

SKATER'S EDGE

Saskatoon Lion's Speed Skating Club

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Promotions	Vacant		

If you have questions or require information regarding SLSSC, please contact any executive members as listed. We will be happy to assist you as required.

Group Managers:

Group Managers are SLSSC contact persons for each of our four skating groups. Please note this year's Group Managers.

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Thank you, Group Managers for your support and volunteer time!

Director of Volunteers Message

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Best Wishes in the New Year to all skaters and members of SLSSC. The next three months will be our club's busiest time of year for all our volunteers. Some activities we will be needing help with include:

- Preparing the ice surface with lines and markings at Clarence Downey Oval
- Filling positions to work at our Long Track meet at the Oval (Jan. 24, 25)
- Filling positions to work at our Short Track meet at Cosmo Arena (March 14, 15)

Also, our yearly banquet and awards night is held in late April. We will be needing someone to organize this event. The details required are available on a CD and others will be available to help you. If this is of interest to you, please contact me. I will be glad to give more information and assistance.

Emails will be requesting volunteers for the above events as they are being organized.

Thanks to all volunteers who help with our club's activities.

Regards,

Carl Waterer

Director of Volunteers
ph. 374-5973

Membership Development

Dianne and Rick Marsh

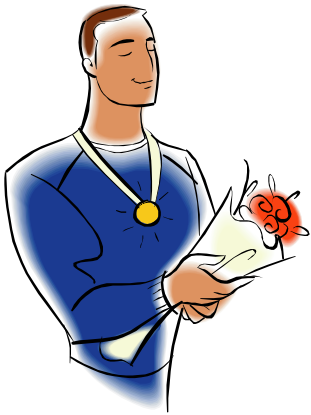
January 6th was the first day of the first session of the January Short Learn to Skate Program hosted by SLSSC at Lions Arena. Twenty-six new skaters registered for the program and will be keeping coach, Regina Koenders busy on the ice for the next 4 weeks. Several group 4 skaters from our Club have come forward to help instruct these young skaters. Congratulations instructors and thank you for helping out, you are doing an excellent job! The skaters coming off the ice on Tuesday were very happy!

Thank you also to Alan Merkowsky who is out at the oval a few nights a week teaching our Adult Recreation Program. He has a few dedicated, young skaters out there with him! Way to go guys, it is nice to have you involved in the Club!

Promotions

Vacant

While our current skating season is well underway, we want to acknowledge the efforts of our skater, coaches and volunteers from last year's Awards Banquet. **Please mark your calendar to celebrate some of our club's achievements at this year's Awards Banquet on April 24th.**



Clarence Downey Memorial Trophy (awarded to the top skater of the year of national or international caliber: accepts strict discipline, displays good sportsmanship qualities;

strives for top speed skating technique and skill; gives superb effort in practice and competition) – Lucas Morin

S.H. Chalmers Handicap 500m Trophy (awarded to the skater earning the greatest number of points in the outdoor points meets) – Graham Solie

Handicap 500 Male Midget & Under: Graham Solie

Handicap 500 Female Midget & Under: Katie Kokotailo-Waterer

Handicap 500 Male Juvenile & Up: Elliott Nelson

Handicap 500 Femal Juvenile & Up: Hillary Fast

R.J. Waters Spirit of Dedication Trophy (awarded to the most dedicated skater of the year, based on faithful attendance at practices, effort and attendance at meets and personal best achievements) – Elliott Nelson and Graham Solie

Bicentennial Trophy (awarded to long-standing Club Volunteers who have contributed above the call of duty) – Pam and Lori Lynn

Michael Potter Memorial Award (awarded to a relatively new club member showing enthusiasm and the true spirit of volunteerism as exhibited by Michael Potter) – Fritz Schumann and Nima Spaniel

40th Anniversary Trophy (awarded to the most improved male skater in the SLSSC as shown by improvements in skating times as compared to previous years and faithful and consistent attendance at practices) – Luke Patterson

Robb Family Olympic Trophy (awarded to the most improved female skater in the SLSSC as shown by impro improvements in skating times as compared to previous years and faithful and consistent attendance at practices) – Katie Kokotailo-Waterer

Sportsmanship Trophy (awarded to a skater who has helped and encouraged other skaters) – Arielle Blais

Margaret Kelsey Memorial Trophy (awarded to the most dedicated cradle skater) – Walker Leier and Cameron Merkowsky

Laurie Vey McRuvie Memorial Trophy (awarded to a competitive male or female skater, juvenile and up, who has shown the greatest improvement in overall times in either short track or long track, using all four distances as compared to previous year) – Darwin Ambros

