Numbers soar with a sold out Banquet

**Skate Canada AGM Weekend**

*Photo - Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development presents at BC/YK Awards Banquet.*

*BURNABY – BC/YK Section Skate Canada holds 2016 Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Evening.*

The annual AGM weekend took place April 29-30, 2016 at the Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Centre. The weekend was time for the Awards Banquet and Hall of Fame induction. Our banquet was completely sold out this year with over 315 guests! Ted Barton & Tracy Wilson co-hosted the evening which celebrated the past year of skating in BC/YK by honouring Athletes, Volunteers, and Coaches.

There were 5 individuals who were honoured this year for contributing greatly to our organization and therefore inducted into the Skate Canada BC/YK Hall of Fame: Tracy Wilson (Athlete Category), Barry & Louise Soper (Athlete Category), Dr. Hellmut May (Coach Category), Jean Heffernan (Official Category).

Congratulations to all of the award winners this year and a huge thank you to everyone who came to support the event.

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FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

June 2016

What a finish to a wonderful Awards season. It is always great to celebrate the amazing volunteers we have in our section for the work they have done. Congratulations to all of our award winners that were celebrated at our Awards Banquet last month! There were so many wonderful nominees this year; it was difficult for the Awards Committee to make a decision. So to those of you who received an award this year, you were truly deserving!!

Congratulations to the inductees in to our BC/YK Skate Canada Hall of Fame this year. It is very interesting learning about the lives of people who have devoted so much time and energy to our sport. The presentation to the inductees was very well done, and added a nice touch to our Awards Banquet. It is great to be able to celebrate our history and see returning Hall of Fame members attend this wonderful evening. The National Ice Summit, formally called the ACGM, was recently held in St. John’s, Newfoundland. This is a way for Section volunteers to share and collaborate on issues affecting our sport from coast to coast. The information from the various workshops should be posted on info.skatecanada.ca very soon, so please look over the material.

Special congratulations to Gail Weber who won the Skate Canada Volunteer of Excellence Award and Marilyn Kreuzinger who won the Skate Canada Club and Recreation Coach Award of Excellence. They were both honoured in at the Skate Canada Awards Banquet. It is always exciting to see our BC/YK Volunteers walk across the stage and receive their award.

This year Skate Canada has introduced the National Summer Series. This allows our Pre-Novice to Senior competitive skaters possibly earn a spot at Skate Canada Challenge and the opportunity to attend a National Development Camp held in Montreal this summer. We wish all of our skaters the best of luck as they aim to compete in this exciting new program.

Enjoy the summer holidays, and we’ll see you at Summer Skate in Burnaby in August!

Hilary Quick
Chairman BC/YK Section
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HOLLYWOOD GLAM

BOAT CRUISE

What a beautiful night on the water in Vancouver! Guests were dressed up in their Hollywood Glam to celebrate the end of the skating year and to raise money for the Athlete Trust Auction!
The annual awards show was a huge success! Over 300 Skate Canada members and friends came together to celebrate the athletes and volunteers of the BC/YK Section.
We were extremely lucky to have Minister Fassbender (Photo – Above), and Tracy Wilson (Photo – Above Right) attend our banquet.
Dr. Hellmut May, born in Germany, first took to the ice at the age of 3. At the age of 14 he had qualified for the 1936 Olympic Games in Germany. After his skating career ended, he joined the famous Vienna Ice Revue before moving across the world to Canada, New Brunswick in 1954. Following an offer from a warmer climate in Vancouver, Hellmut packed up his family and set up shop in the Kerrisdale Arena where he began his dynasty of development. Hellmut coached many great skaters, including Karen Magnusson, and Toller Cranston.

When Jean was 16 years old she left home to attend business school in the city which started her knowledge in accounting. After having children, her husband decided to get them involved in skating. Thus starting her involvement with the skating club. She soon started volunteering in the accountants room at competitions providing results with virtually no technology. In 1960, Jean was invited to be the Chief Accountant at the World Figure Skating Championships in Vancouver which was a huge honour in the skating community.

Louise’s start in skating came as a result of her parents signing her up for skating lessons at the newly opened Capilano Winter Club in 1955. Barry’s introduction to figure skating was through hockey and his need to learn how to skate. Their partnership resulted in an 8 year span where they won 6 National titles and 2 National Bronze medals. They were the first dance team to win 4 consecutive Senior National Championships and went on to represent Canada at 4 World Championships. In 1972 Louise and Barry made their breakthrough into the top 10 of the world.

Tracy started skating at the age of 7 in Port Moody. She soon started travelling to the North Shore everyday to skate with dance partner Mark Stokes. This resulted in her taking a 1.5 hour bus ride to the North Shore, carrying two pairs of skates (one for figures), a scribe, and her school books. When that partnership ended, she was paired with Rob McAll, and that was the start of something great. Tracy and Rob were 7 time Canadian Ice Dance Champions, 3 time World Bronze Medalists, and in 1988 Winter Olympic Bronze Medalists.
2015-2016
BC/YK AWARD WINNERS

Lifetime Achievement Award
George Hatton

Skate Canada Competitive Coach of the Year Award
Joanne McLeod

Skate Canada Competitive Athlete of the Year Award
Sarah Tamura

Skate Canada Section Volunteer Award of Excellence
Gail Weber

Skate Canada Section Officials Award
Cheyenne Irvine

BC/YK Section Coaches Choice Award - Lynne Henderson-Drake accepting on behalf of Jane Sawbridge

