



ZORRA SKATING CLUB DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Happy Holidays

The holiday season is upon us. The first couple of months of skating have flown by. All of our skaters are really coming along on the ice. We are nearing the end of this session, if you only registered for the first session but would like your child to continue skating in January there is still time to register. Please see any board member for information.

Everyone had a wonderful time at the annual "Katelynn Innes Memorial Fun Competition". Congratulations to all of the teams that participated. The first place team consisted of Anna Schaefer, David Pullen, Kathy Dodd, Abby McCall-Perkins, Ainsley Alyea and Sarah Swanson. Thank you to everyone that helped with the evening. Also, I would like to say a special thank you to Debbie Roefs who organized another successful event for our skaters.

This is a busy time of year. This is especially true for Jolly Old St. Nick, however, I have heard he is taking time out of his busy schedule to come and skate with us. Santa will be out Friday, December 23rd for a festive good time. All CanSkaters are welcome to come out and have some Christmas fun. We will be showing our appreciation to our Program Assistants after skating to celebrate their hard work so far this year.

Mark your calendars. Our annual "Holiday Ice Show" will take place Thursday, December 29th, starting at 6:30 pm. This is a perfect opportunity to come see our club's stars on ice. Our Monday and Thursday skaters will entertain you with the programs they intend to compete with this year. Everyone is welcome and admission is free (donations are greatly appreciated).

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. We are looking forward to 2012, our coaches' are always coming up with fun new ideas to keep our programs interesting. It won't be long until we are

making plans and doing costume fittings for our annual carnival. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year. Enjoy this time with family and friends.

Happy Skating, *Suzanne McRoberts*



Coaches Corner

The Coaching Staff would like to wish all their skaters and families a happy and safe holiday season. Please note: skaters will receive their report cards at the Santa Skate on December 23rd and the Junior StarSkaters will receive their report cards at the Holiday Ice Show on December 29th. See you in the New Year!

Meet the ZSC Program Assistants



Each month we will be selecting a few of our Program Assistants to feature in the newsletter. Each of our selected Program Assistants was given a small questionnaire to answer in order to help us get to know them better. Hopefully you will learn something new about each of our PAs by the end of the season.

- 1) Name: Age: (optional)
- 2) Where do you go to school or work (what grade are you in)?
- 3) How many years have you been a PA?
- 4) At what age did you start skating?
- 5) What was your first Carnival number?
- 6) What was your favourite Carnival or Carnival number?
- 7) What is one or two of your skating and/or PA highlights?
- 8) What do you like most about being a PA?
- 9) What do you like to do when away from the rink?
- 10) Something you'd like us to know about you.

Liam Pullen

Liam is 10 years old. He is in grade 5 at Hickson Central Public School. This is his first year being a PA. He started skating at 2 ½. His first carnival number was the purple people eater! Liam's favourite carnival was last year being a pirate! A skating highlight for him was competing for the first time last year and a PA highlight would be helping the little boys learn to skate. Liam likes helping the kids! When he is away from the rink, he likes to play hockey, farming, helping with tractor work, playing ministicks, and quading! Liam would also like us to know that his favourite food is spaghetti, he plays hockey for the Embro Edge Atom Rep team, he loves to cook and someday he wants to play in the NHL!!!!

Anna Schaefer

Anna is 12 years old and in grade 8. This is her 3rd year as a PA and has been skating since the age of 3. In her first carnival she was a flight attendant. Her favourite carnival number was the Geeks. Two highlights from Anna's skating career are attending the Port Huron Competition and the Road Trip Across Canada carnival. What she likes about being a PA is when all the kids are enthusiastic, happy and ready to skate. When she is away from the rink, Anna likes to play piano, dance and hang out with her friends. Anna would also like us to know her favourite subject is Music.

Amy Hutchison

Amy is 11 years old. Amy attends Thamesford Public School where she is in grade 6. This is her 2nd year as a PA. She began skating at the age of 4. Her favourite carnival number to date was last year's "Fireworks" number. The best thing about being a PA, according to Amy, is being able to help the little kids have fun and skating well. She also likes all the new friends she is making. When she is away from the rink, Amy likes to go for bike rides, talking, and playing pool with her Dad. On nice days, she likes to ride her pony, Roxy.

Andrew Dodd

Andrew is 11 years old. He is in grade 6 at Hickson Central Public School. This is Andrew's 2nd year as a PA. He started skating when he was 6 years old. His first carnival number was the nut cracker. His favourite number was his 2nd one as an airplane. Andrew loves his solos because Debbie always puts lots of work into them and she makes skating fun. His favourite thing about being a PA is helping the kids learn to skate and playing with them at the end of their session. When he is away from the rink, Andrew likes to help his Dad with the family's excavating company. He would like us to know that this year he is competing in 2 competitions: Port Huron and Futures.

