



January 2017 NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

- January 7th- First day back
- January 9th- Practice for *The Wizard of Oz* begins!
- January 19th- Practice for Oz begins for CanSkate
- January 13-15- West Kootenay Open- Nelson BC
- February 8th- PICTURE DAY for ALL SKATERS
- February 9th- FULL DRESS REHERSAL
- February 10th- Annual Ice-Show SAVE THE DATE!!!
- February 24th-26th- Central Region Open- Rocky Mountain House
- March 19th- Going for Gold Mini-Comp SAVE THE DATE!
- March 30th- Last Day of Skating
- March 31st- Lethbridge Regional Competition- **Club Event**
all Juniors and up are encouraged to participate.

GOOD LUCK!!

We wish our skaters the best at the
West Kootenay Open in Nelson, B.C
EVA star 3,
MAYA and JOYCE star 4,
OLIVE star 5
Joyce and Olive Intro-Interpretive
Joyce and Olive Pre-Juv. Solo Dance
Good luck Ladies ☺

Banff Skating Club Board Members

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WELCOME BACK SKATERS!!!

Welcome back to those who were with us in the fall and welcome to our new members who have just joined. We are looking forward to a fun and successful winter session of skating. On your first day at the rink there will be a board member there to greet you, answer questions and collect the following items:

- Volunteer cheque (new members only)
- Fee cheque (winter registrants only)
- TOB waiver (new members only, available on-site)

CONGRATS!!

To all our Banff test-skaters who practiced so hard and accomplished so much at our recent test day.
Hazel, Hannah, Hana, Meg, Tia, Anna J, Eva, Maya,
Olive, Joyce and Jorja

AN EXTRA SPECIAL CONGRATS...

To **Martha Pietrasik** who passed her Rhumba, a diamond dance. This is an incredible accomplishment as diamond dances are the highest of the dance tests. Awesome job Martha!

Policy Reminders

- **PLEASE** watch your skaters from the bleachers **NOT** the bench where the skaters get on and off the ice. Foot traffic brings dirt into this area which harms skate blades. This area is meant for skaters **ONLY**.
- **PLEASE** make sure your skaters are getting on the ice when their session starts, **NOT** before.
- If you are skating extra days which you did **NOT** register for, you **MUST** pay a drop in fee of **20\$/hour**. You can only drop-in on level appropriate ice-times.

Don't Forget to Register!!

If you were registered in the fall and are planning to return, don't forget to register!

Go to:

<https://zone4.ca/reg.asp?id=13288>

Be sure to select :

Banff Skating Club member (paid membership fee in fall 2016)

To avoid paying the Skate Canada annual fee again.

The Wizard of Oz...

Our annual show is quickly approaching! This year our coaches have selected the Wizard of Oz! They have been working hard over the holidays to organize the music, choreography and casting... It is going to be a great show!!! This show is a special day for all our skaters. Not only is it our biggest fundraiser of the season it is our chance to show our family, friends and community how hard our skaters have been working. This annual show takes a team effort and if we all work together to make it happen, it will be a success! It is often the highlight of our skater's season so let's make it happen! Stay tuned for some fun volunteer opportunities; costumes, props, prize tables etc.



Off Ice Sessions:

Off ice is offered to all our junior 1, 2, intermediate and senior skaters.

Wednesday off ice sessions will start on Jan. 18th
A schedule will be emailed as soon as its finalized!
STAY TUNED...



Bulletin Board

Check out our bulletin board in the hallway at the Fenlands Rec Centre. Here you will find our monthly schedule, news articles, skating information and we have just added a **FOR SALE** section. Feel free to post any skating related items you have for sale. The club also has quite a few pairs of used, good quality skates and dresses at a reasonable price. Please contact Dominique if you would like to see what's available.

Dominique@decisivefarming.com

TRY-IT SESSIONS

If you have friends who are interested, but unsure of joining our club. Power Skate and Can Skate programs (with the Town of Banff) are offering TRY-IT sessions...

January 10th- Our Power Skate coaches invite anyone interested in improving their hockey based skating skills to join our session and give it a try. Full gear required.

January 12th- Come check out Skate Canada's flagship Learn to Skate program. Join our session and check out how much fun learning to skate can be with Carol, Sonya and our awesome helpers... If you love it-sign-up and join our club.