



Let's Skate and Communicate

Our 100th Year!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mary Burdon

It is hard to believe that the 2006 - 2007 year is drawing to a close. This has been an exciting year ending with Allison Proudfoot being a member of Team Canada 1 winning an ISU bronze medal at the World Synchronized Skating Championship in our own London, Ontario in late March. Congratulations. This is the first ISU medal in our club and we are 100 years old. Many of our members volunteered at this competition. Thank you. I can now add 'ironing flags" to my resume.

February 18, 2007 was an exciting day when we officially celebrated our 100th anniversary at a Centennial Gala Ice Show. There are only six other clubs in Canada that have been around for that length of time. It was an amazing evening when everything came together. Thank you to all the coaches and skaters that participated, to the parents for getting their children to all the practices, to the parents that participated and to Kelly Farmer, organizer, Mary Lou Marchant, producer and to the Gala Committee. Proceeds from the show will go to a bursary in the name of Evelyn Bastow. I will always remember those 5 or 6 little girls in pink dresses who stood watching the 'Stars' practice. They didn't want to go home because they might miss something.

Thank you to all the skaters and their parents for their support during the year. It is an honour to have been your president this year.

HISTORICAL COLUMN

Evelyn Bastow

Pictures are needed for archives from our Centennial Gala. If you have some photos of the show and would like to donate a copy to the archives it would be very much appreciated as archives are very important to organizations and future generations will be interested. I was very lucky to research pictures and items from some of our remaining elderly former members and to use them on the displays in the John Labatt Centre on the day of the show. I also hope to display them at the club's annual meeting in May. We also have a display at the Eldon House Interpretive Centre which will run for much of the year. Some of our beautiful trophies donated by some of London's prominent skating families are included in the display. The club was re-organized at a meeting of forty skaters at Eldon House in 1907. Have you noticed the display of copies of carnival programs dated back to 1928 at the Nichols Arena display?

Eldon House Interpretive Centre hours: Sat and Sun Noon-5pm.

Mail good copies of pictures to Evelyn Bastow 1200 Richmond Street, London, Ontario, N6A 3L4 or drop them off at the club office in an envelop marked "For the Archives".

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club members who passed their CanSkate badge in February 2007:

Preschool: Adaira Nakano, Isabelle Hocking, Joshua Wilcox, Sadie Morris, Elias Froussios

Stage 1: Samantha Rouble, Max Woodward, Nathaniel Lewis, Lucas Bradburn, Jett Wombwell, Saif Shahin, Charles Bristoll, Zach Marshall, Emma Marshall, Megan Esler, Roj Miguel Abdullah, Adaira Nakano

Stage 2: Samantha Rouble, Carson LaBelle, Kyla Presseau, Rachel Marshall, Claire Morris, Dwayne Babbar, Katy Foster, Aidan Green, Alexandra Chin, Muzzammil Hooda, Nathan Christian, Bryce Gordon, Jackson Huang, Sanval Sohail, Milana Torhjelm

Stage 3: Nathan Casavecchia, Adam Blanchard, ZhuoRan Dong, Paige MacKay, Jana Galat

Stage 4: Mackenzie Feeney, Molly Botten, Katelyn Braniff, Justin Di Nardo, Alyssa Coelho, Fallon Smyl, Sarah Coulthard

Jump: Nicole Waller, Kaitlin Farren, Erica Lumsden, Emma Millward, Maria Rico, Ryan Denniston, Elizabeth Bardeau, Rozhin Rezaei, Claire Swift

Stop: Nicole Waller, Kaitlin Farren, Kaitlyn Groenewegen, Emma Millward

Turn: Nicole Waller

Go Backwards: Marissa Marshall, Susan Cooke, Kaitlin Farren, Erika Lumsden, Emma Millward, Maria Rico, Danielle Green, Rachel Haggith

Spin: Kaitlin Farren, Emma Millward

FROM THE OFFICE

Kelly Farmer

SUMMER SKATING: The London Skating Club will be offering a six week summer skating program beginning on July 2-August 10, 2007. Information will be available on the London Skating Club website very soon: www.londonskatingclub.com. The London Skating Club is very flexible in regards to the booking of sessions during the summer months due to various holiday plans that our members may have. We are more than happy to tailor make a package that will work for you or your skater during the summer season!

GALA COSTUME FEES: Just a reminder that there are still a few gala costume balances that need to be attended to. Thanks so much to all participants for getting the costume payments in so quickly. It's nice to see so many of the costumes being worn at the various sessions.

