



# Zorra Skating Club

December 2016

## President's Message

It is hard to believe that the Christmas Season is upon us, and the first session is drawing to a close. All of our skaters have made great improvement on the ice. If you are only registered for session one, we are holding our next registration on Friday December 9th. Please contact any board member for further information.

Thank you to all who helped to make the "Katelynn Innes Memorial Fun Competition" a success again this year. A special Thank-you goes to Deb Roefs for planning and organizing such a fun event. Congratulations to all of our participating skaters; you looked great!

The board and coaches have been busy planning the Christmas party for our skaters on December 23rd from 5:30 to 6:20 pm. We have been in contact with the North Pole and Santa assures us he will make a quick trip to Embro ahead of schedule to visit with our skaters. We are extremely excited that he is able to work the Zorra Skating Club into his busy schedule.

We hope you take some time out of your busy schedule to come to the arena to see our Holiday Ice Show on Thursday December 29th. This show showcases our competitive skaters as they prepare for their upcoming competitions. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge although donations are appreciated. Also coming up in the New Year will be our annual "Bids for Blades" dinner and auction, tickets will be going on sale starting December 1st. What a great Christmas gift a couple of tickets would make. I hope everyone has a safe holiday season.

I look forward to seeing many of you back in January for another fun packed session. Remember our Junior, Intermediate and Senior skaters return Monday January 2<sup>nd</sup>, while our CanSkate A & B skaters return Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Becky Graves, ZSC President



## Fundraising

We would like to thank all of our families for the support you have shown during the Fundraisers these past few months. We have had a great start to the year! **The next Elmira chicken order will be due back by Friday, January 6th. The pick up date will be announced at a later date.**

~ Sara Pletsch and Christa Minler (Fundraising Chairs)

ZSC Presents:

**Holiday Ice Show**  
**Thursday, December 29**  
**6:00-8:50 p.m.**



### Canskate News!

The Coaching Staff are please to announce the Canskate A skaters are on the move! Just in time to show Santa what they can do! Our Canskate B group is doing extremely well. Several Ribbons and Badges have been earned in the last few weeks. The Coaches will be handing out the Canskate A & B Report Cards at the end of the first session.

The Coaches have been very busy this past month preparing their skaters for the upcoming competitive season. All our Junior, Intermediate and Senior skaters will be debuting their new programs on December 29, 2016.

## ZSC HOLIDAY ICE SHOW ~ December 29, 2016

For All Junior, Intermediate, Senior and Canskaters who are preparing for Port Huron Competition.

### Holiday Ice Show Tentative Schedule 6:00 – 8:50

**First Half:** 6:00 – 7:15pm: Canskate and Junior Programs plus All Interpretive Programs  
**Second Half:** 7:30 – 8:50: Intermediate and Senior Programs plus Creative Skills and Dance Programs

Exciting Opportunity for our Intermediate and Senior Skaters!

### Holiday Skating Seminar ~ December 27 2016

Three on-ice sessions from 9:00am – 12:00pm with lunch provided.

(check schedule for the time of your skaters session)

**Course Conductor ~ Paul Matheson** ~ Coaching since 1995 ~ NCCP Level 3  
Mariposa School of Skating & Barrie Skating Club

**Specialties:** Overall skating technique, power stroking, spiral sequences, edge power, footwork, step sequences and turns to name a few.

9:00 - 9:50 ~ Optional Second Session for Senior Level skaters  
10:00 - 10:50 ~ Intermediate Skaters  
11:00 - 11:50 ~ Senior Level Skaters  
11:30 - 12:00 ~ Intermediate Lunch  
12:00 - 12:15 ~ Closing Remarks to skaters, parents and coaches.  
12:15 ~ Lunch for Seniors & Coaches, Course Conductor

Application forms will be handed out to each eligible skater on Thursday Dec. 15th 2016 and must be returned with payment by Monday Dec. 19th, 2016

It's time to start thinking about ZSC's biggest fundraiser of the year:

# Bids for Blades

**Dinner and Auction**  
**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**6:00 Cocktails ~ 6:30 Dinner ~ 8:00 Live Auction**  
**Embro Community Centre**  
**Tickets: \$20**  
**Available from any ZSC Board Member**

Skating Families are each asked to **please contribute two items towards our Auction.** Items can be donated personally or by asking various places that you shop at frequently. Please take the letter found attached to businesses when you are asking for donations. It is appreciated if you could bring in any items as you receive them so they can be added to the list. A list of past donors can be found hanging on the skating bulletin board and we ask that you sign beside any businesses that you are going to contact. This list is only some of the possibilities - please feel free to contact others! Tickets are available this week. Please see any board member and get yours today! Tickets are \$20 each and this includes a fabulous home cooked meal by Julie Cook. Sign-ups for duties to assist during the auction (which counts towards bond hours) will also be placed on the bulletin board for this event. *Please remember that bringing in donations does not count towards bond.*

Zorra Skating Club presents...

**BIDS for BLADES**  
 DINNER & AUCTION  
 Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

<p>TICKETS</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">\$20</p> <p>AVAILABLE THROUGH ANY ZSC BOARD MEMBER</p>	<p>Embro Community Centre</p> <p>6:00PM Cocktails          6:30PM Dinner          8:00PM Auction</p> <p>Catered by Julie Cook          Licensed Event</p> 
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## BOND OPPORTUNITY

The Zorra Skating club has partnered with three other groups to ensure the canteen at the Embro arena is open on a regular basis for the 2016/2017 season. This is a great and easy way to work off your bond this year. Every hour worked will take \$10.00 off your bond.

Our week in December will begin on the 12th. There are hours throughout the evening from Monday -Friday and during the day on Saturday and Sunday. If interested, please sign up on the signup genius organizer that was sent to you earlier this month. If you are experiencing difficulties, please email the [zorraskatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:zorraskatingclub@gmail.com) or contact Becky Graves ([abgraves12@gmail.com](mailto:abgraves12@gmail.com)) if interested. It is our hope that every ZSC family will sign up for at least one shift over the five months.

### MUSIC PLAYERS:

Needed on our Junior/Intermediate and Senior sessions. Please contact a board member if interested. An easy way to work off your bond!



**Santa Skate**  
**Friday, December 23**  
**For all Canskate and**  
**Junior Skaters**  
**5:30-6:20**

## Upcoming Dates

Dec. 9, 2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session Registration – CanSkate
Dec. 23, 2016	Santa Skate & P.A. Christmas Party
Dec. 26, 2016	<b>NO SKATING</b>
Dec. 27, 2016	Paul Matheson Skating Seminar
Dec. 28, 2016	<b>NO SKATING</b>
Dec. 29, 2016	Holiday Ice Show
Jan. 2, 2017	STARSkate Resumes
Jan. 4, 2017	CanSkate 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session begins
Jan. 12, 2017	Test Day (Tentative)
Jan. 28, 2017	Bids for Blades Dinner & Auction

### Reminder:

**Skate Canada Promotional Booklets are now due**

\*\*\*Please watch the bulletin board or Website for more information [www.zorraskatingclub.ca](http://www.zorraskatingclub.ca)

\* Dates subject to change.

*The Coaching Staff and the Board of Directors would like to wish all the skaters and their families a very Happy and Safe Holiday season.*

