



EOS Skater of the Year

Surprised... Nine-year-old Erica Downes has achieved the highest honour in the Eastern Ontario Section of the Canadian Figure Skating Association: being named Skater of the Year. The surprised skater was presented with notification of this selection during a "scaled-down" season-ending finale by the Marmora Figure Skating Club on April 2. Erica's nomination has now been forwarded to the CFSA as the Eastern Ontario

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Interclub competition had 30 categories

Marmora - Skaters from 12 area clubs converged on Marmora over the January 18 and 19 weekend for the Shining Waters Interclub competition hosted by the Marmora Skating Club. During the course of the very successful weekend, 12 judges determined the winners in more than 30 categories ranging from beginners upward to senior skaters. Individuals, pairs and teams dressed in a sparkling array of colourful costumes made spins, jumps and twirls appear effortless as they vied for position in the standings.

Club president Donna Bennett, in a message printed in the program, thanked the skaters, coaches, parents, judges and volunteers and arena staff for the mammoth efforts involved in mounting such a competition, a first for Marmora. She went on to wish local skater Stefanie Partridge good luck as she heads to Vancouver early in February for the Canadians.



Marmora Skating Club's Precision Team, which subsequently placed second in their event, worked in harmony during the Shining Waters Interclub Competition held January 18 and 19 in Marmora.

Judy Backus photo

Skaters keep it on ice

by Kathy Everson

It's been a long time since Don Jackson amazed an audience with a triple lutz, but he is still inspiring skaters with his expertise.

Jackson was the 1962 World Figure Skating champion when he proved himself "king of the blades" at the Prague world championships. He was the first person to do a triple lutz jump and it was 12 years before anyone did it again. Today, Jackson, 57, teaches youngsters at the Minto Skating Club in Ottawa. He accompanied 65 of his members to the Eastern Ontario Sectional Championships held at the Quinte Sports Centre in Belleville on November 8.

He took time to talk to other young skaters, offering encouragement and advice. One person who appreciated meeting the king of blades was Stefanie Partridge, 17, from Marmor. She currently lives in Gloucester near her coach so she can gain valuable training at a larger centre where there is more ice time.

Stefanie was second at the skating nationals at the junior level last February in Vancouver. She participated in the international competition in Germany three weeks ago where she injured her leg.

"I was supposed to go to Slovak for the junior championship last week," she said. "I am not sure how long I will be off now."

Stefanie chatted with Don Jackson about how training has changed over the years. They both agreed it was better when new skaters had to "do figures" which gave them valuable practice.

"There were less injuries then," Jackson said. "You need to build up the basics first." He said competitions give skaters the opportunity to see the best in the area. This year the first juvenile and pre-novice nationals will be held in Toronto in February. Skaters advance from sectionals to divisionals, then nationals and world championships.

At the Eastern Ontario Championship Sectionals held in Belleville on November 8 there were about 350 skaters from eastern Ontario. The event was sponsored by the Bank of Montreal and hosted by the Quinte Figure Skating Club. Erin Smith from Stittsville won the juvenile ladies, Justin O'Shaughnessy from Quinte won the juvenile men's, Siobhan Karam and Joshua McGrath from Minto club won the juvenile dance.



Don Jackson and Stefanie Partridge of Marmor chatted about skating at the sectional championships held in Belleville recently. Kathy Everson photo

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**Happy
Hallowe'en
from
Marmor
skaters**

Scary skaters... Members of Marmor's Figure Skating Club were decked out in Hallowe'en attire last Wednesday, in honour of the event which took place on Friday.

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More accolades for Marmora skaters

by Nancy Powers

Marmora skaters continue to melt the ice at competitions and test days, as they prepare for the Shining Waters Interclub meet on Jan. 18 & 19.

At the Bowmanville Raccoon Rally on Nov. 23, Carlea Meraw placed first, while Michelle Wickens and Richelle Clark both placed third in their respective divisions.

Jaelyn McCoy was first in Jr. Bronze Solo Flight 1 and first in the Juvenile Elements Flight 1, while competing at the Napanee Freeskatte Invitational on Nov. 24. At the same meet, Katelyn Tinney placed second in Jr. Bronze Solo Flight 2 and first in Juvenile Elements Flight 4.

Also in Napanee, Alicia Main was sixth in solo and seventh in elements, and Anna Tinker was fifth in solo and third in elements. Erica Downes placed first in Intermediate Elements and second in Senior Bronze Ladies B Flight 2.

