



# Gloucester Skating Club Glider

Where dreams begin...

Winter 2009

*It has been a very busy and successful fall and winter season for the skaters, coaches, and volunteers at Gloucester Skating Club!  
Please read on...*

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**Good Luck and Best Wishes to our  
GSC Skaters competing in  
Waterloo, Ontario!**  
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### Trillium Cup Competitors

Sara Kelly, Juvenile Ladies; Josh Allen, Juvenile Men,  
Elisabeth Dyer, Pre-novice Ladies, and  
Laura Liston, Novice Ladies

### Trillium StarSkate Championship Competitors

Gabrielle Campbell, Pre-preliminary Ladies;  
Cameron Hines and Phillippe McGuire, Pre-preliminary  
Men; Nicole Brake, Preliminary Ladies; Christian  
Reekie, Preliminary Men; Sarah Campbell and Phillippe  
McGuire, Vanessa Chartrand and Christian Reekie,  
Preliminary Dance; Gabrielle Campbell and Cameron  
Hines, Junior Bronze Dance; Brittany Kelly, Junior  
Silver Ladies; Jessilyn Chaisson, Senior Silver Ladies.

### EOSIC Gala and EOSIC Team in Whitby

A team of 48 GSC StarSkaters were well prepared for the EOSIC competition this year by taking part in on and off ice seminars during the month of January, and performing in the EOSIC Gala in early February, along with a team party.

Gloucester StarSkaters competed at the Eastern Ontario StarSkate Invitational Championships (EOSIC) held in Whitby, February 20 - 22.

Skaters competed in levels of Pre-preliminary to Gold, including Biathlon and Triathlon events. Over 500 Eastern Ontario skaters compete at EOSIC.

Many skaters qualified for the provincial competition - Trillium StarSkate Championships (All-Ontario) held in March in Waterloo, Ontario, (see note above).

Congratulations skaters, and have a great skate at the competition!

### **Special Olympian Kyle Mayhew Earns Silver at World Competition!**

Submitted by Cathy Skinner

Kyle Mayhew, age 22, skater at GSC, coached by Cathy Skinner, has just recently returned with a World silver medal for his performances in the 2009 Special Olympic World Winter Games.

He competed in Level 3 Men's Singles, as part of the largest ever Canadian Figure Skating team to ever compete at a World Games. They were a team of 15 figure skaters competing in Men's and Women's singles, Pairs and Ice Dance. This event took place from February 7-13, 2009, in Boise, Idaho and was one of the world's largest winter sporting events with over 3000 athletes from over 85 countries.

Canadian athletes competed in 6 of the 7 sports which included Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Snowshoeing, Alpine and Cross Country Skiing and Floor Hockey. Canada did not have representation in the Snowboarding event.

This was an exciting 2 weeks for Kyle, during which he placed first in the elements portion of the competition and second overall, combined with his solo.

Overall the Canadian figure skaters dominated the competition, where the judges commented that they were very well trained, fit and prepared for the event.

This caps off a very busy year for Kyle, in which he first won his event at the National Championship, was then moved up to a higher level and finally chosen to represent Canada at the World Winter Games. He attended and participated in two National Training Camps in July and November, and had to commit to a training program, both off and on the ice for the entire year.



*Kyle welcomed home from World Competition by Liz Manley*

### **Special Olympians**

Submitted by Cathy Skinner

I am sure that most of our membership is unaware of a very special group of skaters that call the Gloucester Skating Club their home club, probably because you never get to see most of them.

We have 15 Special Olympians who do some of their practising on Sunday afternoons at the McNabb Arena, but are proud to call the Gloucester Skating Club their home club. *Continued on next page*

A few of their names and/or faces you might recognize, as they have skated at our club. Kyle Mayhew currently skates on the Intermediate sessions and Ada Chan has been a skater on the Thursday night open sessions for the past few seasons.

In January, they all competed at the 2009 Eastern Ontario Special Olympics Regional & Invitational Competition held in Kemptville. Stephanie McMahon also competed in this competition.

