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# Thin Ice

## **SKATE CANADA RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS IN VANCOUVER**

Skate Canada held its annual Convention and General Meeting at the Sheraton Wall Center in Vancouver, May 23-27th, 2012. The week was highly successful as BC Volunteers helped put on a first class event.



The week included a Coaches Conference with had a historic amount of participating coaches. There were workshops for members, a dinner cruise, an opening social, an awards banquet and a disco party wrapped up the week.

At the awards banquet hosts Debbi Wilkes and Elizabeth Manley announced a number of award winners including several from the BC/YT section.

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Jeremy Ten, Patrick Chan & Kevin Reynolds were presenters & escorts for the Awards Gala.

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**Nicole Orford & Thomas Williams**  
2012 Jr Grand Prix Champions  
2012 Junior World Team  
2011 Junior National Champions



**Kitty Qian**  
2012 Senior BC/YT Silver Medalist  
2011 Junior National Silver Medalist  
2009 Novice National Silver Medalist



**Kevin Reynolds**  
2012 Sr. National Silver Medalist  
2009 - 2012 Sr. World Team  
2010 Four Continents Bronze Medalist

*Year Round  
Skating*



**Jeremy Ten**  
2009 & 2012 Sr. National  
Bronze Medalist  
2012 Four Continents  
Team  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHARMAN

What a truly marvellous Section we have! I want to give a HUGE thank you to the wonderful people who worked so very hard at the Skate Canada National ACGM held in Vancouver. We had three special gentlemen look after all of the trips to and from the airport to the hotel – thank you to David, Dawson and Brian – you guys did GOOD!! Our fabulous Brenda and Lori organized all of the volunteers throughout the week at the boutique, information desk, set up, clean up, ticket takers and wherever Skate Canada needed someone! Kevin, Jeremy, Kathryn and Tarrah did a great job at the Awards evening. Diane, the queen of decorations, organized a spectacular room full of 70's décor for the final evening. And of course special thanks to our own staff – Ted, Danielle, Amy, Steve and Jamie who helped out all over the place during the coaches conference and the National meeting. The country was impressed, and it was due to a great team effort, so I thank the team of volunteers here in BC!!

I also want to congratulate all of our award winners from our own Awards Banquet and Auction. It was a lovely evening with a lot of laughter and tears. Thank you Ted and his lovely co-host Debbi Wilkes for an entertaining evening. Our award presenters Jeremy, Kevin and Tarrah did a great job. Thank you to everyone who supported the Athlete's Trust auction. The evening is a highlight that I wish more people could come and experience.

Now, as all of the excitement winds down for the year, I hope that everyone can enjoy the memories of special events like these. I encourage everyone to take part in their Clubs and Regions and become a valued volunteer in our Section. Join this great big family we have, and share in the fun, because it truly is fun, even though we work hard, the fun wins out!

Enjoy the summer break, and we'll all be back at the rink for SummerSkate!

Yours in Skating

Lorraine Mapoles

Chairman BC/YT Section Skate Canada



## CLUB NEWS



### CAMPBELL RIVER SC

Lots of changes for the Campbell River Skating Club! Starting with new Executive members, we have Lynda Ostashek as the President who is new to the skating world, we have Shannon Rosa as the Vice President and Robyn Mudie as the Secretary, both of who bring some skating experience with them. Another new member is our Recreation Program Director, Kyla Brideau. Welcome! We also have our experienced Executive members, Lynda Baechler, Treasurer; Gill Tremblay, Competition/Test; Minda Harrison, Registrar and Bonnie Strueman, our Starskate/Competitive Director. This rounds out our Executive's we have a wonderful blend of diversity and this next year is shaping up to be an exciting one!

Our newest Coach, Keri Ellis is developing an off ice program that will be introduced at our Summer school. If anyone is going to be visiting or vacationing in Campbell River, or nearby areas, during the period of July 23 – August 10, 2012, you are invited to participate in our Summer school. Keep an eye on our web site at <http://www.campbellriverskatingclub.com/> for the schedule, registration form, and additional information.

We also want to thank the skaters for their commitment to skating and the CRSC, their parents for allowing their children to follow their interests in skating, and the many volunteers that are so important to a Club. Everyone is welcome to attend our upcoming social events; August 2 Skate-a-thon, and August 9 Family barbecue and skate. Again, keep an eye on our web site for further details.

Congratulations to our skaters who have done well in competitions this past year. Also, congratulations to Vanessa Mae Harrison and Leanna Tremblay for passing their Gold Skills to earn them the coveted Gold Feet. To all our BC Skaters, good luck in future competitions!!!

### COMOX VALLEY SC

This is a story about a small gritty club with spirit! Our membership is meagre but our hearts are full, fuelled by the passion and love of skating. This past year a handful of parents,(our determined executive), supported by our community rallied together to save the Comox Valley Skate Club. We have always been a small feisty club, yet this past year we lost over 60% of our gaming funds and were in a situation where we had to reach out to community to save our skaters. Our brilliant and creative registrar at the time, secured two return tickets from West Jet(anywhere they fly), and we used these to promote a raffle fundraiser



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for our club. The skaters and their families raised just under \$10,000.00 which kept us on ice for the Spring session. Parent volunteers also stepped up to organize and execute the final, 36th annual Barbara Rasmussen Memorial Skating Competition in March involving Barbara Rasmussen's family members in the medal presentations. This was a glorious and final tribute to the Vancouver Island skating Coach so many still remember. The club was able to earn a small amount from this competition which helped in paying a portion of Summer ice. It seems our parents and skaters are not ready to leave the ice just yet. In fact, our skaters seem even more determined to challenge themselves and keep their personal goals and dreams alive!

Our skaters have faced injuries, family loss, and financial hardships, yet they have continued to skate, continued to strive and continued to believe in themselves. You see a club can not be measured by the medals they collect, but by the heart and spirit of the skaters and their families who will never give up their passion for the ice! The Comox Valley Skate Club will continue to skate for the love of it!



**Photo one:** Kayla & Cynthia Phaneuf

**Photo two:** Greg Ladret Dawn Ladret  
Holding the Barbara Rasmussen Memorial trophy, Dawson German, Jade Paganelli, beside Jade is Kaylee Lasota.

Behind trophy is Kyra Olsen , Back row, Dustin Lucas, Brooke Robertson, Kelsey Lasota, Meghan Taylor

**Photo three Left to right:**

In splits. Peyton Meiers, Meghan Taylor  
2nd Row; Lauren Wigard, Jane Schaffhauser  
Back Row. Kaya Leslie, Rachelle Beauchamp, Dustin Lucas

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### CONNAUGHT SC

Connaught Skating Club was very fortunate to have Canada's National Treasure, Brian Orser, and renowned choreographer Julie Marcotte share their wealth of knowledge and experience with participants of our 3 day Spring 2012 seminar in May. The seminar, "Designing Champions: Art and Technique", focused on artistic and technical excellence.

"It was pretty amazing, and having them together made it especially productive," said Connaught Skating Club's Director of Programs, Keegan Murphy. "Brian's superb technical expertise and Julie's performance-based approach complimented each other perfectly. There was a lot of energy for them to feed off and it was an amazing experience for the kids."



The seminar was attended by 76 skaters from across B.C., as well as many coaches and spectators. Brian & Julie's enthusiastic and energetic sessions inspired all participants and left everyone - participants and others - grinning from ear to ear. Orser, who coaches at the Cricket





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Club in Toronto, was gracious, upbeat and positive, and just a wonderful seminar presenter. Marcotte is based in Quebec, and showed amazing musicality & energy, and a never ending smile.

Everyone departed highly motivated to train both technically and artistically for the upcoming competitive season, and awe struck at having worked with such amazing people.



### DUNCAN SC

We have now completed another successful season with a membership of 202 one of the largest clubs on the island. Our skaters competed in four competitions this season as well as the BC/YT Open Synchro. The highlight of the season was our Ice Show in March “A Magical Kingdom on Ice”. We ran a Spring School, followed by a test day with many skaters passing tests. We had our Awards Banquet on April 27. Our President and two coaches went to the National AGM in Vancouver. The club will be running a Summer School in August .



***Award Winners – Duncan Skating Club April 2012***

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### JUAN DE FUCA SC

#### **JUAN DE FUCA SKATING CLUB CELEBRATES 40 YEARS**

Pierre Trudeau was Prime Minister, Dave Barrett became BC's Premier, Elvis Stojko was born in 1972 and the Canada – Russia Summit Series in hockey took place that year.

1972 was a leap year – not only because February had 29 days that year, but because the Juan de Fuca Skating Club leapt onto the scene. Originally named the Juan de Fuca Figure Skating Club (dropping the word “Figure” in 2001); the club was incorporated in August of that year to be the new club in the new arena in Colwood. The club's history is a rich one, having been started by Gayle Wallach and Joann Van Amstel.

One of the biggest and most successful clubs on the Island, JDF offers skating programs from the “Canskate” (learn to skate) level to the highest competitive levels. Over the past 4 decades the Juan de Fuca Skating Club has had the pleasure of introducing thousands of skaters of all ages to the joy of skating. Some of them have proudly gone on to represent our club at both Junior and Senior National Championships. Thanks largely to our enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers we were able to host numerous competitions of both Island and Provincial levels. Most of these volunteers have also been instrumental in the club putting on fantastic ice shows displaying the abilities of all the skaters from the Canskate level up to Senior skaters. For two of the more recent shows we were blessed with the presence of guest skaters Steven Cousins and Shae-Lynn Bourne, who not only entertained and enthralled the crowd, but conducted seminars prior to the show for the clubs' skaters. We were also extremely privileged in having Josee Chouinard at our club not once but twice to conduct seminars thanks to Cover Girl cosmetics. These were times that most of our skaters and parents will remember forever.

Our club has been very fortunate to have had a dedicated and knowledgeable coaching staff guiding our skaters' progress. We are now well into our second generation of skaters from the same family and it is not unusual to hear one of our coaches say to a skater “I remember teaching your Mom to skate”.

