



# Skaters Pick

STARSKATE / COMPETITIVE —SEPTEMBER 2011

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## NEWS

A reminder to our membership and families that our club is a non-profit organization and is largely run by volunteers.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept 6, 2011  
Fall / Winter Session Begins
- Sept 17 & 24, 2011  
Skate and Apparel Exchange
- Sept 17, 2011  
Simulation for Isabelle Henderson Competitors
- Sept 23 to 25, 2011  
Isabelle Henderson Memorial Competition (Paris ON)
- Oct 10, 2011  
Thanksgiving—NO SKATING

### 2011 / 2012 HSC BOARD MEMBERS

The 2011 / 2012 HSC Board Members as of the AGM held Wed May 18, 2011.

President	Tony Simpson
Vice President & Membership	Freda Le Donne
Vice-President & Hallwint Delegate	Pat Pearson
Treasurer	Irene Rebalka
Secretary	Pam Glavin
Publicity	Earene Lam
Test Chair	Marian Wiskar
Pro-Liason	Bev Kukhta-Jackson
Fundraising	Paulina Moran
Director At Large	Kim Ledgerwood

Additional members/representatives are:

Managing Director	Brenda Bradica
Director of Skater Development	Bryce Davison
CanSkate Rep.	Lynda Thompson
Coaching Rep.	Jen Hoadley

### BRYCE DAVISON

Hamilton Skating Club is very fortunate and pleased to announce that Bryce Davison has joined our team as Director of Skater Development. Bryce has coached 3 days a week for the majority of this past summer and will be taking on coaching and skater development duties starting this fall. Bryce comes to us with a wealth of skills and knowledge from competing at the National and International levels.

### HAMILTON SKATING CLUB'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The 2012 / 2013 Season will be HSC's 75th Anniversary. As this is a major milestone being one of the oldest Skate Canada club's around, we will be forgoing the 2011/2012 biennial dinner/dance and 2012/2013 Carnival for a 75th Anniversary Gala which will be held in the Spring of 2013. We will be kicking off activities and volunteer committees shortly to organize this major event. We anticipate needing many volunteers. Look for more information in the coming months for your volunteer opportunities.

## FALL FUNDRAISING

### SKATE AND APPAREL EXCHANGE (Sept 17 & 24)

We will be holding our Fall Skate and Apparel Exchange on Saturday September 17 & 24 from approximately 9 am to 12 pm.

If you have any used skates and / or apparel you do not need anymore:

- 1) label them with your name, telephone # and price
- 2) Bring them in starting the 1st week of Sept to the office
- 3) All items must be picked up prior to October 1, 2011 otherwise they will become the property of HSC

NOTE: 10 % of proceeds are returned to HSC as part of the fundraising

### SKATERS' LOTTERY BOOKS (Due Dec 1, 2011)

Skaters' Lottery tickets will distributed shortly. If you haven't received yours (PreTest & up), please come to the office to pick it up. Payments for the tickets was included in registration for PreTest & higher. Sell the tickets and make your money back, or, just fill your name in and hope that you win one of the great prizes.

NOTE: \$22 of every booklet sold is returned to HSC by the section and is used towards skater development and/or other skater related needs.



### PLAY, LIVE, TOBACCO FREE

The Hamilton Skating Club has adopted a tobacco-free guideline in the Spring of 2011.

We recognize that there is ample research demonstrating the health hazards caused by the use of tobacco products, including smoking, smokeless tobacco and breathing second-hand smoke, and understand our responsibility to the participants of our program to model and promote tobacco-free lifestyles.

We stress to skaters, coaches, officials, parents, spectators, and all others involved, the importance of maintaining a tobacco-free environment while working with young people.

The HSC will be making the guideline visible throughout the season using various messages, including logos, banners and encouraging coaches and members to promote active, healthy, tobacco-free lifestyles.