The events the skaters participated in included elements, solos, pairs, dance, Interpretive and a Funskate event. Usually the winners from this competition would move on to the Provincial level where they could then qualify for the National competition, but since this is a non qualifying year, none of them moved on.

Since Kyle Mayhew won the Regionals, Provincials and then Nationals last year, he was chosen to represent Canada at the Special Olympics World Winter Games (see preceding article).

Perhaps in the near future you will get to meet some more of our Special Olympians and welcome them onto our sessions as well.

**Three Cheers and Three Trophies for Gloucester!**



Gloucester's Competitive skaters had an amazing showing at the Sectional competition held in Bowmanville, Ontario in November.

Skaters, Nadine Slupeiks won Pre-juvenile Ladies, Sonia Tang won Juvenile Ladies, and Elizabeth Comeau won Pre-novice Ladies, with each skater bringing home a trophy to display in the competitive team showcase.

Skaters who medalled or qualified for an additional competition are: Vanessa Chartrand and Christian Reekie for Pre-juvenile dance, Sara Kelly second for Juvenile Ladies, Nikki Mattocks second for Pre-novice Ladies, Josh Allen third for Juvenile Men, Elisabeth Dyer sixth in Pre-novice Ladies, Laura Liston fifth in Novice Ladies, and Patrick Goodman fifth in Senior Men.

Elizabeth, Nikki, and Patrick competed at the Eastern Challenge in December in Mississauga. Sara, Josh, Elisabeth D., and Laura will go on to compete at the Trillium Cup in Waterloo, Ontario March 14-15.

At Sectionals, many Gloucester skaters were very pleased to have set new personal bests, and to have skated clean programs. Congratulations to all the competitors! The Club is very proud of each of you!

**EOS Juvenile Ladies Champion Sonia Tang**

Sonia Tang, Gloucester skater, and the EOS Juvenile Ladies Champion, had the fun of flying to a competition this year, having gone to Calgary to compete at Junior Nationals, the week of February 9-13. She placed 8th

at Junior Nationals, and enjoyed the national level competitive experience.

Sonia, age 11, who skates almost everyday, looks forward to competing as a Pre-novice next season. She is eager to get working on her double axle, and to start trying some triples. She enjoys spins, and jumping!

This is the third year in a row Gloucester has sent a Juvenile Ladies skater to Junior Nationals; though this will be the last year for Juvenile level skaters to compete at this competition, as Skate Canada will be making changes at the national level competitions. We are very proud of you, Sonia! Well done!

**Gloucester Coaches and Program Assistants Teach Skating at Winterlude!**

To celebrate 25 years of Learn to Skate - Gloucester's Coaches and CanSkate program assistants gave Learn to Skate classes on the Rideau Canal at the AMEX Express Lounge Rink at Fifth Avenue, on the weekend of February 14 – 15 for the public.

Elizabeth Manley, along with Brian Orser joined the join the fun on Saturday for a two hour appearance.



*Coach Darlene Joseph teaching wee skaters at Winterlude*

**Future Shop Donates a Video Camera**



Special thanks to **Future Shop** for their donation of a Sony video camera for use with Gloucester's Dartfish Video Analysis system.

The donated Sony video camera has allowed for the coaches at GSC to continue to use the Dartfish system with their skaters, as the previous camera was no longer functioning nor repairable.

Dartfish is computer software, and a tool for coaches to use to capture video of a skater executing a variety of tricks, such as spins and jumps.

The software allows the coach to breakdown the captured video shot by shot to evaluate a skater's positioning with the skater alongside to view. In addition, Dartfish can allow for tracking of a skater's progress through the year, for comparative side-by-side analysis, for calculations on the height of jumps, and

degrees of positioning, along with many other features that allow for optimized feedback to the skater.

**FundScrip Fundraising Program**

Turn everyday purchases into earnings - earnings which can be put towards **your skater's ice costs** or other charges that have been put on their account!

Register with FundScrip and then purchase gift cards from retailers in virtually every category from grocery and gas to department and specialty stores.

