# In The Loop

#### Message from the President:

The Club started off the Winter session with the need to make some tough decisions. With increased costs (our per hour ice costs increased by over 10% compared to last year), even with our registrations being very close to last year overall we had to act quickly to adjust our schedule and optimize the ice we rent from the City of London to align with our registrations. The process is a tough one because we have to commit to the amount of ice we will be renting months before members are registering. But the Board, who are made up of volunteers from the membership, acted quickly, professionally and with a keen eye on the options to minimize as best as we could, the negative impact the change would make on the membership. I thank the Board for their efforts in this regard. The process is highly stressful, but they handled themselves very well.

I'm glad to report that our number of session registrations is above last year at this point of time. This bodes well for the future of the Club and the sport in general. With more people looking to improve their life style and choose healthy sports that can last them a lifetime, Skating is a natural fit in our climate. As a Club we need to evolve to offer more opportunities for people of all ages to continue to Skate, be it recreational or competitive. The structure of the Club will need to evolve along with these changing times to ensure we can offer the programs when the people want them and where the people want them. Times are tough, but if we keep our focus on our main directive, to maximize the opportunities for our membership to skate, we will succeed and grow.

The Board is also ramping up the opportunities for fundraising. With the tireless work of our Fundraising Board member, and the support of other members in the club, you will see more and more opportunities over the coming months and years. I strongly encourage you to support these in any way you can. These efforts will help not only the Club in general, but sometimes you specifically. The QSP opportunity is a great example. To help the individual skater doing the fundraising, the funds each skater raises through this program will be split 50/50 (50% to the Club and 50% to the skater in terms of credits). The credits earned will be available to the skater when they register for future skating sessions, reducing your direct costs. And the Club will use their portion to help raise funds for needed equipment and/or to help reduce the costs associated to the sessions. It is the true sense of win-win. Not all fundraisers will be handled this way, but they all benefit the entire membership at the end of the day. Keep your eyes open for these opportunities, volunteer to help, and help the Club grow.

Stephen Komarnicky



## **Dress Sale and Skate Exchange**



Are you looking for the perfect dress, skating skirt or pair of skates?

Have you outgrown your practice outfit, skates or warm up sweater already this season?

Did you know that the London Skating Club has a "Dress and Skate Exchange" that runs throughout the year?

Make sure you check out the Dress and Skate Rack that is available during most Canskate Sessions or check out our photo gallery on the London Skating Club Website at <a href="https://www.londonskatingclub.com">www.londonskatingclub.com</a>. Browse through the selections often, as new items are added frequently.

All items in the sale are on a consignment basis. The prices are set by the item's owner. A 15% commission from the sale price goes to the London Skating Club to purchase Thank You gifts and prizes for Program Assistants who volunteer their time to help in Canskate and Preliminary programs.

If you have any questions, wish to purchase items, or if you have items to sell please contact Tamara Blaney at <a href="mailto:kbldsl@execulink.com">kbldsl@execulink.com</a> or The London Skating Club.



# CHRISTMAS GIFT CERTIFICATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE LONDON SKATING CLUB.



GIVE THE GIFT OF SKATING TO A NEIGHBOUR, FRIEND OR RELATIVE!

Contact the London Skating Club office at 519-681-2640 or e-mail <a href="mailto:londonsc@execulink.com">londonsc@execulink.com</a> for more information.



#### Mark Your Calendars!

#### December 3, 2010, John Labatt Centre, 7:30 pm

London Skating Club Synchronicity Pre-Novice Provincial Champions will be skating at the London Knight's hockey game.

For more information and how to get tickets go to:

www.johnlabattcentre.com

#### **December 19,2010, John Labatt Centre**

The London Skating Club is pleased to announce that the National Championship Intermediate Synchronicity team has been invited to participate in a Christmas Skating Show. Winter Dreams On Ice will be presented at the John Labatt Centre on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The show features performances by Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, Christina Gao, Jennifer Robinson, Shawn Sawyer, Jodeyne Higgins and Sean Rice, Emanuel Sandhu, Joel Geleynse, and Kayla Freeborn. The LSC is proud that the Synchronicity team will be featured. Also performing will be a small group of LSC senior girls who will skate to a live musical presentation. Good luck to the Intermediate Synchronicity team, Olivia Akena, Alex Desando, Kinsey Greenfield, Brooke Marshall, and Shelby Nielson.

