

# LET'S SKATE

August 2003

As business from one skating season has closed and another has started it's time to get up to speed before the busy fall and winter seasons start.

## HAVE YOU MET YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at our Annual General Meeting, a new Board of Directors was convened. Thanks to all those who came out and voted. Board members are ail available to assist with questions, so say "Hi" when you see them around the rink.

### **Executive:**

President	Melanie Bradley
Vice President	Mary Burdon
Past President	Daphne Buono
Treasurer	Karen Edens
Secretary	Tara Organ

### **Directors:**

Penny Proudfoot	Leah Dolphin	Shari Spada
Grant MacKay	Paul Tobin	Maureen Nugent
Steve Breau	Pauline Pudney	

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY BURDON**

Most of you know Mary Burdon as a long time-board member of the London Skating Club and our Test Chair. Some of you probably know that she is a Figure Skating and Synchronized Skating Judge and a Figure Skating Accountant. She has been a volunteer for our club, the Western Ontario Section and Skate Canada for over 50 years and she received her 50-year pin at the WOS AGM, in May of this year. At that meeting she was finally recognized for some of her other achievements. She was a multi-award winner.

Mary was the recipient of the Western Ontario Section Accountants Award. As he presented the award, Peter Wong the WOS Accountant's Chairman said "She is organized, efficient and willing to continue to learn. She is the ultimate volunteer and a tireless worker as an accountant, judge, chief referee, registrar and hostess. No job is too insignificant for her to take on."

Mary also received the Western Ontario Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award with the following kudos from Bill Boland, a former London Skating Club President and current Director of Skate Canada, "This award recipient is a tireless volunteer. Her Synchronized skating volunteer activities in 2002/2003 were numerous as a chief referee, judge and accountant. She is always organized, efficient and willing to help the committees prepare for the competition. Her dedication, perseverance, commitment, passion and spirit truly reflect the characteristics of Elizabeth Swan." .....We are most pleased to inform our membership that Mary received the Skate Canada Elizabeth Swan Memorial Award in Victoria BC on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Skate Canada Awards Gala. She was a guest of Skate Canada. Mary attend the Skate Canada AGM as the London Skating Club's delegate where she received this prestigious Synchronized Skating award.  
**Congratulations from all of us.**

## TEST RESULTS

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club and out of club skaters who successfully passed tests at the end of spring session test day on June 16/03

<b>PRELIMINARY SKILLS</b>	Elizabeth Lourenco Maddison Fysh Natasha Dolbeck	Julia Howard Julia Tsaitis	Samantha Gago Angelica Adryanta
<b>JUNIOR BRONZE SKILLS</b>	Stephanie Neale		
<b>SENIOR BRONZE SKILLS</b>	Kassandra Hallett	Emily Thain	
<b>JUNIOR SILVER SKILLS</b>	Megan Harris		
<b>SENIOR SILVER SKILLS</b>	Erin Lee	Sylvia Levy	
<b>GOLD SKILLS</b>	Kellie Marr	Rachael Hornsby	
<b>PRELIMINARY DANCES</b>			
Dutch Waltz	Megan Hendriks Alexandra Deando	Marlee Lievre	Freda Zhao
Canasta Tango	Courtney McMurter Rebecca Sullivan	Natasha Blanco	
Baby Blues	Sarah Organ Emily Pigeau	Natasha Reed Natasha Blanco	Sara Ivanesivic Megan Simons
<b>JR BRONZE DANCES</b>			
Swing	Angelica Adryanta Amanda McIntyre	Natasha Dolbeck	
Fiesta Tango	Jennifer Cassler Rebecca Breau	Maddison Fysh	Julia Tsaltas
Willow Waltz	Chantel Fisher Kevin Schaeken	Samantha Gago Angelicca Adryanta	
<b>SENIOR BRONZE DANCES</b>			
Fourteen Step	Jenna Zaleski	Meredith Allan	Tamara Smith
European Waltz	Marissa Bradley Emily Thain	Martha Miller	Courtney Strom
<b>JR. SILVER DANCES</b>			
Keats Foxtrot	Amy Legge Hannah McGregor	Nicole Courtney Lindsay McKnight	
Harris Tango	Megan Harris Andrea Neale		
American Waltz	Stephanie Berry Megan Manuel	Lindsay Warren Kelsey Valentine	Laura Whaiey Nicole Courtney
Rocker Foxtrot			
<b>SR. SILVER DANCES</b>			
Starlight	Kailey Dolphin		
Killian	Rachel Hornsby		
Viennese	Krissy Gain		
<b>GOLD DANCES</b>			
Westminister	Abby Smith	Laura Lang	
Argentine	Brittany Moor		
Rhumba	Brittany Turley		
<b>FREE SKATE</b>			
Preliminary Elements	Kelly Prevett	Julia Howard	

