



LONDON SKATING CLUB

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A Skate Canada member club since 1907.



Lets skate and communicate

Message from the President

Now that the season is well underway, I wanted to take the time to welcome both new and returning members to the 2014-2015 skating season. There will be a lot of great achievements to celebrate this coming season, and we look forward to watching our skaters develop, both on and off the ice.

The London Skating Club is active within the London community, participating in various community events and values giving back. We recently participated in the Jaycee's Santa Parade and the Hyde Park Santa Parade. In a spirit of giving back, Synchronicity, our synchronized skating program, ran a successful food drive and coat drive this past November.

The London Skating strives to provide a positive environment for all skates, providing programming in various areas of skating from learn to skate to adult skate; figure skating to power skating. Our coaches are a dedicated team of professionals, who are both committed and enthusiastic.

We hope you have found the London Skating Club a welcoming and supportive environment for you and your skater.

Michelle Parker



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE...

Submitted by Kelly Farmer

Congratulations to all StarSkaters who successfully completed Skate Canada Tests on November 25th and 26th!

Test Day Results – Tuesday, November 25th, 2014:

Preliminary (Elements) – Kaycie Simon & Tiffany Choi
Senior Bronze (Elements) – Olivia Pellizzari
Junior Silver (Elements) – Kylie Smale



Free Skate Tests – Programs:

Preliminary (Programs) – Jenyvette Hsia, Kaycie Simon, Charlie Anderson, Amanda Stevenson & Danice Stewart
Senior Bronze (Program) – Olivia Pellizzari
Junior Silver (Program) – Kylie Smale

Skating Skills:

Preliminary Skating Skills - Josh Chadwick, Geneva Herold, Hailey Jennings & Lynda Davies
Junior Bronze Skating Skills – Keira VanDinther, Maeson VanMeerbergen & Zoe Espanol
Senior Bronze Skating Skills – Abigail Cheng
Junior Silver Skating Skills – Nicole Gallo
Senior Silver Skating Skills – Nicole Courtney
Gold Skating Skills – Amy McMillan

Special congratulations are extended to Amy McMillan for successfully completing all of her Skate Canada Skating Skills tests.

Test Day Results – Wednesday, November 26th, 2014:

Dances:

Dutch Waltz – Rheonna Murray, Ashley McGarry, Natalia Mills & Kevin Cai
Canasta Tango – Gwen Olar
Baby Blues – Zoe McSloy Watford, Adrianna James-Parker, Hailey Jennings & Thialy-Anna Hoang
Swing – Ava Gleig
Fiesta Tango – Sun Young Choi & Charlie Anderson
Willow Waltz – Abigail Cheng
European Waltz – Heather Lanza
Harris Tango – Olivia Pellizzari
American Waltz – Sarah Semchism
Rocker Foxtrot – Shannon Brown-Campbell



Interpretives:

Intro – Sarah Semchism, Nicole Courtney, Laura Vancer, Shannon Brown-Campbell, Olivia Pellizzari and Esther VanGalen
Bronze – Emma Millward

Santa Claus Parades:

Jaycees Parade – November 8, 2014:

Thank you to the following LSC parents, skaters, and coaches who represented the London Skating Club and who helped hand out candy alongside the City of London's decorated Zamboni at the London Jaycee's Santa Claus Parade that was held on November 8th: Kim and Shae Wall, Alicia Harris, Brooke Northey, Angela Lee, Erin Cleary, Kasey Farmer, Elizabeth Gentile, Amanda Stevenson and Maddison Chute.

Hyde Park Parade – November 29, 2014:

The Hyde Park Parade started at Sherwood Forest Mall and went to Sun Media in Hyde Park. Thanks to our early risers who represented the London Skating Club in this parade and helped hand out candy canes: Gabby and Sonia Albert, Michelle and Adrianna James-Parker, Vitalia Kireev, Olivia Corneil, Danica Stewart, Sun Young Choi, Taylor Van Den Nieuwenhuizen, Abigail McLean, Dean and Natalia Mills, Shayla Imbroll and Hailey and Carter Jennings.



Also thank you to the parent volunteers who worked on labelling all of the candy canes!

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE CONTINUED....

Upcoming Events:

December 30, 2014
Program Assistant (PA)
Appreciation Night. More
information to follow.

February 18, 2015
StarSkate Test Day
*regular sessions can-
celled

February 19, 2015
StarSkate Test Day
*regular sessions can-
celled

March 23, 2015
StarSkate Test Day
*regular sessions can-
celled

March 25, 2015
StarSkate Test Day
*regular sessions can-
celled

March 29, 2015
Season Ending Event for
all skaters
*regular session can-
celled. More information
to follow.