Marking this year and welcoming back former skaters, coaches and executive members, the club is planning a series of events around the Thanksgiving Weekend (October 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>), including a pub night, special dinner, and family skate. More details coming soon.

All in all it has been a joyous and successful first 40 years and we look forward to the next 40 and many years beyond.



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### MOUNT ARROWSMITH SC

Mount Arrowsmith would like to congratulate Lilly Huynh for being our Can skater of the year. The Mount Arrowsmith Skating Club would like to congratulate are High School Graduates Alyshia Coombs, Britnee Oldfield, Daylin Turgeon and Michayla Riley. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavours!



### NAKUSP SC

The Nakusp Figure Skating Club held their Year End Awards and Dessert Party on April 11, 2012. Skaters in the Tiny Tots, CanSkate and STARSkate programs were congratulated on their achievements this past year with participation trophies, certificates and report cards. Skaters in all programs progressed their skating this season, in

*Skaters from the Nakusp Figure Skating Club who won the Kootenay Regional Club Sportsmanship Award at the Kootenay Regional Competition. Back Row: Rachel Wiebe, Jessica Zorn and Kimberly Hill. Front Row: Kiley Waterfield, Coach Sabrina Hinson and Lindsay Cann*



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addition to earning badges, passing tests, attending competitions and Seminars. Milestones for the club this season, included hosting a Low Test Day in December, Hosting the Kootenay Region Singles Seminar in January with Guest Coaches Michael Farrington and Melinda Kunhegyi, and the club won the Kootenay Region Club Sportsmanship Award at the Kootenay Regional Competition in Creston in January.

Award Winners were as follows:

### CanSkate

CanSkate Spirit Champion Medal Winners: Chiara Minchin and Haven Rahn

CanSkater of the Year Medal Winner: Maya Watson

### STARSkate

Most Improved: Kiley Waterfield

High Point: Jessica Zorn

Citizenship: Kimberly Hill

Sportsmanship: Lindsay Cann

All Around Skater: Rachel Wiebe

*STARSkate Award Winners with Coach Sabrina Hinson*



### NANAIMO SC

As a former skater, and now a skating parent, it isn't hard to look around the ice sessions at our club and find inspiration. However, when it comes to inspiring, one young man on our ice stands separate from the rest. His name is Willson Poon. At first glance, he is just a nice young man working hard on his double jumps, trying to master that double axel. He is a student at Vancouver Island University, studying Tourism and Recreation, who has arranged his studies around his skating times. When Spring skating finishes, he will be heading off to his summer job, working at Disney Land.

But then when you look a little closer, you see that he isn't your average skater... I recently asked Willson about skating, and I knew I had to share his story... Here is what he had to say:



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" My family moved to Canada when I was two, and grew up in Coquitlam. My dad got offered a job in Hong Kong when I was a teenager, and our family decided to relocate to Hong Kong. After a couple of years, I moved back to Canada and settled in Nanaimo, and started to learn skating at the age of 19. When I first started skating, I was told that 19 was the age when people start quitting or moving onto other things in their lives. However, I decided to continue learning to skate, as it gave me a goal, and also something to feel good and proud about.

I have been skating for almost 4 years now, I started off learning how to do a simple glide. Now I am able to fully rotate my Double-Axel. I schedule my University courses to fit in with my skating schedule. Every day, I go to school, then take the bus to skating practise, and then go to the gym to work-out. I do off-ice every other day, before I walk 20 minutes to get home.

When I was younger, I used to be a competitive swimmer and badminton player, therefore when I started skating, I worked extremely hard in hopes of becoming competitive one day. I finally met my goal this year, but sadly, new age limits that come into effect for Pre-Novice and Novice in July. In order for me to continue in the competitive track, I will have to compete in the Senior category. Knowing that that's my new goal, I will continue to work hard and push myself to be able to compete with the Seniors one day.

All goals can be met when you meet them with determination and hard work. When I started skating, my goal was to land an Axel, then a Double-Salchow. Now that I am almost landing my Double-Axel, I will continue to work hard until I can one day land a Triple-Flip or hopefully Triple-Axel. I work hard and try to improve and master at least one jump per year, so by the end of this year, I should have landed my Double-Axel, and have started to work on Triple Jumps."

This spring, Wilson competed in the Pre Novice Men's category for the first time at the Barbara Rasmussen competition and then again at Super Series Vancouver Island.

In his spare time, Willson also works as a PA on our Canskate sessions, and he volunteers at the Nanaimo Multicultural Center.



*~ Submitted with permission by: Kim Cameron, Nanaimo Skating Club, Vancouver Island Region, April 21st, 2012*



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### NORTH SURREY SC

#### **North Surrey Skating Club Celebrates 40 Years!**

The North Surrey Skating Club recently held its annual awards banquet at the Compass Point Inn on King George Blvd in Surrey. This wraps up our 40th year of skating and support of young athletes in the community of North Surrey and we are proud to recognize the many achievements of our skaters, the dedication and professionalism of their coaches and the hard work of many parent volunteers.

Our CanSkater of the year this season was **Ah-Young Hwang** who was awarded a plaque alongside the CanSkate Champions, **Avleen Shettra** and **Grace Young**. **Cindy Ly** was recognized as our most improved CanSkater.

We also recognized **Shirnah Cornelis** and **Kevin Hua** as two very diligent skaters in our club who have made excellent progress this season. We have four skating levels in our sessions and **Madison Medeiros** and **Jacqueline Lam** won the most improved skater award at the elementary level.

**Kianna Parsons** took this honour at the preliminary level followed by **Rachel Fawcett** at the intermediate level and **Benjamin Mangabat** at the senior level.

**Kianna Parsons** was the recipient of our Program Assistant Award for her dedication and excellence in helping our coaches with the CanSkate program. **Jeevan Bachra** demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and **Liam Fawcett** was voted NSSC's most inspirational skater this year.

Our most artistic skater was **Julie Huynh** who received several medals this

year for her achievements in interpretive programs and the honour of highest competitive level went to **Evan Lochhead** and **Kennedy Vanderzalm** who are currently competing in Novice Dance. **Benjamin Mangabat** also took top honours as the recipient of the overall competitive achievement award.





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Each year, the NSSC recognizes individual skaters who have contributed in various ways to the club, to the sport, to others and to themselves through effort and achievement. Our award of merit was given to **Ana Camacho-Fawcett, Gurmehar Mann, Andrea Park** and **Jodie Soo**. This year's skater's choice award (voted by the skaters themselves) was **Sheetal Prasad**

On a final note, a special service award plaque was accorded to **Lisa Webb**, our immediate past president who is stepping down after 15 years of service. Lisa has put three daughters through skating and given countless hours serving on the NSSC executive. The North Surrey Skating Club thanks her for her contribution to figure skating and wishes her and her family all the best in the future.

## QUESNEL SC

The Quesnel Figure Skating Club has wrapped up a busy and successful season. We recently hosted the Cariboo North Central Regional Championships at the Quesnel Twin Arenas, hosting 182 skaters from 17 clubs from Pr. Rupert all the way to Ft. St. John and south to Williams Lake. Several of our skaters were crowned Regional Champions as well as securing the Team Aggregate Trophy for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.

Regional Champions 2011/2012: Cassandra Greenwood, Senior Bronze Freeskate and Silver Interpretive, Carmen Huang, Junior Silver Freeskate, Selena Van Aert, Gold Interpretive and Olivia Marleau, Pre Novice Ladies.

The BC/YT Pond to Podium Super Series event which concluded at the final event in Surrey on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, produced three top three results for QFSC skaters: Carmen Huang, 1st place Junior Silver Ladies, Cassie Greenwood, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Senior Bronze Ladies, Selena Van Aert, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Gold Ladies.

At BC/YT Sectional Championships, Olivia Marleau (Pre Novice Ladies) qualified to represent Zone 8 at the BC Winter Games in Vernon February 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>, where she placed 7<sup>th</sup> in the Pre Novice Short, 4<sup>th</sup> in the Freeskate event, with an overall 5<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Many of our young skaters entered the competition arena for the first time at the Cariboots n Blades competition in Williams Lake February 4, 5<sup>th</sup>. Many medals were brought home including the trophy for Team with the Most Points.

The highlight of our season was when QFSC and the community of Quesnel welcomed former World and National Champion Kurt Browning to town (after winning the National "Show it off for Skate Canada" contest). Kurt was greeted at the Quesnel Airport by



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club and community members and rode to town in true Quesnel style – via logging truck! Kurt put on a fabulous seminar for our skaters on April 20<sup>th</sup> as well as attending a community meet and greet where he was presented a gift from Major Mary Sjostrom. He was also present the following morning at our year end test day, offering encouragement to the testers. It was a special morning to have Kurt present while several gold levels (in dance, skills and interpretive) were achieved as well as the first ever in the history of Cariboo North Central Region Diamond Dances were completed by Kina Ellison.

To finish off the year our “Stars of Tomorrow” event was held to showcase our youngest members in their first solo choreographed by the senior skaters. The event was well attended by family and community members and was also a farewell skate for graduating skaters Vanessa Van Aert and Kina Ellison.

We are now busy planning our upcoming season and look forward to being back on the ice in mid August.



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### ROSSLAND SC

The Rossland Figure Skating Club held their first Year End Awards and Dessert Party on May 11, 2012. All skaters in the CanSkate and Rising Stars Programs received a participation medal, certificate and report card. STARSkaters received a participation medal and certificate.