<b>Preliminary Program</b>	Marissa Bradley		
<b>Jr. Bronze Elements</b>	Laura Whaley	Emily Thain	
<b>Jr Bronze Proqram</b>	Meredith Allan	Lauren Rodowa	Laura Whaley
<b>SR Bronze Elements</b>	Kailey Dolphin		
<b>Jr. Silver Elements</b>	Tiffany Nugent	Victor Pwartto	
<b>Jr Silver Program</b>	Victor Pwartto		
<b>Gold Elements</b>	Cara Horan	Nicole Lofgren	Kellie Marr

**INTERPRETIVE**

<b>Introduction</b>	Cara Horan
<b>Silver</b>	Kasey Farmer

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club and out of club skaters who successfully passed tests at the first test day of summer school held on Friday, July 25:03

**JUNIOR BRONZE SKILLS**

Marissa Bradley Erin Poclitar

**SENIOR BRONZE SKILLS**

Stephanie Berry Laura Whaley

**PRELIMINARY DANCES**

**Dutch Waltz:** Alyson Bruiotte

**SENIOR BRONZE DANCES**

<b>Ten Fox:</b>	Amanda DeVries	Chantal Fischer	Alyssa Lacroix
<b>14 Step:</b>	Ashely Moscardelli		
<b>European:</b>	Meredith Allen		

**JR. SILVER DANCES**

<b>American Waltz:</b>	Stephanie Berry
<b>Harris Tango:</b>	Kallista Perdue-Leitch

**GOLD DANCES**

<b>Quickstep:</b>	Brittany Wielgosz
<b>Argentine:</b>	Breanne Layne

**PRELIMINARY FREE SKATE**

**Elements and Program:** Julia Taylor

**INTERPRETIVE**

<b>Introductory:</b>	Carrie Butterworth
<b>Bronze:</b>	Julia Horan
<b>Silver:</b>	Brittany Wielgosz

**FYI - Since we are on the topic of tests....**

Skate Canada has increased the test fees effective September 1/03. The fees will be as follows: Dance, Free Skate (per part), Skills, and Interpretive are each \$10.00  
Competitive tests are now \$20.00

**Good Luck** to all of our skaters competing in upcoming competitions. We hope all your goals are reached.

Fall brochures will soon be out. Please check us out at the London Skating Club web site at [www.londonskatingclub.com](http://www.londonskatingclub.com) <<http://www.londonskatingclub.com>>

**So now it's time to gear up for the WINTER SEASON.**

**Winter Registration** is Thursday, September 11, 2003, at Earl Nichols Arena in the Community Hall from 5:00-9:00 pm. We hope to see a great many of you there. Some qualification levels have changed for the winter season, so check your brochures carefully.

### **ODDS 'N ENDS**

Due to the fact of the new "No Smoking Bylaw", in the City of London, the London Skating Club is now seeing reduced revenues from working Bingo's, which offset program costs therefore; the London Skating Club has had to unfortunately increase all program costs.

To hopefully make up the difference, there will be chocolate bars available to any skater who wishes to sell them. This will provide a credit to help off set their skating fees. There is no limit; it's for all chocolate bars you can sell. They will be available at the end of Sept through Melanie Bradley at 438-6813

Remember to put your name down for volunteer dates and activities you are interested in for the upcoming season. If you miss doing this at registration, please contact Maureen Nugent at 455-9740

There are many **upcoming events** you will want to mark your calendar for:

Every year we need more **Program Assistants**. There is a mandatory clinic for those who interested in helping on either the Canskate or Preliminary session. It will be held Sunday, September 7, 2003 @ Earl Nichols Arena from 5:00-8:00. A notebook and skates will be required. Any skater over 10 years of age is welcome to attend. For more information call Julie Ryder 657-0887, Michelle Rothwell 685-0265, or the London Skating Club Office, 681-2640.

On September 27/03 there will be **Synchronized Skating Seminar** at Fanshawe College, Woodstock. This workshop is for team volunteers, managers and coaches. If you are interested in attending please contact Paul Tobin at 681-9526

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The **London Skating Club** is a member of **Skate Canada**. In fact Skate Canada is the parent body of 1415 clubs across Canada. As you can imagine, overseeing such a large number of clubs on as one to one basis would be impossible. Therefore, Skate Canada has been divided into **Sections** and **London** is part of the **Western Ontario Section (WOS)**. Our section is composed of 116 clubs, which have been further divided into **Regions**. There are 9 regions in WOS. London is a member of the **HOME** (Huron, Oxford, Middlesex and Elgin Counties) **Region**. It has 19 members and is the largest Region in WOS. The directors of all of these organizations are volunteers.