Catriona LeMay Doan Personal Best Trophy (awarded to the skater who accumulates the most personal bests during the season) – Morgan Boutin

John Sands “Skater of the Year” Trophy (awarded to male and female skaters who train in Saskatoon. This is determined by achievements, national championships won and/or ranking at meets, medals won and/or ranking at meets, and records achieved during the season) – Axel Morin and Anastasia Conly

AGE CLASS AWARDS:

Top Pee Wee (Male & Female) – Caleb Morin / Vanessa Coutu

Top Bantam (Male & Female) – Marco Schumann / Sarah Craven

Top Midget (Male & Female) – Lucas Morin / Katie Kokotailo-Waterer

Top Juvenile (Male & Female) – Michael Marsh / Katie Babich

Top Junior (Male & Female) – Axel Morin / Hilary Fast

Top Intermediate (Male & Female) – Elliott Nelson / Shelby McKay

Top Senior Female – Kellie McRuvie

Top Master Male – Garth Patterson

Broken Blade Award (awarded to the most improved master/adult skater)
Amin Ahmed

MOST IMPRESSIVE SHOWING IN FIRST YEAR: (award based on achievements and participation in competitions, efforts in practices, etc.) –
Joshua Comfort and Jessica Linton

2009 Speed Skate Canada

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM
February 13th – 15th, 2009

Richmond Oval

What is the Speed Skating Canada Youth Leadership Symposium?

The Speed Skating Canada Youth Leadership Symposium invites students from the ages of 16-19 years to participate in a leadership development conference that revolves around speed skating and the 2010 Olympics.

The Program –

Leadership experts and experienced sport administrators design the program. Delegates will meet various National team members and coaches. Delegates will also have an opportunity to skate at the Richmond Oval and to participate in the “One Year to the Games Countdown” festivities. Over three days, delegates participate in a series of leadership workshops, discussions, physical activities and social events. This energetic and hands-on program is designed to help delegates become successful leaders and role models of fair play, fun, respect, peace, excellence, and human development. Other program highlights include a Breakfast with Champions, dinner with some of the national team members and tour of the Richmond Oval. Additionally, delegates will be required to return to their home communities and/or clubs and implement one of the Olympic Awareness Activities provided.

SLSSC is very pleased to announce that 3 of our skater’s have been selected to attend the SSC Youth Leadership Symposium next month. We are happy and proud that these 3 young ladies will be representing the SLSSC at the Symposium. Congratulations, Anastasia Conly, Julia Marsh and Stephanie Debray! Have a great time!

Fundraising – Update

Bingo Dates for 2009

Wednesday, February 11

5:00pm till 09:30pm

8:45pm till 01:30am

There are three shifts per time slot.

To book a slot please phone Fritz at 664-6832

Fritz Schumann



CAUTION: Valuables Taken

Skaters, Coaches: A number of skaters had valuables taken from a dressing room at Lions Arena. Please don't leave valuables, eg. cell phones, ipods, wallets in the dressing rooms at Lions Arena, the Oval, or other facilities.



Schedule of Local Meets:

Date	Competition	Type	Location
Nov. 8-9	Fall Classic (Sask Cup I)	Short Track	Regina
Nov. 29-30	Sask Cup II	Short Track	Melville
Jan. 9-11	Red Deer LT	Long Track	Red Deer, AB
Jan. 17-18	Sask Cup I	Long Track	Regina
Jan. 24-25	Western Regional LT (Sask Cup II)	Long Track	Saskatoon
Jan. 30 - Feb. 1	Sask Provincial LT (Sask Cup III)	Long Track	Moose Jaw
Feb. 14-15	Canadian Age Class Championships	Long Track	Regina
Feb. 28	Sask Cup III	Short Track	Prince Albert
Mar. 7-8	Sask Provincial ST	Short Track	Moose Jaw
Mar. 14-15	Western Regional ST (Sask Cup IV)	Short Track	Saskatoon

Classifieds:

For Sale

We have 2 skinsuits for skaters under 5' tall - \$25 each.
Kellie Grant & Duane Jungwirth 477-1560

For Sale

1. 16" Maple long track blades \$350
 2. Size 43 Bont long track boots \$250
- Phone: Garth Patterson, 652-2173

For Sale

1. Saskatoon Lions skin suit
 2. yellow and black skin suit
- Phone Barb Carlos 306-257-3673

If you have any items you would like to advertise to the club members please send your ad to monica@clarencecampeau.com