

# ZORRA SKATING CLUB

## OCTOBER 2011

### NEWSLETTER

## Meet the ZSC Coaches

Last week each coach was given a small questionnaire to answer in order to help us get to know them better. Their answers are below each of the questions which they were asked. Hopefully you will learn something new about each of the coaches.

### 1. Your name and a bit about your family, if you wish.

**Deb** Roefs....my husband Will and I have three grown daughters Katie, Brittany and Courtney that all skated with the Zorra Skating Club for many years. My grandson skated with the ZSC last year and my daughter Kate travelled all the way from Milton each week. Kate plans on bringing both her children again this year! That proves how much Zorra SC means to her.

**Beth** Lochhead: Married to Ted, son Grayson who skates at the Zorra Club.

My name is **Catherine** Hewitt and I live in Stratford. I'm married, with three kids, all who have figured skated and played hockey. The oldest is in school in Kitchener, the middle in high school and my daughter (the youngest) currently skates on a synchro team with Kitchener-Waterloo SC. My husband works in Goderich. We drive a lot :-)

**Marcia** Coull Husband-- Michael Coull; Son-- Andrew; Daughters-- Shaleena, Macaylee(RIP.), Marleena

My name is **Denise** Wijnker. I'm the youngest of three kids and I'm the only girl. I am a proud aunt to two adorable girls who already love skating! I have a wonderful family who support my skating career in every way! They have all attended every carnival since I started skating and I have had at least one family member attend every test I have ever skated (and that's a lot of tests!)

### 2. At what age did you start figure skating and what was your first carnival number?

**Deb:** I started figure skating at the age of 3. I was a bumble bee.

**Beth:** Started skating at 9 and was a Dutch girl in my first Carnival

**Catherine:** I loved to pretend to figure skate as a child but since we had outdoor rinks, hockey leagues and no skating clubs, I skated outdoors every day, played hockey and didn't take figure skating lessons until I was an adult.

My first carnival was a Circus and my number was "The marching band"-- Red jackets and black pants with my pretend drum.

**Marcia:** Started at age 7 first Carnival number a gum ball in a Flintstone skit

**Denise:** I have always skated in Embro and I was 6 years old when I first started skating. The first carnival I was in was "It's a jungle out there" and I was an owl skating to the Lion King.

### 3. How long have you been coaching?

**Deb:** 36 years.

**Beth:** 31 years

**Catherine:** I've been coaching for six years. I was volunteering for a long time and one of my coaches pushed me into getting certified.

**Marcia:** Coaching for 26 years

**Denise:** I officially started coaching last year, but I have been a PA for the club for 8 years. I have loved every minute of my coaching career and I hope I can continue it for a long time!

### 4. A memorable skating moment?

**Deb:** That's so hard as I have had so many...but the one that led me down the path to all my most treasured skating moments actually happened when I was far from the rink. I was doing what every 17 year old girl does at the first sign of warm weather...I was working on my tan. I was stretched out on a towel in my backyard when my mother brought out a letter I had received in the mail.

Enclosed was my first coaching contract! It was a complete surprise. I'm sure my whole neighbourhood heard me scream. It was a dream come true!

**Beth:** Winning a Gold Medal for Synchro at the Skate Canada Adult Nationals last year. Best feeling ever!

**Catherine:** Memorable skating moments! Oh so many! I have taken a poll amongst my skating friends and it's a tossup between the disco routine at Adult Nationals in Fredericton or being carted off the ice via ambulance.

**Marcia:** memorable moment being able to skated in a group number held in Toronto for a send off show for skaters leaving for the 1984 winter Olympics in Sarjavor ,no longer a country by that name

**Denise:** My most memorable moment in skating would be when I tried 5 skate Canada tests in one test day and passed them all, even the judge was doing a happy dance for me.

### 5. What was your favourite jump, spin, dance, other?

**Deb:** Favourite Jump - Double Salchow / Spin - sit spin / Blues / Outside Spread Eagles.

**Beth:** Favourite jump-Split Double toe, Spin - Flying camel drop back sit change, Dance - Blues, Field move – Bauer

**Catherine:** My favourite jump to do is the salchow, I like forward spins and especially like Ina Bauers. My favourite dance is the Willow as it is a fun social dance. To watch, I think that Patrick Chan's quad toe is a thing of beauty.

**Marcia:** Farourite jump-axel, Spin-corkscrew, Dance-willow waltz, Field moment-change of edge spiral

**Denise:** My favourite jump: flip. Favourite spin: camel spin. Favourite dance: the killian. Favourite field move: Spread eagle.