### **HOW TO FIND A COACH (for CanSkate or Preliminary level)**

You may wish to hire a Professional Coach to provide additional instruction for your child. The

convenor of the session will be able to provide a list of coaches who are available for private lessons. It is up to you as a parent to choose the coach you feel is best suited for your skater. Your child may have enjoyed working with a particular coach during group lessons, and this good rapport is usually important to a successful coach/skater relationship. You might also talk to other skaters (or their parents) who have been taking private lessons from a coach for a while, to find out the type of teaching style that particular coach has. That might also help you decide if that coach is a good match for your child. You could also watch the coaches while they are teaching, and see if you can tell who might work well with your child. All coaches that skate with our club are registered with Skate Canada and are certified at different levels (1-4). Ultimately, it is the parents' choice as to which coach you hire, and you have to contact the coach and make arrangements directly with the coach.

### **FROM THE ADULT SESSION...**

By Evelyn Bastow

The adult spring sessions were held from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Western Fair Sports Centre and Nichols Arena. The summer sessions were held back at our home rink, the newly renovated Thompson Arena at UWO. Approximately 30 members participated in these sessions with many guest skaters. Our members are enjoying the new ice surface at Thompson and look forward to skating on it for the fall and winter sessions. It's nice to see John Allen and Stephanie Allen back on their blades after months off due to illness and accident. Congratulations to Elayne Ras, a Thursday member who passed all three Preliminary Dances and also to Beverly Dodge who passed the Willow Waltz and Junior Bronze Free Skating Element. Avo Koskela, who is in his early 70's, gave a good try at the Rocker Foxtrot, but did not quite make it. He plans to try again while he is still young!

For information regarding the Adult Session, or for fall brochures, please contact Evelyn Bastow at 434-1973 or Maisie Allen at 451-4527

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of one of our former skating club presidents, Charles Robert (Bob) Ivey. He passed away on July 24, 2003 in Unionville, On. Mr. Ivey was a member of a very prominent London family and was president of the club during the 1960's. His two sons also skated with the club during that time. Mr. Ivey was a member of the club from the late 1920's until 1941. He and his partner Ruth Shuttleworth competed in pairs at the sectional and divisional championships and were second in Canadian Pairs Championships in the early 1940's. The pair also competed in dance championships. Mr. Ivey served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. He returned to the club in the 1960's, and skated in the carnivals.

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club skaters, and out of club skaters who successfully completed tests during the summer on the following test days:

July 23, 2003:

Angelica Adriayanta & Brittany Clarke - Jr Bronze Elements  
Cole Vandervelden - Canasta Tango & Baby Blues  
Klaire Gain - Jr. Bronze Program & Fourteenstep  
Lindsay Warren - Sr. Bronze Elements  
Natasha Dolbeck - Willow Waltz

August 15, 2003:

Julia Howard - Jr Bronze Skating Skills & Preliminary Program  
Lauren Rodowa - Jr Bronze Elements  
Carrie Butterworth - Gold Program  
Maggie Lawrence & Shelby Teichroeb - Dutch Waltz  
Emily Dolphin, Hayley Hunt, Amanda Vere - Swing Dance  
Taylor McGraw - Fiesta Tango  
Angelica Adriayanta - Ten Fox  
Kevin Scheaken - Ten Fox & 14 Step  
Emily Thain - Keats Foxtrot  
Robyn Banfield - Viennese Waltz

August 21, 2003:

Cole Vandervelden - Swing  
Julia Howard - Ten Fox  
Brittany Clarke - 14 Step  
Lindsay Warren - Harris Tango  
Allison Proudfoot - Kilian  
Kellie Marr - Paso Doble & Introductory Interpretive  
Kasey Farmer - Quickstep  
Julia Horan - Rhumba, Silver & Gold Interpretive  
Cara Horan - Bronze Interpretive  
Caitlin Hallett - Sr. Bronze Skating Skills  
Emily Thain - Jr. Silver Skating Skills  
Stephanie Clarke - Sr. Silver Skating Skills

\*\*\*\*\*

QUADRUPLE GOLD MEDALLIST

This summer, Julia Horan of the London Skating Club, became one of the few select skaters from across Canada, to complete all of her Skate Canada Gold Tests.

Julia has now successfully achieved the highest Skate Canada Test levels, by completing her gold tests in Skating Skills, Freeskate, Dance, and Interpretive Singles Skating.

Congratulations Julia!

\*\*\*\*\*