With each gift card purchase, FundScrip pays a percentage back to you (ranges from 2% to 15% depending on the retailer)! The Club is pleased to offer our members 100% profit on earnings (less shipping and handling).

Since starting the program in July 2008, registered GSC members have earned over \$1500!

For more information about the program and to register visit [www.fundscrip.com](http://www.fundscrip.com) and [www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca](http://www.gloucesterskatingclub.ca) (under Fundscrip tab).

**Volunteering**

Together we all win – Volunteer! Our Team - the Gloucester Skating Club is a not-for-profit organization run by a volunteer Board of Directors, and supported by a small number of administrative staff, with 13 dedicated professional coaches, and most important our MEMBER VOLUNTEERS!

Your registration/membership with the Gloucester Skating Club includes a \$50.00 volunteer fee which ensures that the Club can access the resources necessary to support the skaters and the Club's Skater Development and fundraising events.

This \$50.00 is fully refundable - all you have to do is help us help the skaters by committing 6 hours of your time, per family, throughout the season from September 2008 to August 31, 2009.

Reminder, if you haven't completed your 6 hours, there is still time. The Annual Spring Fest Competition and the Annual Banquet are some of the volunteer opportunities coming up.

**Gloucester's Spring Festival Competition**, on April 3 - 5, is a huge fundraiser for the Club and an event of its size requires many volunteers for it to run smoothly. If you are interested in helping out at this event, please contact Debbie Poisson, Director of Volunteers through the GSC Office at 613-830-1610. Skaters interested in

volunteering as runners can sign up on the GSC notice board.



**CanSkate Club Competition**

Submitted by Sheilagh McCaskill

Congratulations to all of our competitors who participated in our annual Club Competition on February 18th. Every participant received a certificate and medal for their effort. Our judges remarked on how each skater performed to a gold standard, well done! I would also like to thank all of our volunteers who helped make this competition a success!

**Elizabeth Manley to be part of CTV's 2010 Vancouver Olympic Broadcasting Team**

From Skate Canada – It was announced by CTV that six Skate Canada former athletes will be joining CTV's 2010 Vancouver Olympic Broadcasting Team.

Jamie Salé, David Pelletier, Jennifer Robinson, **Elizabeth Manley**, Marie-France-Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon will all be part of their skating broadcasting team at the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver.

Olympic gold medalists Salé and Pelletier will be part of the men's and pair events. They will also write for the CTV Olympic website leading up to the games.

Six-time Canadian Champion Robinson will be an on air analyst for the women and ice dance events.

1988 Olympic Silver medalist Elizabeth Manley, who was the last women to win a medal in the women's category, will cover the women's competition. Former Canadian Champions and World medalists Dubreuil and Lauzon will be special guest analysts for the ice dance events. They will report in French.

**What's Upcoming**

- GSC Board Meetings – April 1, May 6, at 7pm
- March 14-15 - Ontario Trillium Cup and Trillium STARSkate Championships - Waterloo, ON
- April 1 – 5 - HomeSense National STARSkate Championships and Skate Canada Adult Figure Skating Championships - Fredericton, NB
- April 3 – 5 – Spring Festival Competition – Gloucester Skating Club
- May 8 - GSC Annual Banquet
- May 20 - GSC AGM

**Results and Tests**  
**GSC held a test day on December 11, 12 and 15th, 2008.**  
**Congratulations to all skaters who passed their tests.**