Skaters Award of Achievement
Riley Condon

Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award
Lesley Morrison

Susan Griffith Committee Chairman Award
Sharon Dahl

BC Youth Promise Awards

Aleksa Rakic, Olivia Gran, Vasilisa Matantseva
2015-2016
BC/YK AWARD WINNERS

Skate Canada Section Volunteer Coach of the Year Award
Colleen Laferriere

Skate Canada Club & Recreation Coach Award of Excellence
Marilyn Kreuzinger

Skate Canada Officials Award of Excellence
Sherri McAndless

Audrey Moore Participation Award
Susan Morriss

BC/YK Section Dogwood & Volunteer Award
Margot Delorme

Skate Canada Section STARSkate Athlete of the Year Award
Claire Sibbald

BC/YK Section Adult Skater of the Year Award
Nancy Edwards

Skate Canada CanSkater of the Year Award
Valen Collins

Skate Canada Program Assistant of the Year Award
Sarah Wildy

Congratulations to everyone!
A personal THANK YOU MESSAGE

There are hundreds of volunteers in our organization. It was an honour and a privilege to be recognized as one of these hard working individuals at the BC/YK Section Awards Banquet. I plan on continuing my volunteer services with Section but will definitely miss being on the Board of Directors as, over the past 30+ years, these Board positions and the people I served with along with the Section Staff have played a major part in my life.

I would like to thank Bev, Danielle, and Lorraine for surprising me by having my husband and daughter in attendance at the banquet. Also, thank you to Ted and Tracy for the kind words they said at the presentation. What a special evening that was for me.

I would like to let the other BC/YK volunteers know that I will be thinking of them when I again represent them at the Skate Canada Ice Summit Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

Thanks you to everyone that sent the wonderful messages on Facebook. This is an honour I will never forget.

- Gail Weber

BC/YK Section Past Chairman
The 2016 Skate Canada Ice Summit, formerly the Skate Canada Annual Convention and General Meeting, was held in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, May 25-28, 2016. This year along with the AGM were over 40 workshops, networking sessions, and nightly social activities to partake in. Workshops focused on programming, mental training, and skating essentials.

A number of BC Board members, Staff, Coaches, and Club members made the trip across Canada to attend the event. Skate Canada recognized 21 award winners at the Friday night gala which celebrates the accomplishments of skaters, volunteers, officials and coaches who have made significant contributions to progress the quality of skating in Canada. There were 2 awards winners from BC and we are extremely proud of both of them!

**Skate Canada Club and Recreational Coach Award of Excellence**
Marilyn Kreuzinger, Mile Zero FSC

**Skate Canada Section Volunteer Award of Excellence**
Gail Weber, Fort St. John FSC

Congratulations!

*Photo Below: 2016 Award Winners*
Canada’s adult figure skaters made an impressive showing at this year’s International Skating Union Adult Figure Skating Competition held in Oberstdorf, Germany (June 13 to 18, 2016) winning a total of 13 medals.

Gary Beacom from British Columbia, was not only a crowd favorite, but he captured two gold medals. His amazing performance in the Masters Elite Men III Free Skating category scored 99.73 - the highest points ever awarded in this ISU Competition since it began in 2005.

The following Canadian Skaters medaled at the 2016 ISU Adult Competition:

**Gold medalists:**
- Gary Beacom – Masters (Elite) Men III Free Skating
- Gary Beacom – Masters (Elite) Men III Artistic Free Skating
- Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires – Adult Pair Artistic Free Skating
- Donald Murray – Silver Men IV & III Artistic Free Skating
- Jillian Jackson Rutledge – Masters Ladies I Artistic Free Skating
- Taya Shig – Bronze Men I Artistic Free Skating

**Silver medalists:**
- Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires – Ice Dance – Masters (Elite) Free Dance
- Anny Carrier – Silver Ladies II Free Skating
- Teresa Rambold – Silver Ladies III Free Skating
- Teresa Rambold – Gold Ladies III Artistic Free Skating

**Bronze medalists:**
- Diana Barkley and Geoff Squires – Ice Dance – Masters (Elite) Short Dance
- Anny Carrier – Silver Ladies II Artistic Free Skating
- Takashi Ikeno – Gold Men II and III Artistic Free Skating

This year’s competition attracted over 500 skaters from 32 countries plus five synchro teams. Skaters competed in Free Skating, Artistic Free Skating, Pairs Free Skating, Pairs Artistic Free Skating, Ice Dance (Pattern Dance, Short Dance and Free Dance) and Synchronized Skating.

With the growing popularity, the ISU has added another Adult Figure Skating Competition and it will be held in Vancouver from August 30 to September 3, 2016. There are currently 270 competitors entered from 13 countries.

For 2017, the Oberstdorf competition will be held - May 22 to 28, 2017. Details of this competition will be listed on [www.isu.org](http://www.isu.org) (under the Adult Skating section) early Fall 2016.
The National Development Camp was held in Toronto this year. BC/YK was represented by Sarah Tamura, Megan Yim, Olivia Gran, Emily Bausback, Mckenna Colthorp, and Rachel Pettitt.

Burnaby hosted the BC Team Camp June 24-26, 2016 where top skaters from BC as well as Quebec were invited to attend. Skaters worked with judges and coaches from across the country to develop their programs and skating skills for the upcoming 2016-2017 season.
Three B.C Skaters to go for gold
AT 2017 WORLD GAMES

News from Special Olympics BC figure skating:

After their success at the 2016 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in Newfoundland, three B.C. figure skaters and coach Elizabeth Roman have earned spots on the national team set to hit the ice at the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Austria next March.