At a Frankford competition on Nov. 17, Alicia Main placed sixth in solo and seventh in elements. Anna Tinker was third in solo and seventh in elements.

During the Nov. 26 Test Day in Stirling, the following skaters passed: Margaret Avery Lynch, American Waltz; Kelly Stickwood, Foxtrot; Kyle Stickwood, Starlight Waltz, and Nikki Finch, Rocker Foxtrot.

At the Dec. 11 Marmora Test Day, these skaters passed: Isa Forbes, Dutch Waltz and Canasta Tango; Alicia Main, Dutch Waltz; Erica Downes, Jr. Bronze Free Skate; Liza McConnell, Willow, and Michelle Wickens, Fiesta.

Nikki Finch placed fifth in Pre-Novice Ladies Flight 1 at the Eastern Ontario Sectionals in Ottawa on Nov. 7.

Erica Downes placed first in Juvenile Ladies elements and first in Novice Ladies Flight 2, and went on to place first in the final, winning the event at the Cobourg Skate on Nov. 2 &

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Coaches at the Marmora Figure Skating Club are Nancy Cunneyworth, Colleen Carlisle-Lockwood, Lesley McMullen, and Kathy Stickwood.

Shining Waters Interclub will be hosted by

the Marmora Figure Skating Club next weekend. The public is encouraged to attend Jan. 18 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and again on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A nominal admission fee will be charged, and programs will also be on sale.



Feature skater... 15-year-old Liza McConnell has been a member of the Marmora Figure Skating Club for four years, and is currently working towards her Sr. Bronze Dances and Jr. Bronze Artistic. Liza is coached by Lesley McMullen, and will be part of the Precision Team at the Shining Waters Interclub competition next weekend.

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Marmora skaters had a strong showing at this year's Eastern Ontario Section Invitational Championship (EOSIC), held in Lindsay last weekend. EOSIC is considered to be the season's most important competition for our young skaters.

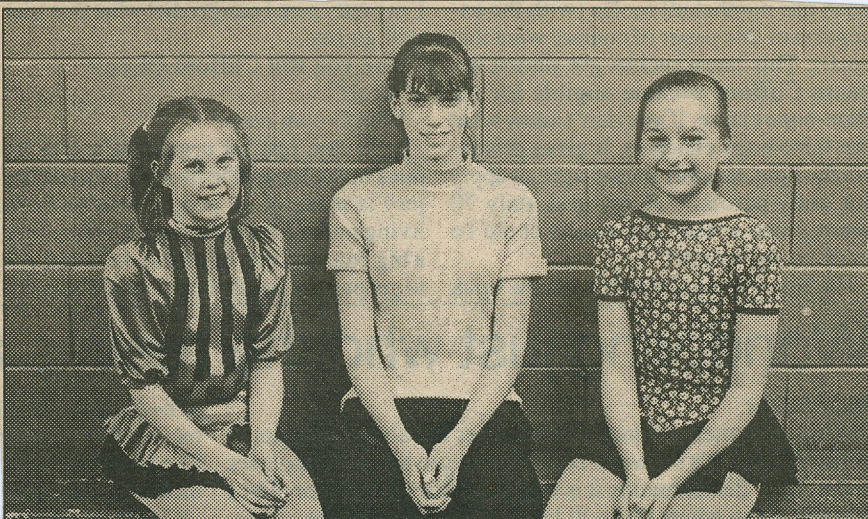
Marmora club members competing were: **Erica Downes** - Pre-Juvenile A: 2nd in Flight 2, **third** in the final; **Jaclyn McCoy** - Pre-Juvenile B: 1st in Flight 4, 4th in semi-final, 4th in the final; **Katelyn Tinney** - Pre-Juvenile B: 3rd in Flight 3, 2nd in the final; **Nicole Finch** - Pre-Novice B: 1st in Flight 1, 3rd in the final.

Nicole, Katelyn and Erica now advance to the All-Ontario provincial championships, to be held in Waterloo on March 15-16. Jaclyn is the alternate in the Pre-Juvenile B category.

Erica and Nicole are coached by Lesley McMullen, while Katelyn and Jaclyn are coached by Nancy Cunneynworth.



