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Our 99th Year!

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From Your President

Melanie Bradley

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the skaters on their many accomplishments this year. There are a few outstanding accomplishments that deserve special recognition. This past February 1-4, London Skating Club's very own Scott and Michaela Botsford proudly represented our club at the Skate Canada Junior Nationals in Moncton New Brunswick. They competed in the Juvenile Dance category, and achieved a Silver Medal. Congratulations Scott and Michaela. We are all very proud of you.



Juvenile Dance

- 1 - Kelly Oliveira / Jordan Hockley
- 2 - Michaela Botsford / Scott Botsford
- 3 - Pénélope Mondion / Benoit Gagnon

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Breaking News: Tyler Hearn finished 2nd at the StarSkate Pre-Preliminary Men's Provincial Finals, and Scott Botsford finished 6th in Senior Bronze Men at the same finals!! The Novice Synchro Team won Bronze at the Ontario Winter Games, and the Open team finished 4th at the Nationals!! Way to go all!! I'll post Rachael's finish as soon as I hear how she did at the Provincials.

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From Your President

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A congratulation also goes out to Rachael Hornsby, Tyler Hearn, and Scott Botsford on advancing to Trillium Starskate. Good luck to you.

Congratulations to the Open Synchro team who competed at BMO Financial Group Skate Canada National Synchronized Championships March 2-5 in Hamilton, Congratulations to our Novice synchro team who competed at the Ontario Winter Games March 10-12 in Barrie Ontario. Congratulations also goes out to Paul and Catherine McLean, and George Tzortzis who all competed at the High School competition.

The planning committee of Evelyn Bastow, John Alguire, Bill Boland, Karen Edens, Derek Everitt & Kelly Farmer are busy getting things ready for the "The London Skating Club's Centennial Gala". This will be a huge event that will require many volunteers to pull it all together. We will be compiling a list of those of you who are able to help out with this. The 100th anniversary will be held in early 2007, at the John Labatt Center. Please watch for sign up sheets on the bulletin board. If everyone does a little, we can all accomplish a lot.

On another note, the future of bingos is becoming more and more uncertain, and due to government mandates, we may see bingos come to a close in the future. Should that occur, there will be a significant increase in registration fees, unless we are able to begin more profitable fundraising ventures. If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser, contact the Board of Directors. If you know of any profitable fundraisers, please submit them to the Board.

I will be taking a 6 month Leave Of Absence from the Board of Directors. In my absence, if you should have concerns that need to be brought forth to the Board, you can forward them to Mary Burdon until May 8, 2006, and after May 8, 2006 you can forward any issues to Leah Dolphin.

Junior Olympics

The annual Junior Olympics event is fast approaching. This event is a must to attend, even if you are not a participant. Seeing all young skaters and showing our appreciation for their hard work done this year is the most important part of this day.

There is never enough volunteers. If you can give any of your time, please contact Michelle Rothwell at 685-0265, or e-mail her at pmrothwell@sympatico.ca.

Lets show the kids how well they did by cheering them all on as they celebrate a year well done.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 23, 2006

Bingo (Club Hosting)
London, Ontario

March 25, 2006

Bingo (Club Hosting)
London, Ontario

March 26, 2006

Skate-A-Thon
Nichols Arena

March 29-30

Test Days

April 2, 2006

Junior Olympics

April 17, 2006

Spring Session Begins

May 8, 2006

LSC AGM Meeting
Nichols Arena

June 16, 2006

Spring Session Ends

June 19, 2006

Spring Session Test Day

Watch for the Summer
Session dates (to be
announced soon!!)

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club members who passed their CanSkate badge in February 2006:

Preschool: Noah McLeod, Joshua Ellis, Paige Galbraith, Jessica Houghson,
Jolan Farren

Stage 1: Carlijn VanKessel, Alexandra Quint, Anthony Quint, Kosta Jovicic,
Maria Zerko, McKenna Brown, Logan Wong, Mattie Angelopoulos,
Ana Billingsley, Brandon Pearce, Eric Rowe, Jolan Farren

Stage 2: Erica Crowther, Alex Polito, Jerry Kim, Maria Zerko, Ben Rothwell,
Alexis Cronk, Jordan Miller, Madisyn Walz, Shaeleigh O'Nei,
Calli Barnes, Clara Brown

