



Get ready, because we are heading into our busy season! There are multiple competitions, Skater Showcase and Assessment Days coming up over the next couple of months! This is a very exciting time for skaters, so thank you to the coaches for all the extra work they will be doing over the next while to get skaters ready.

Speaking of excitement, two of our skaters just got back from the Special Olympics National Games held in Thunder Bay! JorDen Tyson will be coming home with a Gold medal in Dance Level 1A and Silver medal in Freeskate Level 5. Amber Harriman will be coming home with Gold medals in Dance Level 2B and Freeskate Level 4. Congratulations!

## Important Dates

- Mar 2—Showcase #4
- Mar 4—AGM
- Mar 6-8—South Region STARSkate Invitational
- Mar 9 Mini-Competition/ Showcase #5
- March 17—Assessment Day @LBFSC
- Mar 26—Last day Pre-STAR
- Mar 28—Last day CanSkate
- Mar 31—Apr 21—Spring Academy

## Club News

### Casino

We received the date of our next casino! It will be on July 5 & 6. Subsequent casinos are dependent on our ability to fulfill our volunteer requirement for each casino we are granted. We rely heavily on the funds generated from the casino to subsidize ice and off-ice costs. As well, special events such as the recent Skating Seminar would not be possible without casino funding. Please save the date and watch for an email with details about volunteering!

### Alberta Junior Development Team

There were some great parent questions for the Skate Canada technical director at last month's Skating Seminar and one question that was asked was regarding the Alberta Junior Development Team. Skaters are chosen based on their finishes at Sectionals with age and the ability to execute a clean double axel or triple also playing a factor occasionally.

We would like to take this time to acknowledge that 4 members of this year's junior development team call the LBFSC their home club! Congratulations to Justin and Ethan Cheung for freeskate. As well, Nick Rasskazov and Alexander Eremeev-Raykhert both competed with their dance partners and are on the team.



## STARSkate & CompetitiveSkate News



This month kicked off with the Calgary Winter Invitational held in Airdrie. Congratulations to Elizabeth Murashko who won the Bronze medal in Star 8 and Emma Liew who won the Silver medal in Juvenile U12! Olivia Chen won the Bronze medal in Pre-Juvenile U11 Flight A and Ethan Cheung won the Bronze in Juvenile Mens. Alexander Eremeev-Raykhert and Masato Aoyama won the Bronze and Silver medals in the Star 4 Boys respectively. There were some first timers at CWI and some personal bests so it was a great weekend!

Next up is the Chinook Open held in Lethbridge. Several of our junior skaters will be attending this competition, some for the first time! We wish everyone the best of luck and look forward to seeing photos from the event. Please send pictures to [communications@lbfsc.ca](mailto:communications@lbfsc.ca). If possible, send photos in higher resolutions so that they can be used in the year end slideshow!

We had an Assessment Day on Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Glencoe Club. The Skate Canada program has undergone some changes to elements and levels, but our skaters rose to the challenge! Congratulations to all the skaters who passed their tests! Special acknowledgement goes out to Morgan Jones who passed her Gold Skills test!

We will be hosting our own Assessment Day on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the volunteers who will be playing music and ensuring that the day runs smoothly.



### Fundraiser

We have 2 fundraising opportunities left before the end of the season. There will be a Purdy's chocolate fundraiser in time for Easter and a Spolumbos fundraiser to get your freezer stocked up for the barbecue season. Just a reminder that every skating family must participate in at least 1 fundraiser in order to fulfill their fundraising commitment.

## CanSkate News

It's hard to believe that the current Pre-CanSkate, CanSkate and Pre-STAR sessions end this month! But before we say goodbye, we have the Spring Mini-Competition to look forward to on March 9<sup>th</sup>! This is a fun event where CanSkate, Pre-Star and Star 1 skaters get a chance to "compete." Our Program Assistants will act as judges and skaters will either work through a skills circuit or perform a short routine. All skaters will get a chance to stand on the podium and go home with a medal!

We will be offering a Spring Academy for any current skaters (Pre-Star & CanSkate) who are interested in continuing lessons in April. The Spring Academy introduces skaters to the large ice and gives them the opportunity to work with several of our coaches. Sessions run Tue/Thur from 6-6:45pm. As well, we will be offering CanSkate in the summer so watch our website for upcoming information to register.

