



# *In The Loop*

The loss of one of a London Skating Club veteran, Evelyn Bastow, made for a sad day last month. She had such a passion, gave so much to the Club and to Skating, that she was an inspiration to me and many others. I encourage you to read more about her in our newsletter, in our Website and in local papers. And Evelyn's legacy of helping skaters will continue with the Bursary fund in her name.

Much has happened this year in the London Skating Club. The club is set to turn a corner, a corner that holds much hope and promise for the skaters in the club. The club is looking to add new tools to help skaters master their skills, and to broaden its base by offering new avenues for skaters to pursue their dreams. We will have a presence at the upcoming sports show in London and we are partnering up with Disney on Ice once again to make skating fun for all. I strongly encourage you to look at continuing to skate in the Spring and Summer. The Summer program is unique in the area for the junior and senior skaters. While the package is sold in week increments, these weeks can be spread out over various days (space permitting), allowing you to fit the days within your schedule. It's a great way to maintain your skating skills and allow you to do others activities in the summer months. If you are unsure how this works, please ask. And the combined Fall/Winter program will quickly be on us again, with the planning process beginning in May. Watch the LSC website ([londonskatingclub.com](http://londonskatingclub.com)) for details in the summer, and follow us on twitter ([@londonskating](https://twitter.com/londonskating)) to keep up with news and events with the LSC.

The London Skating Club board, all volunteers, is continually seeking out people that are willing to help out. How much you help can be up to you. You can join the board and take on a leader or supporting role, you can offer to run a task or just be on call when a small assignment is needed. Volunteers are the life blood of the organization. Any time you can give is appreciated by all, especially the skaters. To all of the CanSkate skaters, I hope you are all having a fun time as you learn to skate. The skills you are learning are taught to you by professional coaches, certified by the national body to ensure they have the skills to maximize your success. And we are blessed to have one of the best coaches, as recognized by Skate Canada, leading your team of coaches. To all of the competitor skaters, whether on Synchronized Skating teams or as individual skaters, we wish you all good luck as your seasons wind down and you skate at competitions and championships. These are the best of times, with many lessons learned and good memories to last a lifetime. Lastly, to all those skaters learning skills, dances and other aspects of skating, good luck on your tests as you progress towards your personal goals. Skating is fun and a lifelong skill you will cherish and share with your friends and family or by yourself. It's a skill that will never leave you.

**Stephen Komarnicky**

# Skater leaves behind passionate legacy

By Shobhita Sharma Londoner

*You could say she left behind big skates to fill.*

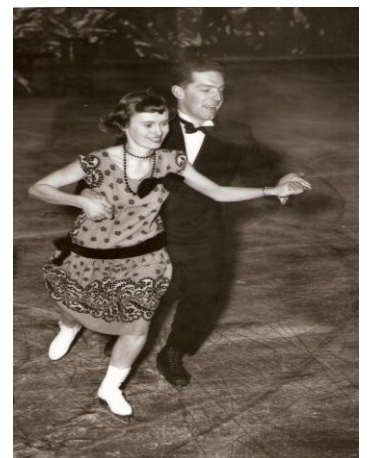
Evelyn Bastow took on many roles as a lifelong member of the London Skating Club and now the club is ready to celebrate her contributions with a very special dedication at their annual gala in April. "She was an extremely organized lady, very strong willed in that she knew what she wanted," said Kelly Farmer, the club's administrations co-ordinator. "She had a tough exterior, but a soft interior. She was just very passionate about skating." A member for over 60 years, Bastow passed away on Dec. 14, 2011 at the age of 82.

Farmer said participants from the club's adult program will dedicate a number in memory of Bastow during Dreams on Ice, the annual gala taking place April 1 at Western Fair District. An avid skater, Bastow was a skating judge in her younger years before contributing to the club as the co-ordinator of the adult program. "She wanted to help promote skating so that it was accessible to as many people as possible," said Charlotte McLean, who is now co-ordinating the same program. She first met Bastow as a 12-year-old skater visiting London.

McLean said Bastow will forever be remembered for her undying passion for skating and her love of history. Farmer agreed. "It was always like you were learning from a school teacher because you were learning something new about London," Farmer said. "I'll probably miss those chats and that passion and the dedication as a volunteer that she provided to the club."

Bastow's niece, Susan Choja, attested to her aunt's dedication as well. "When she broke her hip in early August, she was in the hospital very concerned about organizing the brochures for the fall program and getting posters out," Choja said. "She went to the arena for virtually every adult session, even though she stopped getting on the ice a couple of years ago."

