Dance, Gold Pattern Dance
Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires (B.C.).

The 2012 ISU International Competition will be held

once again in Oberstdorf, Germany from May 22 to 26, 2012. Adult skaters can check out the ISU website: www.isu.org for further details.

~Submitted by James Wilkins



Monique Lagnerius



Diana Barkley & Geoff Squires



Alexandra Gunsett



Masters Short Dance GOLD Diana & Geoff

Gold Feet



Caitlin Jarvis

The Sunshine Coast Skating Club would like to congratulate Caitlin Jarvis for her many test accomplishments:

At age 11, Caitlin attained the 1st of two Gold Interpretive tests. At age 12, she tested with a new program and passed her 2nd Gold Interpretive, placing 1st at 2011 Victoria Day Super Series Competition. Caitlin also passed her Gold Skills, Gold Freeskate,

& Novice freeskate tests. Caitlin attributes much of her success to her long-time coach Lesleigh Farr. Caitlin plans on finishing all of her gold dances so that she can claim a quadruple gold status. She would like to thank her coach Lesleigh Farr, judge Bob Mandley, & dance partner Graham Casey for all of their support, guidance, and good humour over the years.

BC/YT Section History

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BC/YT Section Office

The staff of the BC/YT Section Office handle numerous tasks throughout the year that act as a catalyst for the Provincial programs, seminars and schools that take place around the province of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory. With a great number of combined years of skating experience, the group help bring together the many bodies and factions that make up skating in BC.

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We want to hear from you!

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