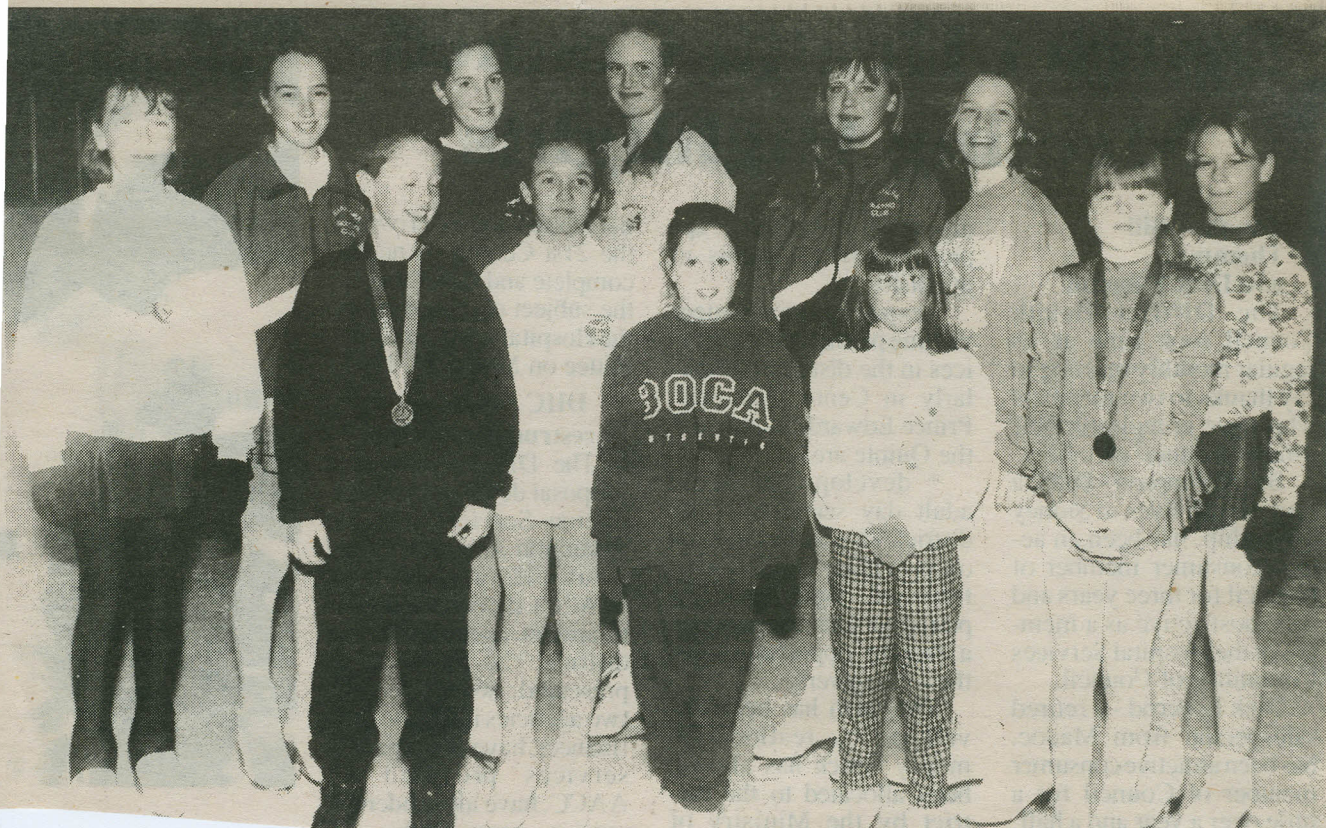
Skater of the Year... Marmora Figure Skater Erica Downes proudly received Skater of the Year for the Eastern Ontario Section from Skater Development Chairperson Barb Kingdon during the Awards Luncheon in Kingston on May 10. Also pictured are EOS skaters who participated at the Nationals: Morgan Richmand, Stefanie Partridge, Sean Kelly, Angela Derochie, Derek Schmidt, Jeff Langdon, Darryl Vanluven and Kristy Balkwill. Absent are Michel Brunet and Chantal Lefebvre. **Note:** Marmora Herald Editor Nancy Powers was also honored with a Media Award for "outstanding coverage of figure skating."