Stage 3: Tori Baxter, Victoria Adams, Alyssa Coelho, Isabel Kennedy,
Emily Brooks, Kiara Desender, Maria Zerko, Kaitlyn Groenewegen,
Maria Zerko, Quinn Brown, Eleanor Davis, Molly Botten,
Lauren Crowder, Gillian LaBelle,

Stage 4: Jasmine Smith, Ashley Davis, Katie McDonald, Stephanie Brooks

Stage 5: Chloe Munn, Jasmine Kauldhar, Melissa Janozeski

Fitness I: Dylan Aruajo

Stop Badge: Paolo Liotti



EAT AT BOSTON PIZZA AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE LONDON SKATING CLUB. EVERY TIME YOU EAT AT BOSTON PIZZA ON WONDERLAND ROAD, DROP YOUR BILL INTO THE BALLOT BOX ON YOUR WAY OUT. BE SURE TO WRITE LONDON SKATING CLUB ON THE BACK OF THE BILL. WE WILL GIVE 10% BACK IN CASH OR 10% IN FOOD TO THE CLUB AT THE END OF THE SEASON. TAXES AND GRATUITY ARE EXCLUDED. WE HAVE APPETIZER, LUNCH, AND DINNER SPECIALS 7 DAYS A WEEK. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME.

Mike Brazeau
3090 Wonderland Rd
519-472-5001

More Breaking News: The London Skating Club sold the winning ticket for the 2006 Ontario Skaters' Promotional Contest!! **The lucky winner from the London Skating Club is Leah Bartlett** (Brittany is one of our senior skaters, this is her mom. Leah is also a former Board of Directors member of LSC). Leah has won the 2006 Chevrolet Colbalt LS.

Your Board

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Newsletter

Steve Komarnicky

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Steve Komarnicky

Music Chair

Michelle Rothwell

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club members who passed their Tests on February 7 and 13, 2006:

Preliminary Skating Skills: Liam Organ, Jessica Lauro, Lydia Huang

Junior Bronze Skating Skills: Shelby Komarnicky, Jessica Walsh

Senior Bronze Skating Skills: Noelle Soares, Alyssa Farr

Preliminary Elements: Ashley Dixon, Clarissa Fata

Junior Bronze Elements: Courtney McMurter

Preliminary Solos: Alyssa Farr, Rebecca Sullivan

Junior Bronze Solos: Maddison Fysh

Keats: Alexandria DeSando

Rocker: Julia Howard, Emily Zirini

Intro Interperative: Jenna Zaleski, Stephane Neale, Madisson Fysh, Breanna Layne

Junior Silver Skills: Marta Miller

Preliminary Program: Clarissa Fata

Senior Bronze Program: Marissa Bradley

Ten Fox: Megan Simmons, Leah Coad

Dutch Waltz: Scotia McKinley, Alex Clements, Sonia Schrocci, Shannon Schrocci

Canasta Tango: Keara Douglas, Brittany Winton

Baby Blues: Kinsey Greenfield, Katherine Cambridge-Scott, Esther Banninga, Madeline Stolee, Megan Shannon

Swing: Haley McKale, Jessica Lauro, Kahli Douglas, Kylie McDonald

Fiesta Tango: Kylie McDonald, MacKenzie Clements

Willow Waltz: Madeline Tobin, Alex Capling, Shayna Smith, Haley Kriz, Nicole Crowther, Anda Rogers, Sarah Organ, Lydia Huang

From Your Editor

Stephen Komarnicky

Goals: 0; Assists: 0; New Friends: 5

I saw this on a Zamboni recently at a rink, and thought how perfect that message is. It is geared towards hockey, but the message is universal. It does no matter how many medals you get, or how many tests you pass. It's the friends you make that will live long in your memories that count the most.

And this year, for us, has underlined this for our entire family. Not only has our daughter met and made new friends, but so have we. Meeting so many great families has made the experiences that much better. All of the families are there to cheer the skaters on, to congratulate them when they do well, and to support them when things do not go as hoped.

To all of the families we have met and made friends with this and previous years, thank you very much for supporting us and being there when needed. You have made a huge difference in our lives, and I hope we can give back to you with our support and friendship in the years to come.

