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Our 99th Year!

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Message from the President

Melanie Bradley

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer vacations. We are preparing for very busy fall and winter programs. Congratulations to all our skaters who competed at the Summer Sizzle competition in Woodstock on August 5-7, 2005. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped out, and to those of you who contributed food donations for the volunteers.

This year we will be looking for volunteers to take over the bingo licenses. Bingos are a major source of our fundraising dollars. If we do not have people to report on our bingos then we will lose them. If you are able to help out with this let me know. You would not take over until spring.

We will also need volunteers for Sectionals November 11-13. This competition will also be held in Woodstock, and we will be looking after skater registration at the competition. If you are available for a shift let me know. This will count towards your bingo contingency check.

I hope to see all of you soon, and don't forget to check out our new clothing form (located in this Newsletter).

Congratulations to the following Skaters who passed their CanSkate badge on July 27th 2005:

Stage 1: Chesney Jarvis, Quincey Jarvis, Wesley Poirier

Stage 5: Priyanka Naik

"You can only go as far as you push."

-- *unknown*

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From Your Editor

Stephen Komarnicky

Time flies when you are having fun...or when you have busy kids! I am sure our life is not unlike many of you with active kids, all going in different directions. With three kids and two parents, we are forced into 'zone defense' to cover them.

It has been a while since our last newsletter, and we are warming up for what will be a very interesting skating season. We have a few new board members that will bring new ideas and enthusiasm, while trying to fill some large shoes of former board members. This will also be the first year in over 30 years that the club will not have the Great Lakes competition. While we will miss the joy of seeing some great skating locally, from a financial perspective, we will miss the opportunity to raise much needed funds that help to keep the individual skating fees to a minimum. We will be actively looking to offset these funds with other fundraising opportunities. Some will work and some will not, but we will need every ones support to have any chance of success.

I look forward to the new season, seeing some familiar faces again and watching the kids work hard and enjoying what they do. I strongly encourage you to go to any competitions you can, whether you have a child participating or not. You can see and learn a lot by watching, and the kids that are there really appreciate the support, whether they admit it or not.

Good luck to everyone, and keep smiling.

From The Office

Kelly Farmer

CANADA'S WONDERLAND:

Don't forget to sign up for the Canada's Wonderland Trip on Monday, August 15, 2005. We will be taking buses to Toronto. We will be leaving from and returning to the Ice Park (Brookside) Arena. Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board during summer school or contact Mr. Kelly Marshall or Kelly Farmer for more information. Don't miss out on the fun!

HIGH PERFORMANCE APPLICATION DEADLINE:

The deadline for skaters interested in being considered for the 2005/2006 High Performance sessions are due by August 12, 2005. For more information contact your coach or the LSC Office at 681-2640. Applications will be reviewed by the Skater Development Committee and applicants will be notified by mid September.

SEPTEMBER ICE:

September skating sessions will be offered from September 2-30, 2005 at Nichols Arena. More information coming soon!

GARAGE SALE:

Did you know that the London Skating Club will have six synchronized skating teams for the 2005/2006 skating year? These teams need your support, so come on out on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Nichols Arena parking lot to get some great deals and support these teams!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 5-7, 2005

Summer Sizzle Invitational
Woodstock, Ontario

August 7, 2005

Bingo (Club Hosting)
London, Ontario

August 9, 2005

LSC Board Meeting
Earl Nichols Arena

August 15, 2005

Pre-Juvenile / Juvenile
Synchronized Team Tryouts
London, Ontario

August 16, 2005

Bingo (Club Hosting)
London, Ontario

August 22, 2005

Pre-Juvenile / Juvenile
Synchronized Team Tryouts
London, Ontario

August 27, 2005

Bingo (Club Hosting)
London, Ontario

August 29, 2005

Pre-Juvenile / Juvenile
Synchronized Team Tryouts
London, Ontario

August 31, 2005

End of Annual Skate
Canada Membership

September 10, 2005

Garage Sale

September 15, 2005

Winter Registration / Dress
Sale / Skate Sale
Earl Nichols Arena

September 16, 2005

Bingo (Club Hosting)
London, Ontario

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club members who passed their CanSkate badge in Spring School 2005:

Preschool: Noah Dubroy, Kamryn Mosher

Stage 1: Reem Al-Maghari, Laura Bathurst, Joseph Dandeno, Chloe Munn, Isabelle Avola, Mackenzie Carter, Josie Wendling, Sydney White, Ethan Hill, Spencer Craddock, Charlie Johnston, Maeson van Meerberger, Kevin Wimperis, Neala Battaglia, Charlotte LaBelle, Nathan LeClear, Brandon Burton, Emily van Berkel, Noah Vanderhoeven, Isobel Kennedy, Hope McLay, Viveka Sainani, Deima Al Maghari, Matthew Hoad, Kyla Fitzgeorge, Kurt Watson, Noah Dubroy, Cole Brocksom, Daniel Murphy, Matthew Murphy, Kenzie Murray, Kaylin Mosher, Gillian LaBelle, Sophie Cole