Erica Downes, nine, Nicki Finch, 13, and Katelyn Tinney, 12, all members of the Marmora Skating Club, qualified at the Eastern Ontario Section Invitational competition for the All-Ontario championships held March 15 in Waterloo. While there, the trio did extremely well, finishing ahead of the other EOSIC competitors. Erica placed first in the Pre-juvenile A category for those nine and under, making her the provincial champion in her category, the first time a Marmora skater has achieved this honour. Katelyn, a Campbellford resident, placed seventh with a very strong performance in the Pre-juvenile B division. Nicki won silver for her performance in the Pre-novice B event. Nicki and Erica are coached by Lesley McMullen and Katelyn is coached by Nancy Cunneynworth. Everyone is invited to attend the club's year-end finale at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2 at the arena. Admission to the ice show is free!

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Marmora skaters gliding along at competitions

Marmora Skating Club members have been successful at test days and competitions over the past two months.

Many of the CANSKATE and Intermediate skaters have been travelling around Eastern Ontario to various competitions and have brought home several medals. These skaters are helping to put Marmora on the skating map, as a small but mighty club.

Manvers Mini Blades: Michelle Green, 1st; Isa Forbes, 3rd; Tanya Saunders, 5th -- all coached by Nancy Cunneynworth.

Picton Spins and Spirals: Andrew Adams, 2nd; Rachel Collyer, 1st Freeskate and elements; Connie Gushue, 2nd; Carrie Wickens, 1st Freeskate and elements; Laura Wickens,

2nd Freeskate, 1st elements; Michelle Wickens, 1st Freeskate, 2nd Elements; Richelle Clark, 5th Freeskate, 6th Elements; Crystal Cunningham, 4th Freeskate -- all coached by Kathy Stickwood.

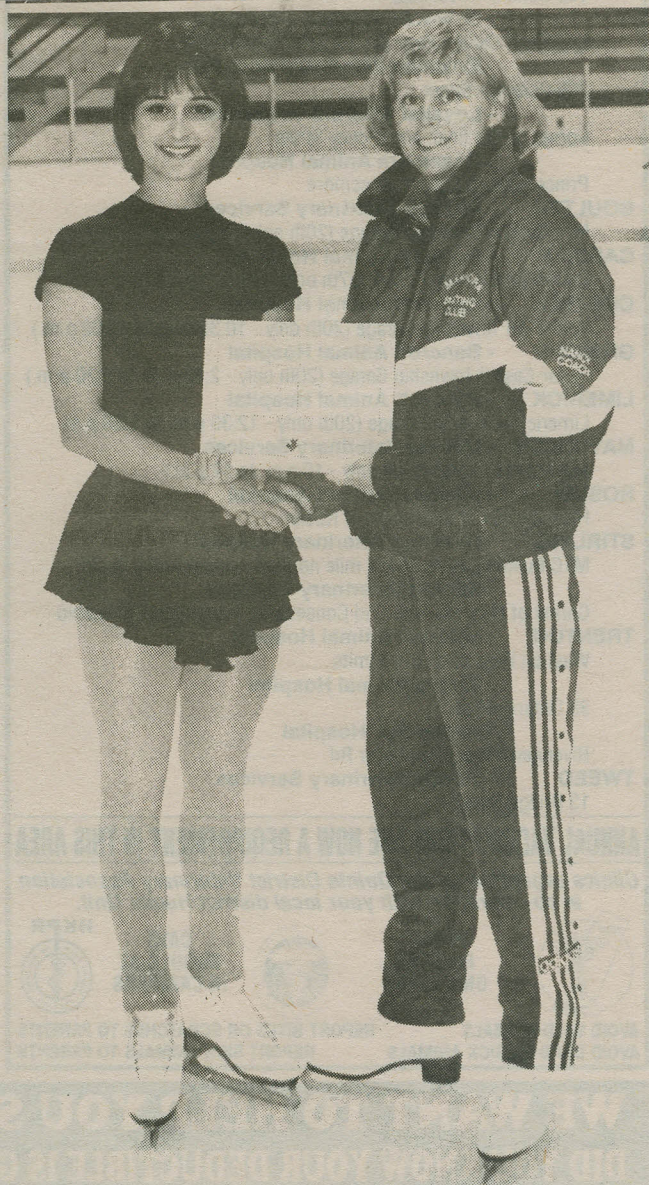
Fenlon Falls: Rachel Collyer, 2nd; Carrie Wickens, 1st; Laura Wickens, 1st; Michelle Wickens, 2nd; Richelle Clark, 5th -- all coached by Kathy Stickwood.

