

The Skater's Pick



Since 1938

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Visit: 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) 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 71st 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

Fundraising

As we are a non-profit organization, we mainly rely on fundraising to provide our skaters with opportunities and equipment such as our harness, dry-land (off-ice) training room and equipment, etc..

Dinner / Dance - April 17, 2010

We hold a Carnival every other year and a Dinner/Dance in off years. Our Biennial Dinner / Dance will be held this season on Saturday April 17, 2010 at the Leander Boat Club. Plan to attend to attend this fun end of season gathering and get to know your coaches, fellow skaters/parents away from the arena. *You never know what you might find out!!*
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Donations

We are NOW Accepting donations for the prize table. Tickets will be available soon, please check the club Notice Board.

Carnival - to be held in Spring 2011

The Carnival is a skating show which provides the skaters a venue to "show off" what they have accomplished during this time. Participants include: PreSchoolers up to our Competitive Skaters. We also have Guest Skaters which in the past have included our very own 2010 Olympic hopeful: Bryce Davison along with his pairs partner - Jessica Dubé (more to come later in the newsletter).

To see how much fun our skaters had at our 2009 Carnival "Viva Las Vegas" Slideshow take a look at our slideshow in the Hamilton Mountain News at : <http://gordbowes.com/hamiltonskatingclub042009/index.html>

Skaters' Lottery books

Skaters' Lottery tickets have been distributed. Payments for the tickets was included in registration, so, sell the tickets and make your money back, or, just fill your name in and hope that you win one of the great prizes. Additional books are available in the office.

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.



Safety and Courtesy for Skaters Coming On / Off Ice

Congestion around the Ice and Doorways

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.

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.

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.

Skate Guards

All skaters should have skate guards - either the hard plastic ones or soft guards, labelled with your name. These should be readily available for use in case of evacuation of the arena for a fire alarm or loss of power.

Earphones / Headsets (MP3 players, music players)

Ear phones or headsets should not be used during skating as they prevent the skater from hearing what is going on around them.

Fall/Winter Session runs from Sept. 8, 2009 - April 1, 2010

- ❖ Our PreSchool, CanSkate sessions are full -waiting list is available OR Please try our Eastwood program starting in January 2010 -*see our website for details*
- ❖ Space is still available on the CanPower sessions.
- ❖ Registration forms are now available.
- ❖ Christmas Break: December 21 to January 3 inclusive. The last day of skating is Sunday December 20, 2009 and first day back is Monday January 4, 2010.

Dry-Land Training

Dry land training is important in developing the full abilities of our skaters. It is fun, too!

We are fortunate to have a dedicated dry-land (off-ice) training room with great certified instructors and lots of new equipment. The schedule for classes is printed in the brochure and is included in the price of registration from the Fasttrack / PreTest sessions and up.

Competition results

For competition results, please check the Skate Canada, Western Ontario Section <http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/results.htm>.

Our competitive team had a great showing at sectionals.

- ❖ Isabelle Henderson Memorial Skating Invitational : Sept. 25 - 27 (Hamilton)
- ❖ WO Sectionals Nov. 12 - 15 (Sarnia)

Test Days

Test days are for skaters registered in the StarSkate (aka Test 1 & higher) / Competitive programs. Skaters will be notified by their private coaches if they are scheduled for testing. All test fees are due 48 hours in advance of testing.

The next scheduled test days are: Tues Dec. 15 @ Dofasco and Thurs Dec. 17 @ HSC.

Test Fee Schedule

- \$10.00 Dances
- \$10.00 Skills
- \$10.00 FreeSkates: Solo Part 1,
- \$10.00 FreeSkates: Elements Part 2
- \$20.00 Competitive
- \$5.00¹ Hospitality Fee
- \$5.00² Out of Club Fee

¹Must be paid by each skater testing

²Must be paid by all out of club skates, once per test sessions (Dofasco skates do not pay this fee as Hamilton and Dofasco Test Days are combined this year)

Introduction to Testing - "Preliminary"

Each level of testing generally consists of (3 or more) dances, skills, and freeskate. Skaters in the StarSkate Junior sessions (Test 1) are working towards their Preliminary qualifications. The Preliminary Dances consists of the Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango, and Baby Blues. The Freeskate is testing on a 2 minute solo with jumps up to and including the flip and loop. Skills testing is on Waltzing Three's, Waltzing Mohawks, Preliminary Circles.

Lynda Thompson

Lynda is taking a sabbatical away from the HSC family and we wish Lynda all the best in coaching the Fort Smith, NWT skaters. Lynda's countless hours of preparation have made the Club's CanSkate program the best of the best anywhere in Canada.

Skate Canada Registration Cards

Available for pick up at the office.

Hamilton Skating Club's 2010 Olympic Hopeful - Bryce Davison

Our very own Hamilton Skating Club's Bryce Davison has been skating with his pairs partner - Jessica Dubé since 2003. They are our current (& 2 time) National Pairs Champions (2007 & 2009), and 2008 Worlds Bronze Medalists.

Dubé and Davison has had a terrific start to this 2009/2010 season with a Silver Medal at the 2009 Grand Prix Event "Trophee Eric Bompard" held in Paris, France (Oct 15 - 28).

In 2008/2009 season they also captured the Silver Medal at the 2009 Four Continents Championships held in Vancouver, BC Canada (Feb 4 - Feb 8).

Join us in cheering for Bryce & Jessica at the 2010 National Championships in January and getting onto the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Team!

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many opportunities for you to get involved. 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. Don't be afraid to volunteer even if you don't have a background in skating. It feels great to be involved and it is fun.

Thank you to all the volunteers for the Isabelle Henderson Memorial Invitational Competition which took place here at this past September 25 - 27.

On-Going News

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

Mon. & Tues.	3:00-9:00 PM
Wed.	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Fri.	3:00-7:30 PM
Sat.	8:30-1:00 PM
Email	info@hamiltonskating.org
Website	www.hamiltonskating.org

Website Updates

Our events page is now "live" with photo's from our summer skate session

Arena Closures

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 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.

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.

Child Fitness Tax Receipts

All programs in the Fall/Winter season qualify for the Child Fitness Tax Credit. The receipts 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.

Fees: NSF, Tax Receipt Replacements, and Session Changes

Please note that there will be charges of the following:

- ❖ \$10.00 for changes in registration for sessions once the skating sessions begin
- ❖ \$10.00 for re-issue of tax receipts
- ❖ \$40.00 (subject to change) for NSF cheques (to cover our bank charges) **as a result** you may be converted to "cash only" for future registrations

Team Wear

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

Track Suits

Our black and red club track are available at Skater's Wish 83 Bigwin Rd. (905) 575-4840 Jacket-\$57.00 & Pants \$22.00 plus a small cost for customizing with embroidery.

Lululemon Teamwear

If you are interested in ordering a 'Shape Up Jacket' (girls and women) or an 'On The Move Jacket' (men) please contact Jen Hoadley (jen_hoadley@hotmail.com) or sign up on the list posted at the arena. Pants are also now available. HSC members receive a 30% discount on all Teamwear apparel, so the jackets are \$80 with the embroidered crest or \$75 without the crest for children under 15 and about \$5 extra (taxes) for over 15 years old. For more details and sizing on Lululemon athletic apparel see:

<http://www.lululemon.com/home>