## 6. What was your least favourite jump, spin, dance, other?

**Deb:** Any type of Lutz (I broke my wrist 3 times on those suckers)/ Camel Spin/ European Waltz / Counter turns on my figure tests.

**Beth:** Least favourite jump Double flip, camel change camel, Don't think I had a dance I didn't like

**Catherine:** The camel spin is loathsome. The flip and I have an uneasy relationship and I never really liked stroking class.

**Marcia:** Least favourite jump half axel, Spin ?? Do not have one, Dance 14 step

**Denise:** Least favourite jump: loop jump. Least favourite spin: flying sit spin. Least favourite dance: The American. Least favourite field move: I love them all!

## 7. Other interests when not skating?

**Deb:** Anything to do with animals. Drawing and Painting (but not walls). Reading. Spending time with my family. Volunteer work.

**Beth:** Spending time with my Family

**Catherine:** When not skating I'm involved in my daughter's synchro team. Also I sew extensively and have an interest in old sewing machines.

**Marcia:** Travelling? Keep hoping for a lottery win to travel more

**Denise:** When I'm not at the rink I'm most likely at school. I'm in school for Practical Nursing and cannot wait to start my career in nursing. I also enjoy spending time on my parents' farm, riding horses and fishing in the river. I spend a lot of my free time with my family and socializing with friends.

## 8. Something you would like us to know.

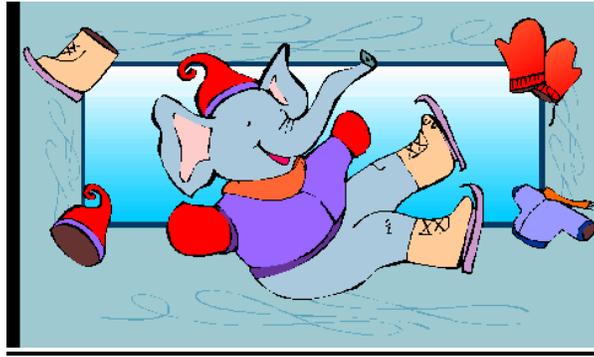
**Deb:** That I know how fortunate I am to be able to say I've spent my whole life doing what I love to do....Skate. And any of my own skating successes pales in comparison to the thrill of watching my students succeed and reach their own personal goals. I'm truly blessed.

**Beth:** I want to help you to be the best you can be.

**Catherine:** I like kitty cats. Meow!

**Marcia:** Coming to the rink makes any day brighter.

**Denise:** During my skating time in Embro I have been coached by three of our coaches, Marcia, Beth, and Deb and it is thanks to all their help and encouragement that I am now a professional skating coach at my home club. We have an awesome dedicated team of coaches with a lot of years of experience who will do anything to make your skating experience the best it can be!



## Coaches Corner

The Zorra Skating Club Coaching Staff would like to welcome all our skating families to another action packed winter season. We have many exciting activities planned, the first being a Halloween Party. Our Skaters may wear costumes but they should be safe to skate in. We recommend that your skater NOT wear a Mask as it limits their vision. CanSkaters must still wear their helmets.

**If at any time you have questions or concerns about your skater, feel free to talk to any of the Professional Coaching Staff when they are off the ice or by phone. We love to talk about skating!**

\* **Please note**: You will notice from time to time additional coaches on the ice giving private instruction. These coaches have been hired by the skater's parents to give their child extra one on one instruction (Private Lessons). This will give their skater the opportunity to compete in local Competitions and/or advance at a quicker rate. Any parent interested in private or semi private lessons for their skater should ask a Professional Skating Coach.

## Embroidered Fair Float

I would like to thank the Hewitt, Shrigley and Grieve families for helping decorate our Skating float for the fair this year. Thank you to Shannon Green for providing us with all the lovely scarves and the Costume department for letting us borrow the poodle skirts. Also, thank you to John McRoberts for pulling our float and to Mark Matheson for providing us with the wagon. We took home two first place finishes again this year! One for Best Children's Group Float and for Best Children's Sport Float. A huge thank-you to all the parents and kids for riding the float, it wouldn't be a success without you!

On that note....I would like to take this opportunity to say that next year (Fall 2012) we need a new volunteer to organize our skating float, as I have other obligations to fill. The theme for the fair next year is "Seaside Rendezvous". Please approach any board member if you are interested or contact myself at 519-475-4697.

Thank you,  
Amber Matheson

# Bond

There are many ways to work off your bond requirements. They include selling fundraising, working in the music room on Monday and Thursday nights, making pies for the craft show, or helping out with the auction. If you have any questions about your bond hours, please call Becky Wilhelm at 519-475-4308 or Jacquelynn Hewitt at 519-425-1856.

