

LET'S SKATE

March 2004

Everyone has been really busy since our last newsletter, so let's get caught up!

Many thanks to all the skaters, parents, coaches and volunteers who participated in the Christmas Holiday Pop Concert skating show in support of "Mitchell's Jar of Hope", and Muscular Dystrophy Research. The proceeds from the door and the auction were \$3,426.71. Eighty percent of the proceeds went directly into research, and the other 20% went directly to the London & District Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy for client services and equipment. Please take time to read the thank you letter posted on the bulletin board from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Thanks again for all your support.

THANKS GREAT LAKES VOLUNTEERS!

Great Lakes was a great success! We had approximately 116 terrific volunteers who worked a mind-boggling total of 724 hours to make this event a great one. We would like to **thank all of you** who provided food, worked as ice captains, played music, announced skaters and many, many other jobs. We hope you had fun and will come back and join us next year. We will be looking for people with experience to be Ice Captains, so if you can help us please contact the office and leave your name and number.

Great Lakes is London Skating Club's major fundraising event each year so by helping with this event you are helping **your** club stay strong.

Thanks again.

Great Lakes Committee Office Number: 681-2640

London Skating Club is in constant debt to its many volunteers. The truth is that we couldn't operate without you. The quietest and perhaps the least acknowledged amongst these volunteers are our Board Members. They take on the responsibility each year of operating this club. They see to the entire behind the scenes activities that make it possible for skaters to get on the ice. Each board member sits for a two-year term, many accepting the responsibility of being there for more than one term. We will shortly have to say good-bye to some of those board members as they step down. That means we need new board members. This is a volunteer position that takes great dedication, but it's worth it. So if you have any professional, business, organizational skills, or just have a love and dedication to the sport we would love to hear from you. We are in particular need of someone with an accounting or at minimum, bookkeeping skills since our treasurer's spot will be vacant. If anyone has interest in helping the club as a new board member, please contact Daphne Buono at 474-0447.

Have you checked our bulletin boards lately? They are full of information to keep you up to date between newsletters. Check them out at Nichols and Farquarson arenas. Watch for a chance to win tickets to Canadians next January. The new bingo schedule should be up now and will also be available on line.

Speaking of bulletin boards...have you noticed the envelope for A & P receipts? Synchronicity is collecting them to help raise funds. So rather than through them away, stow them away until next time you are at the rink, and you'll be helping to support the program.

Speaking of our Synchro teams.... Congratulations to our Synchro Open team. They skated in the Opening Ceremonies of the Ontario Winter Games at the JLC on March 11th. You were great ambassadors for the sport and our club.

DATES TO REMEMBER...

- Junior Olympics will be on us before we know it. It is for the Canskate and Preliminary kids. It is on Sunday March 28.
 - The H.O.M.E. Region Bursary Ice Show this year is Saturday, April 10th from 1:00-3:00 pm at Plattsville Memorial Arena. Advanced tickets can be purchased at the LSC Office. Tickets are: Adults \$5.00 Children \$3.00. You will have an opportunity to see the regions tops skaters and teams. Stephanie Clark and the Pre-Juvenile Synchro team will represent our club. Come out and support them, it's a great time for everyone.
 - Mark you calendars for the Spring Fling Dance. It's April 24th at the Berkshire Club from 8PM-1AM. There will be door prizes, and great fun to be had. Tickets are \$10/person or \$15/couple. Call Leah Dolphin at 680-1967 or the LSC office at 681-2640.
 - London Skating Club's Annual General Meeting is May 10th. This meeting is for the general membership of the club to find out what has gone on over past year and to appoint new board members. More details will follow
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A reminder to all parents; please remember that your children should not be left unsupervised at the arena. For the safety of your children, you or your designate should be available at all times.

Have you visited Skate Canada Web site recently? It has been redesigned and you need to update the address and your favourite link. The new address is:
<http://www.skatecanada.ca/en/> It will bring you to the English home page. If you want to put a short cut icon on your desktop follow these instructions:
After you have logged on to the Skate Canada web site highlight the address:
<http://www.skatecanada.ca/en/> Click file on the menu bar click send click Shortcut to desktop. An icon will be placed on your desktop.

