

March-Kanata Skating Club

Annual Reports - 2018

May 2018



2017 – 2018 Executive

POSITION	HELD BY
President	Susan Rivington-Chapman
Vice-President	Angela Ruffolo
Secretary – Booking Director	Jennene Powers
Treasurer	Cal Goodger
CanSkate Director	Susan Lyles
Coach Representative	Kaila Morris
Communications Director	Jihane Hoummady
Pro-Liaison Director	Sheri Eady
Skater Development Director	Jacalyn Smith
STARSkate Director	Kim Graham
SynchroSkate Director	Cindy Clark
Test Chair	Elena Yakubovich

NON BOARD POSITIONS

POSITION	HELD BY
Program Assistant Coordinator	Vicky Butz
Systems Administrator	Eric Artelle
Volunteer Coordinator	Yashi Negi

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the March-Kanata Skating Club for the past year. My job was made easier by the support of a wonderful Board of Directors. I would like to thank them all for the great work they did this year. It will be very hard for me to say Goodbye to our retiring board members Cal Goodger, Susan Lyles, Angela Ruffolo, and Elena Yakubovich.

We are very fortunate have a strong, energetic, and committed group of coaches at March-Kanata. They pass on their love of skating to our brand new PreCan skaters, seasoned CanSkaters, experienced PreJuniors, sophisticated STARSkaters and our Adult Skaters who have such heart. What a diverse group of skaters. Thank you to the coaches for providing such excellent guidance to all of our skaters.

It has always been my contention that March-Kanata has the greatest group of volunteers. Whether you opened the gate for CanSkaters, played music for STARSkaters, provided food for hospitality, handed out treats or the millions of other tasks needed to successfully run a club you are a STAR. This club could not operate without you.

This season we enjoyed two Performance Ice events where our skaters performed their routines and received expert feedback. A big change this year was that most of the STAR 1-5 tests were administered by the coaches during a regular session. We hosted one test day with the Glen Cairn Skating Club and attended two more at the Jack Charron Arena. Juniors attended a seminar in September to welcome them to STARSkate at MKSC. Items of importance such as the Rules of Ice etiquette and what to expect on a STARSkate etc. were explained to these skaters. Another seminar was held in January for the Intermediate and Senior skaters.

We ended the year by reviving the Club Competition. Skaters from CanSkate and STARSkate were divided into three teams. The skaters participated in the type of events that are part of every other competition and some that aren't such as Interpretive and Shadow Dance. Hopefully, the Club Competition will continue to grow and become a permanent part of our program.

Our CanSkate numbers grew this year to a record high. The March-Kanata Executive approved a support plan to provide financial aid so more kids could learn to skate.

March-Kanata and Glen Cairn Skating Clubs, under the banner of West Ottawa Summer Skate, are providing the PreSummer Program at the Bell Sensplex. West Ottawa Summer Skate will be dissolved at the end of this session. It is my understanding that Glen Cairn will continue providing summer sessions which will be open to registration from March-Kanata skaters.

Each year, as we plan for the upcoming season, we evaluate the past season and revamp the programming to suit the skaters, coaches and parents. Next season we are adding two base coaches and we welcome Kathryn Cumming and Amy Ouellet to our Club. We are saying goodbye to Ashley Holmes as she is moving to the Glen Cairn Skating Club. Next season is also Ice Show year. This will be a time of great excitement and a lot of work.

As we move into the next season there are a few directives I would like to remind you of. Skate Canada has a firm policy against bullying, both on and off the ice whether it is skater to skater or coach to skater. Skate Canada also enforces the Rule of Two meaning no adult can be alone with a skater for the protection of both the adult and the skater. March-Kanata will strive to uphold these directives and keep March-Kanata a great and safe place to skate.

Thank you to all of you from the Skaters to the Program Assistants, the Music Players to the Coaches, the Executive Board to the Volunteers and finally the Parents (or Taxi Drivers). You all make me very proud to say that my club is March-Kanata Skating Club

Respectfully

Susan Rivington-Chapman
May 2018



CanSkate DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This year we had a 434 skaters registered in the Canskate program, which is the highest number we've had in over 5 years. Broken down by group, we had:

- ▲ PreCanSkaters – 48
- ▲ CanSkaters – 340
- ▲ PreJuniors - 21
- ▲ Adult skaters – 25
- ▲ Withdrawals – 10 (3 withdrew before lessons started)

There was an increase of 29 skaters from the previous year, which is attributable to a number of factors. These included:

- ▲ highest number of PreJuniors since starting the program
- ▲ An increase in adult skaters of 9
- ▲ An increase of 5 CanSkaters
- ▲ There was a decrease in PreCanSkaters of 8, but we reduced the number of PreCanSkate sessions from 10 to 7, which resulted in all but 1 being completely full

This year the CanSkaters enjoyed their usual special theme days in addition to a Meet the Coaches Day and year end celebrations for all children's classes. We provided treats to the kids and a chance for parents to talk to the coaches and volunteers about their skaters' progress. Both were very well received by the parents.

