

# The Skater's Pick



Since 1938

Newsletter Edition  
February 2010

Questions? Idea's for our Newsletter?  
Please call the club at (905) 388-9050,  
Visit: [www.hamiltonskating.org](http://www.hamiltonskating.org),  
or Drop off a note in our mailbox

Non-Profit and Sanctioned by  
Skate Canada

The Hamilton Skating Club is a non-profit organization, sanctioned by Skate Canada ([www.skatecanada.ca](http://www.skatecanada.ca)) and is primarily operated and governed by volunteers. Our skating and dry-land programs are designed and delivered by our highly experienced professional coaching staff and our Managing Director, Brenda Bradica.

This year is the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Hamilton Skating Club. The club was established in October, 1938. With a membership currently over 1000, we are one of the oldest and largest clubs in Canada

## Hamilton Skating Club's 2 Time Olympian: Bryce Davison (2006 & 2010)

Hamilton Skating Club's Bryce Davison and his pairs partner - Jessica Dubé are consecutive National Champions (2009 & 2010) and 3 time National Champions (2007, 2009 - 2010).

Bryce & Jessica have won a spot on the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Team. This will be their 2<sup>nd</sup> appearance at the Winter Olympics -their 1<sup>st</sup> was at the 2006 Turin Games with 10<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Bryce has remained a proud Hamilton Skating Club member even though his training takes place in Quebec and Alberta. Bryce continues to support the development of our future competitive skaters in Hamilton.

Good luck from all of us at HSC!

## 4<sup>th</sup> at Junior Nationals - Aveline Pearson

Hamilton Skating Club's Aveline Pearson and Alexander Sheldrick (KW) finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Junior Nationals in the Novice Pairs event which ran in London ON from January 11 to 14<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

## HSC Olympic Themed February

We are encouraging our skaters to wear RED & WHITE OR their Olympic Wear during the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games running from February 12 to 28, 2010. We are planning to run Olympic Themed activities during this period. Watch our Bulletin Board for more details as they become available.

## ***Plan to attend HSC's Special Viewings of the Pairs Events***

Details will be made available on the HSC Bulletin Board once details have been finalized. Please plan to attend our special viewing of the pairs events to cheer Bryce & Jessica on! The local media may be in attendance as well! Maybe you'll be on TV! Wear your Olympic wear and if you have the Olympic Mitts - bring them along!

YES it is Valentine's Day / Chinese New Year / Family Day but we need to show our Olympic and HSC Spirit, so PLEASE come - even if for a short period of time.

The Pairs Events are as follows:

Short Program

Sunday February 14, 4:30 pm PST/7:30 pm EST

Free Program

Monday February 15 @ 5:00 pm PST/8:00 pm EST

## Music Player(s) Needed - Spring Session

HSC needs **committed** music players. This is a paid position and suitable for students.

Parents are welcome to volunteer.

Please see Brenda in the office for more details.

## Safety First!

***Leave the Enclosed Ice Area IMMEDIATELY after your session***

**The Zamboni driver WILL NOT start the flood (ice resurfacing) until you exit the enclosed ice area immediately after your session.** The city mandates that the area must be clear of all people prior to the floods. Otherwise, this will delay all subsequent sessions which causes an inconvenience to ALL Coaches and Skaters.

Remove your child's skates in the hallways or fishbowl area.

If you need to speak with the coach, please do so before or after your session -not during.

***Please Keep Your Child OFF THE ICE until the Coaches tell them to go on the ice***

**Please ensure that your child remains OFF the ice and on the side until the Coaches indicate they are allowed on.** It is DANGEROUS to allow children on the ice before the higher level skaters have finished their session and have left the ice. Skaters are also not permitted on the ice without coaches being present due to insurance reasons.

***Please keep All Other Children OFF the ice (who are not skating)***

Please keep all other children off the ice & away from the edge as boots/debris damage the ice surface and ensure they are supervised by adults and not wandering around on their own while siblings/friends are on ice. It is also dangerous as a skater can fall and possibly injure any children close to the edge of the ice.

## **Congestion around the Ice and Doorways**

**Once again**, there has been a high level of congestion around the ice area causing a safety concern. Please allow skaters coming off the ice to collect their belongings on / around the bench areas safely and to return to the arena hallways.

To ensure the safety and courtesy for ALL skaters coming on/off ice, please do not crowd the doors / areas beside the ice and allow a path from the ice to all doorways. This includes doorways exiting the arena.

