



Zorra Skating Club

December 2014

President's Message

It is hard to believe that the Christmas Season is upon us, and the first session is drawing to a close. All of our skaters have made great improvement on the ice. If you are only registered for session one, we are holding our next registration on Friday December 12th. Please contact any board member for more information.

Thank you to all who helped to make the "Katelynn Innes Memorial Fun Competition" a success again this year. A special Thank-you goes to Deb Roefs for planning and organizing such a fun event. Congratulations to all of our participating skaters; you looked great!

The board and coaches have been busy planning the Christmas party for all our skaters on December 19th from 5:30 to 6:20 pm. We have been in contact with the North Pole and Santa assures us he will make a quick trip to Embro ahead of schedule to visit with our skaters. We are extremely excited that he is able to work the Zorra Skating Club into his busy schedule.

We hope you take some time out of your busy schedule to come to the arena to see our Holiday Ice Show on Monday December 29th. This show showcases our competitive skaters as they prepare for their upcoming competitions. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge although donations are appreciated.

Also coming up in the New Year will be our annual "I Love My Skater" dinner and auction, tickets will be going on sale starting the week of December 1st. What a great Christmas gift a couple of tickets would make.

I hope everyone has a safe holiday season. I look forward to seeing many of you back in January for another fun packed session. Remember our Junior, Intermediate and Senior skaters return Monday January 5th, while our CanSkate A & B skaters return Friday January 2nd.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Becky Graves (ZSC President)



ZSC Presents:

Holiday Ice Show
Monday, December 29th
6:00–8:50 p.m.

Fundraising

We would like to thank all of our families for the fabulous support you have shown during the Fundraisers these past few months. We have had a great start to the year. Our Ladies Night held on November 7th was a great success. Thank you to all those that took part! Just a reminder that the MacMillans orders will be delivered to the arena on Wednesday, December 10th and all the Elmira orders will be delivered on Friday, December 19th.

-Becky Graves and Sara Pletsch

Coaches Corner ~ Submitted by Deb Roefs

Wow! What a busy month November was for our skating family and December promises to be no different!

Forty of our skaters participated in the “Katelynn Innes Memorial Fun Competition” on Nov 17th. It was quite the “Circus” that night. Thanks to the many volunteer judges, coaches and off-ice helpers that worked tirelessly that evening to ensure our skaters had fun! Congratulations to this year’s winners: the “I” team.

On November 17th, we also had a simulation for the five senior skaters that were competing the following weekend in Tillsonburg. All skaters performed great that evening and the simulation did the trick as they in turn skated great that following weekend. Congrats to Shannon Woods, Alana Steinacker, Victoria Steinacker, Ella McRoberts and Anna Schaefer on your medal standing performances.

Once the Circus left town the Pirates and Princess arrived on our Canskate Session. That week was filled with circuits, games and races fit for a skating Pirate or Princess! Fun was had by all.

What's in store for our skaters in December!

The CANSKATE Coaches are preparing for the ZSC annual Santa Skate and will have your report cards ready that evening.

Coaches and skaters are working hard to complete their competitive programs for the Holiday Ice Show on December 29th. All Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Canskaters working on Solos will be participating.

Holiday Ice Show December 29th ~ Tentative Schedule 6:00 – 8:50 p.m.

First Half (6:00 – 7:15): Canskate and Junior Programs plus All Interpretive Programs

Second Half (7:30 – 8:50): Dance and Skills Demo plus Intermediate and Senior Programs

A separate form and bio sheet will be sent out in an upcoming email. Please watch for it. Note that there is a due date for the Bio's and I won't be able to add late entries as I'm away through the Christmas Holidays.

The coaching staff are beyond excited about the Holiday Skating Seminar for the Starskate level skaters that's being held the morning of December 29th. Skaters directly involved will receive an invitation to attend. (Level of participants – **MUST HAVE PASSED STAGE 6 and be 8 years of age or older.**

Please remember to fill out the application form and return to ZSC by Dec 18th.

Last but not least the coaches would like to take this opportunity to say “**THANK YOU**” to our volunteer Program Assistants that help in every way possible with our Canskate, Junior and Intermediate skaters. We couldn't do it without you!

***The Coaching Staff would like to wish all the skaters and their families
a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season.***

Merry Christmas! Beth, Brandi, Debbie, Denise, Jaclynne & Marcia.



I Love my Skater Dinner and Auction

Looking ahead to January, we need to start preparing for what is our largest fundraiser of the year - our "I Love my Skater" Dinner and Auction. This year the auction is being held on Saturday, January 31st. We ask that each family bring in **two items for the auction**. Items can be donated personally or by asking various places that you shop at frequently. Please take the letter found below to businesses when you are asking for donations. It is appreciated if you could bring in any items as you receive them so they can be added to the list. A list of past donors can be found hanging on the skating bulletin board and we ask that you sign beside any businesses that you are going to contact. This list is only some of the possibilities - please feel free to contact others! Tickets are available this week. Please see any board member and get yours today! Tickets are \$20 each and this includes a fabulous home cooked meal by Julie Cook. Sign ups to work off bond hours will also be placed on the bulletin board for this event. Please remember that bringing in donations does not count towards bond. As this year draws to a close, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 2015.

**I Love my Skater
Dinner and Auction:**

**Saturday,
January 31, 2015**

Tickets on Sale now!

Becky Graves and Sarah Pletsch
Fundraising Chairs

Upcoming Dates

- Dec. 10, 2014 MacMillan Orders to be Picked Up (Arena)
- Dec. 12, 2014 2nd Session Registration (Canskate A)
- Dec. 19, 2014 Elmira Chicken Orders to be Picked Up (Arena)
- Dec. 19, 2014 Santa Skate and P.A. Christmas Party
- Dec. 19, 2014 Skate Canada Promotional Booklets due
- Dec. 22, 2014 Starskate Regular Skating
- Dec. 24, 2014 No Skating
- Dec. 25, 2014 No Skating
- Dec. 26, 2014 No Skating
- Dec. 29, 2014 Holiday Ice Show
- Jan. 02, 2014 Canskate 2nd Session Begins
- Jan. 05, 2014 Starskate resumes after holidays
- Jan. 12, 2014 Test Day
- Jan. 31, 2014 I Love my Skater Dinner & Auction



Reminder:

**Skate Canada Promotional
Booklets are due to any board
member by December 19th.**

***Please watch the bulletin board or Website for more information www.zorraskatingclub.ca

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Zorra Skating Club Inc.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Zorra Skating Club Inc. is a non-profit club registered with Skate Canada. We service Embros and surrounding area. Our mission is to provide quality training in a fun, safe environment so that each skater can achieve his or her goals and develop their skills to their maximum potential through excellence in coaching, team spirit and a family atmosphere. Our Goals are to keep the sport as affordable as possible and to help all of our skaters achieve – regardless of their level or ability.

Registration fees and individual family fundraising only covers part of the costs of running our skating club. Expenses include ice time, insurance and professional NCPP certified coaches. The club also provides badges and incentives for our skaters and runs a carnival each spring.

To raise additional funds, the ZSC is hosting a dinner auction on Saturday January 31st, 2015 at the Embros Community Centre. We require items for both our silent and live auctions. Any donation of saleable items, gift certificates, services, event tickets, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for considering this request and sincerely hope that you will find it possible to assist us. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the names below. Your reply would be appreciated by January 16th, 2015 so that a listing of auction items can be compiled. Tickets are also available for this event.

Thank you,

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