Her dedication to the club also saw Bastow establish a bursary fund in the centennial year of the club in 2007. Choja said her aunt's fondest wish was to see the 2013 World Figure Skating Championships in London. "She talked all the time about getting the best possible seats available," Choja said. "Unfortunately she won't be there in person, but anyone who knew her knows that she will be there in spirit."

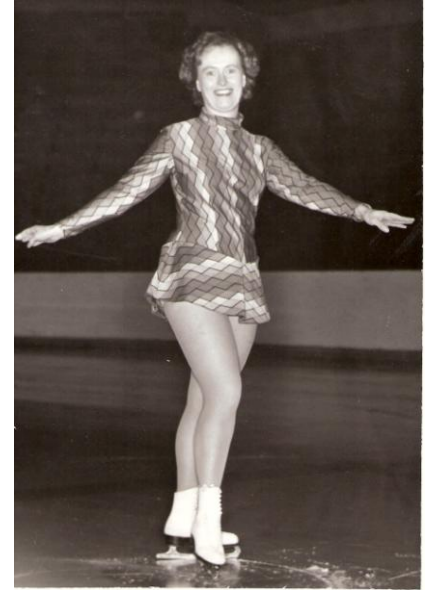


In Loving Memory of Evelyn Bastow



London Skating Club Life Member, skater, volunteer, judge and adult program coordinator.

The Evelyn Bastow Bursary Fund was established during the Centennial Celebrations of the London Skating Club in 2007. Evelyn was very passionate about the London Skating Club after being involved with the club for 60 plus years as a skater, judge, volunteer, and Adult Program Coordinator. Evelyn's passing on December 13th is a great loss to the London Community at large, but especially to the London Skating Club. Evelyn's wish was that



this bursary would continue to provide for skaters and teams at the London Skating Club for many, many years and this was her legacy to the club.

If you would like to make a donation to the Evelyn Bastow Bursary Fund, please feel free to contact Kelly Farmer at the London Skating Club Office at 519-681-2640 or email [londonsc@execulink.com](mailto:londonsc@execulink.com) This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it for more information, or cheques can be made payable to "The London Skating Club Gala Account Evelyn Bastow Bursary", or direct deposit to RBC, White Oaks Mall Branch, account number 02972 100-467-0. Cheques can be mail to the following address:

London Skating Club, PO Box 9011, Sub Stn 40, London, ON, N6E 1V0

*The London Skating Club Evelyn Bastow Bursary isn't a registered charity so income tax receipts can't be provided.*





London Skating Club  
Competition Results 2011-2012



Isabelle Henderson - September 23-25, 2011

Skater	Category	Result
Emme Chute	Pre-Juvenile	12th
Kinsey Greenfield	Novice	7th

WOS Sectionals - November 4-6, 2011

Skater	Category	Result
Emme Chute	Pre-Juvenile	17th
Olivia Akena	Juvenile	20th
Shelby Nielson	Pre-Novice	33rd
Kinsey Greenfield	Novice	14th

John Mackay - November 26-27, 2011

Skater	Category	Result
Emme Chute	Development 3	10th
Natalie Kenzie	Senior Bronze Starskate	6th
Shelby Komarnicky	Senior Bronze Starskate	7th
Maddison Chute	Introductory Interpretive	4th
Kathleen Edwards	Introductory Interpretive	2nd
Brooke Northey	Introductory Interpretive	3rd
MacKenzie Murray	Introductory Interpretive	4th
Haley Kriz	Bronze Interpretive	3rd
Veronica Maurice	Bronze Interpretive	3rd
Shelby Komarnicky	Bronze Interpretive	4th
Deanna Gooden	Silver Interpretive	6th
Cassandra Harris	Silver Interpretive	2nd
Brooke Marshal	Gold Interpretive	2nd
Shelby Crampton	Gold Interpretive	1st

Bill Phillips Memorial Synchronized Skating Invitational  
December 10-11, 2012

Team	Results
Elementary	6th
Juvenile	6th
Novice	4th
Intermediate	1st
Adult Class 1	1st
Adult Class 3	4th

Lloyd Ogilvie Memorial Synchronized Skating Invitational  
January 7, 2012

Team	Results
Beginner 2	5th
Elementary	3rd
Intermediate	1st

Charles Dover - January 13-15, 2012

Skater	Category	Result
Nicole Gallo	Pre-Preliminary	8th
Emme Chute	Development 3	14th

*Congratulations to All of Our Skaters!*



## Mouse in the house



Photos by Mike Maloney/London Community News

Disney on Ice is back for another run in London this weekend. To help local skating fans get into the spirit, cast members from the latest production — Treasure Trove — dropped into the Earl Nichols Recreation Centre during public skating on Wednesday afternoon (Feb.

