



# ZORRA SKATING CLUB JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

## President's Message

Welcome to an exciting 2<sup>nd</sup> session. The board has many things on tap for the next few months. First I would like to congratulate all skaters on a great 1<sup>st</sup> session and an excellent Holiday Ice Show. You all did a great job displaying your competitive numbers and I know they are only going to get better in the weeks ahead. Good Luck as you travel to the many competitions in the next few months.

Please don't forget we need your help with our largest fundraiser of the year. The "I Love My Skater" Dinner and Auction is fast approaching (Feb 9<sup>th</sup>) and we need your help to make it a success. Kathy Dodd is currently taking donations of goods and services to auction off. She also needs volunteers for various tasks throughout the day and evening. Please watch the bulletin board for this list which is opportunities to work off your bond. As well, tickets are available for sale. See any board member to get yours now as it is a fun-filled evening.

The carnival preparations are now in full swing as well. Please take the time to attend information sessions and watch the bulletin board for updated information, as well as sign-up sheets. These could change often as our needs at carnival time tend to change as we get new ideas. Your willingness to help is much appreciated and will be rewarded by the many smiling faces on carnival day. As we do not make any money on carnival, we cannot offer this as a bond opportunity but please do not let this deter you sharing your many talents. Watch for tickets to be available in the near future.

There seems to be some confusion as to why some coaches are coming on the ice to spend time with one or two students and then leaving without teaching any other skaters. These are instances of private lessons, where the parents of the skater are paying additional fees to the coach for the extra time spent with their child. If you want your child to have some private lessons, please contact the coach of your choice to arrange lessons.

Once again, enjoy the session. If you have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact a board member or a coach. We love to talk skating and are doing our best to ensure a fun and safe environment for everyone.

Colleen Shrigley--ZSC President

**LAST CHANCE** - Please note: Your Skate Canada promotional books must be handed in by January 25<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Thank you

## Fundraising

Hello everyone,

We are all getting excited for our annual "I love my Skater" Dinner and Auction coming up Saturday February 9th. We have asked if all skating families could provide us with 2 items to be auctioned off. These items can be donated personally or by you taking the letter (found on the website or posted at the arena) to some of the businesses that you frequent and getting donations that way.

Please have the form filled out and attached to the item so that we can be sure to properly recognize and thank all of our wonderful supporters. Items should be brought to the arena as soon as possible so they can be cataloged and prepared for the auction in advance.

In that same train of thought, there are several opportunities available for members looking to volunteer and work off some of their bond hours - please check the ZSC bulletin board for sign-up sheets. Tickets for the dinner and auction are available now. They are **\$20** each. Please **see any board member** while you are at the arena and they will be happy to assist you. The evening is truly a lot of fun and there are always fabulous deals to be had - you need to make this the year you attend!

Other news, the next Elmira Poultry order is due this Friday January 25th and will be delivered to the arena on Wednesday February 13th. Our Spring MacMillan order will be handed out within the next week or so (just waiting for them to arrive in the mail). I need it returned to me by Wednesday Feb 6th and the products will be delivered on Friday Feb 22.

We have purchased a new white board and easel that will be located just as you are walking down the hallway to the dressing rooms and I will try to have spare fundraising order forms on that so that you can quickly pick up forms as needed.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks and happy skating,  
Kathy Dodd  
Fundraising Chairperson

## Music Players Required

With all the competitions occurring and carnival fast approaching, we need your help to allow the coaches to spend time doing what they do best, coaching our skaters.

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.

## Bond

There are many ways you can still work off your bond in the upcoming months with fundraising from Elmira Chicken and Macmillan's and we will need lots of help with the Skating auction held in February. There will be a sign-up list on the bulletin board. Please contact Jacquelynn Hewitt at [519 475-6238](tel:5194756238) if you have any questions regarding your bond hours.

## Carnival 2013

It is that time of year again and our carnival day is fast approaching (March 10<sup>th</sup>). We need to know if your child will **NOT** be participating in this year's carnival. Please place your child's name on the sheet posted on the bulletin board if they will not be participating. The coaches, carnival co-chairs and costume chair are currently working hard to cast all our skaters in "Welcome to Wonderland" so we require this information ASAP.

There will be parent information sessions to answer your questions concerning what to expect during this exciting time and how you can help the performances go off without a hitch. The dates for the information sessions are as follows: Friday January 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday January 30<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will be held in the arena lobby at 6:00pm. If you have questions but cannot attend one of the sessions, please feel free to ask a board member.

Continue to watch the bulletin board for further updates (casting lists, job signups, etc.) and watch for your Carnival information package due out next month with precise details of your child's involvement.

Colleen Shrigley and Becky Graves - Carnival Co-chairs

## Coaches Report

I would like to wish each of the 25 skaters competing in Port Huron on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> best of luck and good skating in each of your events.

Congratulations to Anna S. for her 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in Grimsby and 2 bronze medals in Amherstburg, as well as Ella M. for her silver medal in Grimsby and 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in Amherstburg. Our Preliminary dance pairs have also done very well. Congratulations David P. and Emma P. on your gold and Andrew D. and Shannon W. on your silver in Grimsby. Both these teams competed again in Amherstburg where they tied for gold. Way to go! All of these competitors are competing at the Competitive SarSkate level.

Carnival practices will begin the first week of February. Casting will be posted next week on the bulletin board by the washrooms.

Deb Roefs—Pro Rep



## 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:** Sydney Skillings

**Stage 3:** Kailey McRobert, Lily Robotham, Brooklyn Willison

**Stage 4:** Sarah Cooper, Cierra Graves, Colton Henderson

## Upcoming Dates

Jan. 25, 2013	Elmira Chicken Order Due
Jan. 25, 2013	Carnival Information Session 6pm
Jan. 30, 2013	Carnival Information Session 6pm
Feb. 6, 2013	MacMillan Order Due
Feb. 9, 2013	Valentine Dinner, Auction & Dance
Feb. 11, 2013	Test Day
Feb. 13, 2013	Chicken Order Pickup
Feb. 22, 2013	MacMillan Order Pickup
Mar. 4, 2013	Carnival Technical Rehearsal & Pictures
Mar. 6, 2013	CanSkate Regular Skating
Mar. 7, 2013	Carnival Dress Rehearsal
Mar. 8, 2013	No CanSkate, Skating for Jr, Inter, Sr. StarSkate
Mar. 10, 2013	ZSC Carnival
Mar. 11, 2013	<b>NO SKATING</b>
Mar. 22, 2013	FUN NIGHT, Last Day of Skating for CanSkate
Mar. 25, 2013	Test Day
Mar. 28, 2013	Last Night of StarSkate
Apr. 26, 2013	Awards Night & AGM

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

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

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