



Stony Plain Skating Club

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November 2007 Newsletter

STARSKATE NEWS

Greetings! November has arrived already, and many events are scheduled for this month and next.

This month, Justine Berube, Brianna Deschenes, and Jordan Nielsen will represent our club at the Alberta Sectional Championships in Red Deer. Good Luck Ladies!

Pull dates for the low and high-test days have arrived! Low tests are scheduled for November 19 and high tests for November 26. December also offers test days at St Albert and

Ice Palace for those tests needing a bit more time. Speak to your coach to find out if your skater will be testing!

The Calgary Region Open and NW Region Open in Whitecourt are just three and five weeks away!

With competitions approaching, full dress simulations will be done as a part of the preparation. This is to be treated like an actual competition on Saturday, November 10th. Senior Simulations are from 8:00 – 8:45 am and Junior Simulations are from 9:00 – 10:30 am.

Everyone will be expected to participate.

Practices for the Christmas Concert will begin the week of Nov 12. Skaters not participating in this yearly event must let their coach know by November 12. Skaters must not miss more than 3 practices!

And finally, please remember to check the website regularly for updates! Information about all of the events at the club can be found there!

HAPPY SKATING!

FUND-RAISING

RAFFLE: Raffle ticket stubs are due on March 13, 2008. If you haven't received your book, please speak to Shauna.

CASINO: Sunday, February 10 and Monday, February 11, 2008 at the Gold Dust Casino in St Albert. More information on volunteering for this event will be available soon.

PURDY CHOCOLATES AND CALAHOO MEATS: The deadline, for both these fundraisers, is November 19, 2007. Items should be ready for pick-up on November 30, 2007.

BINGO: The Stony Plain Skating Club raises substantial funds through membership in the Parkland Bingo Association. Club volunteers staff at least one bingo a month at the Spruce Grove Bingo Hall, and extra helpers are often needed! CanSkate and JumpStart parents that work a bingo will receive a financial credit towards future fees! To sign up for a bingo shift, please call Cathy at 963-8880 **or sign up in the Bingo book located in the TLC or on the sheets posted in the Skating Office at the Stony Arena.**



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IMPORTANT DATES

NO SKATING DATES:

Dec 8 Skating is cancelled for Hockey Tournament
Dec 22 – Jan 4 Christmas Break

COMPETITIONS:

Nov 8 – 11	Sectionals, Red Deer
Nov 23 – 25	Calgary Region Open, Calgary
Dec 1 – 2	Winter Games Run-Off, Clive
Dec 7 – 9	NW Region Open, Whitecourt
Jan 25 – 27	STARSkate Run-Off, St. Paul
Feb 9 – 10	Edmonton Region Fun Skate, Spruce Grove
Feb 15 – 17	CODA, Calgary
Feb 22 – 24	NE Region Open, Tofield
Feb 29 – Mar 2	STARSkate Finals, Rocky Mtn House
Mar 20 – 22	Glencoe, Calgary

TENTATIVE TEST DAYS:

Nov 19	Low Test Day, TLC (tentative)
Nov 26	High Test Day, TLC (tentative)
Dec 15-16	Centralized High Test Day, St Albert
Jan 28	Low Test Day, TLC (tentative)
Mar 3	High Test Day, TLC (tentative)
Mar 15-16	Centralized High Test Day, Edmonton

CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

Nov 12 Jr/Sr Practices begin (during group time)
Nov 30 Concert at Stony Plain Arena

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Greyhound, Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper Raft Tours, Calahoo Meats, Stony Plain CO-OP, United Cycle and West Edmonton Mall.

CLUB INFORMATION IS SENT OUT VIA EMAIL OR PLACED IN YOUR MAILBOX. PLEASE CHECK BOTH OF THESE OFTEN!

November 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Low Test Pull Date	6	7	8 SECTIONALS - Red Deer	9 FALL BREAK/ NO SCHOOL – Regular Jr/Sr Ice SECTIONALS – Red Deer BINGO 5 PM	10 Regular Jr/Sr Ice SECTIONALS – Red Deer SIMULATIONS
11 Remembrance Day CHRISTMAS CONCERT PRACTICE BEGINS THIS WEEK	12 FALL BREAK / NO SCHOOL Regular Jr/Sr Ice High Test Pull Date	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 LOW TEST DAY (Tentative)	20	21	22	23 CALGARY REGION OPEN	24 CALGARY REGION OPEN
25 CALGARY REGION OPEN	26 HIGH TEST DAY (Tentative)	27	28	29	30 CHRISTMAS CONCERT: STONY RINK REG SCHED 3:00 – 4:30	

Test Day and Competition Updates

The following information can be found in the Stony Plain SC's Guide to Test Days and Guide to Competitions. You will receive both of these in your mailbox!

Our club usually hold between 2 and 3 low test days and 2 high-test days between September and May. The coaches and the test chairperson discuss the most optimal dates to hold these test days, and who is available to come to our club on those dates. We are not permitted to have a test day in our own club if we cannot guarantee 2 hours worth of tests.

Skaters are then put onto the "test list" one month before the scheduled test date. This is a 'wish list' of all the testes the coaches hope can be ready by test day. 14 days before the test day, 'pull day' arrives. On this day, coaches must 'pull' tests that are not ready to be tested. Once this occurs, the test chairperson begins to formulate a schedule that will suit the evaluator and the dance partner. Once the schedule has been confirmed with the evaluator, the test chair posts the schedule for skaters and coaches to see. This usually happens 7 – 10 days before the test day.

Competitive Team: Your registration with the SPSC gives you membership in the Stony Plain Competitive

Team. This team funds our competitors at four competitions they attend from September to May. The Competitive team Fund pays for coaching fees and expenses at competitions, which would otherwise be billed to a skater's parents.

Our coaches choose the most suitable competitions for each individual skater. Not all competitions are a good match for every skater and not all skaters will compete in four competitions per season. Speak to your coach if you have questions about the competitions that are suitable for your skater.

Competition forms are usually due one to two months before the competition and the competition schedule arrives one to two weeks before the competition weekend.

SENIOR SIMULATIONS:

Thursday, Nov 1 (during group time): Long program
Saturday, Nov 10 (8:00 am - 8:45 am): Long program

JUNIOR SIMULATIONS:

Saturday, Nov 10 (9:00 am - 10:30 am): Elements (Spin Spiral Jump) Program or Long program
* if there is time remaining, skaters will finish with an open session.