

October 2008 Newsletter



Welcome Skaters and Parents

The Mackenzie Figure Skating Executive would like to welcome all new skaters and parents and welcome back past skaters and parents. It is time for a season of fun and excitement. We would like to introduce you to our executive:



Mackenzie
Figure Skating Club

President: Line Giguere	Vice President: Jodi Paulson
Treasurer: Debra Barnes	Secretary: Shelley L'Heurux
Test & Comp Chair: Veronica Hartman	Pro-Liaison: Dorinda Kryschuk
Registrar: Jessica McDonald	Registrar: Shelley L'Heurux
Fundraising Chair: Jessica McDonald	Ice & Music Chair: Kerry Tackitt
Ice Show Chair #1: Jodi Paulson	Trustee: Charlene Hunt
Trustee: Nicole Lavoie	

Canskate B Coordinator: Jessica McDonald
Senior Coordinator: Jacquie Sieben

There are many vacant positions still available on the executive. Volunteers are what keep the Mackenzie Figure Skating Club running. Volunteers are needed for:

Publicity Chair, Ice Show Co-Chair, 2 Canskate A Coordinators, and Junior Coordinator. It is very important that we have coordinators for each group as they are the liaison between the coach/executive and the parents.

If you are interested in any of the available positions, please see a member of the executive.



Coaches Notes

Thank you very much to all our enthusiastic and friendly executive and parent volunteers for making our skating year start so smooth and welcoming. Our skaters are very fortunate and appreciative that you are devoting your gifts and talents to the Mackenzie Figure Skating Club.

Winter Games

This year Mackenzie will be hosting the 2009 Northern BC Winter Games. This is very exciting and also a lot of work. We are looking for volunteers to help with skating and all other events. If you are interested please sign up at <https://www.bcgames.net/mc2009n> or talk to Figure Skating Sport Chair, Jodi Paulson.

Congratulations to the skaters that qualified for the games – Chanelle Sieben, Samantha Paulson, Teanna Tackitt and Hannah Magee.



Club Jackets and Pants

We are in the process of making arrangements to order new club jackets and pants from MT Bags. Watch for further information in the next newsletter!!

Club Pictures

Club and individual skating pictures are in the works for sometime in the first couple of weeks of November. As soon as arrangements are finalized, information will be handed out.



Bake Sale

We will be having a bake sale on Saturday, December 13 from 9:30 - 2:00 pm. Please bring any baking to Jacquie Sieben on Friday, December 12. More info next newsletter.

Skate-A-Thon

Mark your calendar, we will be having our annual Skate-A-Thon on Nov. 21, 2008. Forms will be handed out at the beginning of November.



Cancelled Days

Skating will be cancelled on Friday, October 24, 2008 for Juniors, Canskate Plus and Seniors.

Make up time will be on Sunday, October. 26 for the following groups:

Canskate Plus — 12:30-1:30
Seniors — 1:30-2:15
Juniors — 2:15-3:30

Halloween Party Time

Party days for each of the groups for Halloween is as follows:

Canskate A: Thursday October 30

Canskate B: Thursday, October 30

Juniors: Wednesday, October 29

Seniors: Please wear your costume for Thursday program assisting and on Monday, Oct. 27, if you would like.

Please make sure that costumes are safe to skate in!!

Halloween Ice

Skating will be cancelled on the afternoon of Friday, October 31 for Halloween! A make up day will be scheduled for the near future. This affects Canskate Plus and Seniors.



Music Players

Playing music for the skaters on the ice is the **parents responsibility**. Music needs to be played for each session of skating. If we can not find volunteers to play the music, we will have to pay somebody to play music therefore increasing registration costs. **Also, please share the responsibility of music playing amongst all parents, so everybody can enjoy watching their child skate.** There is a sign-up sheet in the music room music cabinet. If you would like more information on playing music please contact Kerry Tackitt.

Williston Competition

Congratulations to the 8 skaters that attended the Williston Competition in Quesnel on Oct. 17-19.

They all did a fantastic job representing Mackenzie.

