

SKATER'S EDGE

Saskatoon Lion's

Speed Skating Club

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Thanks to the following people who are volunteering to be our group managers and coaches!! Below are numbers you can call if you have any questions, comments or bouquets!

GROUP MANAGERS

Group 1	Elise Gray	343-1869
Group 2	Diane Marsh	343-7993
Group 3	Annique Wilkie	343-0465
Group 4	Pam Lynn	955-1494

COACHES

Group 1	Regina Koenders Alan Merkowsky Samantha Waters	934-3769
Group 2	Carol Ann Patterson Tim Comfort	652-2173
Group 3	Irene Kokotailo Brenda Comfort Jason Coutu Garth Patterson	374-5973
Group 4	Sandy Nase Larry Fast Ryan Campbell	382-8464

FUNDRAISING - Fritz Schumann

Presently there are three fundraisers on the go!

Carol Ann Patterson is coordinating **In Good Taste**. Deadline for orders is November 2nd. Please hand in orders and payment to group leader or to Carol Ann. Delivery date is November 30th at the Lions.

Andrea Schumann is coordinating **Easy Doug Cookies and Teas**. Deadline for orders is November 9th. Delivery date is November 16th, at approximately 6:00pm at the Lions. If you have a large order, please bring bags or boxes with you to the arena. Andrea is also coordinating the sale of **Wonderful Wreaths** made with real greenery. Deadline for orders is November 9th. Please hand in your orders with payments to your group leader or Andrea. Delivery date is November 30th at the Lions.

The **Pizza** fundraiser will take place in February 2007. Michelle Prytula will be the coordinator.

The next **Bingo** dates are not yet available. I will inform you via email when they are out. Bingo bookings will be taken over the phone on a first come first serve basis. Please leave detailed messages.

We are looking for a coordinator for the telephone book fundraiser for the next season. If you are interested, please let me know.

A **HUGE** thanks to all our hard working group leaders and their assistance with the fundraising!

MEMBERSHIP/DEVELOPMENT - Carl Waterer

Last year, Saskatoon Lions Speed Skating Club initiated a program funded through Speed Skating Canada called **On The Edge!** St. Matthew School is again involved in the program this year. Six classrooms from grades two to four (approximately 157 students) receive 8 x 45 minute skating/speed skating lessons at Lions Arena during October, November and December. Regina Koenders and Carol Ann Patterson, our group one and two head coaches, are instructing the program. Teachers and parents on skates are helping teach the lessons.

Our club's Short Learn to Skate program consists of eight learn to skate sessions for beginners at least four years of age. Next class takes place in January 2007 at Lions Arena. Information on registering will be in the Winter Leisure Guide or phone me at 374-5973.

A number of our club's speed skaters recently took part in the filming of a Blue Cross TV commercial featuring Catriona Le May Doan. How long do you think it takes to produce a 30 second commercial? This one took from 9:00 - 4:00 with a short lunch break. A staff of approximately 20 were involved. Catriona was great with the kids and gave them lots of time. To be involved was an exciting opportunity for our young skaters and should prove to be very positive exposure for speed skating. The commercial will be aired after Christmas.

If your skater(s) and family decide to participate in competitions/meets this season, best wishes for lots of fun and exciting races.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT- Darrell Solie

During the next couple of weeks, the skaters' numbers (bibs and helmet covers) will be distributed. All new skaters to the club will be issued a skater number. They will also receive a bib and helmet cover with this number on them. Helmet covers and bibs are required at all meets. Please do not lose these items, as they will need to be returned at the end of the season.

There are still some short track skates available for rent if you have a skater in group one or two that is interested in trying them.

It is quite possible that in the next few weeks we will begin to prepare the ice at the oval. One of the responsibilities of the club is to assist the City of Saskatoon in the initial ice preparation. We must provide one volunteer an evening for about two weeks to assist with hose flooding. If you would be able to assist with this for an evening, please contact Randy Grauer at 343-0778.

Finally, I would like to give a couple of reminders about the care of your skates. Please make sure both the blade and boot get a chance to dry prior to putting them away after skating. Check the blades after every skate for sharpness. I have found it is much easier to keep a good edge on the skates if you sharpen them regularly, rather than wait for them to get dull before sharpening.

Attitude is a little thing which makes a big difference

COMPETITIONS - Tim Comfort

Please ensure your group manager knows whether your skater(s) will be participating in a meet by the deadlines listed below:

Regina	Thursday, November 2 nd
Saskatoon	Saturday, November 11 th
Melville	Friday, December 1 st

MINI MEET

Thursday, November 9th - Lions Arena

Our club organizes two mini meets a year and our first one is coming up soon! A mini meet is a fun and informal way to get into the swing of competition, especially for skaters and parents who are new to the sport of speed skating.

The schedule for Thursday is as follows:

5:00 - 5:15pm - Group 3 and 4 warm up
5:15 - 5:30pm - Group 1 and 2 warm up
5:30 - 8:00pm - Races
(There are no regular practices)

It would be great if as many people as possible could arrive at the arena by 4:45 to assist with mat set up! Please remember to bring bibs and helmet covers with skater numbers. You can get them from Annique Wilkie if you have not already done so.

For more information, contact Jeff Balon, our mini meet coordinator, at 653-8022, jeff.balon@saskatoon.ca OR Tim Comfort, our Director of Competitions, at 668-2121, tcomfort@sasktel.net.

LEVEL I OFFICIALS CLINIC

Saturday, November 25th, 2006
10:00am - 2:30pm
(exact time and location TBA)

The SLSSC is hosting a Level I Officials Clinic that will introduce participants to all aspects of a speed skating meet including timing, lap-counting, place judging, meet formats, etc. Taking the clinic is an excellent way for new parents to familiarize themselves with the basics of a speed skating competition. It is also great preparation for volunteering at meets.

The SLSSC covers the \$40.00 fee for any of our associate members interested in becoming Level I certified. To register or for more information, call Brian Mackay at 384-6950. The deadline to sign up is November 17th.

PROMOTIONS - Lorelei Ehman

Once again the Bowling Social was a huge success. There were 50 people who enjoyed an evening of bowling, socializing and pizza. Thank you to the group managers for getting the information to everyone and to Carl Waterer who assisted with the evening!

Thanks also to all those skaters who brought friends for Bring a Friend Day on October 22nd. Watch for information about the next Bring a Friend Day on Sunday, January 14th, 2007!

Keep your eyes and ears open for information regarding our annual Christmas Party Potluck! This is an event your family won't want to miss.

SLSSC CLASSIFIED ADS


One pair of size 36, flashy red Bont Skates with 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ " blades - worn only two seasons and in very good condition. Price \$200.00. Contact Patsy Ippolito at 668-3963, or by email at pippolito@sasktel.net.

One pair of size 36 RAPS, long track clap skates. \$150.00. Call Larry or Denelda Fast @ 242-1757 if interested.

Size 39, Viking Klap Skates - \$300.00
Size 41, Viking Klap Skates - \$400.00
Call Garth @ 652-2173.

NEWSLETTER - Denelda Fast

The SKATER'S EDGE will be published and distributed to all families via email or your group manager. It will be full of bits and bytes of information you won't want to miss. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the SKATER'S EDGE, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 242-1757. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is November 20th, 2006. Please give your submissions to Larry or Denelda Fast or email to deneldafast@hotmail.com. THANKS.

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