Keep smiling.

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club teams who competed in Central Regional Festival of Synchronized Skating on January 27-29, 2006 in Fort Erie, Ontario:

Juvenile Festival: Synchronicity – 9th
Novice Festival: Synchronicity – 10th
Adult Festival: Synchronicity – 15th
Open Festival: Synchronicity – 3rd

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club members who competed in the Lyle McPhedran Memorial Invitational on February 3-5, 2006 in Hamilton, Ontario:

Starskate Pre-Preliminary – Tyler Hearn – 1st
Starskate Preliminary – Holly Bilinski – 8th
Starskate Junior Bronze – Emily Galan – 6th
Starskate Senior Bronze – Alex Krauel – 5th
Pre-Preliminary A Limited (Flight 2) – Haley Kriz – 3rd
Pre-Preliminary A Limited (Flight 6) – Kinsey Greenfield – 6th
Pre-Preliminary A Limited (Flight 9) – Veronica Maurice – 2nd
Pre-Preliminary A Limited (Flight 13) – Mackenzie Clements – 7th
Pre-Preliminary B Limited (Flight 3) – Shelby Komarnicky – 6th
Pre-Preliminary B Limited (Flight 7) – Shelby Crampton – 6th
Preliminary A Limited (Flight 9) – Kabrena Riley – 5th

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club teams who competed in the 2006 BERNIE DEVEAU MEMORIAL SYNCHRO SKATING INV. on February 11-12, 2006 in Chatham, Ontario:

Pre-Juvenile: Synchronicity – 7th
Juvenile: Synchronicity Juvenile – 2nd
Novice: Synchronicity Novice – 1st
Adult (Flight 2): Synchronicity – 3rd
Adult (Silver Final): Synchronicity – 2nd

Congratulations to the following London Skating Club members who competed in the WO Boston Pizza STARSkate Championships on February 17-19, 2006 in Sarnia, Ontario:

StarSkate Gold Triathlon Women: Heather Lauder – 11th
StarSkate Silver Triathlon Women: Allison Proudfoot – 6th
Trillium Gold Women (Flight 1): Cara Horan – 6th
Trillium Gold Women (Flight 2): Julia Horan – 7th
Trillium Senior Bronze Men: George Tzortzis – 4th
Trillium Senior Bronze Women (Flight 1): Alex Krauel – 3rd
Trillium Senior Bronze Women (Final): Alex Krauel – 11th
Trillium Junior Bronze Women (Flight 2): Marissa Bradley – 10th
Trillium Junior Bronze Women (Flight 3): Jenna Zaleski – 4th
Trillium Junior Bronze Women (Flight 4): Stephanie Neale – 6th
Trillium Junior Bronze Women (Flight 5): Courtney Strom – 11th
Trillium Preliminary Women (Flight 1): Holly Bilinski – 8th
Trillium Pre-Preliminary Men: Tyler Hearn – 1st
Trillium Pre-Preliminary Women (Flight 3): Shelby Komarnicky – 3rd
Trillium Pre-Preliminary Women (Flight 4): Brittaney Everitt – 6th
Trillium Pre-Preliminary Women (Final): Shelby Komarnicky – 8th
Adult Bronze Women: Bev Dodge – 2nd
Adult Pre-Intro Interpretive Women: Bev Dodge – 1st

BINGO FACTS

Did you know....

In the past 5 years more than 150 bingo halls have closed in Ontario alone. In Ontario, bingos are regulated by the Alcohol and Gaming Act. 2 years ago, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission selected 5 halls to participate in Electronic Bingos. Electronic Bingos significantly reduce the need for charitable organizations.

May 1, 2006 all Bingo halls will be smoke free, with the exception of the Muncy Hall which will be reopening. It is suspected that 50% of the remaining halls will close after May 1, 2006. London Bingo Palace and Castle has made many adjustments to increase cost savings in order to remain open. They have reduced the usage of their utilities, reduced the number of staff, and continually look at programming in an attempt to keep attendance up. They have eliminated the Friday afternoon bingos, and the Sunday afternoon bingos due to low attendance, and currently the midnight bingos are in jeopardy. This definitely may mean fewer bingos. The Alcohol and Gaming Commission is purposing that in order to increase cost savings to the Hall and the clubs, that all clubs pay 50% of the costs for the paper and the caller. This would be in effect from April 1, 2006 until Sept 30, 2006. Following that, there will be new recommendations made by the Alcohol and Gaming commission. This will be approximately a \$50 reduction per event to the clubs. We may need to revise the contingency payments for the winter.