Skaters Darlene Jakubowski of Special Olympics BC – Fort St. John, Alexander Pang of SOBC – Vancouver, and Marc Theriault of SOBC – Surrey join coach Elizabeth Roman of SOBC – Surrey to comprise four of 23 total team members from B.C. named to the Team Canada roster of 110 athletes, 35 coaches and mission staff, two team managers, and one Chef de Mission.

They will compete in Austria from March 14 to 25, 2017, and have already kicked off their journey to the World Games with their first Team Canada training camp in May.

This will be Austria’s second time hosting Special Olympics World Games, as they previously hosted the global competition in 1993. The 2017 World Games will be hosted in three main locations throughout Austria: Graz, Schladming, and Ramsau. More than 3,000 athletes and 1,100 coaches from 110 countries will come together to compete in Austria, and 3,000 volunteers will help make the Games a reality.

The athletes from all over the world will compete in nine sport disciplines; Special Olympics Team Canada athletes will compete in six of those sports, including figure skating.

“These Games will be another opportunity to show the world the capabilities and sportsmanship of our athletes, and I am excited to cheer them on as they strive for personal bests on the world stage,” Special Olympics Canada CEO Sharon Bollenbach said.

Fort St. John’s Jakubowski is a decorated athlete who medalled in both the 2009 and 2013 Special Olympics World Winter Games. She struck gold twice at the 2016 National Games to earn her spot on Team Canada 2017, winning gold in Singles Level 6 and in Ice Dance Level 5. Jakubowski is a multilingual athlete with a wide variety of interests and creative pursuits. When she first joined Special Olympics in 2004, she felt “it’s very exciting, and I wanted to do better.”

At just 18 years old, Vancouver’s Pang has already represented Canada at two previous Special Olympics World Games – he was a member of Team Canada 2013 for figure skating and Team Canada 2015 for basketball. Pang, who has been a Special Olympics athlete for eight years, won a gold medal in his Singles Level 4 event and silver in Ice Dance Level 2 at the 2016 National Games in Newfoundland.

“I am just a kid trying to do my best,” Pang says.

Theriault is one of only four Athlete Inductees in the Special Olympics BC Hall of Fame, and was the first SOBC athlete to have earned World Games medals in three different sports. In 2001 the SOBC – Surrey athlete landed the first double jump at a World Games in Special Olympics history.

The 2016 Special Olympics Canada Games were his ninth National Games, and he skated to the top of the podium in all three of his events, winning gold in the Singles Open category, in Ice Dance Level 5, and in Level 3 Pairs with partner Tamika Broere-Shaw.

In his 21 years with Special Olympics, Theriault has become not only an accomplished athlete, but also a valued mentor to fellow athletes in sports ranging from figure skating and curling to soccer, softball, and track and field. At the 2013 World Games in the Republic of Korea, Theriault defended his Level 6 world title, and as the oldest veteran on the Canadian figure skating team, he also proudly served as a mentor to teammates. “I like to see athletes achieve their goals and advance in their sports. I enjoy mentoring!” Theriault says.

Roman has been a dedicated, knowledgeable, and supportive Special Olympics coach for 20 years. She is ready for her third World Games experience, having served as the Head Coach for figure skating teams at four Special Olympics Canada Winter Games and two previous Special Olympics World Games.

Her most memorable Special Olympics moment to date came at the 2005 World Games in Japan, where she experienced “the amazing way all the athletes were treated by the people of Japan, [and] watching Team Canada lead the world in manners, athletic preparation, and performance.”

Please join us in cheering on our national team members in their journey to the 2017 World Games! Follow the team and learn more about Special Olympics BC:

http://specialolympics.bc.ca

Stay tuned for more reports from Special Olympics BC’s skaters and programs!
Coaches Corner

UPCOMING NCCP COURSES

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September 16-18, 2016
Whitehorse, YT
Registration Open July 2016

NCCP Instruction Intermediate Primary STARSkate Course
September 16-18, 2016
Burnaby, BC
Registration Open July 2016

Information can be found on
http://www.skatinginbc.com/upcoming-coaching-courses
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Congratulations to all the Clubs who participated in the Club Ranking Survey! The survey was designed to give credit to Clubs who are active within the BC/YK Section. Points were assigned this year to activities such as attending a Region or Section AGM, having skaters attend Regional and Section Competitions, submitting an article to Thin Ice, etc. Club who participated will receive a certificate in the mail stating whether they achieved Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum status.

Overall 41 clubs in BC/YK submitted activities. There were 6 clubs who earned the maximum amount of points – 100–Platinum Status! Congratulations to all of the clubs who participated!

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Stay tuned for the list of 2016-2017 Club Ranking Criteria!
What a year it has been for our Club! We have seen tremendous growth in our registration and our Skaters, having podium placements at every competition this year! Hard work and determination has paid off! Our kids could not have done it without the help of our amazing coaching team!

THANK YOU for all the hard work you put into our children. We look forward to another successful year.