All skating activities, competitions, events, and other performances held at by HSC will be tobacco-free. Tobacco free means no smoking by skaters, coaches/leaders, parents, spectators, and officials on the premises.



### SAFETY REMINDERS

#### Skate Canada Helmet Policy

Skate Canada has mandated that all skaters working on Badge 5 or under is required to wear a CSA approved hockey helmet while on the ice due to insurance reasons. This policy is enforced during all skating activities including competitions, carnival days or any other special on ice activities throughout the season for this level of skater

This includes any skaters who have not completed their Badge 5 who are in Pre-Test.

#### Skater / Parent Code of Conduct and Ice Etiquette

Please ensure your skater reads the Skater/Parent Code of Conduct and Ice Etiquette at the end of this newsletter. This is included in every session's brochure.

The coaches also ask that you remind your skater that the "SOLO ARMBAND" is mandatory for all skaters (in a lesson or not). As part of the HSC's Ice Etiquette, soloists (skaters practicing their solo with music) have right of way. The armband is a visual tool to help other skaters know who is practicing their solo's. The armbands are found on the rolling table in front of the music room.

### HSC SUMMER SKATING CAMP

All our skaters who attended our 2011 Summer Skating Camp had an amazing and fun time. This was also the 1st year we offered extended care which enabled many skaters who in the past would not have had the opportunity to participate in our day skating schedule. We had skaters from the ages of approximately 6 years of age upwards of 12—14 years of age; and averaging 25 skaters per week. Apart from the obvious skating aspects of skating camp, activities included music (piano, guitar, drums), tie-dye, making window stickers, gimp, and much more.

Thank you to Danielle and Kelsey for making summer camp such a success and enjoyable for our skaters.



### HSC on CHCH Morning Live

For those who may have missed it, HSC was on CHCH Morning Live on July 28, 2011.

To watch it for the 1st time or again, you can see it on our YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/HamiltonSkatingClub>



### 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.

#### Isabelle Henderson Memorial Invitational (Sept 23—25)

This year, the Isabelle Henderson competition will be held in Paris which is also part of the Hallwyt region. HSC as part of the Hallwyt region is responsible for volunteers to assist with this competition.

Date: Sept 23 - 25, 2011

Where: Paris, Ontario

Responsibility : Registration Desk

Requirements: 2 - 4 people per shift (minimum 2 people) in shifts of approximately 4—5 hours each from 7:00 am to 10:00/10:30 pm Signup sheets : will be made available shortly on our Bulletin Board.

Contact Person: Pat Pearson (eyeskate2@hotmail.com OR 905-966-2776)

This is also an opportunity for high school students to earn their volunteer hours. Transportation arrangements may be possible.

Please consider volunteering a few hours of your time.



### GUEST SKATING TICKETS \$75 for 4 Tickets / \$20 per session

NOTE: NO GUEST SKATING ON FULL SESSIONS.

Guest Skating Tickets are \$75 for 4 or \$20 cash per session to be paid prior to stepping on the ice.

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



### UP TO DATE INFORMATION

- 1) Bulletin Board found in the "bubble area" next to the HSC office at the arena
- 2) Website (updated 2x a month): [www.hamiltonskating.org](http://www.hamiltonskating.org)  
\*\* Please visit our EVENTS section for video's and pictures \*\*
- 1) Official Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hamilton-Skating-Club/156647207712427> (search on Hamilton Skating Club & choose the non-profit organization page)



### SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR NEWSLETTER ?

If you have any suggestions for our Newsletter, please email [hamiltonskating.publicity@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonskating.publicity@gmail.com) or Drop off a note in our mailbox.



### 2011—2012 WESTERN ONTARIO SKATE CANADA COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The 2011—2012 Competition Schedule for Western Ontario Skate Canada has been posted at: <http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/competitions.htm> and listed below.

Competition Opportunities is posted at: [http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/competitions/11two\\_oppor.pdf](http://www.skating-wos.on.ca/competitions/11two_oppor.pdf) This indicates what categories will be offered at which competitions.