Did you also know.....

Bingo revenue has paid for \$24, 000.00 in ice fees this year, which is calculated into your registration fees. As you can imagine, without these necessary bingo funds, or other significant fundraising monies, we could see a significant increase in our registration fees. We will continue to work with London Bingo Palace and Castle as well as the City of London in order to continue bingos as long as possible. In the meantime, we will need to look for more profitable fundraising efforts. If you know of any, or are willing to run one, please let the Board of Directors know. We will continue to keep the membership updated.

Club Skaters Win National Contest

Every once in a while, Skate Canada sponsors have contests for the young skaters to participate in. Two London Skating Club members tried their part recently in the HomeSense Skating Spaces contest, and won the Central Region prize!! Holly Bilinski wrote the winning essay, and Shelby Komarnicky provided the bedroom under renovation picture (while Holly slept over). Each of the girls receive a \$500 gift card to spend to improve their respective bedrooms.

Happy shopping, girls!!!



Skate-A-Thon

Our first annual London Skating Club Skate-A-Thon is coming up soon! The purpose of this event is to help keep the cost of our programs as low as possible. We will be providing credits to encourage the skaters to seek out as many pledges as possible.

The event will take place **Sunday, March 26, 2006 starting at 1:00 PM at Nichols Arena**. All skaters will receive 10% in credits for pledges received. In addition, prizes will be awarded (see the reverse for the list of prizes).

The skaters will be divided into three segments for safety reasons:

CanSkate - 1:15 to 1:45 (approx 30 minutes)

Preliminary and Junior - 1:45 to 2:45 (approx 60 minutes)

Intermediate, Senior and Adult - 2:45 to 3:45 (approx 60 minutes)

Note: times are approximate due to possible cleaning of the ice. Times may change 10-15 minutes either way. (Times updated on March 20th)

For our Skate-A-Thon, our skaters promise to skate non-stop during their time on the ice in exchange for the specified dollar amount per pledge. And the pledges collected put each skater in a position to earn credits while enjoying their time skating with friends and teammates.

Each skater will receive a pledge sheet. We would like each parent / guardian to discuss with your child the best way to gather pledges and strongly suggest you practice safety first and do not allow young skaters to go door to door without an adult. As safety is a primary concern, each parent / guardian is to decide the most appropriate method of collecting pledges from only those individuals and companies which you feel are appropriate. Extra pledge sheets are available from the Club Office.

CREDITS

The pledge sheets and money will be collected on the day of the Skate-A-Thon. The London Skating Club will provide an instant credit voucher. In order to do this we require one cheque written by the parent / guardian of the skater for the pledges collected – no third party cheques will be allowed for the instant credit. We encourage you to bring one cheque instead of cash.

If third party cheques are submitted, we will issue the credit voucher minus a \$2 administration fee. This is to ensure all the third party cheques clear and to cover the extra work of depositing the many cheques.

SKATE-A-THON PRIZES!!

Minimum Pledge	Prize Package
\$25.00	LSC Pin
\$50.00	LSC Pin plus Mitts
\$100.00	LSC Pin plus Coupons and Mitts

Note: We had to substitute the coupons for the laces. We apologize for any inconvenience this may create.

Prizes for top three fundraisers:

1st place: LSC Wind suit (\$120 value)

2nd place: LSC Winter Jacket (\$65 value)

3rd place: \$50 in credit for the 2006 Spring Session

There may be other door surprises and refreshments at the arena (in planning stages currently). All skaters registered with the London Skating Club are welcome to participate provided they have \$25.00 in pledges. Skaters must be ready to take to the ice at the appropriate time. **Skaters must wear skates (and helmets for CanSkate levels three or less)**. No spins or other figure skating moves are allowed to ensure the safety of others.