Award Winners were as follows:

#### **CanSkate:**

CanSkate Spirit Champion Medal Winners: Maya Maturo and Natiah Tarzwell

CanSkater of the Year: Adam Heale

#### **Rising Stars:**

Rising Stars Most Improved Skater Award: Brian Chan

#### **STARSkate:**

Sportsmanship Award: Alex Stephens

Citizenship Award: Ella Knight

High Point – Sianna Tomich

Most Improved: Payton Reed

Program Assistant – Alex Stephens

All Around Skater: Sianna Tomich



***StarSkaters: Desiree Cassidy, Payton Reed, Sianna Tomich, Coach Sabrina Hinson, Alex Stephens, Reina Cancilla and Ella Knight***

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*“A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work.”*

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### SUNGOD SC

#### SUNGOD SKATING CLUB CELEBRATES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT ICE SHOW!!

Dance, Dance, Skate was the theme of Sungod's Ice Show held in March, marking the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Club hosted a reception prior to it's evening show with numerous special guests including past presidents and the Club's first coach, Mr. Vern Hart. Josh McRae was Head Ice Show Coach and over 100 skaters participated. One of the most memorable displays of the evening was an alumni line skating one of the Club's signature numbers, "*The Sungod Girls*" which has opened every show since inception. The ladies brushed the cobwebs off the boots and put on a flawless re-skate of the number. Participating in the line was BCYT's very own, Danielle Williams.

At the Club's AGM in May the following skaters received their gold test medals - Austin Ma-Gold Freeskate, Samantha Foster-Gold Dance, Megan Stewart-Gold Freeskate, Chelsea Ivanich-Gold Freeskate & Dance and Mariah Cawkell-Gold Skills. Congratulations Skaters!!

Sungod Skating Club's Summer Skating School runs July 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 17, 2012 t Tilbury Arena, River Rd., Delta. Go to [www.sungodskatingclub.com](http://www.sungodskatingclub.com) for full details.



*Sungod SC Alumni Line from Ice Show*



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### SUNSHINE COAST SC

The Sunshine Coast Skating Club was pleased to host a test day at the Gibsons Facility. The Powell River Skate Club joined the SCSC in welcoming Judge Syd Hughes over to the Coast. The SCSC is pleased to announce the following tests passed:

Beres Clements: Juvenile, & Elisabeth Lyle Preliminary Freeskate Pt.1.

In dances: Beres Clements & Elisabeth Lyle: Baby Blues, Maya Moudahi: Fiesta Tango, Willow Waltz, Madison Welch: Willow Waltz, 10-Fox, Caitlin Jarvis: Harris Tango, American Waltz.

Caitlin Jarvis placed third overall in the STARskate Super Series final standings in Ladies Gold. Way to go!

In other Club news, the SCSC is proud to have Director of Skating Lesleigh Farr the recipient of a 'Celebration of Excellence' community award for 'outstanding achievement in the category of Sport and Rec' as well as a Community Sport Hero Award, presented by Sport BC. Congratulations Lesleigh, well deserved!

Past-President Jill-Marie Jarvis is moving on from the Club Board and has joined the BC Coast Region Board as a Director. The Club wishes her success in her new adventures. Jill-Marie was also a recipient of a Community Sport Hero Award sponsored by Sport BC.

The club sent two board members to the Skate Canada ACGM as well as Director of Skating to the ACGM and National Coaches Conference in Vancouver. Kudos for a great job sent out to the BC/YT Section for an amazing job of hosting this wonderful event & sincere thanks to Skate Canada for providing valuable information & workshops and entertaining social events.

Lesleigh Farr, SCSC Director of Skating attended the 3 day Brian Orser/Julie Marcotte seminar hosted by the Connaught SC. She brings back tons of information and described the seminar as “....engaging, informative, wonderful!!”

CanSkate coach Brenda Harkin has acquired her 'CanSkate Coach in Training' certification. Congratulations Brenda!



The Sunshine Cost Skating Club is extremely proud to acknowledge Caitlin Jarvis as the Region & Section STARskate Athlete of The Year. Caitlin has worked very hard in making skating a life commitment and we feel she is very deserving of this award. She was also the recipient of the Skate Canada STARskate Athlete of The Year Award at the recent Skate Canada National ACGM in Vancouver last month. Congratulations Caitlin!!

(Caitlin pictured with Patrick Chan at the Presidents Reception; 2012 NAGM)



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The Sunshine Coast Skating Club recently held a 'Women and Leadership' seminar & workshops in conjunction with Promotion Plus and (CAAWS) Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women in Sport & Physical Activity. Workshop topics included Conflict Resolution, Influencing Change, and Volunteers; 'How to get 'em & how to keep 'em'.

Presenters were Irene Schell & Wendy Martin-Stroyan. Irene has worked in amateur sport administration since 1989, and is currently the Event and Technology Manager for the BC Games Society. Irene has also served on the boards of various sport organizations including Sport BC and ProMOTION Plus, the BC organization for girls and women in sport and physical activity, and was the Chef de Mission for Team BC for the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games.

Wendy is the current chairman of the BC Coast Region of Skate Canada and has a background in sport administration having previously worked for the provincial sport governing body of figure skating (the BC/YT Section of Skate Canada) as Program Developer. Wendy has been involved in Regional, Provincial, National, and International events that host and recruit volunteers.

Lunch was provided to all participants and the hosts would like to thank both Wendy & Irene for such informative workshops.

Congratulations to Caitlin Jarvis on placing first and being crowned the BC Coast Regional Winner in Gold Interpretive for 2011/2012 at the BC Coast Regional Championships (WinterSkate)



The SCSC would like to extend its thanks to honorary member Susan Heffernan for her assessment of the skaters throughout the season as well as the informative



Self-esteem/skater confidence off ice class for the EXCEL class. Susan's continued involvement, support, and expertise is always much appreciated.

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At the recent Year End banquet the following awards were distributed to Club Members:

PA of the Year: Caitlin Jarvis  
Shelley Cromie Off Ice Award: Jr. Academy- Halle Holmes  
Shelley Cromie Off Ice Award StarSkate/CompetitiveSkate- Beres Clements  
Spirit of Skating (Jr.Academy): Cooper Jones  
Most Improved: Jr. CanPowerSkate: Jayden Copping  
Most Improved: Int. CanPowerSkate: Mathew Drope  
Most Improved Adult CanPowerSkate: Saleah Billbach  
Sportsmanship Jr.Academy: Halle Holmes  
Sportsmanship StarSkate/CompetitiveSkate: Caitlin Jarvis  
CanSkate Champions: Gibsons: Modhava Bosold & Kylie Howse - Sechelt: John Mailey & Alice Clements  
CanSkater of the Year: Natalie Martin  
Volunteer of Distinction Award: Jill-Marie Jarvis

### VICTORIA FSC

#### **Victoria Figure Skating Club – Goodbye Reception – March 26<sup>th</sup> 2012 ~ written by Dolores Troyer**

A huge big “THANKS” to the executive, coaches and members of the Victoria Figure Skating Club for creating this lovely reception for all of us to get together this one last time to share great memories of our time at the Club.

Here are my memories of the evening:

- Seeing the wonderful memorabilia posters displayed so beautifully as we entered the room.
- Sharon Jarymy's closing Presidents report that was so heart-felt & was delivered so bravely.
- The members accepting the reality and sadly voting for the club to close its doors.
- Mrs. Curry pointing out the years some of the executive members had put in serving the Club – Val 38 & Cheri 30 and there were many more people with over ten years of duty.
- Barb & Colleen keeping the final skaters awards very upbeat.
- Cheri passing out certificates and her very own trinkets to the PA's. Oh my gosh, these PA's have grown up to be lovely ladies – even the two little ones look so mature.



### END OF AN ERA FOR VICTORIA FIGURE SKATING CLUB

It was with great sadness that March 26, 2012 marked the end of an era as the members of the Victoria Figure Skating Club passed a motion to cease operations after 86 years.

It was an evening of mixed emotions as former members and affiliates of the VFSC joined current members in celebrating our history and sharing memories. Displays of photos and memorabilia chronicled the Club's many ups and downs over the years. It survived after its first two arenas burned down, during a world war interruption, the splitting off into many other skating clubs, the demolition of the old Memorial Arena and the challenges of operating out of two current arenas. It also produced many great skaters and ice shows and, in 2002, was inducted into the Greater Victoria Sports Hall of Fame. Unfortunately, declining demand in the city core and in Esquimalt gradually eroded its membership base and it was no longer sustainable to operate.

However, the VFSC has, for many years, partnered with the Saanich Skating Club in hosting competitions and ice shows and sharing ice so we are fortunate that our coaches and members are familiar with and are being welcomed into the Saanich Skating Club next season. We are confident that the transition will be seamless and our skaters will continue to enjoy many years of skating in the future.

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- Jayde's letter that broke our hearts!
- The presentation of the last Lifetime Membership and Club Alumni jacket to Sharon.
- Nice to see Lynne Henderson Drake (the Vancouver Island Skate Canada Chairman) who came all the way from Campbell River to be with us for our last meeting.



On to the reception where there were former members from many decades:

- Astrid Doidge, Susan Cooks, Shirley Anderson, Deirdre Vincent – Wow, they looked great!
- Jane Patterson with her daughter Lisa and her sister-in-law Doreen (who joined this Club in 1944).
- I had a great visit with Loretto Goddue (mother of Colleen) & Muriel Fisher (mother of Penny and Paul).
- Seeing the executive from our 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion – including John and Marilyn Bate was terrific.
- Nice to see Heidi Morgan. It was her husband Jack (when he was manager of Memorial Arena) that allowed us to teach the Learn to Skate programs so we could feed the skaters into our Club.
- It was nice to see some of the Club's judges – Sid Turner, Ray Troyer & Susan Morriss (who started her skating with us).
- Saw people who worked on the "Canadians and the Skate Canada Championships" there. Enjoyed seeing Skate Canada's music man - Murray Anderson.
- Jr. Ladies Champion of Canada – Heather Fraser attended as well as skaters from her era – Judy Ward, Sonia Paulson & Brenda Charity.