22).

Joined also by a number of skaters from the London Skating Club, the Disney performers had the opportunity to show off some of their moves before the large crowd on hand for the event. But the highlight of the afternoon for many was the appearance of Mickey and Minnie Mouse who took the time for a few laps around the ice and then posed for a cast photo before heading off to the John Labatt Centre (JLC



# ATTENTION: H.O.M.E. REGION SKATERS!

RE: **H.O.M.E. REGION SKATER DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**

DATE: **Monday, March 12, 2012**

**Gemini Sportsplex, Strathroy**

**OR**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**

**St.Thomas Elgin Memorial Community Centre, St.Thomas**

TIME: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (9:00 am -Registration starts)

COST: **\$25.00**

**Please make your cheque payable to the H.O.M.E. REGION**

Your H.O.M.E. Region is hosting a WO Skater Development Seminar.

The Seminar will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012 in Strathroy or Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in St.Thomas. Registration will begin at 8:30 am with the seminar beginning at 9:00 am promptly. Skaters are asked to bring their own bag lunch, running shoes and bottled water. Skaters will participate in both on and off-ice training sessions during the day.

All skaters working on their **Pre-Preliminary – Senior Bronze Freeskate Level** are welcome to attend.

Please fill out the application carefully so we can group your child according to their level of ability. We must have at least 30 skaters to conduct our seminar, with a maximum of 80 skaters. Therefore, please get your applications in early to enable your skater to participate. Application deadline is **March 5, 2012**

**No applications will be accepted after this date**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Sharon Mann - HOME Region Skater Development Contact

Phone 519-765-1929 Email [donsnar@eastlink.ca](mailto:donsnar@eastlink.ca)

**Or**

Carol Moir – Skate Canada Western Ontario Skating Programs Coordinator

Phone 519-686-0431 ext 23 Email [programs@skating-wos.on.ca](mailto:programs@skating-wos.on.ca)

**REGIONAL SKATERS DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**

# APPLICATION FORM 2011-2012

REGION: **H.O.M.E. Region**

DATE & LOCATION: (Please check date/location of seminar attending)

**Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - Gemini Sportsplex Arena- Strathroy, ON**

or

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - Elgin Memorial Community Centre  
St. Thomas, ON**

TIME: **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

SKATER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HEALTH CARD #: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE / MALE \_\_\_\_\_

FREE SKATE PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ DANCE PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_

1) Bring a bag lunch and drink, note pad, pencil and running shoes. Skaters must be appropriately

Skate Canada, the WESTERN ONTARIO Section, the host Region and the host Club undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters. As a condition of and in consideration of their participation in this event, all skaters and their parents or guardians shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks or injuries to the skater's person and property resulting from, or caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the event and to release any and all claims they may have against the officials, the Association, the Section, the host Region and the host Club and their application shall be accepted only on these conditions.

**PARENT / GUARDIAN**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

dressed for the seminar ie. Proper skating wear for on-ice sessions and close fitting clothes for the off-ice sessions.

2) Completed forms and cheques are to be returned to the following Regional Skater Development Representative in charge of organizing the seminar in your area:

Sharon Mann - 9204 Rogers Rd. RR# 5, Aylmer ON N5H 2R4

[donshar@eastlink.ca](mailto:donshar@eastlink.ca) 519-765-1929



## Highlighting LSC talent pool

By John Matisz/London Community News



As London Skating Club (LSC) continues to carve out its 105th year of operation under the Skate Canada umbrella, two jewels have emerged within its deep membership base.

One, 14-year-old Kinsey Greenfield, is spinning, jumping and twirling her way up the province's competitive figure skating ladder. The other, the club's Intermediate synchronized skating team, is on the cusp of capturing yet another medal at the annual national championships. "I think we're stronger, more experienced and generally know what to expect this time around," Intermediate head coach Traci Wells said of the possibility of her crew improving on their 2011 silver medal-winning performance.

So far in their current campaign, the in-unison pack of 14- to 24-year-olds has captured three gold medals in a total of four events. Wells, a LSC synchro coach for the past six years, said the squad is looking to redeem themselves when they participate in February's Windsor-hosted Canadian championships after failing to defend a 2010 gold medal showing. "We hope," she said, adding the main goal set by Wells is to execute their routine while not concerning themselves with the subsequent judging.