We implemented our bursary policy this year and gave a chance for three children to learn to skate that would not have been able to do so without assistance. We were also able to cover the remaining costs of lessons for a child that received partial funding from Jumpstart. All the children and parents were very grateful for the opportunity provided by the club.

CanSkaters were included in the Club Competition and I saw lots of happy, excited faces as the children got to show off what they learned this year. We had 17 skaters, of ages ranging from 3 to 11, take part in the Challenge. Making our youngest skaters feel a part of the March Kanata Skating Club family is particularly important in a year without an Ice Show. Special thanks to Kaila and Susan Rivington for making this happen.

The CanSkater of the Year Award emphasizes skating talent, progression through the CanSkate program and accomplishments. The recipient presents a desire and dedication to the sport of skating. The March Kanata Skating Club 2017/18 CanSkater of the Year recipient is:

- Annika Ives

CanSkate spirit awards are awarded to two CanSkaters who demonstrate commitment, perseverance, dedication, passion and spirit. This year's recipients are:

- Zara Walke
- Helene Ngako

In addition, we present those skaters that have completed the CanSkate program with a small gift and their final CanSkate Badge. This year we had one skater complete CanSkate Badge 6:

- Lucas Dai

I want to extend special thanks to the members of this year's CanSkate team. Lizhi Jing, Kitty Luo, Linie Yang and Martine Bordeleau. The new CanSkate Director will be happy to hear a very supportive team of experienced CanSkate Assistants are ready to help out next season.

I want to also thank Young-Soon, Kaila and the rest of the coaches and PA's for their commitment to the program. It's a testimony to their hard work that I frequently get emails from parents saying they've tried other CanSkate programs in Ottawa, but ours is the best.

As a CanSkate Assistant for next season, I'm looking forward to putting some fresh ideas into action. I wish the new CanSkate Director, the best of success in the coming year.

Submitted by Susan Lyles



SECRETARY AND BOOKING DIRECTOR REPORT

Ice Rentals

The skaters at the March-Kanata Skating club kept the ice and hall maintenance workers at the Mlacak Recreation Centre busy during the 2017-2018 season. The CanSkaters, STARSkaters and Starlight Synchro Skaters spent almost 900 hours on the Mlacak ice alone, with few issues, aside from an extended power outage that cancelled skating for the evening. In addition, March-Kanata skaters spent almost 30 hours on the ice at the Kanata Recreation Centre (KRC) for test days and the March 2018 SynchroSkate Competition hosted by March-Kanata and organized by local Synchronized Skating teams.

2017-2018 Ice Hours:

Mlacak: approx. 900 hours

KRC: approx. 30 hours



Hall Rentals

The club was also present in the Halls at the Mlacak Recreation Centre with off-ice training, Seminars (Holiday Seminar, Junior Orientation and What's Next?) and meetings. To support these programs, the club rented halls, the foyer and meeting rooms for over 225 hours. The club also provided space at the KRC to support the March SynchroSkate Competition. To support this enormous operation the club rented almost 200 hours of hall time during the weekend competition.

2017-2018 Hall Hours

Mlacak: approx. 225 hours

KRC: approx. 200 hours

Submitted by Jennene Powers

STARSkate DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2017/2018 was another successful year for the March-Kanata STARSkate Program!

We had 81 STARSkaters registered this season compared to 73 STARSkaters in the prior season. An 11% increase in the number of skaters! We ran 12 STARSkate session each week again this season and had ice available every day of the week. Our skaters combined, attended a total of 179 ice sessions per week compared to 163 ice sessions each week last season. We are encouraged by the significant growth in our Junior Program where we had 43 Skaters participating this year as compared to 34 skaters in the prior season and what this means for the future of our skating club.

On behalf of all of our STARSkaters, we would like to take a moment to thank all of our music players for making March Kanata a very special place to skate!

Submitted by Kim Graham



SYNCHROSKATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2017-18 was the eighth year of operating a synchronized skating program at March-Kanata Skating Club. This year our PreNovice team had an incredible year. The team started their season off strong with a Bronze Medal in Montreal at the St-Hubert Synchro Competition, finished fourth in the province at provincials/regionals and ended their season with a Gold medal at SynchroSkate!

We also had an additional two teams under the Starlight banner this season (with many MKSC team members), operating out of the Goulbourn Skating Club – a PreJuvenile and a Juvenile synchro team. We will continue to work collaboratively to ensure quality synchronized skating programming is delivered.

In March of this year, March-Kanata SC hosted the 2018 Eastern Ontario SynchroSkate Competition at the Kanata Recreation Center. It was a very successful event drawing 73 synchro teams from across Canada. Over the course of the day we had well over 1200 skaters, volunteers, officials, and supporting staff from the section in attendance, not to mention the packed audience stands. Based on the success of this event, we have again been granted sanction by Skate Ontario and will host the event in March 2019.

There continues to be significant interest in synchronized skating from Ottawa area skating clubs. Try-outs for the Starlight Synchronized Skating teams have concluded, with over 75 area skaters in attendance. Team placements are being finalized. We look forward to another great year in this growing area of skating!

Submitted by Cindy Clark