Skate with us this Summer!
July 11-August 19
The Abbotsford Skating Club offers a 6 week Summer School. All Skate Canada members are welcome to skate with us! Registration deadline is June 24th otherwise a $50 late registration fee will be applied. All Skate Canada professional coaches are welcome to coach at our school. Please bring a copy of your SC membership. To register or for more information please contact our Director, Stacy Geddes stgeddes@shaw.ca
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pending time at Summer Camp is what kids of all ages love to do and that is no different in the skating world! The Burnaby Skating Club (BSC) is hosting its Summer Camp again this year at the Moody Park Arena in New Westminster. Skaters and Coaches alike are excited for the weeks of camp to begin. BSC’s approach to working with athletes is about engaging, empowering, and inspiring them. Using a complete team approach, the Coaching Team is truly engaged with their students. Each skater at the club knows and works with each of the professional coaches on the team in one capacity or another. There are experts in the field of competitive training, jump and spin technique, harness and performance awareness. The team boasts an enthusiastic group that happily welcomes skaters of all levels. Many late entry skaters move to a dedicated skating club to further their skills, however the timing means that they often enter the sport later. BSC has designed specific sessions and selected specific coaches to help these skaters grow and excel in the sport of Figure Skating. Adults often wish to pick up or return to the beautiful sport and you will see Adults training on any given session at the club. They are welcome, feel comfortable and grow in our environment.

Summer Camp begins on July 11th and runs for 5 consecutive weeks. Entry level skaters are our Future Stars at Summer Camp, skating twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All of the other programs from beginning figure skaters to competitive skaters train daily. Skaters train both on and off the ice and work physically, mentally and playfully to grow and improve in the sport. Camp is purchased by the week. Details can be found on our website at www.skateburnaby.ca.

This year Girlvana is an integral part of our off ice training program. It is amazing what Girlvana has done to take the age old practice of yoga and adapt it to preteens and teens. Seina Singleton is our resident dance expert and our Professional Coaching team leads all off ice jump technique and skating off ice sessions.

Burnaby Skating Club is so happy to be expanding it’s doors to the many new members in the area. Figure Skating is alive and well and our club community is second to none.

We emphasis TEAM and the results of working together cannot be denied.
The Cloverdale Skating Club had a busy 2015-2016 season.

This year was our Bi annual ice show. Our “Circle of Life/Lion King” was a roaring success and all our skaters, from pre-can to senior’s, had a fantastic time in the production. A huge thank you goes to our coaches, Elise Magill, Courtney Howe-Smith and Larry Ayton for all the time and energy they put into the show and the skaters.

The club participated in the annual Christmas Parade in Cloverdale this year with many skaters turning out to march the parade route with lights and banners. Our Christmas family skate was also well attended, crafts and games in the lobby were almost as much fun as the skating and a couple of special guests made an appearance too!

Our skaters participated in the competitions in the region throughout the season with many personal best attained and many skaters attending their very first competition at Jingle Blades this year.

Two low tests were held over the winter season and all the skaters had successful tests.

We are looking forward to our summer session this year and are already planning ahead for fall 2016.
Margot Delorme, President was the recipient of the **BC/YK Section Dogwood & Volunteer Award** presented at the 2016 Section AGM. Several Board Members, Coaches and family were on hand to see her accept this award. Margot has volunteered in skating for over 50 years and been Kerrisdale President for 25 years. She was a former Competitive skater, Coach and Judge. She still skates each week helping our Ice Tykes (3 – 4 ½ year old).

Dr. Hellmut May, coach for over 50 years at Kerrisdale was Inducted as Coach into the BC/YK Section Hall of Fame at the 2016 Section AGM on 30 April. He came to Kerrisdale to start his coaching career in the Fall of 1955 and continued as Head/Master Coach until 2009. In 2010 he was inducted into the Skate Canada Hall of Fame. He coached all levels of skaters young and old regardless of their ability. He was involved in developing the 1st National Coaching Association as well as mentoring many young coaches. Dr. May coached several Kerrisdale skaters to World and Olympic levels – Faye (Strutt) Marshall & Jim Watters in Pairs, Steve Hutchison in Men’s Singles and sister Ruth Hutchison in Ladies Singles. He was also the coach that got Karen Magnussen started and coached Toller Cranston.

Kerrisdale Figures Skating Club was proud to present the 2015-16 Program Assistant Award to **Adrienne Pfeifer**. She started skating at Kerrisdale at 5 years old. She is kind, patient, laughs easily and is always available to take on extra duties to help the CanSkaters or any other help needed in our club. Adrienne hopes to become a CanSkate coach when she completes her training.
The Langley Skating Club's 2015-16 season has flown by. With such a successful season, it's hard to pin point the highlights! We had special guest coaches Lauren Couture and Caelen Dalmer come in for our synchro open houses. Denise Dalmer also joined in on one of our Saturday bootcamps. LSC skaters and coaches send out huge thank you's to the guest coaches. We also had 34 skater at the Victoria Day competition...which was our biggest ever so far! We also had 34 skaters who all landed their axel within a week of each other!! Congratulations Mahleah, Irene & Amy. Way to go!! On top of that there were club test days with amazing results, simulation days, Skate A Thons, Stars on Ice, and a club competition.

Fraser Valley Synchro had a great 2015-16 season, with three teams competing in Elementary, Novice and Adult II. It was exciting to welcome back an Adult team to the fold - the Quasars were a crowd favourite and we're very proud of our skaters who played full out and left it all on the ice.

Our Elementary Team, Pulsars, were a sassy, fun bunch that always entertained - they said their highlight was travelling to Edmonton for Mountains. Lastly, our newly formed Novice team, the Super Novas, had an epic journey to Nationals. These girls worked their hearts out and had an incredible, life changing experience that they'll always remember. Congratulations to all our Synchro teams on a great season - looking forward to doing it again next year!!

We would like to thank our coaches Regan Taylor, Rob Woodley, Julie Kivinen, Chrisanna Doerksen, Ellen Shin, Emily Bator, and Taylyr Dickson for a fun and action packed season. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Taylyr at the end of this season as she moves on to Sungod. We wish her all the best and thank her for her dedication to our club. You will be missed!