Stage 2: Reem Al-Maghari, Laura Bathurst, Joseph Dandeno, Chloe Munn, Isabelle Avola, Mackenzie Carter, Brandon Burton, Nathan Tries, Madisyn Soares, Matthew Bartlett, Kaitlyn McDonald, Quinn Brown, Nathan Farren, Alexia Lorusso, Arianna Lorusso, Michaela Lorusso, Josie Wendling, Spencer Craddock, Andrew Lynch, Maeson van Meerberger, Sydney White, Charlie Johnston, Charlotte LaBelle, Vincent Bitondo

Stage 3: Emily Gaille, Quentin Gaille, Reem Al Maghari, Joseph Dandeno, Kristen Robinson, Brandon Burton

Stage 4: Priyanka Naik, Sydni Paleczny, Bridget Dandeno, Joseph Dandeno, Scotia McKinlay, Ashley Nicolas, Tyler Vansickler

Stage 5: Brittany Winton, Brittany Newlove, Alex Clements, Kathleen Edwards

Jump: Ksenia Starodubtseva, Abby Bilinski, Bethany Bradshaw

Stop: Ksenia Starodubtseva, Nyasha Charles

Go Forward: Nyasha Charles

Fall Competition Simulation

Kelly Farmer

Open to skaters who have successfully completed competitive tests, or to skaters who were previously approved by the Skater Development Committee for the 2004/2005 High Performance sessions.

WHEN: Sunday, September 25, 2005
WHERE: Earl Nichols Arena
TIME: 12:30-2:30 pm
RSVP: LSC Office – 681-2640
E-mail: londonsc@execulink.com
By September 15, 2005
COST: no charge for the above mentioned

***if there is available space, non-qualified skaters will be accepted for a nominal fee of \$5.00 payable at the simulation.

Your Board

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Melanie Bradley

Vice President

Mary Burdon

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Music Chair

Michelle Rothwell

From The Office *(Continued)*

Kelly Farmer

Winter Registration:

Thursday, September 15, 2005, 5:00-9:00 pm, Earl Nichols Arena, Meeting Room.

Gently Used Dress and Skate Sale:

Thursday, September 15, 2005, 5:00-9:00 pm, Earl Nichols Arena. A 10% commission will be charged to cover the cost of the room. Items may be dropped off the week of September 11th. Please label items with name, telephone number and price. It is your responsibility to pick up money and/or unsold items. Please call Kelly Farmer at 681-2640 for more information.

Volunteers needed!

Program Assistant Clinic for CanSkate & Preliminary:

The London Skating Club is offering a Program Assistant Clinic for skaters interested in assisting on CanSkate and/or Preliminary skating sessions. The clinic will be held: Sunday, September 25, 2005 Nichols Arena, 8:30 am-11:30 am. Skaters will be in the community hall from 8:30-9:20 for discussions and on the ice from 9:30-11:20. For more information contact: Michelle Rothwell - 685-0265 or LSC Office 681-2640

National Events 2005-2006

From Skatecanada.ca

2006 BMO Financial Group Skate Canada Sectionals

Quebec - Singles and Pair: Sherbrooke, QC - Oct. 20-23

Northern Ontario - Sudbury, ON - Oct. 28-30

Saskatchewan - Swift Current, SK - Nov. 3-5

Quebec - Singles and Dance: Baie-Comeau, QC - Nov. 3-6

New Brunswick - Dieppe, NB - Nov. 4

Eastern Ontario - Whitby, ON - Nov. 4-6

British Columbia/Yukon - Prince George, BC - Nov. 9-13

Alberta/NWT/Nunavut - Edmonton, AB - Nov. 10-13

Central Ontario - Richmond Hill, ON, Tom Graham Arena Complex - Nov. 10-13

Manitoba - Brandon, MB - Nov. 11-13

Western Ontario - Woodstock, ON - Nov. 11-13

Newfoundland/Labrador - Grand Falls, NL - Nov. 12-13

Nova Scotia - TBA

Prince Edward Island - TBA

2006 BMO Financial Group Skate Canada Eastern Challenge

Mississauga, ON, Hershey Centre - December 1-4, 2005

2006 BMO Financial Group Skate Canada Western Challenge

Mississauga, ON, Hershey Centre - December 1-4, 2005

2006 BMO Financial Group Canadian Championships

Ottawa, ON, Ottawa Civic Centre - January 9-15, 2006

2006 Central Regional Festival of Synchronized Skating

Fort Erie, ON - January 27-29, 2006

2006 BMO Financial Group Skate Canada Junior Nationals

Moncton, NB, Moncton 4-Plex Arena - February 1-4, 2006

2006 Western Regional Festival of Synchronized Skating

Selkirk, MB - February 3-5, 2006

2006 Eastern Regional Festival of Synchronized Skating

Charlottetown, PE - February 10-12, 2006

2006 BMO Financial Group Skate Canada Synchronized Championships

Hamilton, ON, Copps Coliseum - March 2-5, 2006

2006 HomeSense National STARSkate Championships and 2006 Adult Championships

TBA

Synchro Spring Update

Congratulations skaters and coaches on an outstanding synchro season!

