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**Greetings from the Executive Director**

2012 is here! We are more than half way through the 2011/2012 skating season. As I typed, our skaters are currently competing at the 2012 Canadian Figure Skating Championship in Moncton. Good luck to our Novice Dance Team – Nevada Smith (Skate Hudson Bay) & Addison Voldeng (Skate Saskatoon), Novice Women – Shelby Hall (Alameda SC) and Senior Pairs – Paige Lawrence and Rudi Swiegers (Wawota SC).

To all the skaters competing at a Regional Invitational Competition, Saskatchewan STARSkate Championships, Jean Norman presented by SaskTel or the 2012 Prairie Regional Synchronized Skating Championships I wish you all the best as you compete. To all the skaters, clubs, officials, volunteers, coaches, parents and spectators who are participating in these competitions thank you for your hard work and commitment to skating. It is because of each of you that skating in Saskatchewan continues to thrive.

Thank you to all the clubs who are participating in the SaskEnergy Great Family Skate. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow our sport and we hope this event continues to gain momentum. If you haven't registered, please do so by January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. A promotional package will be forwarded upon receipt of the registration form.

Just a reminder to keep selling the Skaters' Lottery tickets. This is an excellent fundraiser for both Clubs and the Section and we appreciate all of you who are selling these tickets. There are still tickets available if your club is interested. Clubs receive \$22.00 / complete book sold. For more information please contact the Section Office at (306) 780-9245 or email [sk.skate@sasktel.net](mailto:sk.skate@sasktel.net). Just a reminder that the Section will be awarding two (2) \$5,000 prizes to the club that sells the most books per registered member (Clubs 1 – 199 & Clubs 200 & above).

Looking for a gift – we have 2012 figure skating calendars (\$8.00), I can skate T-shirts (\$5.00), Thank You Cards

(\$2.00) and Blank Notes (\$2.00). Contact the Section Office.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who volunteered for the 2012 Skate Canada Challenge Event in Regina. It was due to your dedication to skating that made this event a success. THANK YOU!!!!!!

Danielle Shaw  
Executive Director / Event Manager

**Why People Volunteer**

The formula for successful volunteering appears to go something like this:

- Provide opportunities for personal achievement; all volunteers to make new discoveries about themselves and others
- Enable them to feel they are forming social bonds and strengthening their community
- Mix with appropriate training, feedback, and recognition and you have volunteers who feel energized by the assignment, see it as fun to do and complete it feeling better than when they started.

Reprinted from *Why People Volunteer, Multiculturalism & Citizenship Canada, Ottawa, 1992.*



**Inside:**

- Clubs Only:**
- MAP Grant Follow-Up Report
  - Proof of Attendance for the MAP Grant
  - SaskEnergy Great Family Skate Reminder
  - Helmet Use Policy

## Skate Canada Update

### Preliminary Dance Test

The most recent version of the Preliminary dance test sheet has been printed with an error. "Unison" is not a mandatory Satisfactory component at this level. As per the Skate Canada Rulebook, Section 4000-D-2.1(4), the pass requirement for each Preliminary dance is 2/6 and only "Timing" and "Accuracy/Flow" must be evaluated at a Satisfactory level or higher in order to pass the test. The Preliminary dance test sheet has been revised and is available in Members Only under Technical & Programs/Test Sheets/Dance.

### Follow-up Q&A on Competition Restructure

The "Follow-up Q&A on Competition Restructure" web presentation is now archived and available in both English and French and can be found in Members Only under Technical and Programs/Long-Term Athlete Development/Follow-up Q&A (December 20, 2011). The Q&A document covering many of the questions received is now also posted in the same folder and is available in both English and French.

For those members that did view one or both of the recent web presentations on Competition Restructure, we would appreciate if you could take the time to complete a short survey and give us your feedback.

The survey may be accessed here:  
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22DVQG4KH39>.



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## Achievement Award Package



The Achievement Award Package was sent out to all clubs in December. Nomination forms can be found online at

[www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) under Forms / Grants.

## WANTED: A Few Good Individuals!



Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the 2012/2014 Board of Directors.

The following positions are available for election:

- First Vice Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Three (3) Directors

All positions are for a two (2) year term.

Nomination information has been enclosed or available on-line at [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) under Forms / Applications.



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### **Bid To Host**

Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Competition Committee is now accepting Bid to Hosts for:

- 2013 & 2014 Saskatchewan STARSkate Championships
- 2013 & 2014 Jean Norman Open Dance & Free Skate Competition.

Bid Packages are available online at [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) under Competitions.

Bid to Hosts are due March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2011/2012 MAP Grants**

**Follow Up Reports are due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012.**

Please find enclosed proof of meetings attended for the 2011/2012 MAP Grant. This letter should be attached to your MAP Grant Follow Up Report.



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### **Office Closure**

Please note the Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Office in Regina will be closed the following dates (subject to change):

- January 30<sup>th</sup> – Meetings in Saskatoon
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – Family Day
- March 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> – On Course
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – Meetings in Saskatoon
- March 16<sup>th</sup> – Holiday



January 2012

## Upcoming Deadlines!!!!

February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Achievement Awards
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bid to Host for Saskatchewan STARSkate Championships
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bid to Host for Jean Norman Open Dance & Free Skate Competition
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Nominations Close



## Coming Soon!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting Package

## Reminders

- Carnivals, Achievement Days, Invitational Competitions, Exhibition skates are Hockey games, etc must be sanctioned. Sanctions are available on-line at [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com).
- Be sure to check the Skate Canada Members Only Login for information for the upcoming season.
- Be sure to check the web site [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com) for upcoming NCCP Course information, seminars and more.



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## **Calendar of Events**

Subject to Changes

More information online at [www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com](http://www.skatecanadasaskatchewan.com)

Jan 27 – 29	Saskatchewan STARSkate Championships	North Battleford
Feb 3 – 5	Western Regional Adult Competition	Carstairs
Feb 4	Region 10 Invitational Competition	Biggar
Feb 4	Region 8 Test Day	Clavet
Feb 4 – 5	Prairie Regionals (Synchronized Skating)	Souris
Feb 4 – 5	Region 4 Invitational Competition	Indian Head
Feb 11	Region 3 Invitational Competition	Kincaid
Feb 12	Region 3 CanSkate Fun Fest	Kincaid
Feb 11 – 12	Region 11 Invitational Competition	Hudson Bay
Feb 11 – 12	Region 8 Invitational Competition	Martensville
Feb 20	Great Family Skate	
Feb 24 – 26	Jean Norman Competition presented by SaskTel	Swift Current
Mar 3 – 4	Region 13 Invitational Competition	TBA
Mar 9	Skater Development Committee Meeting	Saskatoon
Mar 9 – 10	Living Skies Synchronized Skating Invitational	Regina
Mar 11	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Saskatoon
Mar 18	Crocus Invitational Synchro Competition	Hartney
April 27	Section Board of Directors' Meeting	Regina
April 28	Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Annual General Meeting	Regina
April 28	Skate Canada – Saskatchewan Skaters' Lottery Draw	Regina



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