It would be appreciated if only 1 parent / guardian for younger skaters requiring assistance are waiting with them beside the ice and others remain in the hallways until the skaters on the previous session have cleared the area.

## **Flash Photography (PreTest or Higher)**

For Safety Reasons - this is a reminder that Flash Photography is not permitted on PreTest sessions OR higher as it may distract skaters and/or startle them when they need to be concentrating.

## **HSC Dinner / Dance (April 17, 2010)**

The Dinner & Dance will be held Saturday April 17, 2010, suitable for family of all ages. There will be a delicious dinner and dessert buffet, door prizes, and more. See the posters in the arena lobby for more details.

## **Ticket Availability**

Tickets are now available for purchase for the Dinner / Dance, being held at the Leander Boat Club, 25 Leander Drive, right on the water at the foot of Bay Street.

Please contact Connie Bonitatibus ([coniboni@mountaincable.net](mailto:coniboni@mountaincable.net)) to purchase tickets.

## **Ticket Pricing**

\$15 per Child (< 12 yrs old)  
\$25 per Adult (12 yrs & up)

## **Donations STILL Required**

This is a reminder that we are looking for donations for our Dinner / Dance Prize Table. If you would like to make a donation, please let us know at [info@hamiltonskating.org](mailto:info@hamiltonskating.org) or let Brenda know.

## **Dates to Remember**

### ***February 12 - 28 - Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games***

All you want to know about the Vancouver 2010 Olympic's can be found at: <http://www.vancouver2010.com/>

### ***February 15 - Family Day - NO SKATING***

There are no HSC Skating Sessions running on February 15, Family Day.

### ***February 18 - 27 - Hamilton Mountain News Readers Choice Awards Voting***

We have been nominated! Please vote for us at <http://www.hamiltonreaderschoice.ca/>.

### ***February 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>, Mar 31 & Apr 1- Test Days***

Your private coach will inform you if your child will be testing. Please ensure that test fees are paid 48 hours prior to test day. Test fees schedule is posted on the HSC Bulletin Board.

The test days are as follows:

Feb 24 @ HSC  
Feb 25 @ Dofasco  
Mar 31, Apr 1 @ HSC

### ***March 1 - Child Fitness Tax Receipts***

All programs in the Fall/Winter season qualify for the Child Fitness Tax Credit which will be made available starting March 1, 2010 to the payee during office hours. No tax receipts will be mailed unless a self-addressed envelope is provided to the club. A notice will be posted on the Bulletin Board when they are available.

### ***March 9 - Last Day of Recreational Skating***

Last Day of Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate, CanPower, TeenSkate/Learn to Skate Adult(Sunday)

### ***March 30 - Last Day of Skating (PreTest & Higher)***

Test Day will run on March 31 and April 1. All sessions were prorated up to and including March 30 only.

## **Competition results**

Results will be posted on the HSC Bulletin Board following competitions once they have been made available on the Skate Canada, Western Ontario Section website <http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/results.htm>.

We plan to have the competition results posted on our website in the future.

Congratulations to all our skaters who have competed in January.

## **Reminders**

### ***Skate Canada Registration Cards***

These are available for pick up at the office. For any skaters competing or testing, you will require the skaters' Skate Canada Number which is found on this registration card.

### ***Arena Closures (ie. Weather related)***

Arena closures are governed by The City of Hamilton's Culture and Recreation department. These circumstances are beyond our control and we thank you for your patience and understanding. The Hamilton Skating Club will update our voicemail indicating any closures and will attempt to post an update on our website as soon as it is known (example: due to winter storms, etc..). **Please also listen to/watch the local radio / TV stations for any closures specific to Arenas -especially during the winter months.**

## **On-Going News**

### ***Office Hours (Sept. 8, 2009 - April 1, 2010)***

Mon.	&	3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tues.		
Wed.		12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Fri.		3:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Sat.		8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Email		<a href="mailto:info@hamiltonskating.org">info@hamiltonskating.org</a>
Website		<a href="http://www.hamiltonskating.org">www.hamiltonskating.org</a>
Facebook		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2474066660">http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2474066660</a>

### ***Volunteer Opportunities***

Volunteers are always welcome - no skating experience needed. Please speak to Brenda Bradica, one of the members of the Board of Directors, drop us a note in the office or send us an e-mail to tell us how you might be able to help.