GALA DVD: For those of you who pre-ordered a DVD from the London Skating Club's Centennial Gala Ice Show that was held in February, the DVD's will be handed out and signed for at the various spring sessions to skaters attending lessons this spring. If you are not skating spring, contact the office at: 519-681-2640 to make arrangements to pick up your Gala DVD.-

AGM: The London Skating Club's Annual General Meeting and Awards Presentation evening will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 7:30 pm, Community Hall, Earl Nichols Arena. Plan on attending and receiving this past year's reports from the various program conveners, and congratulate our award winners.

COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Trillium Provincial StarSkate Championships, March 10-11, 2007, Waterloo, ON:

Brittaney Everitt - 7th - Pre-Preliminary

George Tzortzis - 4th - Sr Bronze (Mens)

2007 Western Ontario Boston Pizza StarSkate Championships - Feb 16-18, 2007, Aylmer, ON:

Brittaney Everitt - 3rd (Bronze) Pre-Preliminary (Qualifying Competition for Trillium Provincial StarSkate Championships)

George Tzortzis - 3rd (Bronze) Sr.Bronze (Men) (Qualifying Competition for Trillium Provincial StarSkate Championships)

2007 BMO Skate Canada - Junior Nationals - Jan 3-Feb 3, 2007, Brampton, ON:

Michaela & Scott Botsford - 8th - Pre-Novice Dance

BMO Skate Canada Western Challenge, Moncton, NB - Nov 30-Dec 3:

Michaela & Scott Botsford - 1st (Gold) Pre-Novice Dance (Qualifying Competition for Junior Nationals)

Allison Proudfoot - LSC member, Team member of Nexxice Synchro Team & Team Canada 1:

London Skating Club member Allison Proudfoot was a member of the Nexxice Synchronized Skating team that won the National Championships and represented Canada at the World Synchronized Skating Championships in London, Ontario.

Nexxice Team Results:

French Cup - Rouen - 5th

Canadian Synchronized Skating Championships - 1st

World Synchronized Skating Championships - 3rd

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club members who passed their CanSkate badge in March 2007:

Preschool: Abigail Pardo, Nikolas Bullick, Jack Meadows, Caelan Schmitt, William Oxner

Stage 1: Kumayl Hooda, Robin Sugimoto, Adelle Rhuman, Caroline Martin-Smith, Corson Roy, Brooke Roy, James Morrison, Sarah McIver, Shehab Babran, Jared Couture, Kaley Watson, Isabelle Hocking, Abigale Pardo Josh Ellis, J. T. Sheardown, Luke Casavecchia, Hollie Bolton, Joshua Wilcox, Brady Fletcher, Nathan Duwyn

Stage 2: Nathan Lewis, Cameryn Gaudet, Michael Adams, Joshua MacPherson, Finn O'Hara, Brayden Niles, Natalie Priamo, Jenna Parkinson, Alexa Parkinson, Jett Wombwell, Carly Molloy Abigail Elliott, Chloe Nichol, Sonny Huang, Reagan Sanders, Karley Wharton, Sam Ramey, Ryan Goodison, Jessica Hughson Nicholas Kristo, Jett Woods

Stage 3: Jack Adams, Laura Parkinson, Samantha Rouble, Guenevere O'Hara, Brooklynn Backwell, Sydney Bristoll, Abby Riddell, Erica Clancy, Sarah Clancy, Milana Torhjelms, Sara McGachy, Paige Cameron, Torin Schmidt. Nathan Christian, Ciera Covey, Sanval Sohail, Jeremy Ellis, Theresa Skubic

Stage 4: Katie Barham, Victoria Adams, Adam Blanchard, Evan Blanchard, Lila Nakano, Kennedy Couture, Katie Wendling, Susan Cooke, Vanessa Eedy Rebecca Myette, Tori Baxter, Janna Galat, Katarina Galat

Stage 5: Annie Barham, Winnie Lu, Jasmine Smith, Kaitlin Farren, Maria Rico, Emma Millward, Claire Swift, Lauren Crowder, Kurt Watson, Kenzie Murray

Stop: Amber Carreiro, Saxon Boone, Charlotte LaBelle, Kurt Watson, Victoria Adams, Michaela Latta, Katarina Galat, Winnie Lu, Deanna Gooden, Noah Murray, Anisha Hood, Jarod Fagan, Lauren Crowder, Molly Botten, Tracey Kortvely, Melita Kurgeovic, Penny Appleton, Dee Jay Seeley, Adam Blanchard, Even Blanchard, Claire Swift Kenzie Murray, Maeson VanMeerbergen, Quinn Brown, Shannon Carroll