We want to congratulate all of skaters on an amazing year! Thank you to all our parents and volunteers for the support. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer of sun & skating. Looking forward to the 2016-17 season!
The Sungod Skating Club has been very busy this spring! Sadly, June 2016 brings an end to the unparalleled, 38 year career of our Director of Skating Operations, Norma Grant. We send Norma best wishes as she heads off to enjoy some well-earned retirement plans. Skaters, parents and coaches will miss Norma's skills, experience and upbeat personality around the rink.

The Club is pleased to welcome Keyla Ohs into her new role as the Director of Skating Operations. Keyla has a vision that will take our Club into the future and we are excited to see what she has in store for our skaters.

A number of our skaters competed in the Victoria Day Super Series Competition in Surrey and we are so proud of how well our skaters performed, a job very well done!

To celebrate the successes of our Club, Sungod hosted its annual Shining Stars Banquet on May 29th. Awards were given to many skaters for their hard work, commitment and dedication to the sport. Great food and friends made for a terrific celebration of our Skating Club accomplishments.

Sungod hosted a Rising Stars Competition in June that allowed our Junior Academy and Pre Star Skaters a fantastic chance to showcase their newly learned on ice skills. There were smiles from every competitor and tears of joy from the parents watching as their rising stars dazzled the crowd.

Summer session is quickly upon us and skaters are all excited to spend some time in the sun, and skate their hearts out in summer training!
Summer Skating Program
June 20 - August 12, 2016

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Our club and community experienced a devastating loss with the passing of Yvette Delcourt, the well-known “matriarch” of the Kelowna Skating Club. Yvette began her tenure with the KSC as a club coach in 1973, and became our Executive Director and Administrator in 1995. In her roles, she touched countless lives, including hundreds (if not thousands) of skaters, as well as numerous coaches, board members, volunteers, and skating parents. She was instrumental in our club and city’s hosting of events, including numerous regional and provincial seminars, several BC and Yukon Sectional Championships, the 2000 Skate Canada Tomorrow’s Champions (Junior Nationals), and the 2014 Skate Canada International. Yvette’s vision and passion for figure skating was unmatched, and it showed in her life’s work. Aside from sharing her wisdom and expertise with our club, she also dedicated herself to various committees within the Okanagan Region and BC/YK Section. Above all, Yvette was an incredible supporter of our skaters. She was firmly dedicated to helping create and improving opportunities for skaters. Her legacy is incredible, and she is sorely missed. Her spirit will live on in our club!

In May, the KSC held a Pop Concert for the first time in over 15 years – and it was long overdue! Our skaters from the Junior Academy through High Performance levels participated, featuring solos from many of our great skaters. The highlight of the well-attended event was a group number from our alumni skaters from the past 8 years!

Our skaters also had a very successful weekend at Surrey for the Super Series VDI competition, returning with 15 medals. Special congrats to Emma Bulawka (gold, Novice Women), Daria Carr (gold, Pre-Novice Women group 1), Vienna Harwood (gold, Pre-Novice Women group 2), and Malaya Lesko (gold, Juvenile Women under 12 group 1).

We also recently held our AGM and awards night.

Congrats to this season’s award winners: Olivia Gran – Competitive Skater of the Year
Aurora Schultz – STARSkater of the Year
Amy Richardson – Program Assistant of the Year
Kieren Podworny – CanSkater of the Year
Julianne Delaurier – Career Achievement Award

We are looking forward to the summer months – Cheers from Kelowna!  

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Mt Boucherie Skating Club

This spring 2 of our skaters participated in the Vancouver Island Super Series Competition in Parksville, B.C. On the left, Tianna Potts skated in her first full Pre Novice Women Competition. Tianna scored over 70 points and placed 10th out of 22 skaters! Natasha Baranyi on the right skated in Novice Women Competition debuting 2 new programs and placing 5th out of 10 Skaters. Great job girls!

Our Next Competition was the Victoria Day Super Series in Surrey, B.C. We had 4 skaters take part in this competition. The skaters not only had new programs to introduce but beautiful new dresses! Kira Koffler placed 8th in her first Juvenile Women competition earning a score of 23.79. Taylor Fleming got the Bronze medal in the Juvenile Women U-14. Tianna Potts got a Bronze medal in Pre-Novice Women and a personal best score of 70.69. Makenna Jensen skated 2 new programs and placed 12 out of 19 skaters.

We ended the season at our club with our Annual Spring Fling, it was a huge success and we sold over 200 tickets. Most of our skaters got to perform their new solos. All of our skaters have shown amazing progress over the year, and we are very proud of them all. We had group numbers from the Junior Academy, Primary, Intermediate and Senior skaters, you can see them posted on our website at: www.skatemtb.com in the videos section. The Spring Fling was our final fundraiser for this season. We want to thank all of our coaches, parents, and volunteers for all of their hard work without them this wouldn’t be such a great success. Our club continues to grow and this year we are offering our first ever summer camp for Junior Academy, Primary and Intermediate skaters.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer. Good luck to everyone entering the National Summer Series from the Mount Boucherie Skating Club.
It has been a busy spring season at Valleyview Skating Club and we are ready to welcome summer with more great opportunities! Although we bid farewell and hang up our skates for a few weeks we have had some great skating adventures this past spring. We are so proud of our skaters that competed in the Super Series Victoria Day Competition, good job girls: Anastasia Chupik - 9th Bronze Ladies Interpretive (first time in this category), Hannah Steed - Silver Star 2 Ladies Grp 11, Sarah Steed - FIRST COMPETITION - Bronze Star 1 Ladies Group 2, and Jana DeJong - Junior Silver Ladies – GOLD.

