



Zorra Skating Club

January 2015

President's Message

Welcome to an exciting 2nd session. The board has many events in the works over the next few months. To our new skating families, welcome to the Zorra Skating Club. To our returning families, I would like to congratulate all our returning skaters on a great 1st 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.

You may have noticed many of our skaters showing off their new ZSC spirit wear. Sweatshirts, tees, jackets etc. are still available from Oxford Source for Sports in Woodstock. Please contact me for more information or to get an order form if you are interested in purchasing something for your skater.

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 (Jan. 31st) and we need your help to make it a success. Sarah Pletsch and her team are currently taking donations of goods and services to auction off. Tickets are available for \$20 each. See any board member to purchase. Don't forget to ask your neighbours and friends if they will join in on the fun-filled evening.

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 and sign-up sheets. Please check often as these could change as our needs at carnival time tend to change as we adapt our ideas. The bulletin board will be your best source of updated information. 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 from sharing your many talents. Watch for tickets to be available in the near future.

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 about skating and are doing our best to ensure a fun and safe environment for everyone.

Becky Graves (ZSC President)

**The "I Love my Skater" Dinner and Auction
Is right around the corner!**

We are now accepting auction items.

**Please support the Zorra Skating's Club
Biggest fundraiser and come out
January 31st for a great night!**

Fundraising

Within the next week, fundraising packages will be handed out again for the 2nd session. Please note the following dates: Elmira Chicken orders will be due by January 28th with delivery of February 13th. MacMillan orders will be due February 4th with delivery of February 23rd. Please keep an eye on the bulletin board as dates will be posted there as well as extra order forms.

Thank you,

Becky Graves and Sarah Pletsch (Fundraising Chairs)



I Love my Skater Dinner and Auction

It is that time of year again. The Zorra Skating Club's annual "I Love my Skater" dinner and auction is coming up on Saturday January 31st 2015. This is the largest fundraiser for our club and it really needs every family to be involved to make the evening a success. We ask that each family provide 2 items for our auction. These can be donated personally or by asking a business for a donation. A list of previous donors is located on the skating bulletin board so feel free to write your name down beside any business that you are able to stop into and drop off a copy of the letter attached to this email.

Besides donations, we also need helpers for that day and evening. If you still require working off more of your bond, please consider signing up to assist us with the auction. There are lots of jobs and many hands make the work fun and easier for everyone! Lastly, tickets are available and we need to get selling them to family, neighbours and friends.

An auction works much better if there are people in the seats to actually bid! Please consider making this year's auction the best ever - get involved and most importantly have fun! Any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Thanks, Sarah Pletsch (Fundraising Chairperson)



Carnival Report

It is that time of year again and our carnival day is fast approaching (March 15th). 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 the children in "Temperature Rising" 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 performance go off without a hitch. The dates for the information will be posted on the bulletin board. All meetings will be held in the arena lobby at 6:00 p.m. 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 and white 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.

Becky Graves (Carnival Chair)

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

**Saturday,
January 31, 2015**

Tickets on Sale now!

Coaches Corner ~ Submitted by Deb Roefs

Congratulations to all of our Canskate Skaters on a very successful first half of our winter season. If you did not receive your Report Card please let one of the coaching staff know and we will be sure to get it to you.

Welcome to all our new Canskate participants who signed up for the second session. If you have any questions or concerns about your skater or their equipment, please let one of the Professional Coaching Staff know and they will be happy to discuss any issue you may have.

Congratulations to all of the Holiday Ice Show participants. You did very well and your coaches are very proud of your performances. If you didn't get a Program and would like one, there are some still available. Just ask one of the coaches.

Starskate Accomplishments

Competition Results to date: A few of our skaters have been involved in competitions in Tillsonburg and Grimsby. Results are as follows:

Alana Steinacker

Tillsonburg - Silver - Star 2 Freeskate Program

Shannon Woods

Tillsonburg - Silver - Star 2 Freeskate Program

Grimsby - Gold - Star 2 Freeskate Program

Victoria Steinacker

Tillsonburg - 5th - Star 4 Freeskate Program

Ella McRoberts

Tillsonburg - 5th - Senior Bronze Starskate Freeskate Program

2nd - Bronze Interpretive Program

Grimsby - 1st - Bronze Triathlon Creative Skills Program

1st - Bronze Triathlon Interpretive Program

2nd - Bronze Triathlon Freeskate Program

Overall - Bronze Triathlon Winner

Anna Schaefer

Tillsonburg - 1st - Senior Bronze Starskate Freeskate Program

3rd - Gold Interpretive Program

Grimsby - 4th - Senior Bronze Starskate Freeskate Program



Good Luck to all skaters competing in Windsor January 24th & 25th .

Our Intermediate & Senior skaters have been involved in Skate Canada Testing. We are proud to say that our skaters have had a **100% pass rate to date!!!** We the coaching staff are **VERY PROUD** of their accomplishments.

Dance Tests: Preliminary Dances: Baby Blues - Cadence Clark

Junior Bronze Dances: Swing Dance - Alana Steinacker, Gillian Haig & Justin Dodd

Senior Bronze Dances: Ten Fox - Amy Hutchison

Senior Silver Dances: Paso Doble - Ella McRoberts

Gold Dances: Silver Samba - Laura Alexander

Skills Tests: Preliminary Skills - Gillian Haig

Freeskate Elements: Preliminary - Alana Steinacker

Junior Silver - Ella McRoberts

Senior Silver - Anna Schaefer

Freeskate Program (Completing that Freeskate Level)

Preliminary – Justin Dodd, Shannon Woods

Junior Silver – Anna Schaefer

Interpretive Programs: Introductory Pairs - Emma Pullen & Shannon Woods

- Amy Hutchison & Laura Alexander

Carnival practices will start the second week of February. If your child will NOT be participating in this years production please sign the list on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 28, 2015 Elmira Chicken Order Due
- Jan. 31, 2015 I Love my Skater Dinner & Auction
- Feb. 04, 2015 MacMillan Order Due
- Feb. 13, 2015 Elmira Chicken Delivery
- Feb. 23, 2015 MacMillan Delivery
- Mar. 09, 2015 Carnival Technical Rehearsal and Pictures
- Mar. 11, 2015 Canskate—Regular Skating
- Mar. 12, 2015 Carnival Dress Rehearsal
- Mar. 13, 2015 NO Canskate, Skating for Jr., Inter., Senior
- Mar. 15, 2015 ZSC Carnival
- Mar. 16, 2015 NO SKATING
- Mar. 20, 2015 Fun Night: Last Day for Canskate
- Mar. 26, 2015 Last Night for StarSkate
- Mar. 30, 2015 Test Day
- May 01, 2015 Awards Night AGM



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