Jump: Kurt Watson, Winnie Lu, Jarod Fagan, Isabel Kennedy, Lauren Crowder, Molly Botten, Tracey Kortvely

Spin: Winnie Lu, Deanna Gooden, Anisha Hooda, Jarod Fagan, Shannon Carroll Lauren Crowder, Melita Kurgeovic, Kenzie Murray, Claire Swift

Turn: Michaela Latta, Winnie Lu, Daniella Ramirez, Annie Barham, Justin DiNardo, Lauren Crowder, Melita Kurgeovic, Kenzie Murray, Shannon Carroll

Go Forwards: Winnie Lu, Annie Barham, Justin Di Nardo, Lauren Crowder, Shannon Carroll

Go Backwards: Lindsey Wong, Winnie Lu, Annie Barham, Justin Di Nardo, Lauren Crowder, Melita Kurgeovic, Kenzie Murray, Shannon Carroll

Fitness I: Brad Petovello, Alexandra Chin, David Archibald, Grace Petrovello, Samantha Rouble, Emily Brooks, Claire Swift, Quinn Brown

ADULT SESSION

Evelyn Bastowl

The adult members enjoyed participating in the club's Gala Centennial Ice Show at the John Labatt Centre on February 18th. We have all had wonderful comments on our number and the 1907 costumes and choreography created by our coach Don Cummings. The members created their costumes from pictures of skaters from that period. The results were amazing and it was a lot of fun to see each costume finished as they were all different.

A party was held at the rink for Don Cummings by the adults on Saturday March 24th. A beautiful cake was made and decorated by Pauline Pudney and a framed copy of the adult Gala number was presented to Don for all his many years of coaching at the adult sessions. Don looks forward to having more time for himself especially on weekends, and we all wish him well. He will be missed at our sessions.

Two of our members, Avu Kiskela age 78 and Beverly Dodge, much younger, participated in the adult competition held recently in Calgary and both came home with silver medals. Avu competed against skaters 40 years younger than himself. Beverly has been named Adult Skater of the Year as she has competed in adult competitions this past year and medaled.

The adult spring sessions have commenced at the Thompson Arena at U.W.O. Evening sessions for April, May and June at 8-10pm and Thursday mornings 10-11:50am. For a brochure or info please call Evelyn Bastow (519-434-1973) or Maisie Allen (519-451-4527) or visit the LSC website.



**Adult Session photos
from the Gala**



Synchronized Skating

Debbie Neale

Pre-Juvenile Team - Arlene Carroll, Susan Goodison Co-Managers. At the Bernie Deveau competition in St. Thomas, the team skated to a bronze medal out of 9 pre-juvenile teams. The team finished 5th out of 20 in the silver final of the Bert Winfield competition in March which completed a season where they have made a wonderful effort.

Juvenile Team - Marge Burgess, Heather Crampton Co-Managers. Under the new judging system, the juveniles rose steadily with each competition, placing 4th in Regionals, and First in their final competition of the season.

Junior Team - Connie Zrini, Tanya Landry Co-Managers. The Junior team finished their season with an 8th place finish. They won a bronze medal in Dresden which exceeded expectations.

Open Team - Janie Nichol, Trish Layne Co-Managers. Synchronicity Open 2006/07 has had a great season! We improved our marks over last year by almost 40 points. We placed 3rd at Regionals and 6th at Nationals.

As Managers of the Open Team we would like to share with you the fact that team sports for girls such as synchronized skating develop life skills. The medals are great but what you remember are the friends you make and the support you receive after a bad skater or a good skate. Skating on a synchronized skating team develops loyalty, hard work, dedication, respect and life long friendships! Its one sport when it's not "all about you" it's really all about what you can do to help your team mates reach their goals. We considered it a privilege to work with the 18 girls that we had the honour to manage this year. There was never a selfish act, these girls shared a special bond where they could truly be themselves, be accepted and learn to be their best. We would like to wish our senior skaters who are moving on all the best in the future, we will miss you and hope you come back some day, don't forget Adult and Masters! We would be remiss if we did not mention the wonderful parents who continued to help to support our team – thanks to all of you! We would like to close by thanking a few of the people who have helped us this year – Thanks to the Synchro Committee, The London Skating Club Board especially Deb Neale, Kelly Farmer, Derek Everitt, Paul Tobin. Lastly thanks to our great coaching staff, Traci Wells, Shannon Moxey, Kelly Marshall and our personal trainer Elisha Matuszewski.