This year we hosted a fun In-House competition in April with members competing against each other in creative solo’s and fun elements with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements in 2 levels. It was great fun to show each other their skills and creativity.

We wrapped up our year with our Annual Year End Party at Hoodoos Golf Club. The party was a terrific celebration of skaters, coaches and parents. Congratulations to all of our award recipients and a HUGE thank you to all of our coaches and skaters for a year of hard work, dedication, and FUN!

Most improved Jr STARSkater Brooklyn Leduc
Most improved Intermediate STARSkater Giovana Barquin
Most Improved Sr/Master Skater Mackenzie Sewell
Most Sportmanship Brenna Wassing
Most Dedicated PA Danny Pochay
Most Tests Passed Anastasia Chupik and Jana deJong
Most Improved Canskaters: Fall - Marissa Colistro, Winter - Tess Rawlings, Spring - Kaija Johnson

To top it off we held our skater awards where skaters are voted by their peers in the following categories: Creative, Field Moves, Attitude, Crashes, Jumping, Spinning, Ice Dance, Ice Fit, and Daredevil! Always great to see the skaters recognize each other.

As we move ahead into summer we are now working on our dryland/IceFit, enjoying the great outdoors each week in our local parks. Each week we work on a variety of strength, agility and endurance conditioning as well as yoga, pilates, dance, jumping and of course our annual bike ride. Such fun times ahead and looking forward to our Summer Skating School. It is still not too late to sign up!
Spring was busy with skaters preparing for the Victoria Day Super Series competition in Surrey as well as the year-end ice show in May. The show was the highlight and a great ending to a successful season. This year the show was in the name of color, where skaters showcased their talent in group and solo numbers, from junior academy to senior skaters to make it a fun, colourful and entertaining evening. The NBCCS hosted a successful centralized test day for our region in April, with lots of great results and accomplishments from our region’s skaters. Several of our board members attended the 2016 Skate Canada BC/YK AGM in Vancouver in May, where the NBCCS received an award for the highest increase in membership for the 2015/16 season, as well as receiving a Gold Standard in the 2015/16 Club Rankings. Thank you to our Coaches, Board of Directors and most of all our athletes for making us shine! With the season coming to an end the NBCCS celebrated its athletes at the year-end Awards Banquet. Skaters were honored with individualized certificates for their accomplishments and achievements of the past season. Our NBCCS coaches Rory Allen and Andrea Ludditt had the amazing opportunity to attend the national AGM and National Coaches Conference in May in Newfoundland. Both coaches felt very honoured to be in the presence and learning from top world and Olympic coaches. They find the conference comes at such a great time as one season comes to a close and the planning and the preparation begins for the next one. A huge Thank You goes to local artist Rahul Hampole, who made the second Annual Art Auction fundraiser a huge success by donating 20 of his amazing paintings and with all proceeds going to support skater development.

Moving forward to a new and successful season we wish everyone a wonderful summer.
Terrace Skating Club sent 7 skaters to Surrey for the Victoria Day competition in May. This was their first time attending this competition, in fact TSC hasn't attended this competition in many years. We had skaters entered in events from Intro Interpretive to Juvenile Ladies. The seven skaters competed in a total of eleven events (freeskate and interpretive). Tristen Morgan won a Gold medal in Star 4 - 13 & over.

Teysean Henry and Miley Harris received Silver evaluations for their Interpretives. Most the skaters were top 6 in their groups (and most of them had just moved up a level). It was Maya Lecuyer's first time competing in Juvenile Ladies and she landed her double lutz for the first time at competition; it was the first time she tried it at competition as well.

The club has some skaters planning to join summer skating schools in Kelowna and Kamloops this year and then in August TSC offers a summer school.

Left Photo:
Tristen Morgan
Star 4 - 13 &over Gold medal at Victoria Day competition

Below Photo:
TSC skaters at Victoria Day Competition (Left to right)
Brianne Monsen, Miley Harris, Maya Lecuyer, Camryn Monsen, Tristen Morgan, Kaytlin Gingles, Teysean Henry
The Castlegar Skating Club celebrated the end of the 2015-16 skating season with their annual year end dinner and awards banquet. This past year saw incredible accomplishments as STARSkaters from all levels earned badges, passed tests and attained awards. A special congratulations goes to Zoey Crockart on her outstanding achievement for earning her Gold Feet in both Dance and Skills.

Awards were presented to the following skaters:

Most Improved Junior Skater – Rebecca Metcalfe
Preliminary STARSkater of the Year – Taylor Singer
Intermediate STARSkater of the Year – Jordan Singer
Senior STARSkater of the Year – Zoey Crockart
Most Dedicated – Zoey Crockart
Congeniality – Annika Cheveldave
Best All Around – Sarah Cousins
Program Assistant of the Year – Candice Soukeroff
Artistic Award – Megan Cousins

Congratulations to all the skaters. Thank you to coaches Rachel Stewart and Andrea Poznikoff for a great season.
We are wrapping up the year with a jump in membership, great results at competitions-congratulations-the beginnings of a great off ice program and welcoming 13 CanSkaters to our STARSkate program.

Retirement Notice ~ Jannine Ranniger

It is with mixed emotions that we announce Jannine’s retirement. We are sad to see her leave our team, and recognize her dedication to the sport of figure skating. But, we are excited for her and what lays ahead. We hear from her past students about the positive impact she has had on their lives as youths and how it helped them succeed as adults. It truly takes a ‘village’ to raise a child!