## CLUB NEWS

- Great to see former Coach Christopher Luneberg, wife Lorena & mother Enid. Our other coaches attending were Jean Westwood, Jane Patterson, & (associate coach) Sharolyn Sloat.
- All my former students looked fabulous but two had me stumped. Gillian Lunt has grown so tall and looks like a model. The other one was Connie Van Schaik – she is a lovely young lady and she tells me that she is going to Halifax to university and plans to skate the outdoor oval with Sheena Manning next winter. Andrea Jewsbury looks great from all her running!
- It was nice to see my former pupils with their new babies. This Club was always family oriented. I was pleased that my son Todd came for the evening to touch base with his roots. Shane & Todd started their figure skating on our Saturday afternoon “Family Session” when they were pretty little! Todd has been auditor for the Club the last few years.
- It was neat to see the Galey family, the Dye family, the Wallace family, & the Embury family. I had good visiting time with Kathleen Manning, Marg Varga and many adult skaters – Doreen Hughes, Bobbie Rann, Bill MacDonald, Carolin Moir, Betty Middleton, Diane (Pollard) Caldwell, Marilyn Barlow, Marilyn Denison, Joann Van Amstel & Joan Greig. Many of Barb’s former students stopped by to chat with me as well. It was great to see them again all grown up.
- A few former members mentioned their disappointment at not being able to attend – Kathryn Jarjymy, Edith & Chuck Stark, Dave MacDonald, Corrine King, Jane Sawbridge (Judge), Roberta Murdock (Judge), Janine & her mom Pat Richardson, Stephani Dickison & Gayle Wallach.



It was truly a wonderful evening that I will never forget!

THANK YOU AGAIN



## REGION NEWS



The BC Coast Region has been a busy place to be over the last few months!

The BC Coast Region held it's 2011/2012 AGM on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

BCCR is sadly saying good-bye to two well known faces on the Coast Region Board; Sharon Dahl & Margaret Warwick. Both Sharon & Margaret have moved over to the BC/YT Section Board and will still be extremely active within skating. The BC Coast Region will miss them and would like to thank them for the countless hours/months/years of work they have given and wishes them both nothing but the best in their new adventures.



BC Coast Region award winners for the 2011/2012 season were as follows:

Volunteer of The Year: *Faith Gagnon – WRSS Skating Club*

Program Assistant of the Year: *Debra Tomsic – Aldergrove Skating Club*

CanSkater of The Year: *Sarah Whittred - Vancouver Skating Club*

StarSkate Athlete of the Year: *Caitlin Jarvis – Sunshine Coast Skating Club*



BC Coast Region BC/YT Section Award Winners:

Officials Award of Excellence - *Joanne Brandon - White Rock/South Surrey*

BC/YT Adult Skating Award - *Cathy McCormack - Abbotsford*

Elizabeth Swan Award - *Melissa Houle - Coquitlam*

Volunteer Award of Excellence - *Janice Hunter – Hollyburn Country Club*

StarSkate Athlete of the Year: *Caitlin Jarvis – Sunshine Coast*

Competitive Coach of The Year: *Joanne McLeod - CoE*

Competitive Skater of The Year: *Nam Nguyen- NSW*

Program Assistant of the Year: *Debra Tomsic – Aldergrove*

LifeTime Achievement: *Dave & Louise Ferguson – Powell River*

Skate Canada Club & Recreation Coach of The Year: *Reagan Taylor – Maple Ridge*

Coaches Choice Award: *Sally Rehorick - CoE*

Susan Griffith Committee Chairman Award: *Bev Viger - Abbotsford*

Club Winners of the complete NAGM ticket packages were:

Aldergrove & Mission Skating Clubs

BC Coast Region National Award Recipients:

Volunteer Award of Excellence - *Janice Hunter – Hollyburn Country Club*

StarSkate Athlete of the Year: *Caitlin Jarvis – Sunshine Coast Skating Club*

Competitive Skater of The Year: *Nam Nguyen- NSW*



Congratulations to all of you!







The BC Coast Region would like to introduce you to the  
2012/2013 BC Coast Region Board:

Chair: Wendy Martin-Stroyan  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Lori Oxland  
Treasurer: Hilary Quick  
Secretary: Susan Wareing  
Director: Kevin Gordon  
Director: Jill-Marie Jarvis  
Director: Peter Lang  
Coaching Rep: Tannis Marshall

We look forward to working with and for you in the upcoming season!

The Victoria Day SuperSeries competition was a great success, mainly due to the hard work of all of the volunteers from parents, Clubs, and the partnership between the BC Coast Region and BC/YT Section. Great teamwork ensured a wonderful event for all of the skaters.



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#### Test Day & Competition Volunteer Information:

Did you know that to successfully run a test day or competition it takes the help of volunteers?

Volunteers, just like you, can ensure that all skating events run smoothly for all of the skaters. You don't have to have a lot of knowledge to lend a hand at an event. In fact, volunteering is a great way to learn more about skating, competitions & testing. Plus, for many jobs you get a great view of all the action! Check out the calendar on the BC Coast Region website for upcoming events and don't be afraid to sign up to lend a hand. We will be happy to teach you all you need to know about any volunteer job & your help will be much appreciated!

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### BC/YT Section SummerSkate Competition

**Competition dates:**  
16 August 2012 - 19 August  
2012

**Location:**  
Burnaby 8 Rinks  
6501 Sprott Street  
Burnaby, BC

REGISTER EARLY!

## REGION NEWS



The BC Coast Region was well represented at the Skate Canada National AGM. The workshops were informative, the boutique fabulous, and the extracurricular activities a blast!

If you were not able to attend the Skate Canada NAGM, be sure to attend the upcoming 'Know Your Sport' workshops hosted by the BC Coast Region. There will be summaries of all of the NAGM workshops presented. Come out and meet your new Region Board, and get some great ideas and tips for planning out the 2012/2013 season. This extremely informative meeting is held in September and will also be in conjunction with a general coaches meeting. Time & date to be announced soon so please keep your eye on the Region website: [www.skatebccoast.com](http://www.skatebccoast.com)



If you have any Club information, questions, or photos you would like to share with the BC Coast region please contact us through the website:

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



Do you have an interest in announcing or playing music for competitions? The BCCR is co-hosting a Music/Announcing workshop in August right before BC/YT SummerSkate. Please watch [www.skatinginbc.com](http://www.skatinginbc.com) for registration in this exciting & fun workshop!



### **BC Coast Region Form 100 Information:**

*BC Coast Region Form 100's can now be done online at:*

<http://www.skatebccoast.org/form100>

*Please ensure that your Club information is updated prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>.*



Regional Development Team

**RDT**

Watch for important RDT information to come in September!

Looking forward to a fabulous 2012/2013 Season!

Your BC Coast Region Board





## 2012 WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIOPS— NICE FRANCE

~By Cam Cole, Vancouver Sun columnist— March 30, 2012

NICE, France — Kevin Reynolds's double-barrelled challenge - skating for international respect, and for Canada - is not quite halfway done.

But he has shown that he is here at the world figure skating championships to fight for it.

The 21-year-old from Coquitlam, B.C., delivered a strong, nearly error-free short program as the seventh skater on the ice in the 30-man field Friday, worth a season's best 72.95 points, and opened some eyes with his development as a more polished stylist.

Always an extraordinary jumper, he didn't get full credit for rotating his opening quad-triple combination, but he fought hard to land both jumps, added a triple Axel and a triple Lutz and had the crowd at the Palais des Exhibitions clapping along with his funky Chambermaid Swing program.

In order to secure a third men's berth for next year's world championships in London, Ont., the placements of the two Canadian entries here - Reynolds and defending world champion and current leader Patrick Chan - must total no more than 13. He stood 12th after the short program, but just .60 points out of 10th.

He's also ahead of 2011 world silver medallist Takahiko Kozuka and 2008 European champion Tomas Verner, among others.

"Wow," said Reynolds' coach, Joanne McLeod. "If they didn't downgrade that quad Salchow, it would have been another six points.

"He was just a little bit inside the circle (of the final revolution, on the landing), so he could have let it go. I was really proud of him for fighting through it."

"It felt a little bit borderline to me. It wasn't one of my best (quads)," said Reynolds. "I was a bit nervous at the start of the program, but I got into the performance as it went along."

"He's come a long way, hopefully you can tell, with the music and the movement and energy, which he has been deficient at," said McLeod, "and to hear the audience all with him in the performance makes me feel he's a complete skater now."

"Slowly but surely," Reynolds said. "I feel it's improving but it's still a ways to go. Hopefully by 2014 I can be up there in components with the best skaters in the world."

In the end Kevin finished



To view Kevin's World Championship performances click on the links below:

[Short Program](#)

## RDT CAMP EVENT WINNERS

### Best Jumper:

Blue- Cale Elford  
Mauve – Misato Law  
Pink – Shohei Law  
Purple – Summer Peitsch  
Orange - Rachel Demello  
Turquoise – Ryder Macleod  
Yellow – Alexandra Stephenson  
Yellow – Alexandra Stephenson  
Green – Taylin Dennis  
Black – Jasmine Wood  
Burgandy – Danielle Sidsworth

### Best Spinner:

Blue-Soleil Babcock  
Mauve- McKenzie Poland  
Pink- Payton Molberg  
Purple- Mikayla Consigalo  
Orange- Jessie Grant  
Turquoise- Julia Miller  
Yellow- Renee Lim  
Green- Tina Hsu  
Black- Chelsea Raful  
Burgandy- Jullianne Delaurier

### Best Spiral:

Blue- Coralee Mayer-Traynor  
Mauve- Emily Mayes  
Pink- Emily Miller  
Purple- Audyn Mettauer  
Orange- Bianca Guevara  
Turquoise- Maddy Nimko  
Yellow- Carmen Huang  
Green- Christina Champlain  
Black- Abby Ann Hughes  
Burgandy- Jusin Hampole

## 2012 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM CAMP

The 2012 RDT Camp was held April 6 – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Kelowna BC. There were 243 skaters in attendance from all of the 5 regions in BC. The Camp included RDT, Talent Team and Protocol skaters. The theme was Mad Hatter. At the banquet the costumes and hats were amazing. This aspect of the camp has certainly taken off! Hats off to all the skaters for the hard work they put into their costumes.

