



WINTER SKATE 2016 EVENT-JAN.29-31 (SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS)

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SKATERS!!

WINTER SESSION OF SKATING BEGINS AT OFSC

This week marks the beginning of our Winter session of the CanSkate program at OFSC. A special welcome to everyone who is returning and to the new members who have joined our skating family.

We are extremely proud of our CanSkate program, as mandated by Skate Canada. In 2012, Skate Canada introduced a fresh new look to the CanSkate program, with a renewed focus on teaching and mastering strong basic skills earlier, to prepare skaters for all ice sports-hockey, ringette, speed skating and figure skating.

Our club table is always available during CanSkate sessions and we encourage parents to drop by with any questions, concerns or comments about our program. We pride ourselves on our communication with skaters and parents. Our monthly newsletters keep you up to date on events happening within the club and allow us to recognize our skaters' accomplishments.

Our coaching staff is comprised of Skate Canada professional coaches, who have a deep passion for the sport of skating. Our group of enthusiastic skating Program Assistants volunteer their time each week to support the program on the ice and to share their love of the sport with the younger skaters.

Happy New Year to you all from the Board of Directors of the Orono Figure Skating Club and myself,

Muriel Blaker, President



IMPORTANT EVENTS

January 9,10 Kawartha Skate Invitational, Lindsay

January 13 OFSC Board meeting 6:30 pm

January 14 Oshawa SC Test Day

January 23, 24 Northumberland Durham Interclub 2016 hosted by Port Hope SC, Jack Burger Sports Complex

January 25-31 Carnival Groupings set and posted outside club office

January 29-31 Winter Skate 2016, South Courtice Arena co-hosted by Orono FSC and Bowmanville FSC



IT'S CARNIVAL TIME AT OFSC

Plans are underway for our 68th annual skating carnival. The skating carnival is an ice show where we celebrate the accomplishments of all our skaters. This year's carnival will take place on **Saturday April 2**, with 2 performances at 1:30 pm and 7:00 pm.

This year's theme is **Heroes** and the ice shows will include choreographed routines performed by all our skaters, as we celebrate 68 years of skating as a Skate Canada club.

There are a number of steps in preparing for the carnival and we will be posting notices outside the club office with regards to costumes, photos, etc. Be sure to check at the club table each time you are at the rink for news about carnival.





CLUB COHOSTS MAJOR SKATING COMPETITION

As you read this newsletter, activities are in full gear as the Winter Skate 2016 skating event approaches. For an event of this magnitude to be a success we need to call on members of our club to assist.

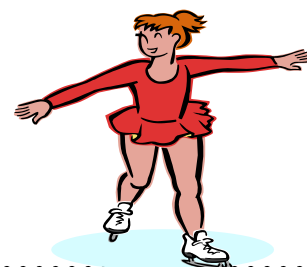
We require a number of volunteers to help out with the various responsibilities involved in running the event. With the event taking place over 3 days, we will require approximately 35 volunteers each day to register skater music, assist with meals, provide security at rink entrances, monitor dressing rooms and act as ice captains. We are asking parents and skaters to sign up for the various jobs posted outside the club office. Most shifts are 3 or 4 hours in length. Great opportunity for high school students to earn Community Service hours. Many hands make light work!

One of our main responsibilities is providing meals for the officials and volunteers who are giving of their time and committing to make our event a success. We ask that you check the food donation list posted outside the office and see how you can help.

This skating competition will have over 600 skaters from across Ontario competing over the course of the 3 day event. Under the direction of the Skate Canada Eastern Ontario Section Board, the two clubs (Bowmanville and Orono) will provide volunteers, hospitality (meals for volunteers and officials) and a great venue. Profits from this large skating competition will be shared between the two clubs. Skaters from our own club will be competing in a number of categories.

Our goal is to ensure every skater has a positive, rewarding and fun day.