March 29th is the last day
of the winter program!

London Knights Intermission Demonstrations:

The London Skating Club has not only had a chance to host a 50/50 draw at the Knight's game, but has recently been asked to do a demonstration at the Budweiser Gardens during the London Knight's games on Friday, November 28th and Friday, December 5th.

The November 28th game saw our very own Synchronicity Juvenile Perform during the first intermission. Although there were some technical issues with the music playing, the team trudged on and represented the London Skating Club with their fighting spirit. Good job girls!

The December 5th game saw the CanSkate, StarSkate, Can-PowerSkate and SynchroSkate represented at this game. This group had a 7:15 am practice on November 30th, and they all made it. The London Skating Club had a combined group of 50 skaters and coaches skating during the first intermission of this game. Awesome skating everyone!



Get well wishes are extended to Adult Skater, David McLean. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

Welcome Starskaters and parents to the 2014-2015 Season...



Kylie Smale Bronze Medallist
Sectionals Juvenile Under 14

The London Skating Club is so pleased with our Skaters progress and commitment this fall! Most of our skaters from Preliminary to Senior Level are already busy working on their skating tests and freeskate programs. Many of them have already tested in November. We are especially proud of all our first time testers! Looking Great skaters!

We also would like to mention that some of our year round skaters have been competing since August. The Club is proud of personal bests already attained this season by the following skaters: Nicole Gallo (Pre-Juvenile Under 11), Olivia Pellizzari, Kylie Smale (Juvenile Under 14) , Deanna Gooden (Gold), Shelby Komarnicky (Gold Level). Way to go girls...you made us proud!

In November, the Club also had many skaters compete with the new StarSkate Levels from 1 to 5 at the John McKay Memorial Invitational. Skaters received more specific feedback from Gold to Bronze Level Assessments for each of their program elements. This is a new initiative from Skate Canada with the intent to fall in line with long term athlete development. For those interested in competing, please visit the WOS website for details on upcoming competitions this winter and please speak with your coaches.

<http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/competitions.htm>

New to the Club this fall is the off-ice class for the Preliminary skaters. They are practicing the base for many of the jumps and elements in figure skating. You can hear the skaters giggle all throughout the learning that is happening, which makes it even more fun!

There is also a new off-ice initiative this fall for our Junior and Senior skaters. Some of our skaters are attending the Dance Essence Studio next to the arena for classes. Twice a week skaters are coming together at the Studio for Skater specific ballet, flexibility and core exercises. Miss Katy already notices improvements in the grace and splits of our skaters and welcomes more to come out and try a class.

It's going to be a **Fun Filled** Season once again at the Club and there are still a few spots left on our sessions for those looking for more ice time. Come join the fun!

Josee Goudreault-Smale



Shelby Komarnicky

The Can Power Program is pleased to report two prosperous/progressing/growing fall sessions. Coach Carole, Coach Lesley and Hayden are a great team out there. We have a talented young group of skaters in Level 1 as well as a hard-working variety of Ringette, Chiefs, Devillettes and others in the Power 2 Session. The skater feedback is very positive. They have reported that they are learning something new every time out. Parents shared noticing improvements in very short periods of time and expressed appreciation for the structure provided and the listening skills being developed by the skaters. The Club welcomes new skaters and players to their winter sessions which begins January 6th and runs through to March 24th. The Club wishes all our players a great season with their teams and we thank Coach Carole, Coach Lesley and Hayden for their hard work!



Who's the coach?

Adults who watch or are on LSC sessions are reminded to refrain from “coaching” other skaters. This practice often includes giving advice on how to do a specific skill. Instead, caregivers can better support their skater on and off the ice by asking the coach directly about progress. Caregivers also play a crucial role for their skaters by encouraging self-motivation, positive enthusiasm and good on-ice work habits. Caregivers also do a lot of the behind the scenes work ensuring their young athletes have good nutrition and are ready to learn when they arrive at the arena.

Certified coaches at LSC have been trained specifically for their role. Naturally, they started out as skaters and worked many years on their skating skills. In addition, they have taken one or more NCCP (National Coaching Certification) courses which involved attending class as well as submitting videos taken of them teaching on ice. Each year they must ensure they have valid first aid and background check to be able to register with our national body, Skate Canada. Let's all play our respective roles because it takes all of us to “raise a skater”.

Thanks,

Alyssa Nicholls (Coaches Rep.)



