



Stony Plain Skating Club

Where success begins...

September 2008 STARSkate News

WELCOME to all returning skaters and families – we are very pleased to see you back on the ice at the Stony Plain Skating Club. And a very special welcome to the new members of our STARSkate / Competitive program! An exciting season is about to begin and we are ready to have another fun and productive year!

You no doubt know that some changes have taken place for this season. The Board of Directors and the professional coaching team look upon this season as a new and exciting beginning. We hope that you are all ready to travel with us on this journey, remembering that with every change comes the opportunity for improvement.

Stony Plain Skating Club – where success begins – and continues!!

COACHING TEAM

We are pleased to welcome back Kelsey Padget, Tracy Baron and Jessica Lovich as our **Club Coaches** for the season. Kelsey, Tracy and Jessica will be coaching all programs and will be sharing the administrative duties. Each STARSkater will have one of our Club Coaches as their primary coach. This coach will be responsible for the skater's development plan and will liaise with any other coaches involved in the skater's training.

We welcome Justine Kummer as **Junior Club Coach**. Justine will support the coaching team by providing lessons for skaters under the direction and supervision of the club coaches.

Our coaching team will be enhanced by the skills of Deborah Lyon as **Senior FreeSkate Coach**. Deb, who has previously been a member of our coaching team, will supplement the coaching for our senior skaters and will serve as a consultant and mentor for our coaching team. Lessons with Deb will be booked by the skater's primary coach.

We are very pleased to welcome back Lynne Koper, **Senior Dance Coach**, and Michael Olson, **Dance Partner**, to our team! Lessons with Lynne and Michael will also be booked by the skater's primary coach.

Kayla Lindenback will once again be our **Ballet Instructor** and we are currently seeking an off-ice conditioning coach. Our club coaches will conduct these sessions until a suitable instructor has been hired.

This season, two of our senior skaters, Jordan Nielsen and Kristen Stupniski, will join our group of **Recreational Program Coaches**. Jordan and Kristen attended the CanSkate certification course this summer and will be a great addition to this team, which includes Bonnie Feakes, Justine Kummer and Kristin Padget.

All Senior STARSkaters are encouraged to assist the club as **Program Assistants** during CanSkate sessions. This is an excellent learning opportunity for skaters and helps to improve the quality of our CanSkate program. Program Assistant training will be held at 5:45 – 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 25 at the Stony arena. For more information, contact Kelsey Padget.

*Thank you to the sponsors of this season's raffle prizes!
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Thank you to all of those who have volunteered to serve on the Board of Directors and Committees.

To ensure a successful skating season, we require volunteers for the vacant positions. For additional information, please contact Cathy Nielsen.

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, September 10 in Shotz Restaurant, TriLeisure Centre. All club members are welcome to attend.

EDMONTON REGION OPEN COMPETITION

The Stony Plain Skating Club will host the Edmonton Region Open Competition at the TransAlta TriLeisure Centre on November 28 – 30. This event is a significant fundraiser for the club. A portion of the proceeds will be allotted to the SPSC Competitive Team, which subsidizes competition coaching expenses for STARSkate / Competitive skaters. Therefore, all members of this program are required to assist with the planning and/or operation of this event.

A planning meeting will be held at 5 pm on Wednesday, September 10 in Shotz Restaurant, TriLeisure Centre. All STARSkate parents are requested to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please contact Cathy Nielsen to discuss your commitment to the competition committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

No Skating Days:

October 13	Thanksgiving
October 16	Glenn Hall Arena Ceremony
November 28, 29	Edm. Region Competition
December 6	Ice unavailable
Dec 20 – Jan 2	Christmas Break
February 14	Ice unavailable
February 16	Family Day

Competitions:

October 17 – 19	Royal Glenora, Edmonton
November 6 – 9	Sectionals, St. Albert
November 28 – 30	Region Open, Spruce Grove
February 13 – 16	CareyLimo.com, Calgary
February 20-22	Region FunSkate, Edmonton
Feb. 27 – March 1	STARSkate, Whitecourt
April 10 -12	Glencoe, Calgary

Tentative Test Days:

September 30 (qualifying tests) –	Royal Glenora
December 8	
February 9	
March 23	

Special Events:

December 12	Christmas Family Skate
March 13	Ice Show dress rehearsal
March 15	Ice Show

BINGO

If you have not scheduled required bingos for the 2008 – 2009 season, please contact Cathy Nielsen.

PARENT HANDBOOKS

If you do not have a copy of the SPSC Parent Handbook, please contact Cathy Nielsen.

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