Greetings from the Chairperson:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Skate Canada-Saskatchewan, I would like to wish every skater, parent and coach a great weekend of skating at the 2009 BMO Skate Canada Sectionals. You have worked hard to get here, and I trust the weekend will be filled with excitement of competition and meeting up with friends.

The organizing committee and volunteers from Skate Saskatoon have worked hard to make this event a success and without the dedication of these volunteers, events like this would not be possible. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so much to the success of this event. Also, a “big” thank-you to BMO and our sponsors for their continued support of skating in this province.

To all the competitors, I extend best wishes for personal success. Enjoy the spirit of the competition, the triumph of success and thank you for your passion to the sport of skating.

Enjoy the weekend!

Marilyn

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Call For Volunteers!

The 2009 BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships are still looking for volunteers. The event runs from January 14th – 18th in Saskatoon, SK. Volunteer opportunities include Registration, Transportation, Security, Medal Ceremonies and much more! To become a volunteer, please visit the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan website at www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com/events.html or the Skate Canada website at www.skatecanada.ca/en/getting_involved/volunteering/how/volunteer_2009Canadian.cfm.
This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of a national sporting event. We are encouraging all who are interested to visit the above websites and apply to be a volunteer.

**Office Closure**

Please note that the Section Office will be closed on the following days:

- Nov. 14th – BMO Skate Canada Sectionals in Saskatoon
- Dec. 25th – Christmas Day
- Dec. 26th – Boxing Day
- Jan. 1st – New Years Day
WANTED: Sectional Plaque Donors

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan is currently seeking donors for the following Sectional plaques:

- Pre-Juvenile Women
- Pre-Juvenile Men
- Junior Men

Your donation of $200.00 will provide 4” x 6” keeper plaques that will be given to the winner(s). Keeper plaques will be engraved with the donor’s name. The cost of these keeper plaques is approximately $40.00 per year. The cost of supplying these for a five (5) year period is covered in the overall donation.

The main plaque, which displays the donor’s name, will not have to be replaced for years. At the end of this five (5) year period, we will contact you again to see if you wish to continue as a donor of the event plaque. If so, we will ask for a further donation to cover the cost of the keeper plaques for another five (5) years.

You will be invited, annually to the BMO Skate Canada Sectionals to present your plaque to the winner(s). As this event moves around the province, we hope that there will be many opportunities for you to be attendance. If this is not possible, you can name someone to present your plaque on your behalf.

A tax receipt will be issued.

If you wish to become a donor of a BMO Skate Canada Sectional plaque please contact the Section Office at (306) 780-9245 or email sk.skate@sasktel.net.

WANTED: STARSkate Plaque Donors

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan is currently seeking donors for the following STARSkate plaques:

- Gold Women Triathlon
- Silver Women Triathlon
- Bronze Men Triathlon
- Bronze Dance Biathlon
- Pre-Preliminary Women
- Senior Silver Women

Your donation of $200.00 will provide 4” x 6” keeper plaques that will be given to the winner(s). Keeper plaques will be engraved with the donor’s name. The cost of these keeper plaques is approximately $40.00 per year. The cost of supplying these for a five (5) year period is covered in the overall donation.

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You will be invited, annually to the SaskEnergy STARSkate Championships to present your plaque to the winner(s). As this event moves around the province, we hope that there will be many opportunities for you to be attendance. If this is not possible, you can name someone to present your plaque on your behalf.

A tax receipt will be issued.

If you wish to become a donor of a SaskEnergy STARSkate plaque please contact the Section Office by phone (306) 780-9245 or email sk.skate@sasktel.net.
**Skater's Lottery**

If your club wishes to participate in the Skaters’ Lottery program, please contact the Section Office to order your ticket books.

$33,493 was paid back to participating clubs.

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan arranges for all prizes, applies for the lottery license, prints the tickets and does the advertising. The only cost to clubs is the shipping of tickets out and back to the office.

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**Attention Clubs**

Are you ready to start skating? Have you registered ALL your members with Skate Canada? Please remember clubs are responsible for the General Liability Insurance for their club ($75.00 / club) as well as the Accident Insurance for ALL members ($0.65 / member). Skate Canada – Saskatchewan will be purchasing the Directors & Officers Liability ($95.00 / club) for ALL REGISTERED Saskatchewan clubs.