As for Greenfield, she is LSC's reigning Senior Skater of the Year. Though not quite a national talent just yet, the wide-eyed Grade 9 student at South Collegiate Institute student participates in Novice Competitive Singles, the highest level of competition for her age bracket. Six years back, Greenfield was the club's CanSkate Skater of the Year. At 11, she had already earned a black belt in karate. Nowadays, the natural athlete commits 10-15 hours a week, year-round, to honing her craft.

Recent first place honours at an event in Scarborough, Ont., is added motivation for the teen as she continues an upward trajectory. The journey is not all roses, however. Standing in her way are opponents 2-3 years her senior, as well as a pesky lineup of requisite jumps.

Since falling short of the cut for Skate Canada's Western Challenge in December — a meet in between regional qualifiers and nationals — Greenfield has already begun the regrouping and refocusing stage. Her mission heading forward remains the same as always, though — to continue making strides towards a long-term goal of competing for national glory.

One of Greenfield's trademarks is her ability to keep stress levels low during the always-edgy pre-competition shuffle. By allowing her free-spirited attitude to run free, she said, the nerves tend to lessen come call time. "I have a laid-back personality. I'm usually joking around before competitions," Greenfield said. "I can't be taking things so seriously."

An obstacle that is more reliant on perseverance than attitude is the task of constantly improving in the technical area of jumping. It's an aspect of skating Greenfield feels she can conquer over time. "The double-axel is probably the biggest challenge," she said, adding the triple-salchow and triple-toe jumps are also on her immediate to-do list. "But, if I want to get to the next level, I have to land those types of jumps."



*London Skating Club Year End Show*  
*"Dreams on Ice"*

The London Skating Club Year End Show "Dreams on Ice" is scheduled for **Sunday, April 1st, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Western Fair Sports Center.**

It will feature many of our very own London skating club skaters. They are already working hard to prepare for this exciting event and you can feel their energy and excitement! If you have not registered your child to participate it is still not too late. Contact the London Skating club office to find how you can register. This is an exciting opportunity for your child to proudly show off all that they have learned throughout the season.

Tickets for the show will be available in early March. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and 5.00 for children under 12 years of age.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with this year's show. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the London Skating Club Office.

We will be holding a Silent Auction during the Year End show with the proceeds from the auction going to support the local charities, Jessie's Journey, The London and Region Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy, as well as the London Skating Club.

If you are interested in donating an item for the Silent Auction please contact Kelly Farmer at [londonsc@execulink.com](mailto:londonsc@execulink.com).

We are also looking for Individuals or businesses to help sponsor this year's event. For information on how to be a sponsor for the event contact Kelly Farmer at [londonsc@execulink.com](mailto:londonsc@execulink.com).

Rouchelle Gooden  
Special Events Co-ordinator

*Jessie's  
Journey*



## **Its' show time and we need your help!**

As you know the winter skating season end is fast approaching and preparations are well underway for the London Skating Club's skating Carnival & Silent Auction – winter ending event, “Dreams on Ice”, in memory of Evelyn Bastow, that will be held on Sunday, April 1, 2012 at 3:00 pm at the Western Fair Sports Centre.

Skaters that have signed up for this exciting show will get to show off what they have learned this skating season. All synchronized skating teams and our adult family of skaters will be participating!

The show is also a fundraiser for not only the London Skating Club, but it also supports charities in the community – Jesse's Journey and The London Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

The London Skating Club is currently asking families within the club if they would like to contribute to this event, or know of a business that would be interested in either a donation to the Silent Auction table at the show, or by sponsoring the show.

Auction items can be dropped off at your child's skating session, or to the London Skating Club office at Nichols Arena, or we can pick it up. Sponsorship payments can be made to the club office by contacting Kelly Farmer, Administrative & Promotions Coordinator, London Skating Club, 519-681-2640  
londonsc@execulink.com

*Please fill  
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*out the  
form and  
LSC Office,*

*down the hall at A Pad Nichols Arena, to your session or to Kelly Farmer, LSC  
Office*

**Silent Auction Donation:**

Your name/company name will be published in the program

**Friends of the London Skating Club:**

**\$25.00 – your name/company name will be published in the program**

**Bronze Level - \$100.00:**

**Business card size add in the program, mention of sponsorship in the London Skating Club newsletter**

**Silver Level - \$250.00:**

**¼ page add in the program, mention of sponsorship in the London Skating Club newsletter, 2 tickets to the show**

**Gold Level - \$400.00 +:**

**½ page add in the program, mention of sponsorship in the London Skating Club newsletter, 4 tickets to the show, website thank you, signage at the show, regular thank you announcements throughout the show**