The Adult Session – by Evelyn Bastow

The Adult Session at Thompson Arena has been busy with lots of members this winter. The membership has exceeded the previous two years. Valentine refreshments were served on the February 13th session. Everyone enjoyed Pauline Pudney's decorated cupcakes, Stephanie Allen's Red punch, valentine's cookies and coffee. We have had many guest skaters and former members have come back to join, including my niece, Susan and her husband Rick. Members are now looking forward to spring and summer skating at Thompson. For more information about the Adult Session, please contact Evelyn Bastow at 434-1973 or Maisie Allen at 451-4527

Is everyone keeping an eye on how our skaters are doing at competition? Well here's an update. Congratulations to everyone on their achievements.

OUR OWN GREAT LAKES WINTER SKATING FESTIVAL COMPETITION RESULTS

January 9-11 Nichols Arena

GOLD MEDALISTS:

Tyler Ellis - Men's Star Skate Pre Preliminary, Alex Krauel - Junior Bronze B, Maggie Lawrence - Pre-Preliminary A "6 and under", Kellie Marr - Star Skate Sr Silver, Stephanie Neale - Preliminary B "12 and over", Cara Nicholas - Pre-Preliminary A "7 & 8", Kelly Prevett Pre-Preliminary B "11 & over".

SILVER MEDALISTS :

Marissa Bradley - Star Skate Pre-Preliminary, Shannon Ellis - Star Skate Sr Bronze, Melissa Elver - Preliminary A "12 and over", Nathan Tobola - Sr Bronze Men's, George Tzortzis - Preliminary B Men, Jenna Zalenski - Preliminary B.

BRONZE MEDALISTS:

Stephanie Clarke - Juvenile Ladies, Meghan Harris - Jr Bronze B, Julia Horan - Star Skate Gold Ladies, Sarah Organ - Pre Preliminary A "7&8", Madison Pegeau - Pre Preliminary A "6 and under", Allison Proudfoot - Jr Silver Ladies.

COMPETITION RESULTS FROM THE STARS UNLIMITED COMPETITION

February 7, 2004 Thamesford

GOLD MEDALISTS:

Tyler Ellis, Pre-Preliminary B Boys, Brittany Everitt, CanSkate Ladies 6 & under, Jocelyn Frosst - Pre-Preliminary A Ladies 7 & 8 years, Patricia Laylo - CanSkate A 7 years, Cara Nicholas, Pre-Preliminary A Ladies 7 & 8 years, Liam Organ, CanSkate Boys 6 & under, Kelly Prevett, Pre-Preliminary B Ladies 11 & over, Kabrina Riley, Pre-Preliminary A 9 & 10, CJ Tollola, CanSkate A 6 & under.

COMPETITION RESULTS FROM THE STARS UNLIMITED COMPETITION

February 7, 2004 Thamesford (Cont'd)

SILVER MEDALISTS :

Emily Pigeau - Pre-Preliminary A 7 & 8 years, Madison Pigeau, CanSkate Ladies B 6 & under.

BRONZE MEDALISTS :

Marissa Bradley, StarSkate Pre-Preliminary Ladies, Kristi Morris - Pre-Preliminary B Ladies 11 & over, Sarah Organ, Pre-Preliminary A 7 & 8 years, Hailley Walter, Pre-Preliminary A Ladies 11 & over.

H.O.M.E. COMPETITION RESULTS February 20-22 Gemini Sports Complex, Strathroy

GOLD MEDALISTS:

Tyler Ellis, Maddison Fysh, Meghan Harris, Kellie Marr, Amanda McIntyre, Kristi Morris, Stephanie Neale, Cara Nicholas, Kelly Prevett, Courtney Strom, Hailley Walter, Jenna Zaleski

SILVER MEDALISTS:

Emily Dolphin, Shannon Ellis, Jenna Landry, Maggie Lawrence, Allison Proudfoot, George Tzortzis,

BRONZE MEDALISTS:

Cassie Boros, Marissa Bradley, Christina Crandall, Brittany Everitt, Jared Harris, Cara Horan, Patricia Laylo, Brooke Marshall, Madison Pigeau, Alison Tobin, Julia Tsaltas, Julie Walsh, Lindsay Warren.

Congratulations to Shannon Ellis, Kellie Marr, Tyler Ellis, George Tzortzis who qualified for the Boston StarSkate Championships which will be held in Chatham on March 6 & 7, 2004. Congratulations also to Marissa Bradley and Cara Horan who qualified as alternates for this competition.