The coaches for the seminar were Jason and Karen Mongrain, Steve Muff, Cody Hay, Keegan Murphy, Marilyn Kreuzinger, Ted Barton, Keyla Ohs, Jamie McGrigor. Mitch Millar and Brittany Novakowski. Kelsey Williams (Skills) and Katie Stewart (Zumba) and Mitch Millar (Jazz) were the off ice instructors.

Among the various activities offered at the seminar were a jazz contest, element competition, Zumba, on and off ice sessions. The Jazz contest was a very popular event with all the skaters....Mitch Millar has been our Jazz Coach since the beginning of the camp. We all think he outdid himself this year!

This years' winners of the Jazz Contest were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Group 9 Black, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Group 4 – Purple

The coaches along with Diane Nielsen were the judges the events and Lorraine Mapoles was the Data Specialist.

A big Thank You to the RDT Coordinators:

BC Coast – Regan Geiger and Lori Oxland  
CNCr – Jennifer Auston  
Kootenay – Sarah Gower  
Okanagan – Andrea Fleming  
Vancouver Island – MaryLou Newbold

These AMAZING people spend endless hours at the rink making sure everyone gets to their proper sessions, gets their lunch and handing out gentle discipline when needed! They spend countless hours during the year promoting, registering, organizing events and doing admin work for the Teams.

And another huge Thank You to Yvette Delcourt. She puts in so much time and adds "little extras" that make each year special. This seminar truly would not happen without her.....

We are looking forward to next years camp!



## 2012 BC/YT SECTION AGM & AWARDS NIGHT



*Photos by Brett Bardon*



## 2012 BC/YT SECTION AGM & AWARDS NIGHT



*Photos by Brett Bardon*

## 2012 BC/YT SECTION AGM AWARD WINNERS



Skate Canada Program  
Assistant of the Year Award  
**Debra Tomsic**  
Aldergrove SC



CanSkater of the Year  
**Lela Krotz**  
Fernie SC



Skate Canada STARSkate Athlete  
Award  
**Caitlin Jarvis**  
Sunshine Coast SC



Skate Canada Section  
Volunteer Award  
**Janice Hunter**  
Hollyburn Country Club



BC/YT Section Skaters Award of  
Achievement  
**Robert Verhelst**  
Beaver Valley SC



Audrey Moore Participation Award  
**Debbie Murphy**  
Kerry Park SC



BC/YT Section Adult Skating Award  
**Cathy McCormack**  
Abbotsford SC



Skate Canada Section Officials  
Award  
**Joanne Brandon**  
BC Centre of Excellence



Skate Canada Officials Award of  
Excellence  
**Laura Carr**  
Kelowna SC

Photos by Brett Bardon



## 2012 BC AGM AWARD WINNERS



Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award  
**Melissa Houle**  
**Coquitlam SC**



Skate Canada Competitive  
Athlete Award  
**Nam Nguyen**  
**North Shore Winter Club**



Skate Canada Section Volunteer  
Coach Award  
**Nicole Collins**  
**Prince George SC**

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Skate Canada Club & Recreation  
Coach Award of Excellence  
**Regan Taylor**  
**Maple Ridge SC**



BC/YT Section Dogwood Award  
**Dominic Verhelst**  
**Beaver Valley SC**



BC/YT Section Coaches Choice Award  
**Sally Rehorick**  
**BC Centre of Excellence**



Susan Griffith Committee Chairman  
Award  
**Bev Viger**  
**Abbotsford SC**



BC/YT Youth Promise Awards  
**Julianne Delaurier**– **Kelowna SC**  
**Kelsey Wong**– **Burnaby SC**  
**Danielle Wu & Spencer Soo**–  
**Inlet SC**



BC/YT Section Competitive Coach  
of the Year  
**Joanne McLeod**<sup>30</sup>  
**BC Centre of Excellence**



## 2012 BC AGM AWARD WINNERS



25 Year Pins

***Maureen Knight, Kerrisdale SC***  
***John Knight, Kerrisdale SC***  
***Penny Nicolas, Port Coquitlam SC***  
***Suzanne Caron, BC Center of Excellence***  
***(Missing— Nora Hedden, Kerrisdale SC)***



50 Year Pins

***Helga Guenther***  
***Jane Sawbridge***

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Lifetime Achievement Award  
***Dave & Louise Ferguson***  
***Powell River SC***



Murray Anderson and Dawson Staniforth were given special recognition for their outstanding contribution to volunteering for our Section.

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*“Volunteers don't just do the work ~ **they make it work.**“*

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## SKATE CANADA RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

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The recipients were presented with their awards by various presenters, including, World Champion Patrick Chan, Canadian Silver medalists Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, Canadian Champion Amelie Lacoste, Canadian Pair Champions Megan Duhamel and Erick Radford and NEXXICE team captain Nicole Manahan.

The Skate Canada National Award Program honours dedicated members of the skating community who have donated their time to help contribute to improving the quality of skating in Canada.

The 2011-2012 recipients from the BC/YT Section were:

- **Skate Canada Officials Award of Excellence**  
Laura Carr, Kelowna Figure Skating Club

Skate Canada also presents a volunteer award to one member of each of the 13 Skate Canada sections. The following BC volunteer was awarded the 2011-2012 Skate Canada Volunteer Award of Excellence:

- **Janice Hunter, Hollyburn Country Club**

Two additional awards were given out to the home section in the STARSSkate and competitive athlete area, as representatives of those categories.

- **Skate Canada STARSSkate Athlete Award (Representative)**  
Caitlin Jarvis, Sunshine Coast Skating Club

- **Skate Canada Competitive Athlete Award (Representative)**  
Nam Nguyen, North Shore Winter Club



*Patrick Chan at the  
Awards Gala*



*1988 Olympic Silver Medalist, Elisabeth Manley  
poses with some BC fans at the Awards Gala.*



## MEMORIES FROM THE ACGM





## ACGM DISCO PARTY



***A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR  
WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS FOR  
MAKING THE ACGM SUCH A  
SUCCESSFUL EVENT. IT  
COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE  
WITHOUT YOU!***



David Stroyan, Dawson Staniforth, Brian Pound Spent countless hours driving our guests wherever they needed to go.



Lori VonHardenburg & Brenda& Kawasaki were the volunteer/dinner cruise coordinators.



Diane Nielsen did an amazing job organizing and decorating the disco party.



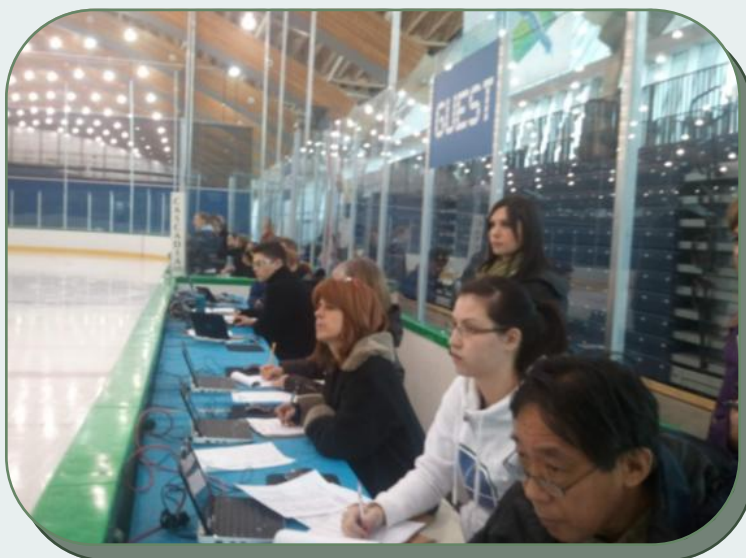
## PRIMARY JUDGING CLINIC

Last month a Primary Judging Clinic was held in BC that was different than any other. The BC Coast region had not run a Primary clinic in some time, and there was a great need to provide one. We had a tremendous response, and 12 participants signed up. Our goal was to create an environment for new judges that was as close to a real competition as possible. We wanted new judges to experience the computers as part of their training. When discussing how to stage the clinic at the region board level, we tossed around the idea of doing a live simulation at one of our local clubs instead of running a clinic the traditional way at a competition. That way, the clinic participants were able to get a true competition environment without the stress of an actual competition, plus were not adding additional pressure to any competition organizing committee. We approached the Connaught SC, and they were excited to partner in this venture. We were lucky to be able to host the event at the Richmond Olympic Oval, a truly inspiring venue. Once we realized the magnitude of what we were trying to accomplish, we realized it would be similar to planning a competition, and much more than a traditional judging clinic. We had to secure a tech panel (Vanessa Hunter, Darryl Lampitt, and Ethan Swinburnson) and a data specialist team (Wayne Sutherland and Sharon Dahl). Kevin Gordon, the president of the Connaught SC, enlisted a small group of club volunteers to help him with judges stand construction, music playing, announcing, and ice captains. Also, we enlisted Marg Warwick to help feed all of our volunteers and clinic participants.

The other task was to tread the “overwhelm factor”. With a poor retention rate in the past, judging clinics were missing the mark. One of the key areas identified was content overload. While wanting to provide the participants with as real a simulation as possible, we still had to juggle the amount of info that we would be asking the participants to digest. Therefore, it was identified early on that this clinic was not a task for one person.

During the simulation we broke the group up into three sub groups. Each group went to different stations to work on different skills. One group worked with Amie Garras and Joanne Brandon on the computer entering their GOE's for each skater. There was a “panel” of judges, and the ratio of teacher to student

*Dan Fujiarno, Kayla Chong, Elsa Bluenther, Jacquie Rasmussen with moderators Amie Garras & Joanne Brandon*





was 2 to 1. This was important, as there was a major difference in the speed of acquisition of this brand new skill. Different scenarios were put into place by Wayne (our data specialist) to give the participants real world examples of what could happen. Another group worked with Hilary Quick on Program Components. The participants looked at key PC points, and terminology was introduced while skaters were performing live. Finally, Kortney Story assisted by providing the Skill ID component where the participants put pen to paper and were asked to correctly identify elements as they were completed in the skater's programs. These exercises were all done to help breakdown the different elements of the judging process.



