



The Cutting Edge

RICHMOND HILL FIGURE SKATING CLUB

January 2010 Newsletter

Message from the President

Hello everyone and I hope you all had a very happy and relaxing Holiday Season break.

WOW! Those of you who skated with us in the Fall will notice the Olympic sized increase in membership for our Winter 2010 session. As of now I am happy to announce that all of our Preschool, CanSkate and Adult Learn-To-Skate spots have been filled. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members and trust that our programs, coaching and club atmosphere meet your expectations. To our returning members, welcome back. Additionally, I'd like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we deal with the organizational challenges of such a significant and sudden increase in numbers. To this end we are in the process of bolstering our team of instructors. More details are available elsewhere in this issue.

The Fall session was quite productive culminating in a very successful Fall Test Day on Friday, December 4th followed up with our participation in the Town of Richmond Hill Olympic Torch Relay event – see details elsewhere in this issue.

Looking ahead the Club Competition will be held on February 13th in the afternoon. Please see the bulletin boards for the announcement and your coach for entry forms.

Once again I encourage all of you to participate fully in the events we have planned over the season and for parents to get involved by volunteering. Help is always needed and appreciated whether as a board member or at one of our events.

Happy skating,

Richard Morawietz
President, 2009-2010

RHFSC Board of Directors

All Members of our Board of Directors are volunteers who donate their time and ability to ensure the successful operation of the club. If you are interested in having a direct say in club affairs, as well as having the opportunity to learn more about skating, consider joining our Board of Directors. Please contact the club for more info.

Coaching Additions

Due to our increased enrollment we have added to our professional coaching staff and would like to welcome and introduce Ms. Stella Krasnoshtein. She is Level I certified and will be at the club primarily on weekends. Additionally, Ms. Antoinette Yuen, a long time adult skater with the club will be assisting on Saturdays.

On-Line Registration, PayPal and VISA

The new on-line registration in conjunction with the new PayPal e-mail payment method has turned out to be been a huge success with an overwhelming majority of new registrants taking advantage of the systems convenience.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter and because of the success of this more flexible system the club will no longer accept credit card payments either by fax or in person effective February 1, 2010. Credit cards will be processed through PayPal exclusively from that date forward. Of course, personal cheques and cash will still be accepted for in person and regular mail registrations.

Olympic Torch Media Event

RHFSC participated with great pride in the Olympic Torch Relay media event held at the Elvis Stojko Arena on December 17th. By all accounts the skating display put on by our members was truly impressive and made all of us very proud. Special thanks to the participants and of course, our coaches Danielle and Ken who put the whole thing together in a matter of days. Congratulations on a job well done!

Test Day

Congratulations to all of the skaters who passed their respective tests on Friday December 4th.

A special thanks to Susan Capitelli, our Test Chair for running a very well organized event, Antonius for playing the music and of course the evaluators Georgina George and Flora Krasnoshtein.

Our next Test Day will be held on March 12, Watch the bulletin boards for the announcement.

Private Lessons

All our professional coaches are accredited by Skate Canada and are First Aid Certified. Private one-on-one lessons are available, at extra cost, for every level of skater and are to be arranged by each skater/parent directly and independently with any coach. Coaches' contact info is listed on our website and our brochure.

Club Apparel

We will once again be selling official Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club sweatshirts & jackets. Examples are on display in our showcase window upstairs. Sale dates and times will be posted soon on our bulletin boards and on our website.

Club Competition - February 13 - 1 to 4 PM

The Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club annual Club Competition will be held on Saturday February 13, 2010 from 1 to 4 PM on the East Rink at Elgin Barrow Arena. We invite and encourage our skaters at all levels, from CanSkate through to Senior to take this opportunity to demonstrate your newly developed skills and abilities in this fun, friendly and mildly competitive environment. This is an exciting event that skaters and their parents should not miss!

The detailed announcement has been posted on the following bulletin boards: RHFSC upper level, West rink at ice level, and in the Senior skaters dressing room.

We rely on volunteers to run this event successfully. If you are available to assist kindly let us know your name and contact information by e-mail to:

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or leave a message on the clubs answering machine at 905-508-0054

Many thanks!!

