



2015 -2016 Newsletter #3 January-February



Hello everyone!

This Winter Session started out in a rush and hasn't slowed down since! All our CanSkate and CanPowerSkate programs filled up very quickly and our waiting lists are still getting longer. We hope that means we are doing something right. We always look forward to your feedback – both on what we are doing right 😊 and what you believe that we can improve upon. You can do this by email, phone, talking to us at the arena or dropping us a note in our mailbox on the coaches' room door. This is your club so let us know your thoughts and ideas. They are important to us.

Our Spring Session is coming up starting April 04. Watch for an email announcing the start of registration.

CANSKATE & PRECANSKATE

Welcome everyone to our Winter session of 2016. It has been wonderful having you all join us!!!! We are so very busy with so many little ones learning to skate for the first time and skaters coming back to hone up on their skills. We love having you all join us to learn about our wonderful sport on ice!!

Thank you to all parents who were able to stay for the parent meeting we had on the 2nd session - so much information packed into a few minutes!!

*Please, always remember to look at the **white board** when your child comes to skating!*

We had our first "theme" day - skating in our pyjamas. Always so cozy warm skating with pyjamas on. It was great to see all the skaters wearing their pyjamas.

Our next theme day will be "crazy mittens" day - there will be prizes given out for the craziest mittens - please remember safety as you are decorating your mittens! We don't want anything falling off onto the ice to create a falling hazard.

Thank you to all of our PAs who come out to help out - us coaches appreciate all of your help!! ...and CanSkaters, you can show your appreciation by coming out to watch them compete and cheer them on at our Regional Competition next weekend. See details below under Competitions.



PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

This session we have 4 parents volunteering their time to help out as PA's during our CanSkate sessions. A **BIG Thank You** to Casandra, Crystal, Daryl and Jonathan as well as to all our other PA's; Alana, Alyssa, Amber, Anastasia, Brenna, Brooklyn, Carley, Chelsea, Cheyenne, Courtney, Dan, Hannah, Haley, Hayley, Janet, Jennine, Katie, Leila, MacKenzie, Marilyn, Megan, Morgan, and Rhonda.

ADULT CANSKATE & POWERSKATE

We have had a great turn out for our adult learn to skate lessons and even had to start a wait list. It is wonderful to see adults wanting to learn to skate for the first time as well as parents wanting to learn to skate better so that they can keep up with their kids and recreational hockey players wanting to hone their skills to get an edge on their opponents! And another **Thank You** to PA Chelsea for helping out the coaches.

CANPOWERSKATE



Our Winter sessions filled up very quickly so sign up *fast* for our Spring PowerSkating classes so you will become *fast*! The Winter season is about half over and that's gone fast too!!

We have been working hard for better technique on crossovers, turns, fast starts and overall stride which will make better, well rounded hockey players and general skaters. We then incorporated skills into drills, circuits and re-lays races which bring out some friendly competition as well.

JUNIOR ACADEMY

What a great season so far! We are gaining skills, speed and creativity every session!! It's really inspiring to see these skaters working so hard and building their foundations to become talented figure skaters!

INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR AND MASTERS SKATERS

On December 19 a group of our Intermediate/Senior Skaters went up to Sun Peaks to perform on their outside skating rink. It was a perfect day for skating outside! The skaters were: Morgan Johnson, Brenna Wassing, Leila Khelouati, Anastasia Chupik, MacKenzie Sewell, Brooklyn Castro, Jordyn Sanche, Hannah Steed, Ashlyn Wassing, and Katie Held. The girls all skated to a Christmas piece and there were 2 groups numbers also performed. Other than a glitch with the music the girls had a blast and while the music was being fixed they did their own half time show singing and skating for the crowd!! Good job skaters!! A huge thank you to Mr. Wassing and Mr. Wells for getting the music playing!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Tuesday Feb 16th 6:15-7:30. **Technical Specialist Seminar** for STARSkaters 3 and up.

CLUB TEST DAY

We held our first test day on December 15, 2015

Tests passed:

- Megan Barber - Preliminary Freeskate
- Leila Khelouati - Dutch Waltz
- Morgan Johnson - Dutch Waltz
- MacKenzie Sewell - Bronze Creative - Sr. Bronze Dance
- Haley Barber - Bronze Creative - Sr. Bronze Dance
- Brooklyn Castro - Silver Interpretive
- Brenna Wassing - 10 Fox

Well done Skaters!!

Our next test day for private skaters is on Tuesday March 15th



COMPETITIONS

This weekend – Feb 12-14, our **Okanagan Regional Competition** is in Kamloops at MacArthur Island - most of our private skaters are attending. Check out <http://www.skatinginbc.com/competitions/competitive/2016-okanagan-region-championships> for the schedule.

The **Adult West Coast Challenge** is also this weekend on Feb 13 at the Ladner Leisure Centre with two of our Adult Figure Skaters, Janet and Marilyn, attending.

Good Luck Competitors!

The **2016 STARSkate Super Series** Final is March 04-06 in Kelowna.

I hope some of you will come to these competitions – especially the one this weekend at MacArthur Island - and cheer on our skaters!

SPRING SHOWCASE

Our Spring Showcase and Family Skate will be Thursday March 17, from 5:45 to 7:45 pm. Everyone is invited! More information to come.

FUNDRAISING

Pub Night Fundraiser coming soon. Good food, good fun and good company. Look for your information email.

VOLUNTEERING

We can always use your help. Contact Katrina ksewell@telus.net if you would like to volunteer with your club. We always need help during the Monday to Thursday CanSkate times to man the information table.

Anyone who needs to reduce their volunteer hour requirements, now's your chance.

Also, if you would like to experience what it takes to put on a Figure Skating competition, the Okanagan Regional Competition organizers are looking for volunteers. You can sign up at the following address:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4fafa92eaafd0-2016>

TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts will be sent out in the next few weeks to those skaters that did not register on-line. If you registered on-line, you will have been emailed a receipt at that time. If you did not get an on-line receipt, check your spam and if it is not there, please contact Alana at vvsc.president@gmail.com

NEW NO SMOKING BYLAW

BYLAW NO. 35-91 A BYLAW TO AMEND CITY OF KAMLOOPS PARKS REGULATION BYLAW NO. 35-66, 1998

The Municipal Council of the City of Kamloops, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited as "Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 35-66 Amendment Bylaw No. 35-91, 2016".
2. Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 35-66, 1998, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

- a) Section 3, Definitions, by adding the following definitions:

"City Facility" means City-owned buildings, lots, or structures, including, but not limited to,

- *parking lots,*
- courtyards,
- City Hall,
- fire halls, and
- *recreation facilities.*'; and

"Smoke or Smoking" means to inhale, exhale, burn, or carry a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah pipe, electronic cigarette, or other smoking equipment, that burns or vaporizes tobacco, marihuana, or any other substance.'

- b) Section 6, Specific Regulations, by adding the following regulation:

"m) No person shall smoke at or in a park or a publicly accessible portion of a City Facility."



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