Test days were held in February and March. Marmora Skating Club members have passed the following tests: Isa Forbes and Michelle Wickens - Preliminary Freeskate; Jaclyn McCoy and Katelyn Tinney - Jr. Bronze Freeskate; Andrea Bennett and Kristy Stickwood - Jr. Silver Freeskate; Laura Wickens - Dutch Waltz;

Christine Turpin, Alicia Main and Isa Forbes - Baby Blues; Richelle Clark and Crystal Cunningham - Willow Waltz; Michelle Wickens - Willow Waltz, Ten Fox; Kelly Stickwood - Rocker, American Waltz; Kristy Stickwood - Starlight, Blues; Kyle Stickwood - Blues; Nicki Finch - Tango; Liza McConnell - Bronze Artistic.

Note: The season finale will be held April 2 at 6:30 p.m. There will be no admission charge to this year-end ice show, which will feature skaters in the different recreational programs, as well as the Test skaters.

The annual general meeting will be held May 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the warm room of the arena. All are welcome to attend.



Ashley Tinney of Campbellford had a very successful year considering she cracked her knee cap in early January and was off the ice for five weeks. Since her return to the ice she has passed the Novice Competitive Test, Class 2 and 3 Skating Skills, and the Sr. Silver Freeskate test. However, the highlight for Ashley was the completion of two gold tests. She completed the last of the four Gold dances, the Viennese Waltz on June 26, 1997, at a test day held in Marmora. Ashley passed the Gold Freeskate test in Belleville on Aug. 27, 1997 with a personal best performance. Currently working hard on the double level and two different triple jumps, Ashley is looking forward to competing at the Eastern Ontario Sectionals Competition which is being held in Belleville from Nov. 6-9, 1997. Ashley, 15, attends Grade 10 at Campbellford District High School and trains at the Marmora and Stirling Skating Clubs. Ashley is the second Marmora Skating Club member to pass the Gold Freeskate Test, and she is coached by Nancy Cunneyworth.

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Top skater

Erica Downes has been named Eastern Ontario Skater of the Year. The Marmora Figure Skating Club member was chosen based on her skating accomplishments and involvement—which included a pre-juvenile ladies A all-Ontario championship. The field of contenders was limited to skaters between the ages of six and eight. Erica is coached by former Quinte Figure Skating Club star Lesley McMullen.

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Members of the Marmora Skating Club who participated in the Shining Waters Interclub competition held in Marmora on January 18 and 19, stopped long enough to pose for a photo following a wonderful exhibition of their talents during the Sno-Fest weekend.

Judy Backus photo

Interclub results

by Nancy Cunneyworth

Marmora - Marmora Skating Club hosted the Shining Waters Interclub competition January 18 and 19, 1997. Over the two days, 240 skaters from 11 different skating clubs competed in 30 events in an effort to win the team trophies. The Saturday event featured Test Stream level skaters. The Marmora Skating Club won the trophy with 178 points, Stirling was second with 150 points and Campbellford was third with 130 points. The Sunday event featured recreational level skaters. The Stirling Figure Skating Club won the team trophy with 120 points, Marmora was second with 116 points and the Warsaw Figure Skating Club was third with 112 points.

The following Marmora Skating Club members won medals with great performances: Michelle Wickens, third in Pre-preliminary Ladies; Kelly Stickwood, first in Junior Bronze Ladies; Kristy Stickwood, first in Senior Bronze Ladies; Andrea Bennett, second in Senior Bronze Ladies; Maggie O'Rourke, first in Elementary A ladies; Rachel Collyer, first in Beginner B Ladies; Carrie Wickens, third in Elementary A Ladies; Tanya Saunders, third in Elementary B Ladies; Laura Wickens, first in Elementary B Ladies; Amanda Cembal, second in Canfigure 1B Ladies.

Christine Turpin and Isa Forbes placed first in Preliminary Similar Dance; Michelle Wickens and Richelle Clark, second in Preliminary Similar Dance; Erica Downes and Teri Wood, first in Senior Bronze Dance; Kelly Stickwood and Nicole Finch, second in Senior Bronze Dance; Jaclyn McCoy and Katelyn Tinney, second in Junior Silver Dance; Andrea Bennett and Lindsay Myers, first in Senior Silver Dance.

Jaclyn McCoy and Katelyn Tinney were first in Beginner Similar Pairs; Erica Downes and Lindsay Myers, first in Open Similar Pairs; Kelly Stickwood and Nicole Finch, second in Open Similar Pairs.