Taylan Dennis, Bahar Heydari, Caitlin Jarvis, and Ashley Jacobs discuss PC's with moderator Hilary Quick

As a developing idea took shape, a on-ice Skating Skills demonstration led by Keegan Murphy, Director of Skating Programs, was constructed prior to the clinic. Keegan was extremely enthusiastic in working with our new judges to provide a coaches perspective on an important component of our sport which is how to evaluate Skating Skills. He provided live skaters, from his stock of champions, and pointed out what to look for in assessing skating skills and the importance of developing these skills at the earliest levels. He brought five demonstrators out onto the ice, ranging in levels from Pre-Preliminary to Senior. All five skaters would complete the same stroking exercise, while Keegan spoke of the key differences in development. From there, we saw each skater individually demonstrating their step sequences. All the while, he was commenting on different qualities to look for while evaluating the skill level of the skater. Providing the live demonstration, we were lucky to have Mitchell Gordon (Senior Men), Shawn Cuevas (Junior Men), Amanda Feltham (Pre-Novice Women), Alisa Catsuno (Pre-Juvenile), and Samantha Yeung (Pre-Preliminary Ladies) . What the clinic participants were able to see was the progression of skating skills, and how that skill impacted elements such as step sequences. Joanne and Keegan would point out the relationship between the quality of the skaters and the gradations that they would accordingly be marked at. While Keegan spoke for the coaches perspective, the language was reshaped by Joanne and “judging language” was reinforced as the skaters were performing live. The importance of the relationship between coaches and judges was a by-product of

## PRIMARY JUDGING CLINIC

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this live, on-ice session. In the afternoon, we had classroom time to debrief our busy morning. Time was taken to really dive into the judging process, with sections devoted to both GOE's and PC's. For GOE's, archived footage from the most recent Super Series Competition was used. Two different skaters from the same Preliminary group were shown via projector, and each candidate evaluated just the GOE's. Amie and Joanne also "judged" along with the participants, and placed their GOE's on the flipchart paper and discussion was held. Different viewpoints were established and validated, and the same program was watched again. Further discussion was had, and the light of recognition could be seen in almost all of the participants. They were able to see the "formula" by which we arrive at the final GOE, and in the safe classroom environment, were able to toss around their own ideas. For Program Components, each individual component for this level was discussed by Hilary. Each component was broken down into the key words that need to be assessed. Videos again were used, and the candidates were encouraged to use their "key words" to describe what they were seeing on the screen. Again, lightbulbs began going off, one by one, as it became apparent that there really is a method to the madness! Shorthand was also something that naturally emanated from all of the classroom discussion. Candidates were encourage to start their own shorthand "key" that should be expanded and practiced at home through the use of YouTube judging etc.

Another important part of the clinic was discussing the different streams of being a Skate Canada official. All volunteer avenue were discussed - judge, evaluator, data specialist, and technical specialist. Many officials dedicate countless hours to the sport at competitions, test days, simulations, and self-guided learning. The question was put to the participants: How much time do you think you can commit and what are your goals as a SC volunteer? One of the



*Connaught Coaching Staff*

failings of the “old way of doing things” is to limit the ways in which a person can join the SC group of volunteers. The participants were encouraged to think about what they would like to achieve both in the short and long term. The goal of the clinic moderator should be to help guide the participants through this process, and provide on-going mentorship. This was a great adventure for both of us as new moderators. We learned so much about how to plan such a large event. This could not have happened without the help of such a great team of volunteers and the fantastic support of the BC Coast Region. We look forward to continuing to help out this new group of judges and many other groups to come!

Yours in skating,

Hilary Quick and Amie Garras



Our full panel! Tech team: Wayne Sutherland, Darryl Lampitt, Vanessa Hunter, Ethan Swinburnson preparing for the start of the day!



## 12 MEDALS FOR BC ADULT SKATERS

Canadian adult figure skaters captured 33 medals at the 2012 ISU Adult Figure Skating Competition held from May 23-26, 2012, in Oberstdorf, Germany.

Canadians tallied up eight gold medals, 15 silver and 10 bronze in this year's popular international competition, which attracted 310 skaters and three synchronized skating teams from 29 countries.

BC Results are as follows:

### Gold

Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires (B.C), Ice Dance, Gold Pattern Dance  
Cheyenne Irvine (BC), Gold Ladies III Artistic Free Skating  
Corinne Stewart (BC), Bronze Ladies III Artistic Free Skating  
Linda Maundrell (BC), Bronze V Ladies Artistic Free Skating

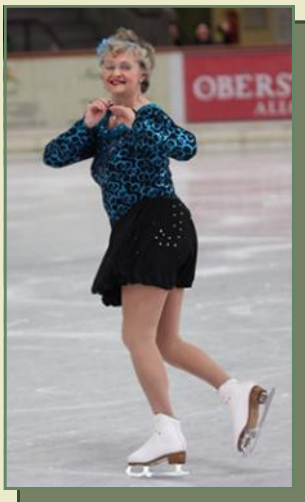
### Silver

Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires (BC), Masters Free Dance  
Gloria Purvey (BC), Gold Ladies III Artistic Free Skating  
Janet Dabner (BC), Masters Ladies III Free Skating  
Corinne Stewart (BC), Bronze Ladies III Free Skating  
Gloria Purvey (BC), Gold Ladies III Free Skating  
Janet Dabner (BC), Masters Ladies III Artistic Free Skating

### Bronze

Alison Parker (BC), Bronze Ladies II Artistic Free Skating  
Cheyenne Irvine (BC), Gold Ladies III Free Skating

The 2013 ISU Adult Figure Skating Competition will be held once again in Oberstdorf, Germany in May 2013. For more information on this event please visit the [ISU website](http://www.isu.org) or [www.adultskating.org](http://www.adultskating.org).



## COACHES CORNER

### TECHINICAL

Please make sure you visit the technical page of our website. This is home to all current technical information. You will find technical documents and clarification in this part of our website. It is a very important page for coaches, officials and skaters to visit on a regular basis.

**NEW June 12, 2012**—Visit the [STAR page](#) for up to date information.

**NEW**—[ISU 1741](#) Singles & Pairs Changes Accepted by Congress

The LTAD Solo Dance event is being offered at Super Series SummerSkate in August 2012. [Click here](#) for the updated Technical Package. The pattern dance draws are posted on the [SummerSkate Competition page](#).

### SUMMERSKATE

The SummerSkate registration deadline is Wednesday July 11th. Please check the [SummerSkate competition Page](#) for details.

**NEW**— Skaters registration confirmation will now go to the coaches. Please check to make sure that your skaters are registered in the right event and that their names are correct.

### CEP

Note that your CEP Statement of Activities is due July 1, 2012 or 1 month prior to registering. Your coaching membership fees will be determined by your CEP status so please make sure you participate!

The completed forms may be sent in the following manner:

**Email/Scan** [coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca](mailto:coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca) or [hcmahon@skatecanada.ca](mailto:hcmahon@skatecanada.ca)

**Fax (attention coaching dept.)** 1.877.211.2372 or 613.748.5718

**Mail (attention coaching dept.)** 865 Shefford Rd., Ottawa, ON K1J 1H9

Please contact Skate Canada directly if you have any questions!

### NCCP

The August CanSkate Course is now FULL. If you would like to be put on the wait list please send in your registration and you will be notified if a spot opens up. There are still several spots left in the Primary STARSkate Course. Please see the [Coaching page](#) for registration details.

## ACCREDITATION FOR EVENTS POLICY REMINDER

As Skate Canada moves forward with the competitive re-structure, the Accreditation for Events Policy will also be undergoing a few changes. Several changes in the Accreditation for Events Policy will impact coaches.

**Pre-juvenile sectional events:** As of July 1, 2011, all coaches attending pre-juvenile events at a sectional event must be Intermediate STARSkate / Provincial Coach (IS/PC) certified.

**Canadian Championships:** As of July 1, 2012, all coaches attending this event will be required to be NCCP Level 3 certified. This means that coaches of Novice, Junior and Senior level competitors will have to meet this standard prior to Canadians in January 2013.

**Canadian Synchronized Skating Championships:** As of July 1, 2013, all coaches attending this event must be NCCP Level 3 certified. This means that coaches of Novice, Intermediate, Junior, Senior or Open teams must be NCCP Level 3 certified prior to the Synchronized Skating Championships in 2014.

We have communicated these changes with the Section Offices and have requested they assist where possible in providing the relevant NCCP technical courses. Please contact your local office for a list of courses in your area.

Please keep the above mentioned certification requirements in mind to ensure that you have achieved the necessary certification level to attend the events with your athletes. If you have any questions please contact [coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca](mailto:coaching&programs@skatecanada.ca)







2012

# Athlete's Auction

The 2012 Athlete's Auction was held in conjunction with the BC/YT Section Awards Night May 5th, 2012 at the Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Center. It was once again a huge success and we could like to take this opportunity to thank all those in our skating family who supported the Athlete's Trust by donating items.

Thank you very much for your  
support!



## GOLD FEET



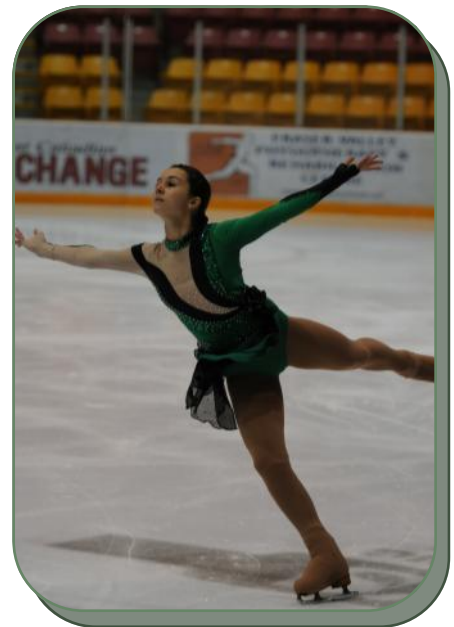
### Cassidy Baier

Congratulations to Cassidy for passing her Gold Skills. Cassidy started skating at the age of 3 at the Abbotsford Skating Club. She has taken a few years off of skating but her love of the sport has always brought her back onto the ice. Cassidy is currently a grade 12 student at MEI in Abbotsford. She is graduating this year and will continue her studies in Sweden. She is taking her skates along to hopefully find an arena close by to continue skating.