Highlights of the 2004-2005 Season:

Open Team: 3rd at Nationals, Skated with Stars on Ice
Pre Novice Team: 2nd at Central Regionals
Pre Juvenile Team: 1st in Silver Final at Bernie Deveau, 4th at Cupid Capers
Development Team: 5 demonstration skates, youngest team at Bernie Deveau

We are already under way with our next season.

Our Open team had a successful workshop in April and has gained strength in talent and numbers.

The PreNovice team, soon to be Novice are holding their tryouts this month.

The Juvenile and Pre Juvenile are attending a workshop this month and tryouts will be August 15, 22 and 29th, 6pm to 7:20pm at Nichols C Pad.

The Development team will commence in October.

Our coaches and some of our skaters have been getting support and training from Black Ice and other competitive coaches this spring. This valuable information will be a great asset to our teams this coming season.

Any interested skaters are welcome to be a part of our teams. Please contact our convener, Joan Maddox for further information.

Congratulations Traci Boland, London Skating Club coach of the year!!!

The synchro teams wish to show their appreciation to all the **synchro and singles coaches** for their hard work and the many hours behind the scenes.

Please extend a warm welcome to Joan Maddox who has kindly agreed to be our synchro convener. Joan comes to us with many years of synchro experience having just finished as the synchro co-ordinator for Western Ontario Section. Many of you will recognize Joan as she sometimes acts as ice captain/referee at many competitions and has always been very supportive of our teams.

Joan brings to us many years of synchro experience. We are lucky to have you Joan!

Sarah Miller is assisting Joan as the synchro liaison on the LSC board.

Once again, your Synchro Committee is working hard to make this an enjoyable and rewarding year for all.

This is definitely a team sport and, therefore, we are looking for volunteers to share the workload and seek out sponsors to help offset costs. Anyone interested in contributing should contact Joan Maddox or Sarah Miller

P.S. "The Pre Novice team sends a belated acknowledgment to the Pre Juvenile team parents for being at the ready to come save them when their bus almost broke down on the way to the Leamington Competition this year. Thanks for showing great synchro spirit!!! Hopefully they'll be no need to return the favour some day."



SYNCHRONICITY

Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Tryouts

DATES: Mondays - August 15, 22 and 29, 2005
TIME: 6:00 to 7:20 p.m.
PLACE: Nichols Arena 'C' pad

Qualifications

Pre-Juvenile 12 and under Team:

Must be under the age of 12 as of July 1st
Must skate a minimum of one day per week of singles skating
Must be on Preliminary Session or higher
Must have passed minimum of Dutch Waltz and Canasta Tango Dances

Juvenile Team:

Must be under the age of 12 as of July 1st
Must skate a minimum of one day per week of singles skating
Must have completed all Preliminary Dances, Skills **or** Freeskate Tests

For further information please contact:

Joan Maddox 951-0330 email: maddoxjo@sympatico.ca
Sarah Miller 434-6868 email: sarah.miller@cmrsltd.com

Come join, be part of a team and
HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!!!



Congratulations to the following Skaters successfully completed skating tests during the first summer skating test day which was held on Friday, July 22, 2005:

FREESKATE TESTS:

Novice Competitive: Julia Horan
Junior Silver: Rachel Hornsby
Junior Bronze: Julia Taylor

INTERPRETIVE SKATING TEST:

Introductory: Alyssa Nicholls
Bronze: Candace Flatter

SKATING SKILLS:

Gold: Meghan Harris
Senior Silver: Kayleigh Nichol
Senior Bronze: Julia Taylor
Preliminary: Anda Rogers

DANCE:

Preliminary Dances:

Dutch Waltz: Keara Douglas
Baby Blues: Kalhi Douglas & Jessica Louro

Senior Bronze Dances:

Ten Fox: Alyson Brulotte & Clarisse Fata
European: Kylie Knight

Junior Silver Dances:

Rocker Foxtrot: Jenna Landry & Julia Taylor

Senior Silver Dances:

Kilian: Brianne Mitro

**** A special congratulation is extended to Meghan Harris upon the successful completion of her Skate Canada Gold Skating Skills. Way to go Meghan!