If for any reason your child will not be able to participate at the designated times, please contact the Club Office before the Skate-a-thon event. We will make every attempt to find a time to allow your child to participate.

If you know you will be participating, please e-mail Steve at lscnewsletter@gto.net to help me know how many skaters to prepare for.

If you wish to donate, or know someone that is willing to donate, a door prize for this event, please let Steve know at the above e-mail as well.

Thank you for your support and contributions to this event!!!

SEE YOU ON THE ICE AT THE SKATE-A-THON!!!

Synchronize Team Support

The Synchronized Skating Teams would like to thank the following groups and individuals that helped out during the fantastic 2005-6 Season. The teams could not have done as well as they did without the support, and look forward to continuing the relationships developed in future years.

Link + Corporation	Jerry Zrini	Spinrite
Sew Creative	J N Custom Sheetmetal Work	Johnathon Hill State Farm Ins
Joe & Joanne Haasen	Kens Canadian Stainless Steel	Hav-All Concrete & Construction
Earth Tech Canada	Exhaust	Jason Roes
Bert's Golf Service	David Briggs & Peter Magee	Lambeth Cdn Oldtimers Hockey
Barry Clements	Canadian Mortgage Rating Service	Horan Masonry
Vicky Cliffe	Fred & Marilyn Smith	Scrapaholics...A Healthy Habit
Country Paws Boarding	Sandy Richard-Mohamed	Anne Delaney
Joy Pryce	Steve & Donna Chilton	Anne Delaney
Backdrafts	Siskinds, Beth Traynor	Les's Loafers
Entasis Inc c/o Amber Newsome	Kelly's Family	Wise Accessories
MCI Design Build	Sue and John Allen	Terri-Lynn Hauck
Maple Leaf Food Service	Willard's Pressure Washing	Mary Ellen L Boundy
Marguerite Held	Bank of Montreal	A & A Automotive
Oxford Learning Centre	John Maddox	David & Leesa Round
Wee Watch West	Herbal One Weight Management	Dr. J. E. Clement
My Fireplace	Nutrition Centres	Brandon Smith
S Ritchie	Glen Warwick Farms Ltd	G Prichard, Watech Service Inc
Computata Systems London	Huron Tractor	M Kerrigan, Donegal Acres
The Sisterhood (LSCSJ)	Howson & Howson Ltd	Campbell Co of Canada
Phibbs Incorporated	Foxton Fuels Limited	Tony's Famous Italian Restaurant
Dundee Private Investors	Tolton Motor Sales Ltd (Bill)	Barb Fisher
Oliver & Associates Realty Inc	Tolton Motor Sales Ltd (Tim)	Ben & Maureen Roberts
Nola Rowland	Neil Warwick & Candace Schill	Mike and Jenn Roberts
Diane's 3D Fashions	St Williboard Credit Union	Baby Boutique
Dave & Helga Kimber	TD Canada Trust Agric Svcs	Linda & Neil Stephens
Royal LePage Triland Realty	Coldwell Banker	Stephen Andersen
Jacqueline Wojtowich,	Bill & Sue Allen	Lambton Financial Credit Union
Commissio Artist & Valleyview	Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd	Woody's Body Shop
Bed and Breakfast	Phyllis Hymers	Gallagher Auto Parts
Bangkok Pad Thai	Mapleton Spa	Gentek
Thai Foon Restaurant	Herbel One Weight Loss Centre	Fritz Klaus
London Speech & Language	Brian & Jackie Hymers Transport	Spada Salon & Spa
Centre	Martin Bros Crushing Ltd	
Grosvenor Salon	Sharedent	
Phyllis Miller	Harold Phillips	
Monica Black	Future Shop	
Gaye & Reg Whaley	Ben Pol Construction	
Randy Taylor	Kess Family Hair	
M & T Electric	M & T Printing Group	
Jim & Mary Miller	GCW Kitchen & Bath Inc	
Dancewear Plus	Body Mechanics Physiotherapy	
Carol & Phil Surtees	Jim Telford	
Marion Tomchuk	Byron Automotive	
Sharon Brisebois	National Instore Services Corp	
Olga Cooper	Bell Canada-Employee Giving	
Myrna Howard	Ernst & Young	
The Prevetts	Neale Pearson	
	Leslie Home Inspections	