



In the Loop

GEORGETOWN SKATING CLUB
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SKATING EXCELLENCE

Fall 2008 Edition

President's Message

Welcome back to the Georgetown Skating Club for the 2008-2009 skating season. All of our skating development programs from learn-to-skate, power-skating and figure skating are now underway, and we hope that you are having fun with our great Canadian sport!

We are pleased to continue our 50th Anniversary celebrations by co-hosting our first skating competition in 15 years ~ the 2008 Skates Alive Competition being held at Mold-Masters SportsPlex on Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th. There are nearly 500 skaters competing in this event from the 10 Midway West Area skating clubs from the surrounding communities. Plan to come out and enjoy

the skating.

We hope that you plan to attend the many fun activities planned throughout the season including our Family Christmas Skate, 3rd Annual Skate-a-thon and our GSC Club Competition. All of our events offer activities for all of our members, so plan to get involved in your club!

Thank you to our professional coaches that provide skating development and coaching throughout the season! A warm thank you to all of our volunteers for all of your continued dedication to make the Georgetown Skating Club great!

Happy skating!
Laura Rees, President
Georgetown Skating Club

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SKATES ALIVE

The Georgetown Skating Club is pleased to be co-hosting the 2008 Skates Alive Competition on Saturday, December 13th to Sunday, December 14th and will attract over 500 competitors, their families and friends from the Midway West Area. This includes skaters from Acton, Brampton, Milton, Streetsville-Meadowvale, Hillsburgh, Caledon, Dufferin Peel and Fergus.

The event is being organized by volunteers from our club and we are in need of your volunteer assistance. Volunteer recruitment will be ongoing in the lobby, so please volunteer to make this competition a great success for our club.

The Organizing Committee is listed on page 2 and you may contact any of those involved to volunteer for the event:

In addition, the club has opportunities for sponsorship at the event including an event program, signage and website recognition. Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor may speak with Laura Rees or Karen Allen, or send us a message to the email listed below.

Watch for our website updates that will keep you informed of all of the activities related to the 2008 Skates Alive Competition!

Environmentally Friendly Communications

Please check the GSC website regularly for information updates and activities going on at the club. We are making an effort to cutback on our printing and paper usage, by being environmentally friendly. All of our documents will be available to review and download from your home.

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Sports Club of the Month

Congratulations to the Georgetown Skating Club for being selected by the Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department as the "Sport Club of the Month"! Read more online under Breaking News at www.georgetown-skatingclub.ca.

How to Fit Skates

GSC now has a DVD on how skates should properly fit. If you would like to borrow it, please sign it out in the Music Room. This great tool was created by Dress Wright on Ice.

DID YOU KNOW...

There have been over 15 News items added to the GSC website since July 1, 2008? Check it out!

Skate Canada Our Sport Governing Body

The Georgetown Skating Club is sanctioned by our sport governing body Skate Canada. As a result, the programs that we offer at our club are developed by Skate Canada and meet the expected standards of skating development and progression from learn-to-skate through to competitive figure skating.

When you join our club, you become a member of Skate Canada and have a number of services and information available to you. Part of your membership fee includes a \$30 fee that goes directly to Skate Canada, allowing our skating programming and coaching development to be supported by an experienced sporting organization. Please visit www.skatecanada.ca for all the updates on programming and skating activities.



THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THE GEORGETOWN SKATING CLUB

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McMaster Meats • Prong Family
Georgetown SuperStore



IMPORTANT NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| Skates Alive | Dec. 13-14/08 |
| Family Skate | Sat. Dec 20/08 |
| Skate-A-Thon | Sat. Jan 17/09 |
| GSC Club Comp | Sat. Feb 14/09 |

CANCELLATIONS

There will be no lessons on December 13th due to Skates Alive

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Last lesson will be on December 20 and first lesson in the new year will be January 2, 2009.

TEST DAYS

Low Test
Friday January 16, 2009
Monday March 23, 2009

High Test
Thursday November 20, 2008-Acton
Thursday January 29, 2009-Milton
Monday March 2, 2009-Georgetown

MEMORIAL ARENA

Due to hockey tournament scheduling, the GSC skating program will be moved to Memorial Arena on the following days: November 28 and 29th, 2008

SATURDAY PROGRAMS WILL START 15 MINUTES EARLIER AT MEMORIAL ARENA.