Way to go Arielle, Hannah, Teanna, Chanelle, and Samantha B, Samantha P, Kyrstyn, and Whitney



Upcoming Events

Please keep an eye on the Mackenzie Figure Skating Club bulletin board (located between the maintenance office and the main arena doors) or the music room bulletin board for any new or upcoming events.

If you have any skates or dresses for sale or are looking for skates, there will be an info sheet located on the music room bulletin board for parents to check and add their sale items.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 30—Halloween Skate (skaters can wear Costumes)
- Nov 21—Skate-a-thon (10:30-12:30)
- Dec.2 - MFSC Annual Dinner/Raffle
- Dec 5-7—Regional Competition and Pacific Skate Qualifying (Terrace)
- Dec16—Low/Intermediate Test Day (Quesnel)
- Dec 20-Jan 4—Christmas Break (no skating)
- Jan 17-18—High Test Day (Prince George)
- Jan 25—Low/Intermediate Test Day (Mackenzie)
- January 30- Feb 1—Cariboots N Blades Competition (Williams Lake)
- Feb. 1-2—High Test Day Prince George (Seniors)
- Feb. 12-13—Northern BC Winter Games (Mackenzie)
- Feb. 21—High Test Day (Prince George)
- Mar. 11—Low/Intermediate Test Day (Quesnel)
- Mar 20-22 – Totem Competition (Dawson Creek)
- April 3-4—Ice Show
- April 4—Skating over for the season

Program Assistants

A big “Thank You” to our Program Assistants for their awesome help so far.

Program Assistant Helpers: Arielle Barnes, Kylie Hunt, Samantha Paulson, and Emily Walker.

1st Year Program Assistants: Kyrstyn Hartman, Samantha L'Heureux, Amber Wright and Teanna Tackitt.

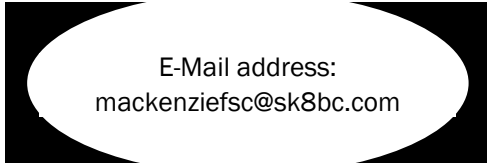
Program Assistants: Samantha Brake, Whitney Hartman, Hannah Magee, Chanelle Sieben, Kayla McNay and Charlene Hunt.



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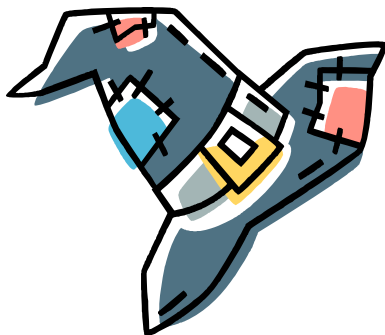
Coach

We are happy to be welcoming back our club coach this year, Janet O'Neill. She will be coaching Learn-to-Skate, Canskate A & B, Canskate Plus, Starskate Juniors and Seniors.

We appreciate the hard work and dedication that Janet gives to her coaching. She has been coaching for 28 years.

Private lessons for Canskate Plus, Starskate Juniors and Seniors can be arranged by contacting Janet.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give Janet a call at 997-5069 or e-mail her at jconeill@telus.net.



Ice Show

Now that skating has begun, it is time to start thinking about our annual ice show. We need some ideas for a theme. There will be a box in the music room for both skaters and parents to contribute their ideas. This will be available from Oct. 23-Oct. 29. There will be an ice show meeting on Oct. 30 at 6:00pm to decide the theme and hopefully find some coordinators. We need coordinators and volunteers for costumes, advertising, music, admissions, set up & take down, lighting, props, dressing room. These coordinators would be in charge of getting volunteers and reporting back to the Ice Show Chair—Jodi Paulson. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for one of these positions now, please contact Jodi at 997-3366 or at 4paulson@telus.net.



Annual Dinner/Raffle

The Mackenzie Figure Skating Club's Annual Dinner Raffle is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at the Mackenzie Legion.

Extra tickets are available from Jodi Paulson (997-3366) or 4paulson@telus.net for \$25.00 each. Tickets go fast, so please get yours now.

Donations for the Dinner/raffle are due into Debra Barnes or your group coordinator by Friday, Nov. 22, 2008 Please contact Debra (997-4183) if you have any questions.