HSC is not responsible for any missing / incorrect information from the WOS Results website. If there are any skaters missing or incorrect HSC posted results, please email the correction required to HSC Publicity at:

[hamiltonskating.publicity@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonskating.publicity@gmail.com)

Congratulations to our skaters who have already competed in August at Summer Sizzle and COS's Figure Skating Boutique's Summer Skate in Thornhill. Competition Results will be posted shortly on our Bulletin Board.

Date	Competition	Location
Sep 23-25, 2011	Isabelle Henderson Memorial Invitational	Paris
Nov 4-6, 2011	BMO Skate Canada - Western Ontario Sectional Championships	St. Thomas
Nov 26-27, 2011	John McKay Memorial Invitational	Tillsonburg
Nov 30 - Dec 4, 2011	Skate Canada Challenge *Skate Canada Event	Regina, SK
Jan 14-15, 2012	Charles Dover Memorial Invitational	Grimsby
Jan 16-22, 2012	Canadian Figure Skating Championships (Novice, Junior & Senior events) *Skate Canada Event	Moncton, NB
Jan 21-22, 2012	Pat Abela / Lyle McPhedran Memorial Invitational	Mooretown
Feb 4-5, 2012	Dennis Silverthorne Memorial Invitational Skating Competition	Woodstock
Feb 25-26, 2012	WO Boston Pizza STARSkate Championships	Waterloo
Mar 3-4, 2012	Futures - East Invitational (Hallwent, Niagara, Tri-County)	Simcoe
Mar 5-11, 2012	Ontario Winter Games *Skate Ontario Event (qualifier is Sectionals)	Collingwood/Barrie (COS)
Mar 17-18, 2012	Trillium STARSkate Championships *Skate Ontario Event (qualifier is WO Boston Pizza STARSkate Championships)	North Bay (NOS)
Apr 6-8, 2012	Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships *Skate Canada Event	Charlottetown, P.E.I
May 11-13, 2012	Spring Fling Invitational	TBA



### **Ice Etiquette**

1. Soloists have the right of way.
2. Harness has the right of way.
3. Lessons have the right of way.
4. When skating away from boards/sides, pay attention to oncoming skaters.
5. Ensure you get up quickly when you fall.
6. Profane language will not be tolerated.
7. Be aware of others skaters' music and solo's to avoid getting in their way.

### **Skater / Parent Code of Conduct**

1. Represent the Hamilton Skating Club in a respectful and professional manner.
2. To strive to create and maintain cooperative relationships with skaters/parents and coaching colleagues for the purpose of ensuring a positive skating environment.
3. Non-payment of Club's fees will result in withdrawal of skating privileges.
4. No food, gum, candy, or glass containers are permitted on the ice surface. Tobacco / Alcohol/drugs are forbidden at all club activities. Abuse of this will result in expulsion.
5. Pushing, tripping, horseplay, intentional interference with other skaters or profanity may result in expulsion of the offending skater. Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their children.
6. Everyone MUST leave the ice during a flood, and promptly at the end of each session.
7. All HSC Skaters are expected to dress and behave in an appropriate manner that reflects good taste, and good moral attitude.
8. Inappropriate and disrespectful behaviour by skates and/or parents to other coaches, other clubs, competitors and officials/judges at practices, competitions or trips/events can result in temporary or permanent suspension from HSC.
9. The music room is restricted to skaters, coaches, and scheduled music players only.
10. Video or Photography of skaters during practices and simulations is only allowed by the skaters' own coach or parents unless approved by the board of directors.
11. There will be no bullying, victimizing, harassing (sexual or otherwise), impersonating, vandalizing, or stealing from another member skater or competitor. Disciplinary actions may include the suspension of a member from club activities or termination from the club.
12. All skaters are to display good sportsmanship and encourage all skaters' enjoyment of skating.
13. Direct all concerns in writing to the Board of Directors.