The Precision Team of Isa Forbes, Kelly Stickwood, Nicole Finch, Michelle Wickens, Andrea Bennett, Erica Downes, Kyle Stickwood, Jaclyn McCoy, Christine Turpin, Crystal Cunningham, Liza McConnell and Kristy Stickwood placed second.

Connie Gushue, Rachel Collyer, Andrew Adams and Carrie Wickens were first in the Pre-beginner Team Elements; Tanya Saunders, Carlea Meraw, Laura Wickens and Alicia Main were third in the same event. Liza McConnell, Christine Turpin, Michelle Wickens and Ashley Best were third in Junior Team Elements. Kristy Stickwood, Kelly Stickwood, Andrea Bennett and Erica Downes were second in the Intermediate Team Elements. Jaclyn McCoy, Katelyn Tinney, Nicole Finch and Kyle Stickwood placed first in the Senior Team Elements.

Marmora Skating Club is very proud of their skaters and also of their dedicated coaching staff: Colleen Carlisle Lockwood, Lesley McMullen, Kathy Stickwood and Nancy Cunneyworth. The coaches worked very hard with the skaters over the past few months and were rewarded with wonderful results.

Marmora hosts their first-ever

by Nancy Powers

The Marmora Shining Waters Interclub skating competition, held Jan. 18 & 19, brought together 11 clubs for two days of fun and fellowship.

"At this Interclub, we have many young skaters competing for the first time at an event geared to encourage them to enjoy this sport and to continue skating," commented Donna Bennett, Marmora Skating Club President.

Marmora hosted 240 skaters, who earned Gold, Silver and Bronze medals as well as ribbons for their efforts. Some competitors entered up to five categories.

The judges for this two-day event were Christine Furze (Tech Rep); Janet Smallman, Tracey Teno, Nicole Avery, Alison Althoff, Katrina Theilmann, Beth McPherson, Tom Mill,

Preliminary Similar

Dance: Christine Turpin/Isa Forbes, M, Gold; Michelle Wickens/Richelle Clark, M, Silver; Katie Whyte/Brandi Graff, S, Bronze; Becky Mitts/Ashley Miller, S, 4th; Julie Condon/Christine Sheppard, HS, 5th.

Beginner Similar Pairs: Jaclyn McCoy/Katelyn Tinney, M, Gold; Ashley Dunlay/Johanna Fischer, C, Silver; Jennifer Foote/Natalie Massey, C, Silver; Melissa Jones/Lisa Jones, S, Silver; Krista & Kim Rutherford, H, 5th; Jacqueline Foster/Paige Niemi, C, 6th; Isa Forbes/Michelle Wickens, M, 7th; Jennifer Devlin/Hayley Parkinson, N, 8th.

Intermediate Team Elements: Campbellford, Gold; Marmora, Silver; Nowood, Bronze; Stirling, 4th; Warsaw & District, 5th; Warkworth, 6th.

Sue Ainsworth, Aline Larochelle, Anna Smith and Heidi Smith.

The host club won the overall point race in the 21 categories on Jan. 18, while the Stirling Club accumulated the most points on Jan. 19. Marmora placed second on Sunday.

The clubs involved were Marmora (M); Quinte (Q); Ennismore (E); Warkworth (W); Campbellford (C); Stirling (S); Norwood (N); Warsaw & District (WD); Havelock (H); Hastings (HS) and Madoc & District (MD).

The Jan. 18 results are as follows:

Pre-Preliminary Men: Christopher Tessayman, Q, Gold; Christopher DeGeer, W, Silver; Michael Hann, E, Bronze.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies Flight 1: Alison Detlor, S, Gold; Janet Watson, W, Silver; Heather Grills, C, Bronze; Jamie-Lee Quigley, Q, 4th; Katie Cole, Q, 5th; Laura Weeks, W, 6th; Crystal Cunningham, M, 7th; Jennifer Wakeling, E, 8th.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies Flight 2: Katie Whyte, S, Gold; Ashley Miller, S, Silver; Kerri Jacobs, WD, Bronze; Ashley Best, M, 4th; Megan Brouwers, C, 5th; Justine McCracken, Q, 6th; Carolyn Glover, W, 7th; Jasmine Issac, E, 8th; Tracey McCoy, N, 9th.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies Flight 3: Michelle Rutherford, E, Gold; Ashley Dunlay, C, Silver; Michelle Wickens, M, Bronze; Stephanie Robinson, H, 4th; Brandi Graff, S, 5th; Rachel Robertson, Q, 6th; Lesley Joyce, Q, 7th; Richelle Clark, M, 8th; Belinda Lemoire, HS, 9th.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies Flight 4: Johanna Fischer, C, Gold; Sarah Graydon, S, Silver;

Jacqueline Foster, C, Bronze; Sadie Greenwood, W, 4th; Amanda Campion, Q, 5th; Isa Forbes, M, 6th; Shannon Kennedy, Q, 7th; Rebecca Campbell, HS, 8th; Sarah Chung, N, 9th.