If your club has completed the registration online, please review your Skate Canada invoice carefully. Have you been invoiced for the Directors & Officials Liability insurance? If so, please disregard this charge.

If your club has already paid the Directors & Officers Liability insurance, please contact the Section Office.

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**Important Reminder**

If you haven’t already done so, please ensure that you are registered with Skate Canada for the 2008 – 2009 skating season. Failure to do so will result in skaters being unable to compete at qualifying events. As well, if you are not registered, you are not covered by Skate Canada’s insurance plan in case of an accident or injury.

If you are having problems registering, please contact Skate Canada Member Services at memberservices@skatecanada.ca.

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**Seminar Announcement**

Included with this newsletter is information about this year’s seminars.

The All Male, Let’s Dance and Pre-Competitive Seminars will be held in Davidson January 3rd and 4th, 2009. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, December 16th, 2008. For more information, please see the brochures.

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**Web Page**

Be sure to check out the website often for updated information

Recently posted on the Competitions Page:
- 2008 Sask Skate / Sask Open Results
- 2008 SaskEnergy Western Regional Festival of Synchronized Skating Registration & Tech Package
- 2008 Sectional Letter and Schedule
- Important Sectional Announcement

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**Skate Canada News Releases**

Skate Canada announced on October 29, 2008 that it will be introducing a new multimedia tool at

November 2008
Skate Canada events. The Skate Bug is an earpiece that members of the live audience can purchase on site. The Skate Bug will provide commentary for those watching the live event at the venue. The Skate Bug will allow those watching the event at the venue to hear the commentary viewers at home are receiving. As well, the Skate Bug will allow fans to text their messages, questions and comments directly to the commentators and receive answers during the event. The Skate Bug will be making its debut at the 2008 HomeSense Skate Canada International competition and retails for $20 plus taxes.

Skate Canada and the CBC have joined forces to bring the entire figure skating season to Canadian viewers. For the first time in history, the International Skating Union (ISU) has granted the broadcast rights to a member federation. Skate Canada will be working with CBC to add broadcast coverage of all ISU Grand Prix Series Events. In addition to the Grand Prix Series Events, the CBC will broadcast the BMO Canadian Figure Skating Championships, the ISU European Figure Skating Championships, the ISU Four Continents Figure Skating Championships and the ISU World Figure Skating Championships.

Synchronized Skating Updates

The SaskEnergy Western Regional Festival of Synchronized Skating will be held January 30, January 31 & February 1 at the Brandt Centre in Regina, SK. Tickets are available at the Brandt Center Box Office. For more information, please contact Debbie Rodger at kdrodg@sasktel.net.

To all Synchro Teams: Please ensure that each skater is registered with Skate Canada for the 2008 / 2009 skating season. Also, the registration / tech package is available online on the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan website (look under Competitions). The deadline for entries is December 15th, 2008.

There will be a Synchro Fun Day on December 13 at the Brandt Centre and the Regina Fieldhouse. All Saskatchewan teams are invited to participate. The tentative start time is 10:00 AM and will include on-ice time, off ice-time and classroom sessions. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other Synchro teams from across the province! For more information, please contact Debbie Rodger at kdrodg@sasktel.net.

CanSkate Communications Kit

Each club should have received a DVD from Skate Canada titled the CanSkate Communications Kit. If your club did not receive this kit, please contact Skate Canada.

“CanSkate, Skate Canada’s flagship learn-to-skate program, is recognized as one of the best programs of its type in the world. At Skate Canada, we want to ensure that you have access to the best tools and resources you need to best promote this program at a local level.

To help you do just that, we have put together this comprehensive communications kit. Presented in an easy-to-use format, the enclosed CD includes print ads, posters, flyers as well as radio and TV spots – all of which you can use in your community.

Should you have any questions about the contents of this kit, please contact Anne Bellemare at 1 (888) 747-2372 ext. 2510 or by email at abellemare@skatecanada.ca.

In the meantime, we hope you find this kit helpful and wish you all the best for your upcoming skating season.”
## Calendar of Events

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