**Platinum Level - \$1,000+:**

**Show presenter on all promotional material, programs, tickets, press releases, full page ad, mention of sponsorship in the London Skating Club newsletter, 6 tickets to the show, website, thank you, signage at the show, regular thank you announcements throughout the show**

**London Skating Club – Show Sponsor Form**

**“Dreams on Ice”**

**Sunday, April 1, 2012**

**Showtime: 3:00 pm – Western Fair Sports Centre Rink**

Name as you would like it printed in the program:

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*Example: family name (Smith family), first/last name (Shelley Smith), business name (The London Skating Club)*

**Sponsorship Level (please circle):**

Silent Auction Item

Friends of the London Skating Club Level

Bronze Level

Silver Level

Gold Level

Platinum

**Name of your skater and session they skate on and time?**

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**Your name/e mail/phone:**

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**\*\*receipts will be provided for all donations\*\***

Cheques are to be made payable to "London Skating Club".

Cash/cheques can be brought along with this form to the session, or dropped off at the London Skating Club Office, located at Earl Nichols Arena, down the hall near "A" pad-sign on door, or mailed to: London Skating Club, PO Box, 9011, Sub Stn 40, London, ON, N6E 1V0

**\*\*Deadline for names to be submitted for the program is February 28, 2012\*\***

Donations or sponsors are still welcome after this deadline, however; a guarantee of having the information printed in the program may not be possible.

**Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum Level Sponsors, artwork should be e-mailed to:**  
[londonsc@execulink.com](mailto:londonsc@execulink.com)

**News from the Office**

**Spring Registration:**

Spring skating registration and information is now available on the London Skating Club website for children, teens and adults alike at [www.london skating club.com](http://www.london skating club.com). Don't miss

out! New for hockey players – Power Skating with the CanPowerSkate Program at the London Skating Club!!

### **Synchronized Skating Team Tryouts:**

Synchronized skating tryouts will be held on, Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday April, 19<sup>th</sup>, Nichols Arena. More information coming soon on the LSC website at [www.londonskatingclub.com](http://www.londonskatingclub.com)

### **Summer Registration:**

Watch for summer skating registration coming soon! Make your own package options will once again be available!

### **February 14 & 16 – Test Day Results:**

Congratulations to the following skaters for passing the following Skate Canada Tests:

#### **Dances:**

Dutch Waltz: Emily Griffioen, Annabelle Gummerson, Audrey O’Neil, Amanda Stevenson, Madison Walker, Amanda Yake

Canasta Tango: Julia Chadwick, Zoe Espanol, Nicole Gallo

Baby Blues: Danielle Boulger, Hannah Fenn, Caitlin Scott

Swing Dance: Maggie Ryan, Mary Tennant

Fiesta Tango: Diana Clark, Kennedy Anderson

European Waltz: Eleonore Julien

American Waltz: Emma Tiede

Harris Tango: Katie Edwards, Deanna Gooden

Blues: Veronica Maurice

Starlight Waltz: Anna McMullin

#### **Skating Skills:**

Preliminary Skating Skills: Ella Bester

Junior Silver Skating Skills: Kristen Durrer, Emma Millward

Senior Silver Skating Skills: Emme Chute, Maddison Chute, Stephanie Gibson

**Free Skate Tests:**

Junior Bronze – Part 2 – Program – Leanna Noel

Senior Bronze – Part 1 – Elements – Deanna Gooden

Junior Silver – Part 1 – Elements – Shelby Crampton

**Interpretive Tests:**

Bronze Interpretive – Maddison Chute, Emma Tiede

Silver Interpretive – Alicia Harris

**2012 Ontario Skaters Promotions Contest:**

Thank you to all the London Skating Club members who participated in the skater's promotion this winter. \$5,830.00 was raised from the sales of these booklets to support skaters within the London Skating Club. \$4,770.00 goes to support skaters, teams, programs, bursaries etc., within the Skate Canada Western Ontario Section for which LSC is a part of. Good luck on the draw which is being held on March 17, 2012 at the Ontario StarSkate Provincial Championships which are being held in North Bay, Ontario.

**Promotions:**

Thank you to all the skaters, coaches, parents, teams that have been so helpful with promoting the love of skating this winter with many on call duties such as television interviews, newspaper interviews, children's programming, guest appearances at various events and for the help with the Disney on Ice "Flash Mob" historical event. It makes my job much easier with all your help here at the London Skating Club☺

Kelly Farmer, Administrative & Promotions Coordinator, LSC