

The Skater's Pick

News from the Hamilton Skating Club



May 2009

Office Hours

Mon. & Tues. 3:00-9:00 PM
Wed. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Fri. 3:00-7:30 PM
Sat. 8:30-1:00 PM

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Spring Session runs from April 20 to June 13

Welcome to all coaches and skaters from other area clubs who are joining us during the spring and summer.

Summer School will run from June 29 - August 14. Registration forms are now available.

Important: The Hamilton Skating Club Annual General Meeting took place Wednesday, May 20 at 7:30 pm in the HSC Board Room in the Mountain Skating Centre.

Our board of directors are as follows: Barry Waldron, Tony Simpson, Marian Wiskar, Irene Rebalka, Pat Pearson, Andree Ansaldo, Bev Kukhta-Jackson, Sue Suszek, Kris Nelson, Paulina Moran

Viva Las Vegas Carnival Slide show

gordbowes.com/hamiltonskatingclub042009/index.html

Test Day (For StarSkate ONLY)

Test day will be held on Saturday, June 13, 8 am to 2 pm and Sunday June 14, 9 am to 1 pm. Please remember that all fees are due 48 hours in advance of testing and that all skaters testing must be in good standing with the club and with their coach. We are looking for **adult volunteers**. Please set aside a couple of hours to help us run smoothly.

Summer test days will be July 22 and August 12.

Competition Results

Many of our skaters have been competing successfully. Please check www.skating-wos.on.ca. Click on results.

Spring Fling, Chedoke Arena, Hamilton, April 17 - 19, 2009
Lyle McPhedran Memorial Invitational, March 14-15, 2009
Futures - East Invitational, March 7-8, 2009

HomeSense Trillium STARSkate Championships
Waterloo, Ontario, March 14-15, 2009

Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships,
April 1 - 3, 2009, Fredericton, New Brunswick

Check the Skate Canada website www.skatecanada.ca for results.

Congratulations to all of our adults. They were very successful and brought home a number of medals.

ISU Adult Championships

Barb Tkach, one of our adult skaters will be competing in the ISU International Adult Figure Skating Competition in Oberstdorf, Germany on May 28 - 31, 2009. We wish her all the best. Check the ISU website www.isu.org for results.

Congratulations

Bryce Davison & Jessica Dube
7th world championships

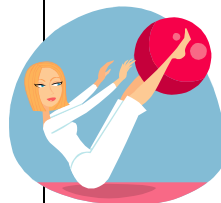
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Check www.skatecanada.ca

For further results

Off-ice training

We are fortunate at our club to have a dedicated off-ice training room with some great certified instructors and equipment. The schedule for classes is printed in the brochure and is included in the price of registration. Dry land is important in developing the full abilities of our skaters.



Guest Skating Tickets

Guest tickets are available at the office. A booklet of tickets is \$75.00 for 5 tickets.

Tickets must be purchased in advance & handed into the music booth. No guest skating on full sessions.

Skate Canada Registration Cards

Available in the Office.

Questions? Please call the club at (905) 388-9050 or visit: www.hamiltonskating.org

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Team Wear

We have many options available for skaters and coaches and parents and other supporters of the Hamilton Skating Club to proudly show where we are from. Many skaters wear these items regularly for practice sessions and at competitions.

Track Suits

Our black and red club track are available at Skater's Wish 83 Bigwin Rd. (905) 575-4840.

Lululemon Teamwear

If you are interested in ordering a Lululemon jacket or pants please contact Jen Hoadley (jen_hoadley@hotmail.com). HSC members receive a 30% discount on all Teamwear apparel. See website for more details and sizing <http://www.lululemon.com/home>

Fundraising

Shop and Support: This is a program where you can purchase gift cards for many different stores and the company will donate a percentage back to the skating club. **This percentage will be credited to you for future skating fees.** There are information booklets available in the office. It is easy to use, and contains cards for stores where many of us shop regularly such as Fortino's, Canadian Tire, Future Shop, Starbucks... Check it out!

Boston Pizza receipts: If you go to Boston Pizza, please save your receipt and bring it into the skating office or write "Hamilton Skating Club" on the back of your receipt and deposit in a box provided at the Upper James Boston Pizza location.



Skate Canada President's CanSkate Challenge, CanSkate Honor Roll award

The following is an excerpt of a congratulatory letter written by Barry Waldron, President of the Hamilton Skating Club about the **Skate Canada Presidents CanSkate Challenge, CanSkate Honor Roll** award given to the Hamilton Skating Club at the Western Ontario AGM on May 2, 2009 in London, Ont.:



"The certificate was awarded by Skate Canada to the Hamilton Skating Club for achieving the highest increase in CanSkate membership in the Western Ontario Section for the 2008-2009 season.

During the first week of April 2009 the Hamilton Skating Club hit the milestone of 1000 members registered with Skate Canada for the 2008-2009!

The Hamilton Skating Club is privileged to have an exceptional team that looks after the management and operation of the Club.

Brenda Bradica is Managing Director and is the nucleus of the Club making sure everything is in place for everyone to succeed. Brenda's hard work, dedication and customer service is the major factor in the Club achieved these amazing goals.

Lynda Thompson is the Hamilton Skating Club CanSkate Co-Ordinator and looks after the day to day running of the Club's CanSkate Program. Lynda's countless hours of preparation have made the Club's CanSkate program the best of the best anywhere in Canada.

The Hamilton Skating Club is blessed to have a team of Coaches second to none!!! The willingness to work together has made a gigantic difference in the way the Club can offer its programs to its membership. The Clubs off-ice staff has provided a fun atmosphere for the skaters to learn a variety of techniques to help them improve their skating skills. The Club also has a group of fantastic Program Assistants that offer their time to help out with the CanSkate sessions.

Music Players, Office Assistants all provide a service that the Club could not do without.



The Hamilton Skating Club is thankful to the staff of the Dave Andreychuk / Mountain Skating Centre for all their support. These guys are the best arena staff in the city!!!

Volunteers are the heart of the Hamilton Skating Club!!! The Club has a good base of volunteers that help with everything from Carnival, Test days, Competitions, Committee Members to the Board Member that govern the Club. We all know how valuable our volunteers are. What they bring to the skaters, clubs and community is MUCH more than a financial savings.

It is because of everyone on the team that the Hamilton Skating Club has been so successful. We have been able to grow from the bottom up and have been able to retain the older members because of the programs the Club has to offer."

Future Newsletter Items

If you have articles or ideas for our newsletter, please e-mail them to info@hamiltonskating.org or drop them into the box by the office door.

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