



In the Loop

September, 2007
STARSkate Special Edition

President's Message - Let's Celebrate our Success

Welcome back to the Georgetown Skating Club! This year is one of celebration as we reach a major milestone, our 50th Anniversary. We celebrate your return to the ice and the opportunity to achieve personal excellence in the sport of skating. Our new skating development programs including Enrichment, Skills Development, Competitive Program and Talent ID are reason to celebrate as our members

are challenged to reach new levels. We celebrate and give thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for our success in securing a one-year \$28,000 grant. Plan on joining in some fun activities where you can meet new friends at our Skate-a-Thon, Family Skate and celebrate at our year-end 50th Anniversary Ice Show.

Happy Skating!
Laura Rees, President

NEW Skating Development Programs

This season, new skating programs are being introduced to allow for improved figure skating development and progression. These programs include: Skills Development, Enrichment, Competitive and Talent Identification. Each program offers skaters an opportunity to learn through group lessons with our professional coaches.

Skills Development

Fridays from 6:30 – 7 pm

The 30-minute dedicated Skills Development program is offered to all STARSkate 1, 2 and 3 members. Semi-private or group lessons are to be arranged with a professional coach.

Enrichment

Saturdays from 9:30 – 10 am

The 30-minute Theatre-on-ice program is offered to all STARSkate 1, 2 and 3 members. The program is dedicated to improving spins, field moves, jumps and on-ice performance. Planned group lessons will be offered during these sessions.

Talent Identification (Talent ID)

Saturdays from 10 – 10:35 am

Skate Canada, our sport governing body, has created the Talent Identification Program to guide coaches, clubs and parents through the sport development process of figure skating. Our professional coaching staff are involved in identifying and developing our members with special interest in progressing into our figure skating program called STARSkate. The Talent ID program is a Coach recommended program for CanSkate members.

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE CHANGES

STARSkate 1

Monday6:25 to 6:50 pm

Skills Development

Monday6:50 to 8:05 pm

Regular Session

Wed., Fri. & Sat. unchanged

STARSkate 2

Monday4:50 to 6:00 pm

Regular Session

Monday6:00 to 6:25 pm

Skills Development

Wed., Fri. & Sat. unchanged

STARSkate 3

Wednesday6:55 to 8:05 pm

Wed., Fri. & Sat. unchanged

Competitive Program

Thursdays from 7:30 – 8 am

The GSC is introducing the Competitive Program to STARSkaters based on the recommendation from their Base Coach. Specific Competitive training has been developed and is available Thursday mornings from 7:30 to 8 am followed by the Shiny Figure Skating ice time from 8 to 9:30 am.

GSC & GoodLife Fitness Club

Off-Ice Training

The GSC and GoodLife Fitness Club – Georgetown, have formed a partnership this season to offer an exclusive 6-month off-ice training program for our members from October 1st to March 31st. Dedicated training classes for GSC members will be available at the GoodLife Fitness Club as follows:

- Thursdays from 7:30–8:30 pm; and,
- Sundays from 11:30 am–12:30 pm.

GoodLife representatives will be available September 5, 7, 8 & 10 in the Rink B Lobby for registration. Cost of the 6-month membership for the 2 classes is \$144 and a reduction in this rate will be applied based on the number of members registering.

Fundraising

Ontario Skaters Promotional Contest

Skate Canada – Central Ontario are offering skating clubs the opportunity to partner and participate in the 19th Annual Ontario Skaters Promotional Contest. This is an Ontario-wide fundraiser. This fundraising initiative will provide each member with a book of 20 raffle tickets with a suggested donation/price of \$2/ ticket or \$40/book. The fees for this fundraiser are included in your membership fees, so this is your opportunity to offset your own skating fees this season! Please return the completed raffle books to the GSC by December 15th and prizes will be drawn in March 2008.

STARSkate Parent Meetings

In an effort to improve our communication with our members STARSkate Parents are invited to an information session that will be held in the Mezzanine Board Room as follows:

Monday, September 17th

STARSkate 2 – 6 to 7 pm

STARSkate 1 – 7 to 8 pm

STARSkate 3 – 8 to 9 pm

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS

GSC Skate-A-Thon	November 17
Family Skate	December 22

PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS

- October 5-due to hockey tournament
- October 6-due to hockey tournament
- October 8-Thanksgiving-arena closed
- October 31-no classes for Parent & Tot, PreCanSkate or CanSkate only

TEST DAYS

Low Test

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Monday, February 25, 2008

High Test

Thursday, November 22, 2007

Streetsville-Meadowvale FSC

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

Milton SC

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

Georgetown & Acton Skating Clubs

Annual General Meeting

The GSC Annual General Meeting was on May 8, 2007. Meeting highlights include:

- The approval of the GSC Club Constitution and By-Laws also endorsed by Skate Canada;
- Continued support from the membership for an off-ice training facility in the mezzanine of the Mold-Masters SportsPlex; and,
- Voting for the 2007-2008 Board of Director positions.