OFSC Board of Directors





CANSKATERS RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR EFFORTS

The following skaters have received ribbons and/or badges following our Assessment session the week of December 1:

PRECANSKATE

London Robinson

Monaco Rainford

Lara McKenzie

Sophie Williams

Sarah Perry

Stage 1-6

Kiana Ball *Stage 3 Badge

Josie Borutskie *Stage 3 Agility, Balance

Lucy Borutskie *Stage 2 Badge, Stage 3 Balance

Addison Burgess *Stage 3 Agility

Ainslie Colville*Stage 3 Balance, Stage 4 Agility

London Firmin*Stage 3 Balance, Stage 4 Agility

Ella Mirsch*Stage 3 Badge

Alyssa Shetler*Stage 3 Badge

Rebecca Topping*Stage 3 Balance, Agility

Corbin Harting*Stage 3 Balance, Agility

Maisie Colville*Stage 4 Badge

Paige Heeney*Stage 4 Badge

Erika Mirsch*Stage 4 Balance

Jorja Rainford*Stage 4 Control, Balance

Carter Armstrong*Stage 1 Badge, Stage 2 Agility, Control

Kiley Ball*Stage 2 Badge

Averie Lynn Christian*Stage 2 Badge

Lauren Lowe*Stage 2 Badge, Stage 3 Balance

Haidyn Pearson*Stage 1 Badge

Shanna Pearson*Stage 2 Badge, Stage 3 Agility, Balance

Olivia Mirsch*Stage 2 Agility

Ameilia Rook*Stage 2 Badge, Stage 3 Badge

Isabella Williams*Stage 2 Agility

Simon Bilmer*Stage 1 Badge, Stage 2 Agility, Balance

Nathan Perry*Stage 2 Agility

Ryan Perry*Stage 1 Badge

Sarah Perry*Stage 1 Balance, Agility

Elliot Rutherford*Stage 1 Badge

Stage 2 Balance

Ellie Roy*Stage 1 Balance, Control

Keaton Caruana*Stage 1 Balance

*Stage 1 Agility

Enya Boekee*Stage 1 Agility

Stage 1 Balance

Erik Boekee*Stage 1 Agility

Gabriella Barkwell*Stage 1 Badge

Stage 2 Control, Agility

Tyler Powell*Stage 1 Agility

Jack Knight*Stage 1 Balance



**CLUB TEST DAY
BIG SUCCESS**

Congratulations to all the StarSkaters who successfully passed their first Skate Canada test of the season. Many thanks to our Test Chair, Kaiti Boundy, for all her work in organizing and running our test day on December 9. Skaters completed the following Dances, Skills and FreeSkate tests:

- ♦ Erin Yardley Senior Bronze Skills
- ♦ Meghan Yardley Senior Bronze Skills
- ♦ Adrianna Story Preliminary FreeSkate—Elements
- ♦ Margot Hegan Junior Bronze Swing Dance
- ♦ Destyni Jeffrey Senior Bronze European Dance
- ♦ Sarah Rutherford Senior Bronze European Dance
- ♦ Natalie Lagace Preliminary Dance - Dutch Waltz
- ♦ Ava Boundy Preliminary Dance - Canasta
- ♦ Maddison Poulin Preliminary Dance - Canasta



Many thanks to all the families who came out to support our Celebrity Servers event at Boston Pizza on Sunday January 3rd. We are still waiting to hear about the funds raised from the receipts submitted on our club's behalf.

Winner of the gift basket of goodies was Lina Shetler, grandmother of CanSkater, Alyssa Shetler.

Profits from the gift basket were \$186.00.

Special thanks to our topnotch servers and ticket salespeople: Meghan Yardley, Erin Yardley, Britney Burlie, Ava Boundy, Madison Brachvogel, Destyni Jeffrey, Sarah Rutherford, Emily Isnor, Jasper Rainford, Jorja Rainford, Maisie Colville and Ainslie Colville.



Skaters Prepare for annual Interclub Event - January 23, 24

Skaters from our club - Canskate and StarSkate - will be heading to Port Hope for our region's annual Northumberland-Durham Interclub on January 23 and 24. Hosted by the Port Hope FSC, skaters will participate in a number of single and team events. We invite you to drop in and watch our skaters at work. Schedules will be posted on the club bulletin board by January 11th. For a number of our CanSkaters, it will be their first skating competition. We wish them all the best of luck!