# Fundraising

Welcome back to all our skating families. Our first round of fundraising has already been completed. Thank you to all of our families for the enthusiastic response for the Elmira Chicken, Lamontagne and the Sunset Gourmet orders. This was our largest ever chicken order with 254 boxes sold! Way to go! Remember that our chicken order will be arriving at the arena on Friday, October 28th for pick up. You must make arrangements to pick up your order before 6:30 pm that evening.

As most of you are aware, we have set ourselves a fundraising goal of \$14,500 this year. I have created a chart that you can find on the bulletin board to visually see where we are and how much further we still need to go. Upcoming opportunities include more Elmira Poultry as well as the Embro Craft Show.

Another opportunity to raise money for the club is by purchasing New Orleans Pizza cards. We have had 50 cards donated to us. They will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Each card costs \$10 and is reusable until February 29, 2012 at any location. The card entitles you to receive one of the following with each order of 2 pizzas: a 3<sup>rd</sup> pizza of equal or less value, order of cheesy strips, order of garlic bread with cheese, 4 cans of pop, or a regular Caesar salad. See a board member to get yours today.

The image shows two promotional cards from New Orleans Pizza. The top card is a 'Community Support Card' valued at \$10.00. It features the New Orleans Pizza logo and text: 'Thank You for Purchasing a Community Support Card \$10.00', 'Save the attached card and re-use it EVERYDAY until it expires!', 'You could save up to \$20<sup>33</sup> every time you use it!', and 'All proceeds from the purchase of this Community Support Card go to: Zorra Skating Club'. The bottom card is a 'Free Item Card' with the text: 'KEEP THIS CARD TO RE-USE IT!', 'Purchase any two New Orleans Pizzas at regular price and choose one of the following items for free', 'Free', and a list of items: 'Pizza (1st pizza must be of equal or lesser value)', 'Cheesy Strips', 'Garlic Bread w/cheese', '4 cans of Pop', and 'Regular Caesar Salad'. It also states 'All proceeds from the purchase of this Community Support Cards go to: Zorra Skating Club'. A 'SAMPLE ONLY' watermark is visible on the right side of the cards. At the bottom, there is a small disclaimer: 'New Orleans Pizza is proud to offer this program to support Schools and Community Groups. Visit us at www.neworleanspizza.ca. This card may be used daily until February 29, 2012. Not valid with other offers. Valid at all locations.'

For the Craft Show being held November 12th, we need volunteers to make pies. 2 pies equal one hour of bond. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board - please volunteer and bake up a storm!!

Another opportunity 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. Stay tuned for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Thanks,  
Kathy Dodd  
Fundraising Chairperson

## Music Players Needed

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.



# Badges and Other Accolades

We had many badges earned by Zorra skaters during the off season. At the ZSC Spring School: Marleena Coull—Toe Loop, Andrew Dodd—Stage 7 and Dutch Waltz, Justin Dodd—Stage 7, Kathy Dodd—Expanding Exercises, Natalie Dodd—Stage 5, Tyler Dodd—Stage 2, Amy Hutchison—Swing Dance, Ava Kellestine—Stage 3, Ashley Kellestine—Stage 5, Lile Beth Piper—Stop, David Pullen—Loop Jump, Emma Pullen—Canasta Tango, Sit Spin and Stop, Lily Pullen—Stage 6 and Go Backwards, Teresa Pullen—Stage 5, Anna Schaefer—Rocker Foxtrot, Erin Shrigley—Stage 6, Denise Wijnker—Silver Samba.

At the WSC Summer School: Jason Dunlop—completed his Gold Dances, Anna Schaefer—Harris Tango, David Pullen—Preliminary Skills

At the ZSC Fall School: Elise Matheson—Stage 2.

Congratulations to Ella McRoberts and Grayson Lochhead for earning a Gold medal at the Pre-Juvenile Dance Level in Paris, ON.

Congratulations to all our skaters on your achievements. May you continue to achieve success throughout this season.



## Upcoming Dates

Oct. 28, 2011 Halloween Party  
Oct. 28, 2011 Chicken Delivery  
Oct. 31, 2011 **NO SKATING**  
Nov. 12, 2011 Embro Craft Show  
Nov. 21, 2011 Fun Competition  
Nov. 28, 2011 Promotional Tickets Due  
Nov. 30, 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Chicken Order Due  
Dec. 9, 2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Session Registration—CanSkate A  
Dec. 23, 2011 Santa Skate  
Dec. 23, 2011 PA Christmas Party  
Dec. 26, 2011 **NO SKATING**  
Dec. 28, 2011 **NO SKATING**  
Dec. 29, 2011 Holiday Ice Show  
Dec. 30, 2011 **NO SKATING**

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

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

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