

LET'S SKATE

November 2003

We are well underway in this skating season and as everyone stays busy here are a few items to help keep you all informed:

LONDON SKATING CLUB OFFICE HOURS

Monday 12:30 – 3:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 – 11:30 AM If Kelly isn't there and you need assistance, check the ice, you should find her there
Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

If you can't reach Kelly during these hours please leave her a message the office at 681-2640
Check us out on the web at www.londonskatingclub.com
or e-mail us at londonsc@execulink.com

LONDON SKATING CLUB BULLETIN BOARD

Please be sure to check out the London Skating Club Bulletin boards, which are located at both Farquharson Arena and Earl Nichols Arena. The main bulletin board at Nichols Arena can be found to the right of the concession stand. Be sure to regularly check this board for the latest club information

GUEST SKATING

A reminder to all skaters and coaches that Kelly Farmer must approve **ALL** guest skating prior to a skater taking the ice. The skater must meet the requirements of the session they wish to attend, and there must be space available. Call Kelly at the office for help. Fees are \$5.00 per half hour or you can purchase a book of tickets for \$80.00 for 5 full two-hour sessions.

LSC AND THE LONDON KNIGHTS

Tickets will be on sale for the London Knights vs. Sault Ste Marie on Thursday January 15, 2004 (7PM) during regularly scheduled skating sessions from December 1-15. LSC will be demonstrating during the first period intermission. Tickets are \$10.00 (cash only) and must be purchased before the deadline. They will be distributed on time for Christmas. For more information, call Kelly Farmer @ 681-2640.

FUND RAISING

Our Precision skating team Synchronicity is collecting A&P receipts for next year's teams. If all families can save their tapes from A&P, Dominion, and Ultra Food & Drug Stores, they can be turned in at Nichols arena. Thanks for your support.

The skating club is also running a Christmas fundraiser of clothing, which can be seen in the showcase. More info will be available at the arena.

FROM OUR SYNCHRO TEAMS

All three competitive teams, Open, pre-novice and pre-juvenile are training hard preparing for their first competitions the weekend of Dec.13/14. The development team will start training in early November (registration still available - for more information call 681-9526)

FROM CANSKATE

This year we are running five hours of CanSkate and the sessions are filling up fast. Several time slots have been full for a while and others are almost full. There is already a waiting list for the Tuesday and Wednesday session but there remain a few spaces on Thursday and Saturday sessions. Any families who have younger skaters who would be interested in CanSkate this year, should call and have their names put on the waiting list, so they won't be disappointed.

FROM INTERMEDIATE

All Intermediate sessions begin with 20 minutes of skating skills, followed by free skate, with the last 20 minutes of the session designated to dance. Skaters who are not doing skills are expected to work on field move, footwork, or dance. There is no jumping or spinning during skills except during private lessons.

FROM SENIOR

All senior sessions that are not combined Senior B+ will start with 15 minutes of dance and end with 15 minutes of skating skills. The same rules apply to this skills session as during the Intermediate session. All combined Senior and Senior B+ sessions are open sessions.

FROM THE ADULT SESSION

The adult sessions are now back at Thompson arena and enjoying the new ice surface. They welcomed back many past members as well as many new UWO students. They are also glad to have new coaches Mary Lou Marchant and Pauline Carter. Don Cumming is back at the evening session as well as Jennifer Smallwood. They would like to extend wishes for a quick recovery to John from his recent illness, and hope to see him out skating this season. For more information about the adult session, call Ev Bastow at 4347-1973 or Maise Allen at 451-4527.

HISTORICAL COLUMN by Evelyn Bastow

On Saturday, September 27th, the Western Fair held a "barn raising" event at the Ontario Arena, and invited all groups who used the arena to participate with displays.

The London Skating Club skated at the arena, which was built in 1928, from January 1949 through March 1964. Ice was installed by the Fair Board in January 1949, as there was not a facility with artificial ice in the city at that time. The London Arena at Bathurst and Ridout Sts had been sold in 1941 and turned into a roller rink and dance hall. This left Our Club as well as hockey clubs without a facility for eight years. The club tried to carry on using the outdoor rinks at Labatt Park, and going out of town to other rinks, but this proved unsatisfactory. The club kept on holding annual meetings and maintained its membership in the CFSA. The ice at The Ontario Arena was a blessing, but only available from early November until the end of March. The Ontario Arena became a curling rink after hockey and the skating club moved to new rinks built in the 60's. However, we did return to the rink for our centennial carnival in 1967.

- Our display on September 27th had many pictures of past Carnivals and skaters of that era and it attracted many of those attending the event. Thanks to Pauline Pudney and Karen Edens for your help that day.