Synchronicity

“When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece”

Synchronicity is made of nine synchronized skating teams that represent the London Skating Club. This fun group of skaters will compete in competitions all over Ontario, as well as at the Regional and National level. Coached by a group of wonderful and passionate coaches, who are dedicated to bringing out the best in their skaters, Synchronicity is a place where strong relationships are developed.

The Synchronicity Annual Kick Off gala was a great success again this year. All nine Synchronicity teams, as well as two teams from neighboring North Dorchester Skating Club, showed off their programs to an enthusiastic audience of friends and family.

As part of the gala, Synchronicity held a food and coat drive, collecting items for the London Food Bank and Koats for Kids. We are happy to say that this was a successful venture!



Synchronicity is looking forward to a successful and enjoyable competition season, starting with the Bill Phillips Competition in December in Stratford, ON.





SPRIT WEAR

This year we have introduced new products and new colours to our spirit wear! We have also made it a lot easier for London Skating Club members to order through our e-store, now accessible through the club's website. We will be offering another order date for the spring, stay tuned for details!

www.londonskatingclub.com/pages/Fundraising/Spirit-Wear/

Sherry Jennings

PA APPRECIATION NIGHT

Save The Date!! Thank you to all the program assistants that have dedicated their time to assist the coaches & skaters on the ice. We will be having a PA Appreciation Night on Tues Dec 30 @ Nichols Arena on the ice from 5:15pm - 7:05pm, followed by pizza and drinks. More information to follow for eligible skaters!

Volunteer opportunity

DENNIS SILVERTHORNE MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL COMPETITION

Looking for volunteers for the upcoming DENNIS SILVERTHORNE MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL COMPETITION being held in Woodstock Feb 6-8, 2015.

Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and skaters. The LSC is responsible for staffing the skater registration table & music at the competition. We are looking for people to volunteer to one 4 hour time slot per family. Its fun & its easy!! Earn credits toward skating!! Volunteers receive credits valued at \$5 per hour for working on behalf of the LSC.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Shannine - shanninem@hotmail.com

DRESS SALE

Are you looking for the perfect dress, skating skirt or pair of skates?

Is it time to clean out your closet and turn those too small skating dresses into \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$.

Did you know the London Skating Club has a Dress Sale that runs throughout the year with a constantly changing selection of beautiful quality items.

Make sure you check out the Dress Rack that is available at most CanSkate sessions and during Preliminary and Junior sessions. Browse through the selections often as new items become available and items sell fast!

All sales are on a consignment basis. The prices are set by the item's owner. A 15% commission from the sale price goes toward the LSC.

Keep watching the Dress Sale for the perfect Christmas Gift for your skater!! OR Clean out your closets & make a little extra money before Christmas!! Ask at your session to view the newest selection. Items added weekly! For more information please contact Shannine -

shanninem@hotmail.com

THE LONDON SKATING CLUB

HISTORICAL COLUMN

Stephen Komarnicky

From our 100 year Gala Program. Skating in London started as early as the 1860's. Skating was practiced on the Thames River near the Blackfriars Bridge and the Coves, and members of the British Garrison stationed in London also participated in the sport in those early years. On October 28, 1862, the Honourable John Carling was elected president of London's new Skating Club. The Carling family continued to be associated with the Club as late as the 1950's. On March 10, 1863 the Club sponsored a ball at the Tecumseh Hotel downtown to celebrate the wedding of the Prince of Wales to a Danish Princess.



MRS. BRADLEY GRANGER
London Skating Club
Former North American Pair Champion

With the building of several indoor natural ice arenas in the city during the 1890's skating became more popular. There was the Simcoe Rink on Simcoe Street, the Westminster Rink across the river in south London which was the first to install electric lights, the Crystal Rink in east London and the Princess Rink located on Queens Avenue where our former library now stands. The Skating Club was organized in 1907 at a meeting in Eldon House. Forty skaters were present and George Becher Harris was elected president and Miss Amelia Harris and Miss Edith Complin were appointed the Ladies Committee. Both of these ladies were in the Club until the 1930's. The Club flourished and skating sessions were first held at the Simcoe Street Rink and then the Westminster Rink and finally at the Princess Rink on Queens Avenue later known as The Winter Gardens. During this period several fancy dress carnivals were held, consisting of straight skating by the members in masquerade costumes.

