



Rink Link



Fall / Winter 2008/09

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Wel come to Parkhill Silver Blades 2008 – 2009

Presidents Message

I would like to welcome all of our skaters, new or returning as well as all the families. I look forward to another successful season of skating. The club is always looking for volunteers. If you are interested please contact myself or any other member of our executive. If you ever have any questions or concerns feel free to come forward and ask. We are very proud of our website which can be located at www.parkhillsilverblades.com. We try to keep the information up to date, as well as any cancellations due to weather will be reported here first.



Our Coaches

Once again our club is pleased to have a dynamic coaching staff.

Marg Carey – Canskate, Starskate (Intermediate and Seniors) Intro to Synchro

Ashley deJong – Canskate and Freelance

Corey deJong – Canskate and is volunteering coaching on Senior sessions

Chrissy Kernaghan – Freelance and Synchro (including our Adult Team)

Alison Purkiss – Freelance and Freeskate Development Program

We are also pleased this season to welcome Adam Johnson. Adam will be helping our skaters with their jumping skills on the ice.

CanSkate

We welcome all our new and returning CanSkaters! We welcome you to ask questions anytime at our information table in the lobby.

Thanks Program Assistants!! - We are lucky to have a great group of new and returning individuals as Program Assistants to help with our CanSkate programs.

Things to Remember

- Name tags should be picked up at and then returned to the information table each session. Please don't take them home!
- Check the Parent Box for information in your folder each week.
- Make sure your child has warm mittens/gloves & warm clothing. Helmets are highly recommended!

We will beginning our Canskate Short Program on January 5, 2009. If you know of anyone who is interested in this program the registration forms are available online at www.parkhillsilverblades.com or contact Storme Berg at 519-293-3438 for more information.



Dec 18

Family Skate - 7 – 8 pm
(Everyone welcome for a night of skating & socializing)

Dec 20 to Jan 1/09

Christmas Break - No skating
(CanSkate resumes Jan 6/09)

January 5/09

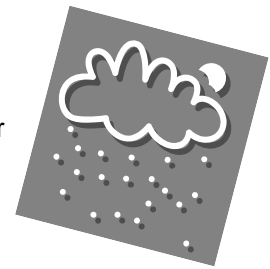
CanSkate Short program begins

Sunday March 1, 2009

Skating Carnival
(Theme – School of Rock)

Weather Cancellations

Please remember to check our website at www.parkhillsilverblades.com for all weather cancellations.



Program Assistants

We are fortunate at Parkhill Silver Blades to have a great group of dedicated skaters who give of their time and energy to assist our Club Professionals in implementing the Skate Canada CanSkate Program. We have some brand new P.A.'s this year along with others that have several years experience. Some of our P.A.'s have gone on to P.A. with our club for up to 8 years, at which time they move on to University or College, and we are sad to see them go. We are always introducing new P.A.'s. They must be 10 years of age with strong basic skating skills. You will notice bright orange armbands being worn during CanSkate. This is so that you can easily spot the P.A.'s who are assisting on that session.

Five of our skaters were able to attend a P.A. Clinic in North Dorchester in September to learn the expectations and standards of the CanSkate Program and also to network. Skaters attending were: Valerie Gavin, Shanna Johnson, Michelle Mackey, Erica Pembleton, and Sarah Fursman. Other P.A.'s not pictured are: Kylee Arthur, Danielle Gordyn, Kaitlin Gordyn, Mikaela Bodkin, Braedan Forder, Ashley Schenning, Brooke Mollard, Becky Kozak, Sarah Willemse, Sarah Ryan, Nicole Lee, Taylor Wiersma-Cooper, and Sarah Thompson.



Music:



This year we have many students from the high school doing our music for our skater's!!! They are also getting their hours in. They are Danielle Gordyn, Danielle Aiken, Sam Brophy; they all do the music during the week. I would like to thank them for coming out to help out the club with the music. Danielle Aiken and Sam B. are new at this; so please have patience and they will play your music as soon as they can. Danielle G. started the doing the music last year and has joined in helping again this year and is also a skater at our club. Thanks to all of you for a good start to our year!!!!

Thanks again, *Barb Gordyn, Music Co-ordinator*

Fundraising

Keep selling the raffle tickets we still have some available, if you are interested in selling more please contact Deb Johnson or any executive member. The Promotional Contest Books need to be return in early January. They can be returned to the music room.

Tests & Competition Reports

The first test day of the season was held in Parkhill on Thursday, Nov 27. Congratulations to all our skaters on a successful test day. We also had some skaters pass tests at Mt Brydges and Ridgetown Clubs.

Parkhill Test Day

Preliminary Dance (Baby Blues)	Kaitlin Gordyn Sarah Fursman Erica Pembleton Martha Chouffot
Junior Bronze Dance (Swing Dance)	Valerie Gavin Shanna Johnson
Senior Bronze Dances (Fourteen Step)	Abigail Smith
Senior Bronze Dances (Ten Fox)	Abigail Smith
Junior Silver Dances (American Waltz)	Braedan Forder Cailean Forder Kylee Arthur
Junior Silver Dances (Harris Tango)	Stephanie Muller
Junior Silver Dances (Rocker Foxtrot)	Kylee Arthur
Senior Silver Dance (Starlight Waltz)	Sarah Willemse
Senior Silver Dance (Kilian)	Marissa MacLean
Gold Dance (Argentine Tango)	Brooke Mollard
Junior Bronze Skating Skills	Abigail Smith
Senior Bronze Skating Skills	Braedon Forder
Senior Silver Skills	Andrea Morley

Mt Brydges & Ridgetown Test Days

Dance – Junior Silver (Rocker Foxtrot)	Rebecca Kozak
Dance Gold (Viennese Waltz)	Nicole Lee
Introductory & Bronze Interpretive - Couples	Brooke Mollard & Nick Toth

John Makay Memorial Invitational Skating Competition

Braedan Forder - 9th
Abigail Smith - 7th
Taylor Wiersma-Cooper - 7th

Congratulations on your hard work! Well done skaters!



HAVE A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!