Spirit Wear

Thank you to all who placed orders last month. Our orders are due in next week in time for Christmas gift giving.



Fundraising

We still have many New Orleans Pizza cards to sell. Each card costs \$10 and is reusable until February 29, 2012 at any location. The card entitles you to receive one of the following with each order of 2 pizzas: a 3rd pizza of equal or less value, order of cheesy strips, order of garlic bread with cheese, 4 cans of pop, or a regular Caesar salad. See a board member to get yours today.

Our next Elmira Chicken order is due in on January 18th. Don't forget to ask your family and friends for their order when you see them over the holidays. In the New Year, we will be selling frozen cookie dough and muffin mixes from MacMillan's in Acton/Ajax. Stay tuned for more information on our exciting new fundraiser!

Another opportunity would be the Fundscrip which was distributed at registration. Fundscrip is a very simple way for everyone to work off their bond by doing their everyday shopping. Simply, you purchase gift cards online for which the club receives a percentage (usually 2-10%). The gift cards are then shipped to our club and they are handed out to the purchasers - then you go shopping. Once your bond is worked off, you will get 50% of your Fundscrip earnings off your registration next year! If you have any questions concerning this fundraising opportunity, please speak to any of our board members and they can explain it in more detail. Here is the link for Fundscrip with the invitation code already attached.

<http://www.fundscrip.com/LoginOrSignUp.aspx?IID=B8CG7T> Sign up today!

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone about our "I Love My Skater" Dinner, Dance and Auction. This is an annual event and this year it is being held on Saturday February 11, 2012. We will need everyone to help us gather donations for this very fun and exciting evening. This is a licensed event with a full meal and it is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. Please find attached to this newsletter a donation letter you can use for collecting donations from local business you frequent. Tickets are now available from any board member for \$20 each. They make great Christmas gifts for all your hard to buy family and friends.

Thanks,
Kathy Dodd
Fundraising Chairperson



Badges and Other Accolades

We have handed out many badges so far this session. Congratulations to all our skaters and keep up the good work!

Stage 1: Kallea Bes, Isaiah Dewit, Cierra Graves, Jillian Hanna, Aria Hart, Erika Koehn, Rachel Koehn, John McCormick, Marc McCormick, Jaden McRobert, Kailey McRobert, Justin Minler, Ella Monteith, Sophie Pullen, Brooklyn Willison

Stage 2: Kallea Bes, Isaiah Dewit, Cierra Graves, Jillian Hanna, Aria Hart, Erika Koehn, Cameron Marquez, Marc McCormick, Ava Wilks

Stage 3: Erika Koehn, Marc McCormick, Lachlan Sutherland

Stage 5: Hillary Smit

Fiesta Tango: Grayson Lochhead, Ella McRoberts

Rocker Foxtrot: Shaleena Coull

Bond

Thank you to all those families who have already completed their bond hours. There are still many ways to work off your bond requirements. They include selling fundraising, working in the music room on Monday and Thursday nights, preparing meals for Test Days, or helping out with the auction. If you have any questions about your bond hours, please call Becky Wilhelm at 519-475-4308 (for Mon/Thurs) or Jacquelynn Hewitt (for Wed/Fri.) at 519-425-1856.

Test Day Meal Required

Here is an opportunity to work off some bond. Our first test day of the season is January 16th. We are currently looking for a volunteer to make the meal for our judges and coaches. This would require a hors d'oeuvre, main course and dessert.

Music Players Needed

As an alternative to fundraising, bond hours can be completed by working in our music room. We require music players for our starskate sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 and from 7:10-8:50. One and a half hours in the music room is equal to one bond hour. Operating our music system is not difficult – see a board member for instructions or even better, drop by the music room on a Monday or Thursday and learn from the music player. There is a music sign-up sheet on our bulletin board and a log sheet in the music room to be completed after playing music.

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 16, 2011 Chicken Pick Up
Dec. 23, 2011 Santa Skate
Dec. 23, 2011 PA Christmas Party
Dec. 26, 2011 **NO SKATING**
Dec. 28, 2011 **NO SKATING**
Dec. 29, 2011 Holiday Ice Show
Dec. 30, 2011 **NO SKATING**
Jan. 2, 2012 StarSkate Resumes
Jan. 11, 2012 CanSkate 2nd Session Begins
Jan. 16, 2012 Test Day
Jan. 18, 2012 Elmira Chicken Order Due
Feb. 11, 2012 Valentine Dinner, Auction & Dance

**** Dates subject to change. ****

*****Please watch the bulletin board for more information. *****

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