



Skating may be an all year sport, but Feb-April is definitely one of the busiest and most exciting time of year for our skaters. We have a photo night for the large ice skaters this month and encourage everyone to come. All skaters will receive a complimentary club photo—something made possible thanks to the fundraising efforts of our members. Immediately following the photo session, we will have our 2nd Skater Showcase. With several upcoming competitions, this is a great opportunity to perform the programs. We are fortunate to have ice booked for two more showcases, giving skaters additional practice as they prepare for their competitions.

Important Dates

- Feb 1--Photo Night
- Feb 1—Skater Showcase #2
- Feb 6--High Test Day at Glencoe Skating Club
- Feb 8 –Skate Sharpening
- Feb 15-17—Calgary Winter Invitational Competition
- Feb 25—Skater Showcase #3
- Feb 27—AGM @ 6:15
- Mar 1-3—South Region STARSkate Competition
- Mar 4—Skater Showcase #4
- March 11—CanSkate Mini Competition

Club News

Fundraising

We are looking forward to our next fundraising campaign—the always popular Spolumbos! Watch your email for a product/price list and get your freezer stocked. We anticipate receiving our order before spring break.

Please note that this will be the last fundraising opportunity for this season. Your fundraising cheque will not be cashed if you participated in at least one fundraising campaign during the season.

Volunteer Commitment

By now, all members should have received a statement summarizing their volunteer hours to date. All members are expected to earn 24 volunteer credits during the season. Those new skaters who moved up to STARSkate after Christmas are expected to earn 12 volunteer credits.

There are several volunteer opportunities coming up, including test days, distribution of Spolumbos, and the CanSkate mini competition. Please watch your email and sign up right away since many positions fill quickly.

Thanks to those who are volunteering at the casino later this month—that will fulfill both your fundraising and volunteer obligations!

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is coming up on Feb 27. It is very important that we have enough members present to reach quorum and be able to vote in next year's board members. The meeting, in which we summarize key points from last season, will be brief. Everyone who attends will be given 1 volunteer credit. To be environmentally friendly, the full report can be viewed on our website in the members section. See you at 6:15 on Feb 27!

STARSkate/CompetitiveSkate News



We have a high test day coming up on Feb 6. Because clubs take turns hosting test days, this particular test day will be held at the Glencoe Club. Make sure you arrive an hour prior to your scheduled time in case things run early.

We are so lucky to have a skate sharpening right at our rink. It is so important that skates blades are well maintained and very convenient not to have to make a special trip to get them sharpened. Make sure you sign up for sharpening in advance and if your skater is skating on the day of the sharpening, please put an elastic band around the skate so that the sharpener knows which skates must be done first. Please note that there is only time for sharpening so you will need to book another time if you wish to be measured for and order new skates.

The Calgary Winter Invitational competition is coming up over the long weekend. This is a combined event, meaning both STARSkate and CompetitiveSkate events are offered. Skaters in CompetitiveSkate events will be hoping to achieve the necessary qualifying points for Sectionals in the fall. Good luck to everyone competing!

Save the date—we have ice booked for both spring and summer! Spring School will be May 21-June 21 and Summer School will be July 1-August 1. Details to follow!

CanSkate/Power News

We have been having a lot of fun with the new CanSkate and Pre-CanSkate sessions! The coaches are very impressed with the Pre-Canskaters who have all learned to stand and move independently now. They are having fun participating in the games!

CanSkaters are working hard on new skills and will have a chance to show off these skills at the mini competition next month. Please note that the date of the mini competition has been moved to March 11 at 6:00. Watch your email to access the sign up form. There is no cost to this competition and it is specifically for skaters in the CanSkate and Pre-STAR programs. All skaters will be placed into flights of 3 based on their level. It is a lot of fun for the children—especially since they will all get a chance to stand on the podium as they receive their medals! We even have a photographer available for individual portraits that night so you can capture the special memories!

