

MARCH 2010

# FROM THE EDGE

*Our Monthly Newsletter...For Your Information!*



## Thank You for a Great Session!!!

The end of the winter skating session is almost upon us! The Club would like to thank all the skaters and their families that helped make this skating season a success. To our coaches – thanks for all the work you do on and off the ice! A special thank you to all the volunteers on the Executive Committee.

This year, the Club will not be holding a Spring Skating School due to a lack of available ice – BUT: we look forward to seeing you all again in the fall!

Keep up to date with all Club news and events at [www.federationskatingclub.com](http://www.federationskatingclub.com). Registration for our fall 2010 session begins in early September.

## Volunteer Appreciation BBQ & AGM

Did you volunteer with the Club this season? Would you like to be involved in planning next year's skating season, or have your say in how the Club works? Come to our annual free Volunteer Appreciation Barbeque (BBQ) and Annual General Meeting (AGM)!

Place: **Canora Community League, 10425-152 St.**

Day: **Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

AGM Time: **1:00pm – 3:00pm**

BBQ Time: **3:15pm – 5:30pm**

Remember when you registered with the Club? You handed in a \$100 fundraising cheque and a \$25 AGM cheque. The Club will cash the \$100 cheque if you have not done your fundraiser by the end of the season. The Club will cash your \$25 cheque if you do not have at least one adult representing your family at the AGM.

Those of you who did your fundraising can pick up your cheques from Pauline at the AGM.

Photos from the ice show can be picked up at the AGM.

Free babysitting is available at the hall during the AGM. All are welcome.

### Volunteers:

Choose your duty using the sign-up sheets that will be at the arenas from March 7<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, duties will be assigned on the day on an as-needed basis.

If you are volunteering for this event, please be at the hall by **noon**.

*Call Pauline at 780-489-0971 for more information.*

## Ice Show-Need to Know

Preparations are well under way for the 2010 ice show! Mark your calendars now for the big day on **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 @ Confederation**.

What you need to know:

### Tickets

Tickets will be sold at the door on the day of the show.

Ticket prices: \$3/person or \$10/family of four. Ice show skaters and kids under 2 years of age are free.



### Dress Rehearsal

All skaters participating in the ice show are expected to attend the dress rehearsal:

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 1:45-3:15pm @ Tipton**

A professional photographer will be there to take pictures of skaters in full costume. You can pick up these photos at the AGM (see left).

### Skate Guard Alert!

Please remember that all skaters are expected to have hard, **plastic skate guards** for the ice show. Skaters will be walking around and the guards will protect their blades – & each other!

### Attention Power Skaters:

Skaters in power skating should be prepared to skate in the ice show wearing full gear with their hockey sticks.

If you have any questions or concerns about the ice show, check out the ice show page on the Club website or contact the ice show Chairperson, Shivani, at [shivanisherman@hotmail.com](mailto:shivanisherman@hotmail.com).

## Report Cards

Coaches will distribute report cards to skaters in group lessons on the last lesson day. Please keep report cards and bring them next time you register – they provide useful information about a skater's achievements and help ensure that skaters are placed in the right program to suit their needs and ability.

## Congrats Coach Lora!

Congratulations to Head Coach Lora, who got engaged at centre ice at Tipton Arena on Valentine's Day! Skaters were treated to a groom on hockey skates, two cute puppies, and a proposal! From everyone at the Club, best wishes to the couple – on and off the ice!



## Congratulations Competitors!!!

Congratulations to all the skaters who participated in this year's Edmonton Region Fun Meet. You did us proud!



*Alek Sowinski    Lidia Ballanyi  
Ashish Acharya    Lily Zheng  
Ayush Acharya    Nicholas Li  
Hajar Kharit    Pareshawn Chitrakar  
Joshua Li*

Special congratulations to Lily, who won a gold medal in Ladies CanSkate Elements, and to Nicholas, who won a silver medal in Men's Primary Elements. Awesome skating!

## Event Calendar

### Winter Session End Dates

Tipton Sundays: March 7  
Tipton Wednesdays: March 10  
Tipton Saturdays: March 6  
Kinsmen Saturdays: March 20  
Tipton Tuesdays: March 23

### Annual Ice Show

*Rehearsal:* March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
1:45-3:15pm @ Tipton Arena  
*Showtime:* March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
1:30-4:30pm @ Confederation Arena

## Extra Ice Time Available

Looking for some extra practice time? The Club has the following open session available for private lesson skaters at **Tipton Arena**:

**March 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday), 1:45-3:15pm**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> (Sunday), 4-7pm**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> (Wednesdays), 4-6pm**

Cost: \$5/hr Club members, \$10/hr non-members

Remember to talk to your coach in advance if you'd like to book a lesson during any of these time slots!

## Contact Us

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## Our Arenas

**Confederation:** 11204 – 43 Avenue

**Kinsmen:** 1979 – 111 Street

**Tipton:** 10828 – 80 Avenue



## Mardi Gras: Dance to the Beat!

The theme of our ice show this year is *Mardi Gras: Dance to the Beat*. But what is Mardi Gras? Mardi Gras means "fat Tuesday" in French and is named to commemorate the last opportunity to have a party before the holiday of Lent. Today, it involves carnival celebrations, where people wear masks and costumes, dance, and have sports competitions and parades.

The music of Mardi Gras comes from the different cultures in the city of New Orleans: the mixture of French, Canadian, American, and Caribbean cultures.