For more information and how to get tickets go to: www.johnlabattcentre.com



### **SHOW IT OFF FOR SKATE CANADA!**

**Our challenge**\_is to creatively promote the new Skate Canada logo! **Our goal** is to have fun, promote our club, and hopefully win a great prize.( First prize is a one day seminar with Kurt Browning).

We are putting together a video featuring many of our club skaters doing on ice activities as well as singing in groups. Skaters of all levels and ages have had a lot of fun participating in the production of the video. Many of you may have seen the logo taped to the side of the rink or taped to plungers sitting on the ice surface as we showcased great skating with the logo in view. Our entry will be posted on the Skate Canada website for all of Canada to see. We feel this is a great way to promote our wonderful skaters and our club.

Don't forget to check out our video at <a href="www.skatecanada.ca">www.skatecanada.ca</a> in the gallery section of the contest. Information will also be posted on our website at <a href="londonskatingclub.com">londonskatingclub.com</a>. **Please Vote often.** 

Voting is permitted once daily per email address. Voting begins DECEMBER 1st.

# HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



PROFIT WILL BE A 50/ 50 SPLIT BETWEEN THE FAMILIES AND THE CLUB. THE MORE YOU SELL THE MORE YOU EARN! CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN IN MARCH.

- Give something special to you or someone you know and help support our club!
   We thank you and appreciate your participation. Every order counts, more than ever.
- Our club will earn \$10.00 on <u>average</u> from every order. These funds will be used to support important goals and programs that benefit your children.
- Over 600 magazine titles there's a great selection and something for everyone at a great value. Magazines like SI Kids, Canadian Living, Everyday with Rachel Ray, The Hockey News and more.
- ♦ RENEW your favourite subscription, ORDER a NEW title, or GIVE a Gift Holiday Gift subscription cards are available. See order form for details.
- ♦ Ask family, friends, neighbours, co-workers and don't forget local business professionals or service centers with waiting rooms (doctors, salons, etc.).
- ♦ Skaters receive cool prizes for all their hard work! Pick A Prize Program sell and then select the prize you want based on the subscriptions sold. Important....Make sure to send your selection in with your order form!!
- The PRICES ARE FANTASTIC however if you have a
   "better offer" price coupon just attach it to the order form and pay that price!
   We want you to get the best deal possible, and the club to benefit from the sale.

#### SATISFACTION GUARANTEE

Toll free customer service # (800-667-2536) is printed on the back of the customer receipt.

#### The Catalogue



- Choose your favourite items. Complete the order
  - forms keep the pink copy for your receipt! Make sure you include your <u>full address and postal code</u>.
- ♦ Include seller and organization name
- Enclose white/yellow copies with payment, and keep pink copy.
- Extra order forms are available at the arena
- ♦ Allow 10-14 weeks for delivery on magazines.
- If paying by cheque, make cheques payable to: <u>The London Skating Club</u>
- Order forms due back to the London Skating Office by: November 26th

#### **Order Magazines Online**



Go to www.qsp.ca to order online.

- Use your group Code: <u>33086</u> and follow the instructions online.
- Earn a prize just for sending 12 or more emails to friends and family.
- NEW!!! Invite Facebook friends to support your skating club. Check it out at QSP.ca!!!!
- Go Green! Paperless Fund Raising!
- Easy pay with credit cards.
- Shop 24 hours a day, year round.
- Online orders are processed immediately, save up to 4-6 weeks delivery time.
- ♦ Anyone from anywhere in Canada can help!

