



# Skate Talk

A newsletter for Members of Riverview Skating Club  
A member of Skate Canada-Nova Scotia  
www.riverviewskatingclub.com



November~December 2008

## IMPORTANT DATES NOT TO MISS!

Sat Nov 22 **Shannon Open**~Dartmouth  
Good luck to Randi MacPhee who is representing the club at this competition.

Sat Nov 29<sup>th</sup> **Bridgewater Open**~ B'water  
Good Luck to Lindsey Parker, Danielle Pettipas and Jessica Lake Crossley who will represent the club.

Dec 3-5<sup>th</sup> **Eastern Challenge** ~Mississauga, Ont  
Best Wishes to Gill Baldwin as she represents Riverview Skating Club and Nova Scotia at this qualifying event for Junior Nationals

Dec 6 & 10<sup>th</sup> **In House Registration** for Winter #2 Session. Make sure your skater has a spot, register on these dates!

Sat Dec 6<sup>th</sup> **Club Test Day and Valley High Level Test**  
No Regular StarSkate or Jr Development lessons this day. CanSkate and Kidskate will run as scheduled.

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> **Club SKATE-A-THON**~ raise money to put towards your next registration. All Monies earned by each skater ½ goes to the club and ½ goes to your next registration fee.

Wed Dec 17 **Winter #2 OPEN Registration** 6-8pm

Sat Dec 20<sup>th</sup> **Jr/Sr/Jr Dev Holiday Party** ~during regular session. More info to follow.

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> **PA Christmas exchange**~ all PA's are encouraged to bring a small \$5.00 gift to a small party at 12:30 on Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. The gift should be for someone about your age.

Wed Dec 24<sup>th</sup> NO SKATING  
Sat Dec 27<sup>th</sup> NO SKATING  
Mon Dec 29<sup>th</sup> NO SKATING  
Tues Dec 30<sup>th</sup> **Syncro Make up day**; Times TBA  
Sat Jan 3 **Winter #2 OPEN Registration**

## Synchronized Skating

Our teams are putting the finishing touches on their programs as they prepare to compete at 2 upcoming Competitions. Below is the team list of skaters selected for each team. We are still in need of a team manager and Team Captains for each level. If interested please see Lee-Anne or Shannon

### PreJuvenile Team – **The ICE DAZZLERS**

Shaylene Vouligny	Denise Mayo
Ella Lentz	Amber Harvey
Allison Harvey	Heidi Levy
Mora Johnson	Allison Dill

### PreNovice Team – **RIVERVIEW ECLIPSE**

Lindsey Parker	Amber Dearman
Jessica Lake-Crossley	Danielle Pettipas
Sarah Leopold	Jessica Vouligny
Emma Bishop	Sarah Sherman
Randi MacPhee	

### Development Team – **The ICICLES**

Chelsea Beaulieu	Kameryn Harvey
Chloe Harvey	Alyssa Cross
Brianna Craver	

\*\*we are still looking for a few more skaters for the development team. If interested please see a club coach or Wanda at Registration.

**DEVELOPMENT TEAM** - Skaters must have completed a min of Stage 4. This team will not be competing this season but they will be putting together a number for the club ice show at the end of the year. The goal is to use this team as a feeder program into our PreJuv / Juvenile Team. The skaters on this team will still be involved in every aspect of the Syncro experience from developing cheers to participating in competitions as spectators and the cheering section so when they have the chance to compete at the "Big" competitions they will have the knowledge of what it is all about. There may be opportunities for this team to skate various exhibition performances as well

## FALL SKATER AWARDS

CanSkater ~	Kaylee Comeau	KidSkater~	Nolan Oakly
Jr Dev~	Allison Dill	Junior~	Shaylene Vouligny
Senior ~	Gill Baldwin	Syncro~	Sarah Leopold
PA~	Danielle Pettipas		

The above awards were given to most deserving skater in each of the club programs. Each skater demonstrated Passion, Spirit & Triumph. Coaches and Program assistants selected the winners the last week of Fall Session. We will have a new group of award winners at the conclusion of the Winter #1 session

## **GONGRATULATIONS GILL!**

On Sunday, Nov 9, Riverview Skating Club figure skater Gill Baldwin of Port Williams skated an inspired performance to the soundtrack from Finding Neverland, placing her second in the Pre-Novice Women's Event at the BMO Skate Canada NS Sectional Championships held in Dieppe, NB. This earned her a berth on the provincial team, and qualifies Baldwin to advance to the BMO Skate Canada Eastern Challenge being held at the Hershey Center in Mississauga, Ont, Dec 3-7. where the top four skaters from Eastern Ontario, Quebec, NB, PEI, NS and NFLD will vie for a position at Junior Nationals.

This is an exciting win, both for Baldwin, and for Riverview Skating Club, as the Club has not had a skater qualify for Eastern Challenge for 10 years, and Baldwin has staged a blazing come-back after two years away from skating due to a back injury.

Sixteen-year-old Gill has been skating since the age of five, first at the Wolfville Skating Club, then for the past seven years at Riverview in Brooklyn. Lee-Anne Cross of Bedford, a former provincial team member during her competitive years, has coached her since the beginning of her figure skating career. Cross describes Baldwin as a very determined, motivated young lady. She has her plan and works as hard as she can possibly work to achieve her goal. It's very exciting to see a teenager with this type of drive to succeed.

In April of 2005, Gill injured her back, and as a consequence was off the ice entirely for the 2006 season. She was determined to get back to skating, and slowly for the past two years has worked her way back to top competitive form. She is a very artistic skater, as well as mastering all the jumps and spins, and won the Frances Glenwright Award for Nova Scotia in Dieppe, for the most Artistic Free Program.

Away from skating Gill lives in Port Williams, with her mother and father, Diana and Peter, and her older brother. She is a Grade 11 student at Horton High School, and is also interested in art, drawing, drama and music. At Riverview, she is a dedicated volunteer, helping teach the younger skaters every week. She spends about eight hours a week on ice training, both in Brooklyn and in Kentville, and puts several hours into off-ice conditioning as well. During the next month she will be working hard to make her programs even better.

### **NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA FOR YOUR SKATER??**

#### **In the Loop Figure Skating Supplies**

I have a large selection of tights, skirts, guards, accessories and jewelry. There's still time to get your little skater that perfect gift!

Call Diana Baldwin 542 4536

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Provide lunch items for the PA Christmas Party  
On Dec 20<sup>th</sup>
2. Music Players
3. Badge Station Attendants
4. Skate – A thon Greeters and Collectors  
See Leslie Bishop for more info on volunteer positions

## **Riverview Skating Club**

### **Winter # 2 Registration**

Winter # 2 Sessions start Jan 10th and conclude with our Annual Ice Show PETER PAN on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

### **IN HOUSE REGISTRATION ONLY**

Guarantee your spot for Winter Session #2

Saturday Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 9 – 11:30am  
Wednesday Dec 10th 6-8pm

Any spots remaining after these dates will be opened to the new club members

Registering for the following club programs:

PreSchool CanSkate 3-4 years learn to skate  
CanSkate 5 and older learn to skate  
Jr Development (intro to figure skating)  
Development Synchronized Skating  
Adult Ice time and private lessons available as well

**Come *LEARN TO SKATE* with us!**

For detailed descriptions of club programs see our website at [www.riverviewskatingclub.com](http://www.riverviewskatingclub.com)

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**FOR NEW MEMBERS**

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