



Skate Talk

A newsletter for Members of Riverview Skating Club
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Synchronized Skating Teams ENTER COMPETITION

Our two Syncro Teams (Ice Dazzlers and Riverview Eclipse) are almost ready to perform on the big stage at the Metro Center on Jan 31 and Feb 1. It is a very exciting time for team members and coaches as it will be the first time teams from our club have ever competed at the Eastern Regional Synchronized Skating Competition.

We encourage everyone to show up and encourage our teams at the competition. Cheer them on while they skate. Cheer them on before they take to the ice. Make posters, ring cow bells, honk horns and have fun. Entrance fee to the Eastern Regional Synchronized Skating Competition on Jan 31st and Feb 1st at the Metro Center in Halifax is a donation of an item for the Food bank. A detailed schedule will be posted on the bulletin board when it's available

The event organizers (NS Section) are also looking for volunteers at this event. If you are interested in becoming a runner or helping in anyway please contact Terri Woods at twoods@eastlink.ca or Jennifer Garvey at jennifer.garvey@hotmail.com or Janice Kenney at jkenney@eastlink.ca

FUNDRAISING

Anyone who has registered for Winter 2 and who has not received their fundraising tickets please see either Dawn or Wanda for your tickets. Sun sweep tickets are due back by the end of February. There is a box in the canteen to place the tickets. The lotto tickets are due back by March 7. The draw for the tickets will be held at the ice show

SPRING SESSION

We have one more session to round out our year. The spring session of our programs will run from Mar 18 to May 16. The special event for spring is our annual Spring Skate Competition where we host skaters from all over the Maritimes. The tentative date for this competition is April 18th. We will need extra help from club members to once again put on the best competition that we have been known for. Registration dates for Spring Session will be posted mid February. We will continue to offer CanSkate, KidSkate & Jr Development and StarSkate sessions at the regular time slots we have done all year.

IN THE LOOP SKATING SUPPLIES

Tights, clothing and accessories
Contact Diana Baldwin 542 4536

CLUB CLOTHING.

If anyone is interested in ordering clothing, please contact Bev 757-1690 or email me at dealba@gov.ns.ca.

CONGRATS AND GOOD LUCK!

Lindsey Parker recently competed at Bridgewater Open on Jan 3rd. She placed 3rd in the silver Triathlon event

Good Luck to skaters competing at the Valley Open on Jan 24th in Kingston. And Skate Dartmouth on Feb 6-8th.

CLUB CALENDER

Please be sure to get a copy of the club calendar for a list of upcoming events and cancelled sessions

NO SKATING SATURDAY FEBUARY 28th

All club programs are cancelled for this day as the majority of our Jr and Sr's, PA's and Coaches will be attending the NS Provincial Competition

BADGE STATION ~ Missed Badges

We are looking for a couple more helpers for our Badge station during our CanSkate/KidSkate sessions. The job is pretty easy and very rewarding for the parents. Without parents help at the badges station we tend to miss skaters badges and sometimes if the badge station is not staffed we can't give out badges the days the skaters have mastered the skills on their badge.

If for some reason we have missed your skaters badge please accept our apologies and see someone at the badge station so we can get the missed badge to the skater ASAP.

CANSKATE FESTIVALS

During February and March there are a number of Canskate Festivals that are geared towards CanSkate skaters and new StarSkaters. These are FUN festivals that everyone receives medals. The days are always lots of fun and rewarding for the skaters. Costs to skate in the festivals are pretty minimal.

Following are a list of upcoming events with the deadline dates. We encourage all CanSkaters to give one or more of these events a try. For further information contact Lee-Anne at 832-9612 or at leeanne.cross@ns.sympatico.ca

South Shore Festival	Liverpool	Feb 15th
Deadline date ~ Jan 23 rd		
Karen Norman Festival	Greenwood	March 8th
Deadline date ~ end of February		
Central Area Festival	Tantallon	Mid March
Deadline date ~ end of February		

ICE SHOW 2009



PETER PAN on ICE

March 7th 6pm
March 8th 2pm

Admission is \$5.00 per person, with pre-school children getting in free. Doors open for admission at 5:30 on Saturday and 1:30 on Sunday. Advance Tickets will be available in the music room as of the first of February.

Get your tickets early! With our current enrolment we hope to have sold out shows this year- so be sure to get your hands on Advance Tickets

Just a reminder that we will be looking for volunteers to help with the ice show and this is a great way to get in your volunteer hours. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Lesley Bishop if you may be able to help.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin Board for time dated information regarding the ice show and a listing of groups and costumes to be posted in early February

NEW EXECUTIVE

We are also looking for new people to get involved in the executive as there will be several positions vacant for next year. If anyone is interested or would like more information they should contact Bev at 757-1690 or by email. Nominations and elections will take place at our AGM at the end of April or early May

MUSIC PLAYERS

It is the responsibility of each JUNIOR, SENIOR, JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT and SYNCRO parent to do three shifts per 8 week session. If the skater is registered in one or more programs; the parent is still responsible for 3 shifts. If the parent does not want to play music; there are two options:

1. Pay a \$25.00 fee for the 8 week session (Club Policy put in place so the club would not have to pay someone to play and raise registration fees)
2. Find a player to do your 3 shifts

There are still some spots to fill for Winter 2 Session and we would prefer to double up players as they can assist each other. One player plays and the other pays attention to when the skater is ready and to the needs of the coaches and skaters.

It has come to my attention that a minimum number of people should be in the music room at any given time. As the room is an information booth, guest skating payment location, mailboxes and competition papers, this is hard to control. Please have respect for the players and make the visits short, as it is very hard to learn procedures and follow through with so much traffic. Any questions can be directed to kmjd@accesswave.ca. I can assist placing you in a spot and pairing you up with someone who has played before. Thank you for your help and understanding

Joan Dawson
Music Co-coordinator

VALLEY OPEN COMPETITION

Valley Area is having their competition on January 24th, 2009. Greenwood is the hosting club and will be doing the bulk of the work involved in putting a competition together. As this is a Valley competition, every club that belongs to the Valley Region must send volunteers from their home club. The competition will take place at Western Kings Arena, Kingston, N.S.

Valley Region is made up of Gloosecap, Middleton, Bridgetown, Digby, Greenwood, Kentville, Riverview, Wolfville and Canning. Bridgetown is not running this year and Canning, Wolfville and Middleton have few sessions and programs so have been given easier tasks for Valley Open. The Region is our connection to Skate Canada Nova Scotia who belongs to Skate Canada.

The Region provides bursaries for advancing competitive and StarSkate skaters, is our voice for club issues and provides a wealth of information in regards to Skate Canada and provides yearly skating clinics to advance our skaters and opportunities to meet professional skaters and coaches. Each club in Nova Scotia belongs to a Region in order to be a Skate Canada Member.

As our club has never hosted Valley Open (Luck of the Draw), it is only fair to gather up some volunteers regardless if your child competes or not. This is a great opportunity to view what a competition is and support your skaters. This year Riverview has been asked to help at the registration table. Duties include taking skaters name and music and placing accordingly. Volunteers will be placed with someone with experience. This position also helps when we host our own Spring Invitational Competition in April, 2009 as volunteer will be better prepared when asked to do registration at our own competition. This volunteering will be acknowledged at our club as your volunteer time for those who wish to help.

You can reach me at kmjd@accesswave.ca or at the rink. Valley Representative for Riverview ~Joan Dawson