Brodie Sets Sail

Kelly Farmer

Congratulations to off-ice dance instructor Brodie Massie who has recently accepted a eight month contract from Carnival Cruise Lines to perform as a dancer while on board cruising the Caribbean. Brodie will be setting sail in August and everyone wishes her the best of luck as she makes her dreams come true!!

LONDON SKATING CLUB CLOTHING ORDER FORM



- Winter Jacket - \$65 + applicable taxes + embroidery**
Black jacket with stand up collar, full zipper, 65/35 outer light weight polar lining, two Side zipper pockets with outer placket cover, one inside pocket with Velcro tab, arms Lined with both satin and polar, cuffs - elastic with Velcro tab, waist – bungee cord
With snaps

- Wind suit - \$120 + applicable taxes + embroidery**
Pants – Taslon, full length zippers, two zipper pockets, straight cut bottoms, lined with Either Jersey or Mesh lining
Jacket – Taslon, Full zip front, elastic in cuff, drawstring in bottom, two zip pockets, Lined with either Jersey or Mesh lining

Right Breast Embroidery (circle choice). Will have “The London Skating Club” with your choice beneath:

Synchronicity

High Performance

Coach

Other _____

Both the winter jacket and the wind suit are black in color, and will have “LSC” on the back. All orders will be placed directly with Lynda’s Skating Apparel Inc. along with a \$20 deposit. Fitting will be done at the time your order is placed. Orders take 4-6 weeks. Orders need to be submitted to Lynda’s no later than **September 10, 2005**. Lynda’s is located at 312 Commissioners Rd. W. A second order will be placed in mid October. Orders will need to be submitted to Lynda’s no later than **October 15th, 2005** for the second batch.

Fundraising

Mary Burdon

Many of you may not know that the Great Lakes Winter Skating Festival has provided the major fundraising for our club. Each year between \$15,000.00 and \$20,000.00 has been earned which helps the club in lowering the costs of all of our programs. This year this competition raised over \$35,000.00. This competition has been run by a core of 6 - 8 people, who no longer have children skating, and assisted by a large group of club volunteers. Thank you to all who have assisted over the years. Unfortunately, due to the competition restructuring by the Western Ontario Section board, this was our last Great Lakes. In the new format of competitions as laid down by the Section, the various "Regions" of the Section have been awarded competitions to run and share in the profit of the same.

London is a member of the HOME region and our region has been assigned Summer Sizzle - August 5 - 7 and Sectionals - November 11 - 13. These competitions will be held in Woodstock and London is in charge of Competition Registration at the site. We will have to look after the skaters signing in and giving them their credentials for both competitions. Mary Burdon is on the competition committee from the HOME region and has already been working on the competition for the last 3 months. We will need volunteers to cover the shifts each day of the competition. It is assumed that the competitions will start at 8:00 am which would mean being at the registration desk by 7:00 am. The desk would likely have to stay open until 8:00 pm daily. Please volunteer.

In addition each club in the Region is asked to sell two pages of advertising per competition. This is a good way to advertise your business as the competitors come from areas from Niagara Falls to Kitchener to Windsor and beyond. The price of a business card ad for 1 competition is \$30.00 and for both competitions is \$50.00

In answer to the question - how does the club make money on the competition? The method is as follows. The total number of volunteer hours from all is divided into the profit from the competition. As an example if 1600 hrs, was the total, the profit from the competition was \$32,000.00 and volunteers from London worked 400 hrs, the London share would be \$8,000.00; if we had only worked 40 hrs our share would only be \$800.00. As you can see, volunteers are very necessary.

Those interested in volunteering or have further questions are asked to contact Mary Burdon at the club 681-2640 and leave a message IF you prefer you could also contact Melanie Bradley, club president.

Adult Skating

Evelyn Bastow

The adults have just completed the spring session at the Thompson Arena UWO and are looking forward to the summer sessions in July and August on Monday nights 8-10pm. Anyone ages 18 and over may participate – please go on line for information or call Evelyn Bastow at 434-1973. Come out and keep cool skating!

The Thursday morning skaters wished Coach Pauline Carter Happy Birthday on June 9th with a birthday cake baked by Ruth Bucknell. The evening session members honored Keith Orchard, our best Zamboni operator for many years at the Thompson Arena on his retirement. Keith was presented with a framed photo of our Thursday evening skaters. Pauline Pudney baked a beautiful cake with a Zamboni in icing on the top. We all wish Keith a Happy Retirement.

Congratulations to Ron Wagner on passing the Dutch Waltz on Test Day June 20th, 2005. Ron and his wife Susan, a Gold Dancer, are both members of our evening session.

The Historical column will return soon!!



