



Winter Newsletter



Winter Session

Welcome to our 2014 Winter Session. We are almost half way through already and we are finding that the sessions are going so fast and the kids are whirling around us!! It has been a blast!

We are enjoying the new circuit based CanSkate program and finding the kids are progressing very well. We hope the skaters are enjoying it as much as the coaches are. All our sessions are full and we are so excited for each child that is here!! Our Program Assistants are doing a great job, and all the coaches couldn't run the program with all of these skaters, without them!! Please make sure you thank the Program Assistants if you have a chance.

It was great to see all the skaters who came out in their pyjamas and with their teddy bears on our pyjama week. The amount of skaters in pyjamas was incredible – thank you. Skating in pyjamas is fun and the nice fuzzy pyjamas keep us warm! Good job everyone!



Our last week of CanSkate will be March 10 – 13th, which will be our final assessment week. We will also be doing a CanSkate session during our Spring School – stay tuned to our website for dates and times.



VALENTINES DAY CANSKATE – don't forget to dress in red!!

Adult CanSkate is moving along really well. We have a fantastic group of keen adults who are taking the skills very seriously and improving immensely. It has been a lot of fun working with the adults and watching the determination on their faces and seeing the weekly improvements!! Way to go adults!!

CANpowerskating is Monday evenings 6:45-7:30pm. We have 2 groups on the ice taught by Taylor McLeod and Eva Davies. It seems like the word has caught on about how beneficial powerskating is for hockey players because every week we have new skaters interested in joining the program. Powerskating not only helps increase speed in hockey stride, but improves stopping, turning, balance, control and agility. Every session there are new skills to be learned and improvements are evident while there is still fun to be had.

Jr. Academy winter session is going great and we have four new Jr Academy skaters to join the group who moved up from our Fall Canskate program. The Jr. Academy skaters are learning all the fundamentals of what it takes to start figure skating from crossovers and edges, to jumping and spinning as well as learning group routines to music! All the little figure skaters in training are having a blast learning new skills and elements to get them underway for the STARskate program.

What is the STARskate program?

Skills, Tests, Achievement, Recognition – this is what STARskate is all about!

STARskate offers opportunities for skaters of all ages to develop fundamental figure skating skills in the areas of ice dance, skating skills, free skate and interpretive skating. Unique in Canada, this program teaches figure skating skills in a group and/or private lesson format in a progressive and sequential manner and includes specifically designed awards and incentives. Skaters have the opportunity to take Skate Canada Tests through a nationally standardized testing system. Skaters who have mastered figure skating skills in STARskate may also choose to pursue synchronized skating or pairs skating.

Intermediate skaters are working hard and getting prepared for the upcoming competition in Penticton. This is our Okanagan Regional Championships and will be the weekend of February 14th to 16. The intermediate skaters attending are Megan Barber, Olivia Eccleston, Morgan Johnson, and Leila Kheilouati. The skaters are working very hard and their skills are improving very well!! Keep up the great work skaters!

Senior skaters are also working hard preparing their solos for the Okanagan Regional Championships. The senior skaters attending are Haley Barber, Erica Bruvold, Jana deJong, MacKenzie Sewell, Carly Kay, Lauren Mark, Holly Neufeld, Cassandra Labermeyer, Danae Snell, BrieAnna Gibson, Jazmin Barnes, Chelsea Thur, Jenna Moyer, and Brenna Wassing,

Master skaters are off to their first competition for the season in Red Deer Alberta on February 8th. The skaters attending are Janet Dabner, Cheyenne Irvine, Marilyn Triggs, our own Eva. Our masters have been working hard to reach their goals in time for the National Competition they will be attending in Regina at the end of March.

Competition Update

Here are the results from the 2013 InterClub competition from November 29 to December 1st in Winfield.

Star 2

Megan Barber	Bronze
Erika Denis	Bronze
Olivia Eccleston	Silver
Leila Khelouati	Bronze
Morgan Johnson	Bronze

Star 3

Erica Bruvold	Silver
Brooklyn Castro	Gold
Alyssa Davis	Silver
Carly Kay	Silver
Brenna Wassing	Bronze

Star 4

Lauren Mark	2 nd Place
Chelsea Thur	4 th Place

Star 5 13 & Over

Mackenzie Sewell	9 th Place
Jazmin Barnes	13 Place

Jr. Silver Ladies

Cassandra Labermeyer	2 nd Place
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Pre-Juvenile U14

Jana deJong	5 th Place
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Pre-Intro Interpretive

Chelsea Thur	2 nd Place
Erica Bruvold	9 th Place
Alyssa Davis	10 th Place
Olivia Eccleston	10 th Place
Megan Barber	12 th Place

Intro Interpretive

Brenna Wassing	5 th Place
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Bronze Interpretive

Haley Barber	1 st Place
Lauren Mark	2 nd Place

Silver Interpretive

Cassandra Labermeyer 1st Place
Kirsty Newbury 2nd Place
Holly Neufeld 4th Place

Junior Silver Solo Dances

Kirsty Newbury 2nd Place

Bronze Creative

Brooklyn Castro 1st Place
Brenna Wassing 5th Place

Silver Creative

MacKenzie Sewell 3rd Place

Congratulations to all of our skaters on a job well done!!!

Results from our first test day for tests passed on December 18th and 19th

Preliminary Freeskate	Kiira Quinton	Brooklyn Castro	Chika Saito
Introductory Interpretive	Chelsea Thur,	Brenna Wassing	
Swing Dance:	Chelsea Thur,	Brenna Wassing	
Fiesta Tango Dance:	Carly Kay	Chelsea Thur	
Willow Waltz Dance:	MacKenzie Sewell		
10 Fox Dance:	MacKenzie Sewell		
European Waltz Dance	Jana deJong	Lauren Mark	
Starlight Dance:	Kirsty Newbury		

Sunpeaks Skating Festival

The Intermediate and Senior skaters had a blast up at Sunpeaks outdoor rink Dec 15th. We celebrated the season by skating to favorite Christmas music in solo and group numbers while friends and families watched sipping on hot coco. We hope to continue and grow this club tradition and look forwards to it next December!



Valleyview skating club is looking forward to an exciting Winter and Spring Session filled with learning new skills, meeting new friends, exciting experiences and most importantly, having lots of fun!