Pre-Preliminary Ladies Flight 5: Paige Niemi, C, Gold; Aimee Watts, WD, Silver; Jenna Crothers, Q, Bronze; Lanaya Houlden, Q, 4th; Karina Stickle, Q, 5th; Devon Taylor, Q, 6th; Christine Turpin, M, 7th; Christine Sheppard, HS, 8th; Anne-Marie Strocel, Q, 9th; Samantha Clarke, N, 10th.

Preliminary Ladies Flight 1: Melissa Jones, S, Gold; Kathleen Rabethge, C, Silver; Richelle Heffernan, W, Bronze; Jennifer Mitchell, W, 4th; Jennifer Devlin, N, 5th; Jennifer Lundy, WD, 6th; Amy Hiuser, Q, 7th; Lori-Beth Martin, N, 8th; Lori Brunet, Q, 9th.

Preliminary Ladies Flight 2: Natalie Massey, C, Gold; Candice Toms, N, Silver; Kelly McPhate, E, Bronze; Stephanie Hunt, N, 4th; Amanda Rosborough, WD, 5th; Loretta Young, E, 5th; Candice Edwards, Q, 7th; Stacey Watson, N, 8th; Christine Whiteman, HS, 9th.

Junior Bronze Ladies Flight 1: Kelly Stickwood, M, Gold; Jennifer Brickles, Q, Silver; Amy Van Will, N, Bronze; Katie Boardman, Q, 4th; Ashley Thrower, W, 5th.

Junior Bronze Ladies Flight 2: Nicole Coons, Q, Gold; Melanie Broekema, Q, Silver; Lynsay Smallman, N, Bronze; Carly Hart, H, 4th; Tiffany Brownlee, WD, 5th; Hayley Parkinson, N, 6th.

Senior Bronze Shadow Dance: Terri Lee Wood, S./Erica Downes, M, Gold; Nicole Finch/Kelly Stickwood, M, Silver; Julie Rutherford/Tara Archer, N, Bronze.

Open Similar Pairs: Erica Downes, M/Lindsay Myers, S, Gold; Kelly Stickwood/Nichole Finch, M, Silver; Erin Foote/Leanne Rowe, C, Bronze; Heather Laine/Jessica Thompson, WD, 4th; Melissa Cowie/Andrea Bennett, M, 5th; Jennifer Hart/Julie McCutcheon, H, 6th.

Senior Silver Shadow Dance: Andrea Bennett, M/Lindsay Myers, S, Gold; Kendra Harding/MaryBeth Olver, N, Silver; Sarah Carlisle/Summer Bertrand, S, Bronze; Jennifer Hart/Julie McCutcheon, H, 4th.

Junior Team Elements: Campbellford, Gold; Stirling, Silver; Marmora, Bronze; Warkworth, 4th; Warsaw & District, 5th; Hastings, 6th; Quinte, 7th; Norwood, 8th.

Junior Silver Shadow Dance: Lisa Jones/Melissa Jones, S, Gold; Jaclyn McCoy/Katelyn Tinney, M, Bronze.

Senior Bronze Ladies: Kristy Stickwood, M, Gold;

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Andrea Bennett, M, Silver;
Tiffany Widger, Q, Bronze;
Jessica Thompson, WD,
4th; Julie Rutherford, N,
5th; Heather Laine, WD,
6th.

**Junior Bronze Similar
Dance:** Janine Munro/
Heather McCurdy, S, Gold;
Stacy Jackson/Sadie Green-

wood, W, Silver.

Senior Team Elements: Marmora, Gold;
Warkworth, Silver.

Precision Team: War-
saw & District, Gold;
Marmora, Silver;
Warkworth, Bronze.

(See next week's pa-
per for Sunday results)



Silver performance... The Marmora team of Kelly Stickwood, Andrea Bennett, Kristy Stickwood and Erica Downes placed second in Intermediate Team Elements.