



Gloucester Skating Club Glider

Where dreams begin...

December 2007

The Gloucester Skating Club wishes all skaters and their families a safe and happy holiday season!

Parade of Lights

This year's parade was a great success and a great kick-off to the holiday season. With an evening of perfect parade weather the GSC float was a real crowd pleaser and a great time was had by all. We had a fantastic turnout from lots of skaters and parents and everyone did a wonderful job spreading holiday cheer. Many warm thanks to Elizabeth Manley who joined us to ride the float and brave the cold winter weather, it was great to see the crowd welcome Elizabeth back home! Special thank you as well to the Mattocks' family and all those that came out to help decorate the float and donate candy canes.

Happy Holidays!

Harmony Madill

COMING SOON TO THE GSC...

Club Competition 2007 is on Dec. 15!

The schedule for Club Competition 2007 has been posted in the *News* section of the GSC website.

Christmas Party!

The Gloucester Skating Club's Canskate Christmas Party is to be held at the Bob MacQuarrie Centre on **December 23, 2007**. Mark the date on your calendar and keep checking the website for further information.

Code of Conduct

On November 7, 2007, the GSC Board of Directors approved policies on the Code of Conduct and Dispute Resolution. The policies have been posted on the GSC website under the tab "About Us". They can also be found on the GSC notice board and posted outside the office.



GSC in the news!

You may have seen the GSC in local media during recent months. The GSC is proud to share with the community the many accomplishments taking place in our club. Throughout the year there are a number of times when skaters are photographed, interviewed or videotaped. A reminder to skaters and parents to please ensure that your **Media Permission Form** is signed and returned to the GSC office. You can find this form on the GSC website www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca in the **Programs/Forms** section, or stop by the GSC office to pick up a copy.

We want to achieve the right balance between getting our message out and respecting the wishes of parents/guardians who do not want their child's name, photo, or accomplishments shared publicly on the web or in the media. Photos and names will only be displayed with the express permission and knowledge of parents/guardians.

LIONS GATEWAY CLUB CARD
Makes a Great Holiday Gift!

Each Lions Gateway Club Card costs \$20.00. By purchasing the card you can take advantage of great Savings and Discounts when you show your Lions Gateway Club Card to any participating businesses throughout Ottawa and the surrounding areas. Your \$20.00 Lions Gateway Club Card is ready to use once you receive it for 1 full year. Shop at some of your favourite stores, or online at www.lionsgatewayclub.ca

We hope all of our parents and skaters will help make this one of our most successful fundraisers of the year, raising money for the Gloucester Skating Club

For every \$20 card sold, GSC receives \$10 and the other \$10 goes back to your local Lions Club.

Every card sold receives a ballot for the draw. For the listed prizes, to be drawn **December 23, 2007**, winners will be notified by phone. Prizes include:

- Senators Tickets
- 67s Tickets
- Senators Jersey
- Tickets to High School Musical on Ice
- Private Lesson with Elizabeth Manley

and more...

Any questions, please call 613-830-1610

Return Order Forms: Dec. 15th, 2007

Cards delivered: Dec. 17-22, 2007

GSC receives coaching grant!

Gloucester Skating Club is pleased to announce that it has been selected as one of the recipients of a General Motors ***Making Dreams Possible*** Community Club Coaching Grant of \$2000.00 from GM and the Coaching Association of Canada.

GM's ***Making Dreams Possible*** grant award is dedicated to the development of community coaches with the ultimate goal of improving the sporting experience of young Canadian athletes and helping them achieve their full potential.

Special thanks to **Darlene Joseph** for all the hard work on securing this grant for the GSC!



Friendships generated through recreation are closer than those generated in other life situations like work. (Kanters, 1996)

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 : **To: Gloucester Skating Club**
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 : My name is Josh Allen and I am a skater at
 : the Club.
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 : I am raising money by collecting pop cans
 : and pop plastic containers. 20% of the
 : money raised will go to the Gloucester
 : Skating Club.
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 : I hope you can help me by dropping off
 : your pop cans and plastic containers to
 : the GSC Coaches Room.
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 : Thank you,
 : **Josh Allen**
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DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, Dec 15	Club Competition
Sunday, Dec 16	Synchro Showcase
Dec 23	Christmas Party
Dec 24 to Jan 3	Canskate Holiday break
Jan 2, 2008	Winter School begins
Jan 10, 2008	Lottery Books due
Jan 30-Feb 2, 2008	Junior Nationals in Ottawa
Feb 15-17, 2008	EOSIC in Napanee
March 5, 6, 7, 2008	Test Days
April 11-13, 2008	Spring Festival Skate
May 2 & 3, 2008	GSC Ice Show

The Gloucester Green Machine presents *The Fourth Annual Synchro Showcase*

Synchronized skating teams from the area will engage and amaze you as they perform their latest routines!