# London Skating Club Cancellations— Winter 2010-2011 – as of Nov 1/10 Preschool, CanSkate, Preliminary, Junior, Senior, Day Ice

\*Please note that synchro has a separate list of cancellations or turn back ice. See your team manager for more info.\*

- Wednesday, November 24, 2010Regular sessions cancelled from 5:15-9:05 at Nichols test day
- Thursday, November 25, 2010Regular sessions cancelled from 6:15-9:05 at Nichols - test day. The 5:15-6:05 Juvenile synchro practice at this time is still running as of now.
- Thursday, December 9, 2010 Cancelled Western Fair 8:00-9:50 pm & 5:15-9:05 cancelled Nichols hockey tournament. Juv & Int teams speak to your team manager/coach about make up ice this date at Nichols.
- Friday, December 24, 2010 Christmas Eve cancelled Nichols 5:15-8:05 pm
- Saturday, December 25, 2010 Christmas cancelled Nichols 9:15-10:05 am
- Sunday, December 26, 2010 Boxing Day all singles/synchro cancelled at Nichols 9:15-11:05 am & 1:15-9:05 pm – cancelled
- Friday, December 31, 2010 New Year's Eve cancelled Nichols 5:15-8: 05 Nichols
- Saturday, January 1, 2011 New Year's Day 9:15-10:05 am cancelled Nichols
- Friday, January 14, 2011 Cancelled Nichols 5:15-8:05 hockey
- Saturday, January 15, 2011 Cancelled Nichols 9:15-10:05 am Nichols hockey
- Friday, February 4, 2011 Cancelled Nichols 5:15-8:05 pm Nichols hockey
- Saturday, February 5, 2011 Cancelled Nichols 9:15-10:05 am Nichols hockey
- Tuesday, February 8, 2011 Regular sessions cancelled from 5:15-9:05 at Nicholstest day
- Wednesday, February 9, 2011 Regular sessions cancelled from 5:15-9:05 at Nichols- test day
- Monday, February 21, 20115:30-7:20 only cancelled Nichols Family Day
- Tuesday, March 29, 2011Regular sessions cancelled from 5:15-9:05 at Nicholstest day
- Thursday, March 31, 2011Regular sessions cancelled from 6:15-9:05 at Nicholstest day
- Regular sessions to be held on Friday, April 1st, for Preliminary and Junior & on Saturday, April 2 for Preschool &
- CanSkate. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Junior Olympics are being held. More information about the Junior Olympics will follow at a later date.

#### <u>Day Ice Cancellations 2010-2011 – London Skating Club</u>

Friday, November 26, 2010 – Nichols Arena – Day Ice cancelled – 8:00-9:50 am Friday, December 10, 2010 – Nichols Arena – Day Ice cancelled – 8:00-9:50 am Wednesday, December 15, 2010 – Kinsmen Arena – Day Ice cancelled – 8:00-9:50 am Friday, January 14, 2011 – Nichols Arena – Day Ice cancelled – 8:00-9:50 am

#### **October Test Day Passes:**

#### SKILLS-

Kabrena Riley - Senior Silver Skills Erin Tucker - Senior Bronze Skills

#### **DANCES**

Baby Blues - Jessica Blainey Willow Waltz - Rachel Marshall

#### FREE SKATES

Brooke Marshall - Gold Free Skate Emme Chute - Junior Bronze Elements Kinsey Greenfield - Gold Elements



#### Congratulations & Well done!

Congratulations to London Skating Club skater, Tyler
Hearn, who competed November 12-14, 2010, in
Cambridge, Ontario, at the BMO Skate Canada – Western
Ontario Sectional Championships and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. This 3<sup>rd</sup>
place finish qualifies Tyler to compete at the BMO Skate
Canada Challenge Championships December 1-5, 2010. Good luck Tyler!

Well done to the following London Skating Club skaters who also competed at sectionals: Olivia Akena – Pre-Juvenile Ladies, Kinsey Greenfield, Alexa Provongviengkham & Alexandria Desando – Novice Ladies.



### **Looking to Volunteer?**

~The London Skating Club is always looking for individuals to Volunteer!~



The volunteer receives a credit voucher of \$5.00 per hour and the clubs share of the proceeds from the competition is based on its number of volunteer hours If you can help please contact Elaine Desando by leaving a message in the Skating Club Office - 519-681-2640 or checking the web site at www.londonskatingclub.com