WO Boston Pizza STARSkate Interclub Championships (WO Interclub Championships) RESULTS March 6-7 Chatham

The following skaters have advanced to the All Ontario Championship in Waterloo later this month:

PRE-PRELIMINARY MEN:

Tyler Ellis and George Tzortzis

SR. BRONZE LADIES:

Shannon Ellis

FESTIVAL OF SYNCHRONIZED SKATING February 13 –15, 2004 at Hershey Centre,
Mississauga, Ontario
Synchronized Pre-Juvenile team placed 2nd
Synchronized Pre-novice team place 4th.

TEST RESULTS Monday, February 16

SKILLS

Preliminary Skills-Kristi Morris, Alyssa Farr, Holly Bilinski, Kabrina Riley
Junior Bronze Skills- Kelly Previtt , Abby Ruggi, Courtney Strom
Junior Silver - Jenny Gibbons
Senior Silver - Kailey Dolphin
Gold - Rebecca Jackson

INTERPRETATIVE

Intro - Kailey Dolphin, McKenzie Crawford
Bronze -, Kailey Dolphin, Louise Karch

FREESKATE

Preliminary Elements:

Amanda Goosens Marissa Bradley George Tzortzis

Junior. Bronze Elements:

Ashley Hilton Courtney Strom

Preliminary Programs

Julie Tsaltas Kelly Prevett George Tzortzis

Junior Bronze Programs

Angelica Adryanta Courtney Strom Brittany Clarke

Junior Silver Free Skate – Brittany Moor

Gold Free Skate – Kelly Marr,

DANCES

PRLIMINARY

Dutch Waltz-Shelby Komornicki, Caitlin Brawn, Madison Pigeau, Jaime Moir,
Lucy Wang, Elizabeth Farrell, Emily Galbraith, Christine Crandall-Izrullo
Canasta Tango-Natalie McPherson, Sabrina DeNard, Victoria Papodopoulous,
Baby Blues-Jocelyn Frosst, Amanda Patton, Katie Graham, Madeline Tobin,
Megan Keller, Alex Capling, Stephanie VanBommell

TEST RESULTS Monday, February 16 (Cont'd)

JUNIOR BRONZE

Swing Dance-Leila McKay, Alyssa Farr

Fiesta Tango-Cara Nicholas, Amanda Ranari, Emily Pigeau, Cassandra Harris,
Brittany McPherson, Shayna Follington

SENIOR BRONZE

Ten Fox-Shaena Noonan, Julia Tsaltia, Bev. Dodge, Abby Ruggi, Natashe Dolbeck

Fourteen Step- Julia Tsaltis, George Tzortzis, Amanda Miller, Katie Heisz

European Waltz-Lauren Rodowa, Tamara Smith

JUNIOR SILVER

Keats- Courtney Strom, Martha` Miller

Harris Tango-Kelsey Valentine

Rocker-Kassandra Hallett

SENIOR SILVER

Starlight – Allison Proudfoot

Blues – Kelly Marr

The Historical Column by Evelyn Bastow

Sadly we must report that two former members of the club and a former coach have passed away in the last few months. We remember them well.

Mary Salter, a member of the club from 1950 through the 70's was a former board member, skated on the adult session and helped on the junior session. Her four children also skated with the club and her daughter Maggie Salmoni currently coaching in Sarnia still brings skaters to Great Lakes. Mary was always an enthusiastic volunteer for the club. She passed away on November 14/03 at the age of 84.

Nathalie Hay, joined the club in 1950 and her late husband Clifford skated the Adult Session until 1998. The entire Hay family loved to skate in Carnivals and they also hosted the After the Carnival Party. Clifford served on the board and Nathalie was a great worker for the club. She passed away on December 21/03.

Dennis Silverthorne, a well respected coach for over 30 years in London, passed away on January 4/04 at the age of 81 after a long illness. Dennis was Junior British Champion in 1939, and with his sister Winnie was British Pairs Champion and fourth at world's in 1947 and fifth at Olympics in 1948. He coached at LSC, and Ilderton Skating Club before moving on to operate his own school for 20 years. He will be missed by his former pupils and skating friends.