



# ZORRA SKATING CLUB JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Happy New Year and Welcome back. The holiday season was a busy one. It was great for Santa to find the time to visit us and spend some time with our skaters. A special thanks to our Program Assistants and Coaches for organizing a fun evening.

Our Holiday Ice Show was once again a success. We had many friends and families brave the blustery conditions to come and watch. Our skaters did not disappoint. It was a wonderful show and all of our skaters did our club very proud.

Please be reminded about our upcoming Dinner Auction and dance. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. We need everyone's help in order to make this year's auction our most successful yet. Please try and think of businesses that you deal with, that you might be able to ask for a donation of goods or services. Most importantly, please plan on attending. It is a fun filled night with a great meal and lots of bidding fun. Tickets are available now.

As we begin January, we start thinking about carnival time. It is always a very exciting time for our skaters. Debbie Roefs, our Carnival Producer is busy with all of the planning. All registered skaters will be included in our carnival. If you know your child will *NOT* be participating in the carnival, please sign the sheet posted on our bulletin board. Our costume conveners spend many hours finding and fitting costumes, they need to know the number of children skating as soon as possible. Also, we are always in need of volunteers to help wherever possible at carnival time. It doesn't have to be a large commitment. If you can help for a couple hours, sewing or cutting, hunting down or making props, we always welcome the help. Hours spent on carnival preparation do not count for your bond as typically the carnival does not make money. However, all of the kids love carnival time, so we do our best to make it a special show. We will be posting information on the bulletin board as more information is available. Please check it often for updates.

HAPPY SKATING!

*Suzanne McRoberts*

President

For more information on upcoming events... please see the following directors:

Auction – Kathy Dodd

Carnival Conveners – Becky Wilhelm & Colleen Shrigley

Costume Convener - Teresa Pullen

**LAST CHANCE** - Please note: Your Skate Canada promotional books must be handed in by January 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Thank you

## Fundraising

We have just completed our January Elmira Chicken order and our MacMillan's order. Thank you to everyone who participated. Don't forget the chicken will be ready for Friday February 3, 2012 and the MacMillan's order will be delivered on Wednesday February 8, 2012. Looking ahead, our next Elmira Chicken order will be due February 29 th.

Another opportunity to work off your bond 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. We still need auction items; anything from homemade crafts and baking, to gift baskets, to your favourite products, sporting tickets, nights out or gift certificates are welcome. There really is no limit to what can be auctioned off. **Tickets are now available from any board member for \$20 each.** There was an error made on the fundraising package letter the price for tickets is in deed **\$20** a ticket not \$15 as printed. Sorry for the confusion. The volunteer list is now posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up to help with this fundraiser and work off your bond.

Thanks,  
Kathy Dodd  
Fundraising Chairperson

## 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.

## Spring School

Once again the Zorra Skating Club is planning to host a Spring Session. This is a 3 week (twice a week) session which takes place during April at the Thamesford Arena. Any skater working on Stage 2 or higher is welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to finish off badges or to start on the next level. Stay tuned for more information concerning registration, pricing, dates and times.

## Music Players Required

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.

## Carnival 2012

The coaches, carnival co-chairs and costume chair are currently working on this year's movie themed carnival. Watch for information session dates, and job postings on the bulletin board over the next few weeks. Information packages will be coming out early next month with precise details for each skater involved. Please remember to sign the sheet currently on the bulletin board if your skater will **NOT** be participating in the carnival on Sunday March 11, 2012.



## Badges and Other Accolades

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

**Stage 2:** John McCormick, Dayna Mulder, Blake Whittaker

**Stage 3:** Kallea Bes, Aria Hart, Aidan Hewitt, Aralyn Smith

**Go Forward:** Ainsley Alyea, Natalie Dodd, Ashley Kellestine, Lile Beth Piper, Hillary Smit, Kara Wilhelm

**Go Backward:** Lile Beth Piper, Alana Steinacker, Sarah Swanson

**Jump:** Natalie Dodd, Riley Dodd, Ashley Kellestine, Lile Beth Piper, Kara Wilhelm

**Spin:** Lile Beth Piper, Erin Shrigley, Alana Steinacker, Sarah Swanson

**Stop:** Ainsley Alyea, Natalie Dodd, Ashley Kellestine, Hillary Smit, Kara Wilhelm

**Turn:** Erin Shrigley, Alana Steinacker

**Stage 6:** Alana Steinacker

**Field Movements:** Justin Dodd, Kathy Dodd, Lily Pullen

**Waltz Jump:** Kathy Dodd, Erin Shrigley

**Sit Spin:** Justin Dodd

**First Skate Canada Test:** Justin Dodd, Kathy Dodd, Erin Shrigley

**Dutch Waltz:** Justin Dodd, Kathy Dodd, Erin Shrigley

**Canasta Tango:** Andrew Dodd, Kathy Dodd, Abby McCall-Perkins, Victoria Steinacker

**Baby Blues:** Emma Pullen

**Swing:** Grayson Lochhead, Ella McRoberts

## Test Day

Congratulations to all successful skaters; your hard work paid off. There will be one more test day this season on Monday March 26, 2012.

# Upcoming Dates

Feb. 3, 2012 Elmira Chicken delivery  
Feb. 8, 2012 MacMillan's delivery  
Feb. 11, 2012 Valentine Dinner, Auction & Dance  
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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