



ZORRA SKATING CLUB FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Carnival time is starting again. This year ZSC is proud to present "Lights, Camera, Action". There will be two shows on Sunday, March 11th. The costume fittings are well underway. Teresa Pullen, our Costume Convener is busy trying to get all of the skaters fitted for their respective numbers. It's a big job and we are thankful Teresa has agreed to take on the task. There are a lot of kids especially in CanSkate A and B to get fitted at once. Please try and be patient, we are doing our best to make each child feel special. For many skaters this is their favourite time of the year. I'm excited to see the carnival costumes and routines come together. Soon you will see sign up lists on the bulletin board. We ask that parents volunteer to work one show if they are able and watch the other. Carnival volunteering does not count toward your bond hours as Carnival typically does not make money for the club. There will be more information to follow.

Last month many of our skaters travelled to Port Huron, MI to compete. Our skaters all did a fantastic job representing Zorra. Many medals were brought home, but more importantly everyone had a great time.

We had our annual Dinner, Auction on February 11th. It's always a great time with lots of bidding excitement and this year was no exception. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kathy Dodd, our fundraising chair for all of her hard work and time spent organizing our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is largely due to this fundraiser, the companies who donate their goods and services, and of course the people who attend and do the bidding, that our registration fees remain so competitive. We are a small (but mighty) club and ice fees and other expenses continue to rise. The board and coaches of ZSC do their best to offer quality programming at affordable prices. Fundraising is part of the equation that leads to our books breaking even at the end of each year.

This next month will fly by and before we know it Carnival will be here. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask any board member.

Happy Skating,
Suzanne McRoberts

Fundraising



I would like to thank all the volunteers and participants of the "I Love My Skater" Dinner and Auction. Without your help, we would not have had such a successful night. Once again, we had a great meal and there was a lot of excitement

generated around many of our donations in the live and silent auctions. Initial numbers show it was once again our largest fundraiser of the season!

Our last Elmira Chicken order is due on March 2nd. I will be delivered on March 21st. Order forms are posted on the website if you need more than the one provided with the newsletter.

The Fundscrip fundraiser is still ongoing. Fundscrip information 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!

Thanks,
Kathy Dodd
Fundraising Chairperson

Coaches Corner

During the month of January, CanSkate B were able to have an opportunity to try the CanSkate Fitness 1 badge. This badge requires an agility circuit, some stretches and most importantly, a five minute continuous skate. I'm happy to say that all of the skaters that tried this badge were able to put out their best effort. If we have missed any skaters who want to try this badge, we will try to complete the missing pieces in the last weeks of CanSkate, after Carnival.

On a related note, and just for fun, our Intermediate and Senior skaters tested the ten minute continuous skate for the Fitness 2 badge during one of our stroking sessions recently. Although it is a CanSkate badge, fitness is important at all levels of skating. Zorra skaters completed this task with ease!

Catherine Hewitt

Carnival Report

It is that time of year again and our carnival day, “Lights, Camera, Action”, is fast approaching (March 11th). Practices are now in full swing with each lesson and many costumes have been finished and are arriving for our children to try. Continue to watch the bulletin board for further updates and watch for your Carnival information package due out in the near future. Every participating family will receive a Paper copy of the information package. There will be question and answer sessions next week in the lobby on Wednesday and Friday at 5:45pm.

We require many volunteers to make this day possible. We are currently in need of a person(s) to be in charge of props. Please speak to Becky Wilhelm or Colleen Shrigley if this is something you would be interested in. Remember working on the carnival is **NOT** for bond hours as this event does not make any money for the club.

Becky Wilhelm and Colleen Shrigley—Carnival Co-Chairs

Bond

Thank you to the many families who have already completed their bond requirements. Opportunities left to work off your bond are limited. 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.

Music Players Needed

As an alternative to fundraising, bond hours can be completed by working in our music room. There are still a few weeks left in our winter session and we still 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.



Badges and Other Accolades

It has been a busy couple of months for our skaters who have been attending a multitude of competitions.

At the Pat Abela/Lyle McPhedran Memorial Competition in Mooretown on January 21st/22nd Grayson Lochhead placed 1st in the STARSkate Preliminary Men category and Karissa Richards placed 4th in WO Pre-Preliminary Limited .

Congratulations to all the Zorra Skaters who attended the Edith Schoenick Competition in Port Huron, Michigan on February 4th. It was a fun weekend for all. We had 30 skaters attend and combined brought home 70 medals. A complete listing of skaters and their results can be found on the webpage. Bravo.

Also on February 4th/5th, the Dennis Silverthorne Competition was held in Woodstock. Ella McRoberts and Grayson Lochhead placed 2nd in the Pre-Juvenile Dance Level 3 Development category.

We have handed out many badges so far this season. Here are the latest badges to be handed out and tests that have been passed. Congratulations to all our skaters and keep up the good work!

Stage 1: Chelsea Horinga, Andrew Wilson, Dylan Wilson

Stage 2: Emma Hinchcliffe

Stage 3: Isaiah Dewit, Tyler Dodd, Jillian Ann Marie Hanna, Connor Mudford, Christopher Slager

Stage 4: Erika Koehn

Stage 5: Marc Cooper, Ashleigh Fraser, Erika Koehn

Stage 6: Sarah Swanson

Fitness 1: Sarah Cooper, Tianna Cooper, Isaiah Dewit, Luke Dewit, Tyler Dodd, Cierra Graves, Jillian Ann Marie Hanna, Aria Hart, Aiden Hewitt, Emma Hinchcliffe, Chelsea Horinga, Ava Kellestine, Declan Matheson, John McCormick, Jaden McRobert, Kailey McRobert, Justin Minler, Ella Monteith, Connor Mudford, Kaitlin Murray, Sophie Pullen, Zeph Pye, Alyssa Routly, Kayla Routly, Sydney Skillings, Christopher Slager, Aralyn Smith, Calum Sutherland, Lachlan Sutherland, Eleigh Whetstone, Blake Whittaker, Ava Wilks, Andrew Wilson, Dylan Wilson

Fitness 2: Marleena Coull, Andrew Dodd, David Pullen, Emma Pullen

Sr. Bronze Skills: Grayson Lochhead



Upcoming Dates

Feb. 29, 2012 Elmira Chicken Order Due
Mar. 5, 2012 Carnival Technical Rehearsal & Pictures
Mar. 7, 2012 CanSkate Regular Skating
Mar. 8, 2012 Carnival Dress Rehearsal
Mar. 9, 2012 **No CanSkate**, Skating for StarSkate
Mar. 11, 2012 ZSC Carnival (2 Shows)
Mar. 12, 2012 **No Skating**
Mar. 23, 2012 Fun Night, Last Day of CanSkate
Mar 26, 2012 Test Day
Mar. 29, 2012 Last Day of StarSkate
Apr. 27, 2012 Awards Night and AGM

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

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

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