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Members Code of Conduct

The Georgetown Skating Club strives to provide a fun and safe skating environment to ensure the enrichment and development of each of our skating members. We respectfully ask that you, a member of the Club, review the Code of Conduct and abide by its content.

1. Skaters are required to arrive on time for their scheduled training time.
2. All skaters MUST use the dressing rooms for changing of skates, attire and to store skating bags, coats etc. The lobby is to be used only for spectators.
3. A parent or guardian MUST be in attendance at all times or designate another parent the responsibility for the skater in their absence.
4. Proper skating attire is mandatory. Jeans or clothing that does not allow for adequate movement is not acceptable.
5. Entry and exit onto the ice surface:
 - Skaters will enter the ice surface via the east door only
 - Skaters must exit the ice immediately via the center door at the end of their session
 - Skaters are not permitted on the ice surface until the Zamboni doors have completely closed and a coach has given permission to enter the ice surface
 - Skaters are not allowed to leave the ice surface once the session has started unless permitted by the Base Coach
6. Respect for other Skaters and Coaches:
 - Be aware of the skaters around you
 - Share the ice surface
 - Do not distract other skaters
 - No intervention by any skater, parent or other coach is acceptable when a skater and/or coach is in a private lesson
 - Yield to skaters in private or group lessons.
 - Solos and Dances requested by coaches will have ice priority based on lesson requirements
 - Yield to skaters whose music is currently playing
 - Spectators must remain in the designated viewing areas or lobby area until skating sessions are completed
 - Areas around the entry and exit points of the ice must be left clear for skaters only.
7. Skaters must be in movement at all times while on the ice surface - standing or talking will ONLY be permitted on side boards.
8. Engagement of horseplay will result in being asked to leave the ice.
9. Skaters must follow the structure of the session. Freeskate during Dance session is not permitted.
10. Skaters may not request their own music; music will be played in accordance to the session schedule - see music guidelines.
11. No food, drinks, chewing gum or iPods are allowed on the ice surface.

Music Room Volunteer Policy

Members of the STARSkate program have music played during on-ice training for Dance, Interpretive, Free Skate, Skills and Stroking. Each family is required to assist with the music program one or two times per month on a voluntary basis in order to have music available to our coaches and members during the on-ice STARSkate sessions.

This year the club has introduced a buyout option for those STARSkate families that are not able to commit to volunteering for the music program. The cost for the buyout option will be \$50 for the season. STARSkate families interested in volunteering for the music program may register on-line or e-mail the club at info@georgetown-skatingclub.ca.

Ontario Trillium Grant

The Georgetown Skating Club is pleased to announce the approval from the Ontario Trillium Foundation of a one-year grant for \$28,000. The funding will provide an excellent opportunity for skating, coaching and volunteer development, community partnerships and administrative support.

We are pleased to welcome Marnie Carey as our new Club Administrator. Marnie has been actively coordinating the launch of our membership services,

Website

Our new website was launched in mid-August and brings a new level of communication to our members. Volunteers have been working hard over the summer with our new Webmaster BlueBoy Vision, to update the look and function of the website. A new online registration system is available for all skating programs. Schedule information is easily available in the colour-coded calendar of events that also includes a full-year schedule and details with a double click of the mouse. A complete fee schedule is available for download from the News Box on the home page.

If you have any comments or questions, please e-mail info@georgetown-skatingclub.ca.

registration and office coordination. Coaching and Program Assistant training supported by the OTF Grant will be taking place on September 22nd at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex.

The GSC has formed a partnership with the Canadian Tire Jump Start Program to offer skates and helmets to families registered in this program. Please visit our website for more information.

Upcoming Competitions

Please check the Club bulletin board or our website for more details on upcoming competitions for this season. Below is a list of competitions from September to December 2007:

- Fall Festival - Hamilton
September 28-30, 2007
- Oktoberfest - Barrie
October 12 - 14, 2007
- Isabelle Henderson Memorial - Windsor
October 19-21, 2007
- Charles Dover Memorial - Norwich
November 3-4, 2007
- Keswick Invitational - Keswick
November 10-11, 2007
- 2008 BMO Skate Canada Sectionals Midland, Ontario
November 8 - 11, 2007
- Skates Alive
Teen Ranch - Caledon
December 1 - 2, 2007

Music Room Renovation

The Club will be undergoing a Music Room renovation – so please be patient as we improve the function of this room. We have already started by moving some of the electrical and heating controls, and will be adding a rubberized floor and storage. Any member interested in donating any supplies may contact a Board Member or e-mail info@georgetownskatingclub.ca.

Competition Forms

The GSC had a very successful competitive season last year traveling throughout Ontario and is anticipated that our skaters will be busy preparing for the upcoming season. Competition forms need to be completed on time and may be signed only by the Club's Test Chair, Jennifer Malatesta and/or the Club's President, Laura Rees. All skaters must compete in categories that they are qualified for. Please consult your coach for further information.

Board of Directors

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