Cassidy would like to thank her coach Stacy Geddes for all her support over the years and for helping her to achieve her Gold Skills.

### Emily Bator

Emily started skating at the age of 3 in Grande Prairie, Alberta and after multiple moves and a few coach changes she managed to find her true passion for skating along with the love she carries for it. Emily is currently working on her last 2 gold dances and preparing for the Summer Skate freeskate competition. Emily has recently completed the coaching course as a Can Skate instructor and is working towards her NCCP level 1 certification. Emily would like to thank my friends and family for their support as well as her Maple Ridge Skating Club coach, Regan Taylor, for "pushing" Emily to participate in almost every high test day this year. Emily is currently a grade 10 French immersion student in Maple Ridge Secondary School and is thrilled to have passed her gold freeskate and gold interpretive tests this year.



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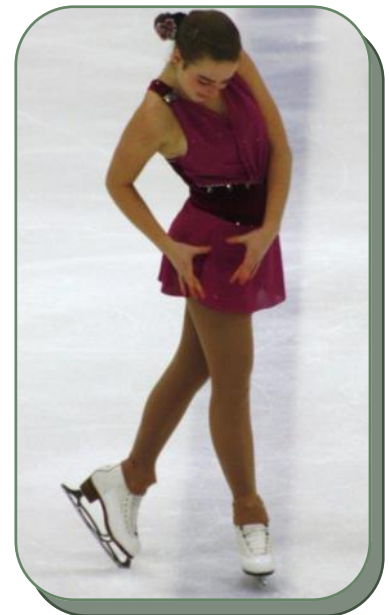
### Riley Buckner

Riley is a 12 year old grade 7 student at Chemainus Community Elementary School who finished her first year of skating when she was still 2 years old. She began competing at 4 years old and has competed in both Competitive and Star Skate, doing very well in both. Riley passed her Gold Interpretive Test in April 2012 which enabled her to reach her long term goal of passing two gold tests at 12 years old. Her highlights include Flower Retrieving at the 2009 ISU and the 2010 Olympics. She is currently working on the second half of her Senior Silver Freeskate and her Junior Silver Dances.

Riley would like to thank her long time coach Shannon (Knott) McKinlay for all her years of coaching and dedication to the sport of Figure Skating.

### Taylan Dennis

Taylan Dennis is 16 years old and in Grade 11, she skates at the Vernon Skating Club, Armstrong skating club and as well with the Kelowna Skating Club. Taylan passed her Gold skills on May 13, 2011. A year later her Gold Dances and Gold Freeskate on March 9, 2012 and her Gold Interpretive May 11, 2012 to final achieve a Quad Gold Status. She would like to give a Big Thank you to her Coaches Kelly Kirby, Heather Stranks and Brittney Novakowski for all their patients and dedication to helping her achieve her goals. Taylan's love for skating started when she was 4 years old and passed her first Skate Canada test at the age of 7. She will be competing Gold Ladies this year and has become involved with judging. Taylan would also like to achieve her coaching accreditation and after graduation become a sports psychologist.



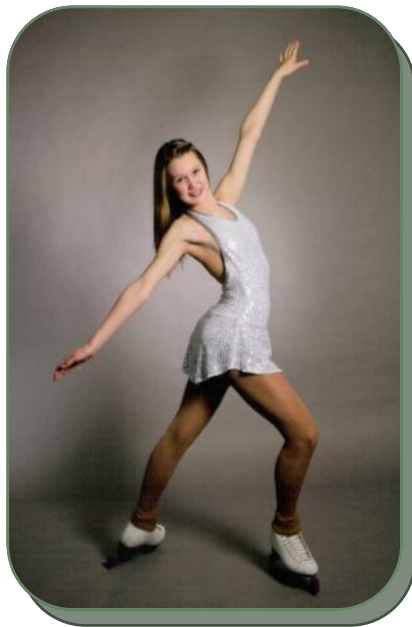
### Kina Ellison

Kina began skating with the Quesnel Figure Skating Club when she was in grade 1. Skating became her passion and achieving her goals of Gold Skills, Freeskate, Dance and Novice Competitive drove her throughout her elementary and high school years. For the past two years Kina, together with her dance coach, Sharon Chow, took on the challenge of "Diamond Dances". On April 21, 2012, Kina passed her fourth diamond dance – the Tango Romantica. Kina and Sharon's hard work, application and resourcefulness have made history for the club in that Kina is the first skater ever to have achieved her Diamond Dances.

Congratulations Kina and best wishes as you further your education at UBC in the fall.



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### **Megan Geddes**

CONGRATULATIONS to Megan Geddes of the Abbotsford Skating Club for completing her Gold Skating Skills, December 2011, and her Gold Freeskate, May 2012! Megan began skating at the age of 2 in the CanSkate program and is currently working towards competing in Pre-Novice Pairs & Singles for the upcoming season. Other skating goals include getting her Gold Dances and Gold Interpretive tests so she can get her “GOLD” blades! Megan is a Grade 8 student who enjoys track & field as well as dance. She would like to thank her coach, Stacy Geddes, and the rest of her family for all of their support over the years

### **Cassandra Greenwood**

The Quesnel Figure Skating Club congratulates Cassandra Greenwood on achieving both her Gold Interpretive level and Gold Skills in April 2012.

Cassie is 13 years old and has been skating with the Quesnel FSC since the age of 4. She is a Grade 8 Student at Quesnel Jr. and spends most of her time at the rink working hard at practice and as a Canskate Program Assistant. This spring, Cassie was named to the Team of 10, representing CNCR at SuperSeries Final where she achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Silver Interpretive event, as well as placing 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Pond to Podium Super Series Final Standings!

Congratulations and keep up the good work Cassie!



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### **Vanessa Mae Harrison**

CONGRATULATIONS TO Vanessa Mae Harrison for passing her Gold Skills in December 2011.

Vanessa Mae Harrison is 14 years old and currently attending Grade 8 at Ecole Phoenix Middle School.

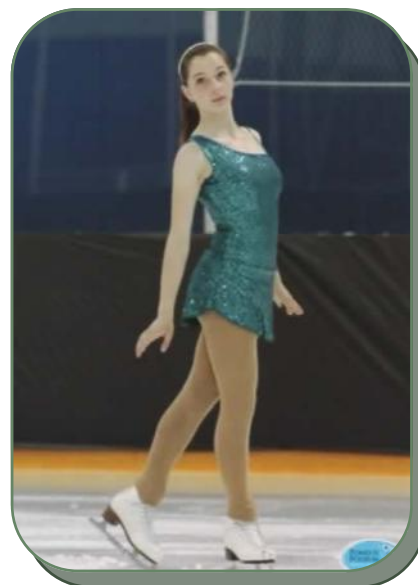
She has been skating with the Campbell River Skating Club on Vancouver Island since she was 5 years old. Vanessa Mae was very proud when she was presented the gold medal in her first time competing at the Starskate Provincials at the 2010 Pacific Starskate in Kamloops, BC in the Junior Bronze level. She is currently working on her Gold dances and Senior Silver Free skate.

If not skating, Vanessa Mae is busy playing her piano and violin. When done with her musical instruments she accommodates herself with anime illustrations.

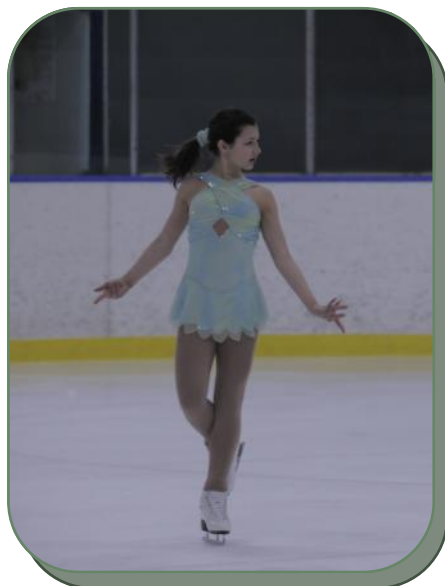
Vanessa Mae would like to thank her coach, Jannine Ranniger for helping her achieve her Gold Skills.

### **Madison Johnson**

Congratulations to Madison Johnson for passing her Gold Freeskate test in May of 2012. Madison is 12 years old and in Grade 7 at W.A. Fraser Middle School in Abbotsford. Madison started skating at the age of 5 with the Abbotsford Skating Club and has been skating with the club for 7 years. A highlight for Madison was in February 2012 she represented Zone 3 in the Pre-Novice Women category at the BC Winter Games in Vernon. Madison has a true passion for skating and is looking forward to the competitive season ahead.



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### Olivia Marleau

At the age of 4 years, Olivia began skating with the Little Giant Figure Skating Club in Chetwynd and has been with the Quesnel Figure Skating Club for the past 7 seasons.

In January 2012 Olivia earned her Gold Freeskate (eq) when she completed her Novice Competitive Freeskate test. In April 2012 she received her Gold Skills. Having previously earned gold level in Interpretive, she continues to work towards gold level dances, having been inspired by her skating peers Kina Ellison, Selena Van Aert and dance coach Sharon Chow.

At Sectionals in November Olivia qualified to represent Zone 8 at the BC Winter Games in Vernon Feb/2012. At BCWG, she earned an overall 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Pre Novice Ladies event. At CNCR Regional Championships, Olivia helped QFSC to win the team aggregate trophy by placing first in the Pre Novice Ladies event and earning the Regional Championship title.