Jannine began coaching in the fall of 1977 with the Mt. Paul FSC in Kamloops after performing with Holiday on Ice. She then went on to coach with Valleyview, Logan Lake, Vernon and Enderby skating clubs in the Okanagan Region. Returning to VI coaching at her home club the Victoria FSC and finally at the Campbell River SC for the past 24 yrs; a total of 39 yrs.

Jannine plans on spending time painting watercolour, a bit of travelling, fishing with her husband, Mark, and being able to have more time with her granddaughters Piper, Quinn and Adelaide. Of course she will be teaching them how to skate - goes without saying! She says that she will not miss the crazy coaches’ schedule but does wonder if she can do a ‘normal’ schedule after so many years.

“Will truly miss the skaters who really love to skate. Skate your heart out ~ Live Love Skate ❤” Jannine

We would like to recognize Jannine at a retirement party so if you would like to join us please contact Lynda at pannache@shaw.ca or 250-203-0712. Details will be sent out once plans are made.

Raffle Prize Winners!!

1st Prize – Sherry Bujold
2 return flights anywhere WestJet flies max $5000

2nd Price – Lola Wilkison
Kingfisher Resort and Spa package for two, value $650

3rd Price – Erika Kellermals
2 Canuck tickets to Vancouver vs Edmonton Oilers, April 9th

Welcome to our 2016/2017 Executive:

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The Juan de Fuca Skating Club wrapped up the winter season with an on ice year end showcase. Many skaters performed for the friends, families and community.

The club has had a great spring school with a very successful 100% pass rate – Congratulations skaters! We had another 3 skaters earn Gold tests and are recognized in the Gold feet section of this addition. Congratulations to Heather Robertson on passing her Gold Interpretive, and to Metea Marr on passing her Gold Freeskate. Both girls have now earned all 4 Skate Canada Gold tests!

Our Starskate and Competitive skaters also were busy this spring training and competing at the Super Series Vancouver Island in Parksville in April and the Super Series Victoria Day in Surrey in May. Well done athletes!

The Canskate program over spring continued to be a lot of fun for the children with many creative theme days, stickers, colouring sheets, and treasure box prizes for all.

The growth of the club at the grass roots is wonderful to see, and many of our Canskaters have moved up to our Pre Junior program.

Our PA’s of the month for spring were Kaylin Cound, Metea Marr and Heather Robertson…congratulations girls and thank you to all our amazing PA’s as the program is a continued success with your volunteer time, energy and commitment to the program!!

Over the long weekend we had 120 members, family and friends go Stars on Ice held in Victoria. This is a club event we plan each year for our skaters as we not only skate, we also do fun activities as well which makes this a great club to belong to!

Our year end awards were held on Sunday May 15th and the afternoon was a nice way for all the skaters to be recognized. Certificates were given to all club skaters and many special medal awards were presented. There was a wonderful slide show of photos done at the end of the event.

We look forward to our summer school beginning on July 4th which will have weeks filled with on and off ice training as well as fun events such as “watermelon Wednesdays”, movie night, and showcase, just to name a few :)
With the hard work of the skaters, the executive, many volunteers and the coaches Barb Turner, Brenda Charity and Murray Carey SSCV presented an awe inspiring show called Welcome to Wonderland. The audience was very appreciative and the participants created memories that they will not soon forget. The season culminated with another successful test day where we produced 3 more gold test skaters: Sequoia Korner and Lauren Wagner – Gold Skills and Jenny Hwang – Gold Interpretive.

At the AGM & Awards Ceremony we sadly said goodbye to our publicity person, Diane Tomaselli but we were very happy to welcome Sequoia Korner and Shayla Sarton to our board of directors. We presented appreciation gifts to 19 of our ever so valuable Program Assistants as well as 6 competitor pins to the first time competitors and 15 year bars to the veteran competitors.

The 2015-16 Award winners were:

Canskate Champions – Ellie McLean, Samantha McLean
Canskater of the Year - Isabella Martinez
Most Improved Canskater - Cael Black
Most Improved Junior – tie Sarah MacDougall, LillyAnne Erickson
Most Improved Intermediate - Tiffany Sherrah,
Most Improved Intermediate ‘A’- tie Jasmine Dhami & Rainly Cid
Most Improved Senior - Lauren Wagner
The Gaipman Family Artistic - Jenny Hwang
Sportsmanship - Madelaine Cail
Canskate Helper - Ada Ng, May Ng,
Junior Program Assistant - Jasmine Dhami
Senior Program Assistant - Julianna Tomaselli, Patricia Ngan
Post Secondary Scholarship – Julianna Tomaselli

Spring skating saw many more tests passed and we added one more gold test – Caribe Niemann – Gold dance. We are now looking forward to a very busy and productive Summer Skating School.
Anika Phinney

Anika Phinney is 12 years old and loves skating! This is her first Gold test and she is so excited about it! She had set a goal to achieve this test by her 12th Birthday and though she didn’t quite make it, she did only miss her mark by 2 weeks! Anika joined the Abbotsford Skating Club and began skating when she was 6 years old, there is no other place she’d rather be. She is very active within her club skating 5 days a week, volunteering her time at every club event and helping as a Program Assistant as often as she can. We want to thank her Coach Stacy Geddes for pushing her to become the best version of herself. We definitely can’t imagine taking this journey with anyone else!

