

# Newsletter

February 2008

*Dear RPFSC Families:*

Well our skating season is steaming ahead and our skaters are busy taking tests, learning new skills and, in the case of our littlest Canskaters, finding their feet!



Below you will find some important information and dates to remember as the Winter Session winds down:

## GROUP PICTURES

Pictures of the different groups will be taken on the following dates:

- Saturday, March 1 at 12:00 noon for **Canskate and Advanced Starskate**
- Tuesday, March 4 at 5:45pm for **Starskate 1, & 2, and Coaches**

Skaters are asked to wear skating attire (including skates) and if they have a Club jacket to wear it for the picture.

Photos will be ready for distribution at the year end party.

## YEAR END PARTY & FAMILY SKATE

Our year end party and family skate will take place on ***Sunday, March 30th from 3:15 - 5:00 pm at Riley Park Skating Rink***. Families are invited to come and bring a pot-luck item and enjoy a family skate!

Participation ribbons and awards will be handed out at 3:45 pm and then there will be a short demonstration of some of the skills the skaters have mastered, including those Senior skaters who have taken Skate Canada tests.

Some people have already been asked to participate in the organizing of this event for their participation hours and we expect more to get added to the list. Watch out for e-mails from the organizers in the coming weeks.

This should be a really fun and enjoyable way to celebrate the skating year we will have completed - so mark your calendars!

## CLUB JACKETS

Skaters have now been sized for the jackets. Anyone wanting to purchase a Club jacket must let a Board member know before Wednesday, February 20th.

## TAX RECEIPTS

Tax Receipts for 2007 will be ready for pick up by the end of February.

## POSTERS & BADGES

Skate Canada Posters and badges will be handed out to the Canskaters and Starskaters in the next two weeks. The posters can be used to display the skill badges achieved by the skaters. The badges correspond to the skills set out by Skate Canada and are displayed in the display case to the left of the doors into the rink.



You may want to purchase an inexpensive frame for the poster so that it does not get damaged over the years or find another way of

displaying your skaters' badges (some place them on their skate bags). Skaters will continue to get badges as they progress through the different levels and master the various skills. For more information on the badges see the Skate Canada website ([www.skatecanada.ca](http://www.skatecanada.ca)).

## SPRING SKATING

Spring skating information will be announced by the end of February. For those who do not know about this: there is an opportunity for skaters to continue lessons throughout the Spring season at another skating rink. Times have not yet been set and rates depend upon the number of skaters we get signed up. More information will follow.

That is all for now. See you at the rink!