Olivia is a 13 year old Grade 8 Student at QJS which is conveniently located 2 blocks from Quesnel Twin Arenas where she spends most of her spare time. Coached by Jo-Ann Nadalin, Olivia trains hard on and off the ice and extends her season by attending Kelowna Summer Skating School.

Congratulations on your successful season Olivia!

### Mile Zero SC

The Mile Zero Figure Skating Club, Dawson Creek, is very proud of our five Gold Stars. Through dedication and work hard the following five skaters shone their way to Gold. Tests were all passed on two recent test days in the north: Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 in Taylor and Feb. 3, 2012 in Dawson Creek.

#### **Tess Connelly**

Gold Interpretive: African Beats

#### **Marti Ross**

Gold Freeskate: Kalinka

#### **Kennedy Sha**

Gold Freeskate: Bella's Lullaby, Gold Dance, Gold Interpretative: Alice in Wonderland

#### **Danika Hommy**

Gold Freeskate: Enchanted Suite

#### **Reid Leer**

Gold Interpretative : Safe and Sound

Coaches Marilyn Kreuzinger and Andrea Tarkington are very proud of the skaters, "The girls have worked hard and skated well. It is a great accomplishment for them".



*Photo L-R: Danika Hommy, Tess Connelly, Reid Leer, Marti Ross and Kennedy Sha*



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### Jaclyn Regier

Jaclyn began skating at the age of five in the Abbotsford Skating Club Canskate Program. Jaclyn began competing at the age of seven and has medalled at many competitions. She enjoys track and field, skiing and wake boarding. At the age of fifteen, Jaclyn passed her Gold Interpretive. Jaclyn would like to thank her coach Tami Kerr for helping her achieve her Gold Interpretive and for always supporting her.

### Rebecca Sawatzky

Rebecca Sawatzky has been skating since the age of 3 and achieved her first Gold test in Skills on March 17th. Rebecca is a Grade 12 student at the Aldergrove Community Secondary School. She is working towards her Gold dances and continues to compete at the Senior Bronze level. Becky is an avid artist and is hoping to make a career with her art. She is one of the Aldergrove Club's valued helpers and won the Fraser Valley Region Program Assistance Award in 2009. Becky would like to thank her family for all their support and to her Coach Colleen Laferriere.



### Sungod SC

Mariah Cawkell, Chelsea Ivanich, Megan Stewart, Samantha Foster and Austin Ma

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### Leanna Tremblay

Leana Tremblay is 14 years old and in Grade 9 at Southgate Middle School in Campbell River.

She has been skating since she was 5 years old and started with the Port McNeill Figure Skating Club. Leana has been skating with the Campbell River Skating Club for the last 5 years. In 2007 she qualified to compete in skills at the Pacific Star Skate. She loves skating her skills and was thrilled to have passed her Gold Skills this spring!

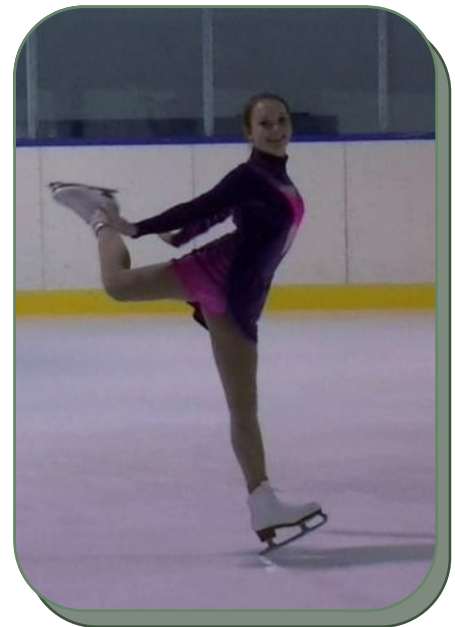
Leana enjoys helping other skaters in the Canskate program and has been doing so for the last 7 years.

She thanks her Campbell River coach Jannine Ranning and her Pt McNeill coaches, Elizabeth Kines and Melanie Beech-Weber for her success. Her next goal is to complete her Senior Silver and Gold dances.

### Selena Van Aert

Sixteen year old Selena Van Aert is currently a grade 10 student at Correlieu Secondary. She has skated with the Quesnel FSC for about eleven years and this April completed her Gold Dances. This past season she competed in Gold Freeskate and Gold Interpretive. Selena was also named to the CNCR team of 10 at the Pond to Podium Super Series Final event where she earned a silver medal in Gold Freeskate and a 4<sup>th</sup> place in Gold Interpretive. Selena was the overall silver medalist the Starskate Super Series Final Standings for Gold Freeskate.

Her plans for next season include completing Gold skills and passing some Diamond Dances. When she is not busy skating, Selena enjoys spending time with friends and joining gymnastics classes as well as water aerobics.



Congratulations and keep up the good work Selena!

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### Natasha Woods

Natasha Woods passed her Gold Skills in Spring 2009, Gold Dances in the Summer 2010 and the Gold Interpretive on May 13, 2012. Working on her Diamond dances, passing the Rhumba in March, 2011. In 2011 won the Program Assistance Award for Fraser Valley Region. Was an Ice Patcher for Four Continents in 2009 and 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. She graduated Valedictorian from Aldergrove Community Secondary School in June 2011. She has completed her first year at the University of the Fraser Valley where she earned an entrance Scholarship, pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree to become a doctor. She would like to thank her family and Coach Colleen Laferriere for all their support.



We would like to say goodbye to a dear member of our skating family Dave Ferguson. Dave along with his wife Louise were the recipients of the 2012 BC/YT Section Lifetime Achievement Award. We would like to thank Dave along with his family for all the years he dedicated to our sport.

## David John Ferguson

September 26, 1931 – March 25, 2012



After 20 years of an uphill battle with cancer, it is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved David who passed peacefully at home with his wife and soulmate Louise by his side. David is survived by his wife and best friend Louise, his children Nadine (Angelo) Porchetta, Brenda (Dan) Blanch, Kim (Dan) Stevens, Terry Ferguson, Sandy (Dan) McLeod, Cynthia (Bob) Thomson, Rod (Cheryl) Davenport, 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, mother-in-law Floris Smith, brother Stuart (Margaret) Ferguson, sister Bernice (Des) Desaulniers, many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was predeceased

by his son Rick Davenport and grandson Ryan Blanch as well as his parents John and Annie Ferguson, brother Rod and sister Beverley.

David was born in Winnipeg, MB, where he spent much of his childhood frolicking on the beaches of Grand Beach on Lake Winnipeg. He arrived in Powell River in 1956 to work for MacMillan Bloedel as a papermaker where he spent 38 years before retiring. While working for the mill as Safety Director, he received the Vice-Presidents' Award for excellence in accident prevention in 1992 as well as held positions as secretary and president for CPU Local 1 during that time. David spent much of his time while his daughters were growing up coaching track and field, lacrosse, minor hockey, baseball, Canadian football and then moving his interests onto figure skating at the local level when his youngest daughter took interest in 1978. In 1993 David became involved with Skate Canada, holding the positions of second vice-chairman and director until his illness took over and he had to retire in 2011. David received the Sport BC President's Award for recognition of his dedication to sport in BC as well as the Skate Canada Committee Chairman Award for most outstanding volunteer.

David was the most amazing and loving husband, father and grandfather. He was grateful for every day of his life and never complained about his illness and how it had taken so much of his independence. He always had a twinkle in his eyes and a smile on his face even while in pain and was known to say, "Not too bad for a young guy," when asked how he was feeling. As a husband he was what every woman wanted, a true gentleman and best friend, a man to laugh with and cry with and share each moment together cherishing each other. As a Dad, he was the most loving and caring honourable and brave man that all his children admired and loved and as a Pappa, he loved each and every one of his grandchildren with all of his heart and made each one feel special.

David touched many people's lives and his passing has left us with heavy hearts.

A Celebration of David's Life will be held on Saturday, April 7 as an open house from 1 – 4 pm at 3516 MacKenzie Avenue. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Cancer Agency or Prostate Cancer Society.

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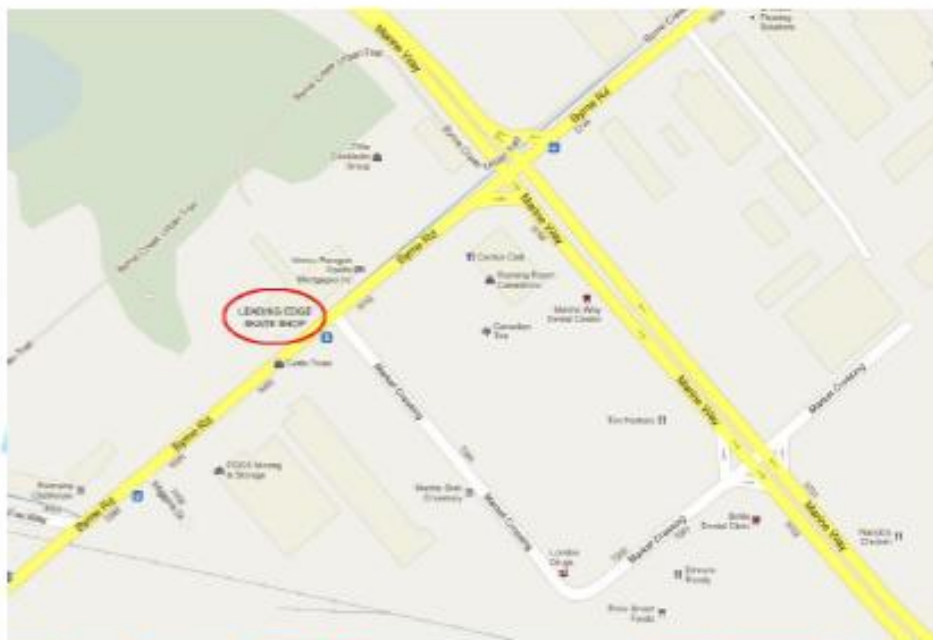
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