

# 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 Ontario Winter Games (Mar 6 - 7)

The following Hamilton Skating Club and Wentworth Skating Club skaters qualified for the 2010 Ontario Winter Games at the Western Ontario Skate Canada Sectionals (held in November 2009):

- ❖ Third in Juvenile Ladies: Bralyn Nelson
- ❖ Fifth in Novice Ladies: Lucia Krivankova-Smal representing the Wentworth Skating Club but also trains at the Hamilton Skating Club

The games will take place March 4 - 7, 2010 in Muskoka Region. The skating events will be held at the Jack Bionda Arena, Huntsville.

The Hamilton Skating Club & Wentworth Skating Club's wishes them Good Luck!

*Tickets, Results Information:*

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

## 2010 World Junior Figure Skating Championships, The Hague, The Netherlands (Mar 7 - 14)

Wentworth Skating Club's (running out of Chedoke Twin Pad Arena) 20 year old Andrew Doleman (Dundas resident) along with his Ice Dance Partner, 16 years old , Abby Carswell who represents Scarboro Figure Skating Club, the 2010 Junior National Ice Dance Bronze Champions will be representing Canada at the 2010 Junior Worlds Figure Skating Championships in The Hague, The Netherlands.

Andrew is an Ice Dance partner for the Hamilton Skating Club skaters in addition to being the son of Gina Doleman, a Wentworth Skating Club and Hamilton Skating Club coach.

## 2010 Trillium STARSkate Championships (Mar 13 - 14)

Congratulations to the following who qualified at the 2010 Boston Pizza STARSkate Championships to continue onto the 2010 Trillium STARSkate Championships (aka Provincials) in Kingston ON:

- ❖ STARSkate Junior Bronze Men : Jean-Luc Jackson
- ❖ STARSkate Preliminary Dance : Nicole Suszek & Mathew Korkian
- ❖ STARSkate Pre-Preliminary Men: Alistair Lam

## HSC Olympic Themed February

We had a successful Olympic Themed February! Thank you all for participating. Please visit our website in the next week or so for photo's and video's.

We also had a visit from CHCH news on February 12, 2010 for the 6 o'clock live news broadcast. Visit our website for the video clip.

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

Congratulations to Hamilton Skating Club's Bryce Davison and Jessica Dubé on finishing 6<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games; moving up from 10<sup>th</sup> place at the 2006 Turin Games.

Bryce and Jessica are 3 time National Champions (2007, 2009 - 2010), 2009 Four Continents Silver Medalists, and 2008 World Bronze Champions.

Their next focus is the 2010 World Figure Skating Championships being held in Turin, Italy in a few weeks time from March 22 to 28, 2010.

## 2010 Spring Session and Registration

The 2010 Spring Session will run from April 19 to Jun 11, 2010. The Schedule and Registration Forms are now available.

Priority is given as follows for spring registration:

- ❖ Up to March 5 : HSC 2009/2010 winter members
- ❖ Processed after March 5 : Hallwent region skaters\*
- ❖ Processed after March 20 : Out of Region skaters\*

\*Subject to Availability

Out of club and out of region skaters must provide proof of eligibility to skate on requested session

## To our PreTest Parents/Guardians

We are recommending to HSC PreTest skater parents / guardians to arrange for private lessons and/or to add a second PreTest session. A private coach can help speed up the progress in your child and to help them move up to Test 1 and prepare them for competitions. A list of our coaches is available on our website and on the Spring 2010 registration. Please contact the coach of your choice to make arrangements.

## Child Fitness Tax Receipts are now available

All programs in the Fall/Winter season qualify for the Child Fitness Tax Credit are now available during office hours. No tax receipts will be mailed unless a self-addressed envelope is provided to the club.

## 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.

## 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.

## Dates to Remember

### ***March 6 - 7 Futures - East Invitational (Hallwert, Niagara, Tri-County)***

On the day of the competition, you will be required to arrive at least 1 hour early to register your child, and the music (CD will be provided by your coach). Your coach will give you further directions on what time they will take the skater for warm up. After your child has skated, he/she will be returned to you by the coach. You must wait 15 - 30 minutes for the results to be posted as medals will not be mailed for absent skaters.

The location of the competition is as follows:

Meridian Credit Union Arena,  
Niagara Centennial Park,  
1565 Creek Rd., Virgil, ON

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

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

### ***March 14 -20 - March Break Skating***

PreTest and higher sessions continues as scheduled through March Break.

If you plan to be away, please let your coaches know ahead of time.

### ***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:  
Mar 31, Apr 1 @ HSC

### ***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.

### ***April 1 to April 18 - No Skating***

No Skating - Enjoy your break from skating and see you in the spring session!

### ***April 19 - Spring Session Begins***

2010 Sprint Session begins on April 19, 2010.

### ***May 1 - Canadian Stars On Ice***

Canadian Stars On Ice is at Copps Coliseum on Saturday May 1, 2010. Tickets available at : [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)

## 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 February.

## 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.

### ***Guest Skating Tickets (\$75 for 5)***

**NOTE: No guest skating on full sessions.**

Guest tickets are available at the office. Tickets must be purchased in advance & handed into the music booth before the skater starts skating.

Guest Skating Tickets are generally for our StarSkate / Competitive skaters who would like to skate on a session they are not registered for.

## 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>
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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.