Low Test Day Results

Friday, November 14th

Congratulations to the following members for their success at Low Test Day

Senior Bronze Dances

Ten Fox
Haley Lambert
Madeleine Commisso
Kirsten Childs

Junior Bronze Dances

Swing
Julia Cabral
Brianna Basha
Natashia Gushue
Brianna Capostagno
Jade Martin
Cassandra Smith

Fiesta

Antonia Pancevski
Alexie Warner
Jade Martin
Cameron Commisso

Willow

Brianna Capostagno
Samantha Yalowica
Alexandra Prong

Preliminary Dances

Dutch Waltz
Benjamin Conrad
Corrina Servos
Katie Abrams

Canasta

Caroline Holicka

Baby Blues

Rachel Thomsen
Caroline Holicka
Cassandra Smith

Skills

Preliminary Skills
Cassandra Smith
Rachel Thomsen

Free Skate

Sr. Bronze F/S Elements (1)
Madeleine Commisso
Preliminary F/S Elements (1)
Samantha Yalowica
Sarah Young
Haley Lambert
Jackie Johnson
Preliminary F/S Program (2)
Jackie Johnson

Skates Alive Volunteers

Starting the week of October 13th, there will be a sign up sheet for volunteers at the rink. We need help in many different areas. Please watch the website for times available to volunteer. All STARSkate parents are required to volunteer 6 hours for this event. CanSkate parents are welcome to help out too! Let's all pull together to make this a great event that our club can be proud of hosting!

Skates Alive Organizing Committee

| Activity | Responsibility |
|---|---------------------------|
| Co-Chair Report | Susan McNeil & Karen Syme |
| Registrar's Report & Medal Update | Jill Miller |
| Event Registration & Volunteers | Brenda Yalowica |
| Event Treasurer | Mike Miller |
| Sponsorship & Advertising | Laura Rees & Karen Allen |
| Hospitality | Jennifer Malatesta |
| Skater Relations | Kathy Lambert |
| Ticket Sales | Gwen McFadden |
| Coaching Hospitality | Lauren Bandy & JD Gilmour |
| Security | Gwen McFadden |
| Set-up & Take-down Coordination | Craig Borotsik |
| Club Fundraising | Karen Allen |

Summer BBQ

On August 23rd the Georgetown Skating Club held at BBQ at the farmer's market. With donations from Kimbys, La Vita Bakery, McMaster Meats, Superstore and the Prong Family, the club raised \$500.

Athlete – Coach Seminar

The Georgetown Skating Club was pleased to present in partnership with the Ontario Trillium Foundation our 1st Annual Skater – Coach Seminar featuring Skate Canada National Team Senior Men's Competitor Christopher Mabee and current Turkish National Ladies Champion Tugba Karademir.



Want to skate an extra day?

Any member of the GSC may Guest Skate on another STARSkate session at a cost of \$10. Members from other Skate Canada sanctioned clubs may guest skate on a STARSkate session for \$15. Please visit the music room for payment.

GSC Administrator

We are pleased to welcome our GSC Club Administrator Mary Ellen Difazio. Mary Ellen is responsible for supporting our membership through registration and communication, and club activities including our special events, sponsorship and fundraising activities.

PARENTS AT ARENA

It is the GSC policy that all children under 12 must have a parent or responsible adult in the arena while they are on the ice. Please remember that the arena is a public place and that it is your responsibility to remain at the rink during lessons

Upcoming Competitions

Please check the Club bulletin board or our website for more details on upcoming competitions for this season.

- Keswick Invitational Skate
Georgina Ice Palace - Keswick
November 22-23, 2008
- John McKay Memorial Invitational
Tillsonburg
November 29-30, 2008
- 2009 BMO Skate Canada
Eastern Challenge
Hershey Centre - Mississauga
December 3-7, 2008
- Skates Alive
Midway West Area Competition
Mold masters Sportsplex
Georgetown
December 13-14, 2008

Update on Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant

The Georgetown Skating Club received a one-time \$28,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation in 2007. The funds have provided support for coaching and skating development, program assistant mentorship and administrative support to organize our club office. A portion of the funds has been extended for the 2008-2009 season including funds to support the purchase of skates and helmets for low-income families. We would like to make all of our members aware of the funding opportunity for skating equipment for any family in need not only at our club but our community. If you would like to participate in this program, please contact the club at info@georgetownskatingclub.ca.

Georgetown Arenas Task Force

The Town of Halton Hills has recently announced the Georgetown Arenas Task Force that includes representatives from Town Council, Ice User Groups and community residents. Please watch for ongoing developments and public meetings and your opportunity to provide input on the need for additional ice surfaces in our town.

Board of Directors

Executive Board Members:

Laura Rees, President
Susan McNeil, Vice President
Mike Miller, Treasurer
Gwen McFadden, Secretary

Directors:

Karen Allen
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Kathy Lambert
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Brenda Yalowica

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Lauren Bandy

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