Date: Sunday, Dec 16
Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Place: Bob MacQuarrie Recreational Complex

Admission: \$6.00/adults
\$4.00 seniors & children under 12

Tickets will be available at the door.

Winter Canskate brochures now available!

Visit the GSC website to access the 2008 Winter Season (January to May) Canskate and Canpowerskate brochures.

Physical activity and recreation programs provide important leadership opportunities and contribute to building a sense of community and belonging
(Kerr, 1996)

President's Podium

GSC's Fall Season and Winter Warm-up!

Gloucester Skating Club skaters, coaches, and volunteers have had a very busy and bustling season this fall, and in case you've missed it, here's a recap of what's been happening!

Starting the season off, GSC held its annual Fall Used Skate and Dress Sale, with much success. \$1200 was raised to off-set competitive team expenses for this fall. The second Used Skate and Dress Sale was held on December 8th, raising funds for the EOSIC Team this winter! Thank you to Debbie Poisson for organizing these sales!

Many GSC skaters participated in Figure 8 Autumn Skate in September with some great results! Congratulations to skaters and coaches.

GSC welcomed Elizabeth Manley home, and in October, GSC hosted the **Meet Elizabeth Manley night**, where families and skaters had a chance to meet Elizabeth, chat with her, have a photo taken, and get her autograph. It was a good opportunity for many skaters to meet with her up-close and in a relaxed atmosphere off-ice. Many thanks to Eleanor Zeindler for providing the homemade treats and lemonade, an extra special and yummy touch we all appreciated!

Later during the week, GSC and local area skaters had a chance to work with Elizabeth on the ice and learn from her, during the **all day Seminar with Elizabeth Manley, Stephanie Partridge, and Rebecca J. Lloyd**. The day was full with informative sessions on and off ice, with lots of skating development opportunity. Over 60 skaters from GSC and around Ottawa attended; it was a great success for GSC!

GSC held a small **test day in October**, congratulations to the skaters who achieved their tests, and thanks to Francis Boteler for organizing test day and Eleanor Zeindler for the hospitality!

Thanks to GSC's Athlete Representative, Harmony Madill, who helped to organize and provide three **Parent Information Sessions** where parents had an opportunity to learn more about GSC, volunteering, and to ask questions about skating and GSC.

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A revised **GSC Parent Handbook** is available at the office and online at the GSC website.

During October, the Competitive Team trained on and off ice on Sundays, with the last Sunday offering a Gala presentation of all the skaters, and team party. Competitive skaters have been preparing most of summer and fall for the Eastern Ontario Sectional Competition that was held Nov. 1-4 in Oshawa. Thanks to the coaches for their additional time with the skaters during the training sessions and congratulations to all the GSC Competitive skaters for a **great showing at Sectionals!** GSC was well represented!

This fall brought changes in the GSC office, please **welcome GSC's new bookkeeper Christine Savage**, and office administrator Heather MacMahon! We have appreciated the time and effort of Brenda Lee Beauchamp as office administrator over the past year and Karen Fleming, past bookkeeper, who has been with GSC for over three years. We wish both of them all the best in their new endeavors!

This year GSC is participating in the **Lions Gateway Fundraiser**. Purchase a Lions Gateway card for \$20, show the card at area merchants and receive discounts! \$10 goes to GSC and \$10 goes to Lions Club for community service projects. Many special thanks to Marlene Shepard, Debbie Poisson,

Peter Ho, and Ray Scherer of Lions Club for getting GSC going with this great opportunity!

It is a great honour to be able to say, all the positions of the GSC Board of Directors are full! Please welcome **new board members** Mike Lacelle, Special Events Director and Debbie Poisson, Volunteer Coordinator. Most Directors positions are held for one year, or till the Annual General Meeting held in May. More about the Board of Directors in the next newsletter.

November 24, Orleans Parade of Lights!

Thanks to the Mattocks Family, the Gloucester Skating Club once again had a float in the Parade of Lights!

The **Morrisburg Invitational Competition** was held on November 24, and some GSC skaters attended the **Eastern Challenge**, December 5-9 in Mississauga. GSC congratulates all skaters for their efforts!

And last but not least, **Club Competition and Canskate Competition are happening December 15th**. Club Competition is always great fun for the skaters and the Club, especially the Team Elements, when all the skaters participate together. Have fun and Happy Holidays!

Christina Comeau

Gloucester Skating Club President

GSC OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday 10:00-3:00

Monday 5:30-8:30

Tuesday and Thursday 4:00-7:00

Saturday 12:00-4:00

Office phone: 613-830-1610

Holiday hours will be applied.

BOSTON PIZZA RECEIPTS

Turn in your receipts from Boston Pizza on Innes Road and 10% of your bill will be donated to the GSC!

VISIT THE GLOUCESTER SKATING CLUB WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR SKATING CLUB!

www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca

If you have information you would like published in the next edition of the Gloucester Glider, please contact Kristin Wood by leaving a message at the GSC office 613-830-1610.