Megan Geddes

18 year old Megan Geddes recently completed her Gold dances, achieving her goal, of completing Gold test level in FreeSkate, Skills, Interpretive & Dance. Skating has always been a priority in Megan’s life and is her passion. Megan wishes to thank the Abbotsford Skating Club for their support and encouragement as well as her coaches, her mom, Stacy Geddes, Tami Kerr & Rob Woodley. Megan’s future plans are to skate with Disney on Ice and upon her return home to coach and attend UFV to complete her Bachelor of Arts.
Gold Feet

Sequoia Korner

My name is Sequoia Korner and I have been skating with the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria for three years. I am very thrilled to have passed my golf feet in skills and can’t wait to keep working on my tests in dance and freeskate. A big thanks to my coaches Brenda Charity and Murrey Carey for helping me achieve this goal and making me into the skater I am today.

Lauren Wagner

My name is Lauren Wagner and I am 13 years old. When I first watched skating in the 2010 Winter Olympics I knew I wanted to skate and now I have been skating with the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria for 6 years. I am very happy to have recently received my gold feet in skills and am excited to continue working on my gold feet in dance and freeskate. I would like to thank my coaches Brenda Charity, Barb Turner and Murray Carey for supporting me and helping me reach this milestone.

Caribe Niemann

My name is Caribe Niemann and I have been skating with the Saanich Skating Club of Victoria since age nine. She recently passed her Gold Dance in the 2015/16 season. Caribe would like to thank her coaches Barb Turner and Murray Carrey for always pushing her to do her best.
Jenny Hwang

My name is Jenny Hwang and I am 16 years old. I skate with the Saanich Skating Club and I started skating when I was 11 years old. This year I got my first interpretive program with a tango theme. This program is very special to me because my coach Murray Carey and I worked together to choreograph it. Thank you to my coaches Murray and to Brenda for pushing me so I could achieve my gold interpretive!

Paulette Kubik

Paulette Kubik, of Kerrisdale Figure Skating Club recently passed her Gold Dance. She was presented her Gold Dance Medal & Award of Merit Certificate by President Margot Delorme at our recent AGM. Paulette has been a Club member since 2000 where she started in our Canskate Program. Paulette is coached by Martine McDonald.

Zoey Crockart

The Castlegar Skating Club would like to congratulate Zoey Crockart on achieving her Gold Feet in both Dance and Skills on April 23, 2016. Zoey is 14 years old and has skated since she was 5 years old. Zoey is a French Immersion student at Stanley Humphries Secondary School in Castlegar. Outside of skating she enjoys skiing and piano. Zoey would like to thank coaches Karen Kirkwood, Rachel Stewart, Andrea Poznikoff, Llora McTeer and Lis Iannone.
Matea Marr

Congratulations to Metea Marr on passing your Gold Freeskate, now completing all 4 Skate Canada Gold tests!!! Metea is a grade 12 student, planning to study sciences at university next year. In addition to skating with Juan de Fuca Skating Club, and volunteering as a PA on Canskate, she enjoys horseback riding and spends a lot of time at the stable. She has an interesting assortment of pets: Azul the husky/shepherd, Phoenix the bearded dragon, Shelob the tarantula, Cintho the small tarantula, Kermit the toad, Simon the spotted leopard gecko, and Buddy the fat-tailed gecko.

Mackenzie Mayea

The Elkford FSC would like to congratulate Mackenzie “Mouse” Mayea for passing her Gold Skills test in April! Mouse is 12 years old, extremely dedicated to becoming the best skater she can be, and enjoys every moment she spends on the ice. She intends to pass her Gold dances this season, then continue with the Diamond tests, and would love nothing more than to find a dance partner! She delights in skating to all musical styles and continually challenges herself to find new movements to express them. Mouse is also a long-distance runner and a tremendous overall athlete.

Heather Robertson

Heather is a university student entering her 4th year of at the University of Victoria where she is studying Psychology and Spanish. She has recently passed her Gold Interpretive test and she now has all four of her Skate Canada Gold level tests. Heather is also a judge for Skate Canada, and is currently working on a promotion to be able to judge at the Pre-Novice and Novice levels.
## Events Calendar 2016/2017 Season

### Featured Event

**ISU International Adult Competition**
- **Dates:** August 30 - September 3, 2016
- **Location:** Vancouver, BC

### Super Series

- **SummerSkate**
  - **Dates:** August 18-21, 2016
  - **Location:** Burnaby, BC

- **CanSkate Coaching Course**
  - **Dates:** August 22-24, 2016
  - **Location:** Burnaby, BC

- **Super Series Autumn Leaves**
  - **Dates:** October 21-23, 2016
  - **Location:** Kamloops, BC

### NCCP CanSkate Coaching Course

- **Dates:**
  - September 9-11, 2016: Kimberley, BC
  - September 16-18, 2016: Burnaby, BC
  - September 22-24, 2016: Burnaby, BC

- **Dates:**
  - November 2-4, 2016: Cranbrook, BC
  - November 12-14, 2016: Cranbrook, BC

- **Dates:**
  - December 2-3, 2016: South Surrey, BC

### Vancouver Island Interclub

- **Dates:** November 15-20, 2016
  - **Location:** Chemainus, BC

### Okanagan Interclub

- **Dates:** November 25-27, 2016
  - **Location:** Armstrong, BC

### Jingle Blades

- **Dates:** November 25-27, 2016
  - **Location:** Vancouver, BC

### Gold Nugget Competition

- **Dates:** December 9-11, 2016
  - **Location:** Whitehorse, YT

### Skate Canada Challenge Event

- **Dates:** November 30-4, 2016
  - **Location:** Pierrefonds, QC

### BC/YK Open Synchro & Adult

- **Dates:** December 10, 2016
  - **Location:** South Surrey, BC

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