**DANCE:**

<b><i>Preliminary Dance - Dutch Waltz</i></b>	<b><i>Preliminary Dance - Canasta Tango</i></b>	<b><i>Preliminary Dance - Baby Blues</i></b>	<b><i>Jr. Bronze Dance - Swing</i></b>	<b><i>Jr. Bronze Dance - Fiesta</i></b>
Christina Hollands	Kyra Rogers	Kyra Rogers	Josh Allen	Kaitlyn Butterfield
Kayla-Marie Hollick	Kayla-Marie Hollick	Kayla-Marie Hollick	Shaanen Willbond	Chloe Storm
Talia Fisher	Talia Fisher	Talia Fisher		Chelsea Abraham
Stephanie Psutka	Stephanie Psutka	Stephanie Psutka		Vanessa Chartrand
Philippe McGuire		Chloe Bondar		Christian Reekie
Jessica Butterfield		Alison Pratt		
Sarah-Mariah Khoumsi		Sarah Ezekiel		<b><i>Jr. Bronze Dance - Willow</i></b>
Lauren Ball		Caitlin Madower		Kaitlyn Ball
Chantal Prouse		Kayley Chartrand		
Vivian Xia		Chelsea Abraham		
<b><i>Sr. Bronze Dance- Fourteenstep</i></b>	<b><i>Jr. Silver Dance - Keats Foxtrot</i></b>	<b><i>Sr. Silver Dance - Starlight Waltz</i></b>	<b><i>Sr. Silver Dance - Kilian</i></b>	<b><i>Gold Dance - Westminster</i></b>
Vanessa Arbour	Victoria Canning-Choi	Veronique Boucher (Clarence)	Veronique Boucher (Clarence)	Catherine Paquette
	Sara Kelly		Kacy Ganz	
<b><i>Sr. Bronze Dance- European</i></b>	Morgan McMillan (Vankleek Hill)	<b><i>Sr. Silver Dance - Paso Doble</i></b>		<b><i>Gold Creative Dance</i></b>
Montana Jones		Francesca Whittaker (Clarence)		Chelsea Tessier (Cornwall)
Jocelyne Poisson	<b><i>Jr. Silver Dance - American Waltz</i></b>	Emily Burda (Rideau)		
	Sara Kelly			
	France Cote (Hawkesbury)			

**SKILLS:**

<b><i>Prelim. Skills</i></b>	<b><i>Sr. Bronze Skills</i></b>	<b><i>Jr. Silver Skills</i></b>	<b><i>Sr. Silver Skills</i></b>	<b><i>Gold Skills</i></b>
Caroline Reekie	Kathryn Cyr	Brittany Kelly	Veronique Boucher (Clarence)	Jessilyn Chiasson
Christian Reekie		Kirstyn Burchill	Sydney Baker	Kathryn Cyr
			Sarah Bernabe-Pascua	

**FREESKATE:**

<b><i>Preliminary Program</i></b>	<b><i>Preliminary Elements</i></b>	<b><i>Jr. Bronze Program</i></b>	<b><i>Jr. Bronze Elements</i></b>	<b><i>Sr. Bronze Elements</i></b>
Kayla-Marie Hollick	Chelsea Abraham	Nicole Brake	Nicole Brake	Naomi Ng
Philippe McGuire		Hailey Fournier	Hailey Fournier	Victoria Canning-Choi
Jessica Butterfield		Kaitlyn Ball	Kaitlyn Ball	
Sarah-Mariah Khoumsi		Shaanen Willbond	Lauren Langelier	<b><i>Sr. Silver Program</i></b>
Erika Fisher				Brittany Kelly
Chloe Bondar		<b><i>Sr. Silver Elements</i></b>	<b><i>Gold Program</i></b>	Arianne Gosselin
Chelsey Lacelle		Kathryn Cyr	Jessilyn Chiasson	

**INTERPRETIVE:**

<b><i>Interpretive - Bronze</i></b>	<b><i>Interpretive - Silver</i></b>	<b><i>Interpretive - Gold</i></b>		
Paulette Charbonneau (Clarence)	Maeve Giffin	Maeve Giffin		
	Myriam Kingsbury (Hawkesbury)			

**COMPETITIVE:**

Nadine Slupeiks	Juvenile			
Jillian Fournier	Pre-Novice			
Sydney Baker	Pre-Novice			
Sonia Tang	Novice			
Jillian Fournier	Novice			
Michaela Feibel	Novice			
Benjamin Guthrie	Junior			

**GSC held test day on March 4, 5, (Competitive) 6, 2009. Test Results were unavailable at press time. Competition Results are posted on the GSC website and notice board when they become available.**