In 1913, the London Skating Club was one of eight skating clubs in Canada to form the Canadian Figure Skating Association of Canada, now known as Skate Canada. The club disbanded in 1916 due to the First World War. In 1924 the Club was again reorganized with a prominent Londoner, Colonel Ibbotson Leonard as president. The skating sessions were now held at the new London Arena with artificial ice, located at Bathurst and Ridout Streets, demolished a few years ago. Mr. Kenneth Mallen, a former pro hockey and instructor at The Ottawa Club was engaged as Professional Instructor. The Club's membership soon grew at this new rink with both Senior and Junior memberships offered. The Club produced many very elaborate carnivals in the 1920's and 1930's attracting audiences of up to 3000 fans. Charles and Vida Uksila from the United States coached for nine years with the Club and were mainly responsible for these shows. Other Professionals such as Gus Lussi, Bunty Nobel, Clarence, Hislop, Norton Waite and Madge Austin also were engaged by the club and moved on to prominent positions in the United States. The Club was chartered on January 22, 1927 and was incorporated under the laws of Ontario at that time.

*The historical column is a new feature for the club newsletter. Each newsletter we will include items from our past. For more information we invite you to visit the History area of our club webpage. We are always interested to receive more historical information. If you have any photos, articles or stories you wish to share, please send them to the Club to my attention for inclusion. ******



Need A Last Minute Present Idea? It is not too late to order magazines through the Club's fundraising opportunity. QSP offers hundreds of magazines both in traditional paper form and some in digital form as well.

And you also give yourself a present for each order! 50% of the proceeds from your order will be given to you in the form of a credit that can be used when registering for a future registration. It is a true win-win without the need to fight the crowded stores.

For more details and for the link to order, see out Club webpage at <https://www.londonskatingclub.com/pages/Fundraising/QSP-Family-Reading-Magazine-Subscriptions/>

SHARE YOUR STORIES

For many of our skaters, time spent on the ice isn't just an interesting past-time or athletic pursuit, it's a way of life. We live, we learn, we laugh, we struggle, we achieve and succeed on the ice. The London Skating Club wants to help celebrate the successes and achievements of ALL of our skaters: be it a CanSkater earning their first badge or ribbon, standing upright on skates the first time, or a really cool wipe-out. A power skater mastering a new stride or making a special play at a big tournament. A StarSkater learning a fun new jump, or finally nailing that particularly troublesome spin. Coming to the arena with a new dress or hairdo. Competing in a competition – be it a first, or most recent, singles or synchro, podium win or personal best. A successful test, or recognition at a special event. Or simply having a really fun time on the ice with a special group of friends.

We need **YOU** to help us share and celebrate these achievements: your stories, your photos, your videos and testimonials. From last week, or last year, or fifty years ago.

If you have a memorable moment with the London Skating Club that you want to share, please email us at sharewithus@londonskatingclub.com, or submit your print photos to the London Skating Club office. All forms of media are welcome.

If submitting a photo, please take the time to tell us a little bit about it (in your own words or those of your skater), and whether we can acknowledge your skater's first and/or last name. Photos, videos and testimonials may be shared on our

website (www.londonskatingclub.com)

twitter feeds ([@LondonSkating](https://twitter.com/LondonSkating) and [@LSCsynchro](https://twitter.com/LSCsynchro)),

Facebook ([/LondonSkatingClub](https://www.facebook.com/LondonSkatingClub) and [/pages/Synchronicity/196782637023065](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Synchronicity/196782637023065)),

our YouTube channel, the club newsletter or other forms of social media.

Spring and Summer Skating Registration:

Spring & Summer 2015 Skating Registrations to start soon. Watch for more information!

*Please note that the City of London is taking all three ice pads out of Nichols Arena for April and May only for maintenance. All sessions are being moved to Argyle Arena for April and May only and will return back to Nichols Arena after maintenance is completed for the balance of spring & summer!

Watch for information on Summer 2015 skating sessions at Nichols Arena later in the winter!

REFER A FRIEND

Help us spread the word about the London Skating Club's many programs

CanSkate - Learn to skate

CanPowerSkate - skill development for hockey and ringette

STARSkate - Learn to figure skate, figure skating

Synchronicity - Synchronized skating teams

Adult Skating Program

Refer a friend to join the London Skating Club.

For every NEW registration in an LSC program,

the referring member will be issued a \$10 credit voucher * to be used toward new session registrations.

* Credit voucher will have no cash value, be non transferrable, and will expire after 1 year. The new member registration must put the referring members name forward at the time of registration

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Referred by: _____		
Contact us to register for CanSkate (Learn to Skate), CanPower-Skate (Power skating), STARSkate (Learn to Figure Skate), and Adult skating programs. Be sure to tell us who sent you.		
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Thank you to everyone who submitted to the December 2014 newsletter!