MARK YOUR CALANDERS

The Pop Concert will take place before Christmas this year, on December 19 at Thompson Arena at 7:30 PM. Although the Pop Concert has been around for a long time, this is the 5th year that we are proud to have all proceeds going to "Mitchell's Jar of Hope" in support of research funding for The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada and the London and Region Chapter of MDAC. There will be a silent auction and a good time for all, so please bring family and friends for an enjoyable evening. There is no admission fee, but there will be a donation jar at the door. As always, following the show, there will be a family skate.

Skater of all levels including Preschool and CanSkate skaters are able to participate. Watch for the sign-up sheets that will be out in early November. There will also be a parent-volunteer sign-up sheet. This is a great way to start the Christmas season.

For more information, to volunteer, or to donate silent auction items, give Kelly Farmer a call @ 681-2640

Get your Entry in for Great Lakes 2004!

Applications are now being accepted for our annual competition, Great Lakes Winter Skating Festival being held January 9 – 11, 2004, but the deadline is fast approaching. All London Skating Club skaters are encouraged to enter! Come join the fun and meet many skaters from all over southwestern and central Ontario. There are many different categories to enter and you can enter in more than one category, such as free skate and Continuous Elements. Ask your coach which of the categories best fit your qualifications. There is limited registration, and some categories fill up quickly, so get your entry form in as soon as possible. The entry form and the Competition Announcement which contains all of the necessary information, is available from our Great Lakes website (www.great-lakes.ca).

Advertising Opportunity

Support your club by advertising in the Great Lakes competition program. It can be a business advertisement or a message wishing your special skater Good Luck in the competition. Advertising space is available starting as low as \$25. Please call Joan Maddox at 951-0330 for more information.

TEST RESULTS

From Test Day September 25/03

Preliminary Skills

Or Bronze Skills

Or Bronze Skills

Introductory Interpretative

Bronze Interpretative

George Tzortis

Courtney Strom

Marissa Bradley, Lindsay Warren

Candace Evans

Kayleigh Nichol

Silver Interpretative	Cara Horan
Preliminary Free Skate	Jenna Zaleski, Natasha Dolbeck
Preliminary Dance	
Dutch Waltz	Michelle Black
Canasta Tango	Alexandria DeSando, Madeline Tobin, Shelby Trichroeb
Swing	George Tzortis, Brooke Pettit
Jr Bronze Dance	
Willow Waltz	Robert Bennett
Sr Bronze Dance	
Ten Fox	Melanie Murray, Elizabeth Lourenco
European	Jenna Zaleski
Jr Silver Dance	
Rocker	Brianne Mitro
Sr Silver Dance	
Killian	Kailey Dolphin
Gold Dance	
Viennese	Candace Evans
Diamond Dance	
Rhumba	Cara Horan

At Hamilton Invitational Competition Sept 28/03, **Jessica Avoilio** successfully passed her Pre-Novice Test.

At Centralized Test day Sept 30/03, **Julia Horan** successfully passed her Pre-Novice Test.

Congratulations to all of you for reaching these milestones.

The competition season is well under way and The London Skating Club wishes to congratulate all our skaters on their success. At Sub-Sectionals held in Cambridge in October **Stephanie Clarke** qualified to move on to Sectionals in November. Best wishes to you Stephanie!

The London Skating Club on behalf of all of our members would like to offer best wishes to **Laura Horton** and Robert Plank on the occasion of their marriage on October 18,2003. All the best for the future!

SKATER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following CanSkate and Preliminary Skaters of the Month for October: Sydney Krisa (Tuesday/CS), Mackenzie Clements (Wednesday/CS), Lesley Kukoly (Thursday/CS), Brooke Thorne (Saturday – 10:15/CS), Isobel Mason (Saturday – 11:15/CS), Michelle Black (Monday/Prel), Michelle Amri (Friday/Prel) and Anda Rogers (Sunday/Prel).

WANT TO CONTRIBUTE?

If you have something you think we should include in future newsletters we would love to hear from you. Skater's comments and stories would be a great addition. Forward what you have to londonsc@execulink.com, we'll see if we can use it.

GREAT LAKES WINTER SKATING FESTIVAL

The London Skating Club is once again hosting the Great Lakes Winter Skating Festival at Earl Nichols Arena from January 9-11, 2004. Come out and support this wonderful skating competition.

*Season's Greetings
From the London Skating Club*

Join us for our Annual Holiday Pop Concert

*Friday, December 19, 2003
at Thompson Arena*



*Pre Show: 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Featuring our Preliminary, Intermediate and Senior Soloists*

*Main Show: 7:30 - 9:30 pm
Featuring CanSkate, Preliminary, Intermediate & Senior Group Numbers
Senior B+ Soloists, Synchronized Skating Teams, and Dance Demonstration*

Family Skating to Follow

*Silent Auction
All proceeds raised to go to Muscular Dystrophy*

*Donations at the door for "Mitchell's Jar of Hope"
In support of Becker's Muscular Dystrophy Research, the London & Region Chapter and
the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada*

