

# The Skater's Pick



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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

## 2010 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships AND Skate Canada Junior Nationals

The Canadian Championships and Junior Nationals are a combined event starting 2010 and will be held January 11-17, 2010 at the Western Fair Sports Centre, London, Ontario.

Our club is represented in the pairs event in both the Canadian Championships and Junior Nationals.

Please come out show your support as it's only an hour drive away. Ticket information is found below.

### **Canadian Championships (Jan 14 - 17)**

Hamilton Skating Club's Bryce Davison and his pairs partner - Jessica Dubé will be defending their 2009 National Pairs title and vying for 1 of 2 spots on the 2010 National Olympic Team. Join us in cheering them on!

### **Junior Nationals (Jan 11 - 14)**

Hamilton Skating Club's Aveline Pearson and Alexander Sheldrick (KW) will be representing the Western Ontario (WO) Section in the Novice Pairs event.

### **Tickets, Results, Information:**

Canadian Nationals:

[http://www.skatecanada.ca/en/events\\_results/events/cdns10.cfm](http://www.skatecanada.ca/en/events_results/events/cdns10.cfm)

Junior Nationals:

[http://www.skatecanada.ca/en/events\\_results/events/junior\\_10.cfm](http://www.skatecanada.ca/en/events_results/events/junior_10.cfm)

## 2010 Ontario Winter Games

Bralyn Nelson qualified for the 2010 Ontario Winter Games at WO Sectionals in November 2009 by coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in Juvenile Ladies.

The games will take place Mar 4 - 7, 2010 in Muskoka (& area).

Bralyn's event will be held at the Jack Bionda Arena, Huntsville on Mar 6 (8:50am).

If you are in the area, please come out and cheer her on!

### **Tickets, Results Information:**

<http://www.2010ontariowintergames.ca/index.html>

## Upcoming Competitions for HSC Skaters

Many of our club skaters will be competing in the upcoming 3 months. Coaches will have notified parents regarding competitions they are attending and provide the opportunity for the child to compete where applicable.

*Please note that the CanSkate and WO Limited categories are not available at all competitions listed.*

The schedule is as follows and detailed results will be available on the HSC website as the information becomes available. There may be some delay due to the large number of skaters we may have at certain events.

Competition results are generally available within 7 days of the event's last day at the Skate Canada Western Ontario Section's Competition Results website: <http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/results.htm>.

Dates	Competition
Jan 8 to 10	Charles Dover Memorial Invitational Location: Grimsby
Jan 29 to 31	Dennis Silverthorne Memorial Invitational Skating Competition Location: St Thomas
Feb 19 to 21	Western Ontario (WO) Boston Pizza STARSkate Championships and Adult "Showcase" Location: St Mary's
Feb 26 to 28	Pat Abela Memorial Invitational Location: Windsor
Mar 4 to 7	Ontario Winter Games Location: Huntsville
Mar 6 to 7	Futures - East Invitational (Hallwent, Niagara, Tri-County) Location: Niagara on the Lake
Mar 13 to 14	Lyle McPhedran Memorial Invitational Location: Petrolia
Mar 13 to 14	Trillium STARSkate Championships (aka "Provincials") Location: Kingston <i>*note: skaters competing at this event qualify through their respective sections at the Boston Pizza STARSkate Championships</i>

## Hamilton Skating Club is on FACEBOOK

HSC is now on Facebook! Please join at:  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2474066660>

We will be using Facebook in conjunction with our website ([www.hamiltonskating.org](http://www.hamiltonskating.org)) to provide more current club activities, including event invitations, etc..

For our Skaters and Families, please make this an interactive zone where you share your achievements, competition results, etc..

## Dates to Remember

### **Jan 15 - Skaters' Lottery Book Stubs**

Please return the lottery book stubs to the office before January 15, 2010 to have a chance to win the grand prize of a 2010 Ford Mustang.

### **Feb - Child Fitness Tax Receipts**

All programs in the Fall/Winter season qualify for the Child Fitness Tax Credit which will be made available around February 2010 to the payee. 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.

## 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.

## Fall / Winter Session Update

As a reminder, our Pre-CanSkate & CanSkate programs are FULL and Waiting List is available. Alternatively, please try our Eastwood program running Jan 17 to Mar 7.

For more information on registration or information, please contact Brenda at (905) 388-9050 or [info@hamiltonskating.org](mailto:info@hamiltonskating.org).

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

Our committee is still working hard on finalizing many details required for our Dinner / Dance, being held at the Leander Boat Club.

### **Ticket Availability**

At time of publication, ticket availability is expected to be approximately end of January/early February.

### **Donations STILL Required**

This is a reminder that we are looking for donations for our Dinner / Dance Prize Table. Some examples of possible donations are gift cards, a dinner for two out, services / products that you can provide (i.e. RMT 1 hour massage, cleaning services for 2 hours, dog/cat grooming), DVD Player, TV, computer monitor, boom box, gaming accessory kit, etc..

If you would like to make a donation, please let us know at [info@hamiltonskating.org](mailto:info@hamiltonskating.org) or let Brenda know.

## Introduction to Testing - "Senior Bronze"

Each level of testing generally consists of (3 or more) dances, skills, and freeskate. The majority of skaters in the StarSkate Senior sessions (Test 3) are working towards their Senior Bronze qualifications. The Senior Bronze Dances consists of the Ten-Fox, Fourteenstep, and European. The Freeskate is testing on a 2.5 or 3 minute solo with all single jumps and one double jump and in combination, 3 different spins including in combination and step sequence A step sequence (straight line, circular, serpentine or spiral) using full length or width of ice. Skills testing: Forward Brackets, Power Circles II, and Expanding Exercise.

## Western Ontario (WO) Development Program / Team

HSC has a number of skaters trying out for the WO Development Team this season. We wish them all the best on their qualifying competitions.

The following information is courtesy of the WO Skate Canada website. For more details, please see <http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/programs/developteam.htm>.

## **What is the Development 'Select' Team?**

The Development 'Select' Team is made up of skaters in singles, dance and pairs who have been selected through an evaluation process that includes competing in all three designated competitions and collecting points for their protocol and evaluations.

The Development Team, once selected, may be invited to participate in a special spring seminar and/or competition.

### **Program Goals**

1. To provide enriched competitive experiences for young skaters in WO.
2. To provide assistance to young skaters, their parents and coaches with learning opportunities to aid in skaters' competitive development.
3. To provide feedback and guidance for future development to the skaters.
4. To provide a seminar for skaters who are registered in the program.

### **Mar 1 - Development Team Selection Date**

The 2009 / 2010 WO Development Team skaters will be announced by Mar. 1, 2010.

## On-Going News

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

Mon. & Tues.	3:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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>

### **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.

### **Team Wear**

It is recommended (but not required) for skaters who are competing to be wearing HSC Team Wear to indicate they are representing our club. This can also be worn during practice sessions. Coaches, Parents and other HSC Supporters can also show your support by wearing Team Wear. Track Suits (Jacket \$57 & Pants \$22 available at Skaters Wish) -available with logo for a small cost. Lululemon Teamwear (Jacket \$80 Logo'd) -contact Jen Hoadley for more information.