

Skating Club's Season Finale a real winner!

by Nancy Derrer

Marmora – Nearly 50 skaters took to the ice at Marmora arena Sunday afternoon, March 30, in the Marmora Skating Club's 2002-2003 Season Finale. From CanSkate and Learn to Skate tots to StarSkate seniors, the crowd-pleasing solos, duos and chorus groups skated to choreography by CanSkate Coach of the year Kate Lowe, Lindsay Myers and Head Coach Nancy Brady. Family and friends were enthusiastic, rewarding the skaters with applause and whistles.

Star Skate Intermediates Jake Ascott, Cheyenne Chamberlain, Hayley Dainard, Amanda Heath, Laura Hutt, Racheal Meehan, Rachel Mencfeld and Melissa Runions opened the program. Three groups of CanSkaters took part: Quinn Bolton, Ethan Coens, Joshua Kehoe and Robert Vanattan; Kaitlyn Cassidy, Michelle Julia and Sydney Moorman; Jessica Baptie, Lauren Brownson, Mariah Clemens, Madison Drummond Delong, Taylor Leriche and Jache Windover. The Learn to Skate group consisted of Nicole Baptie, Zen Ellis, Brinley Finch, Elisabeth Main, Nathan Runions and Timothy Vallinga and the Senior skaters, who took to the ice in the finale, were Chantal Allore, Gabrielle Ascott, Dianne Patrick, Karley Cooper, Erica

Downes, Jennifer Latchford, Kate Lowe, Alicia Main and Emma McMillan.

Erica Downes and Kate Lowe, Chantal Allore and Dianna Patrick and Amanda Heath and Melissa Runions gave duo presentations. Sydney Moorman, Taylor Leriche, Emma McMillan, Gabrielle Ascott, Alicia Main, Karley Cooper, Cheyenne Chamberlain, Hayley Dainard, Rachel Mencfeld and Kaitlyn Cassidy all performed solos.

Following the Finale, skaters and families assembled in the Community Hall for the second annual banquet and awards ceremony, where Club President Jim Hawkes presided. "We want to recognize all skaters who took part in the six-month skating season," Hawkes said in welcoming everyone.

He noted that 20 Marmora skaters took part in the Shining Waters competition and came home with 31 medals, "a tribute to the coaching staff and the talent of our skaters."

Coach Nancy Brady, who has been named Coach of the Year for Eastern Ontario Section of Skate Canada, was given a standing ovation. She will be presented with this award at a ceremony in Kingston in April.

Frances Seames from the Stirling branch of the Bank of Montreal presented three trophies: CanSkater of the

Year Kaitlyn Cassidy and Spirit of Skating awards to Taylor Leriche and Sydney Moorman.

Friendship awards went to Madison Drummond Delong, Amanda Heath and Emma McMillan. Elisabeth Main, Dianna Patrick, Kate Lowe and Erica Downes each received a Sportsmanship award.

Taylor Leriche, Chantal Allore, Hayley Dainard, Alicia Main and Karley Cooper received recognition as Most Improved skaters. Program assistants of the year awards went to Alicia Main and Gabrielle Ascott. Colouring contest winners were Elisabeth Main, Jache Windover and Sydney Moorman; they had picked up and returned weekly, over a 25-week period, the contest hand-outs. Michelle Julia, Natasha Julia and Lauren Brownson were rewarded for their perfect attendance for the season.

Program assistants were given a gift certificate for helping CanSkaters over the season: Alicia Main, Erica Downes, Gabrielle Ascott, Karley Cooper, Jennifer Latchford, Amanda Heath and Melissa Runions.

When Gloria Hawkes, secretary/treasurer of the club, was named Volunteer of the Year, the audience rose in another standing ovation. The awards were followed by a potluck supper.



Bank of Montreal's Frances Seames of Stirling presents CanSkater of the Year Kaitlyn Cassidy and Spirit of Skating awards to Taylor Leriche, right, and Sydney Moorman.



CanSkate group gets ready to take to the ice – Jessica Baptie, Lauren Brownson, Mariah Clemens, Madison Drummond Delong, Taylor Leriche, Natasha Julia and Jache Windover.



The Learn to Skate group is shown leaving the ice after their performance. The group includes Nichol Baptie, Zen Ellis, Brinley Finch, Elisabeth Main, Nathan Runions and Timothy Vallinga.



Left - Waiting for the music to start!

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Gloria Hawkes was awarded Volunteer of the Year for her work as secretary/treasurer of the Skating Club. Coach Nancy Brady makes the presentation.all photos/Nancy Derrei

Highlights of a great skating season

by Judy Backus

Marmora and Lake - Spins, twirls and flashing blades as well as some hesitant moves on the part of tiny participants delighted proud parents, grandparents and friends who filled the stands at the local arena on March 30.

The occasion was the season finale of the Marmora Skating Club where dozens of skaters from those still learning the basic skills to others whose grace and expertise on the ice was inspiring, presented a lively one-hour show. Terrific music, brightly coloured costumes, an abundance of ability, plenty of enthusiasm along with choreography by Kate Lowe, Lindsay Myers and Nancy Brady

ensured a fast-paced performance.

The coaches used the printed program as an opportunity to thank club President and Secretary/Treasurer, Jim and Gloria Hawkes, "for the time they have given to make the Marmora Skating Club a great place to skate and 'for going above and beyond' to make skating special for all of the skaters." Arena staff members Curtis Trimble, John Croskery and Rick Doyle were also singled out for the job they do in "keeping excellent ice and making our facility a special place."

Following the show, skaters and their families gathered upstairs in the community hall for the awards ceremony and banquet. The Bank of Montreal award for CanSkater of the year went to Kaitlyn Cassidy while Taylor Leriche and Sydney Moorman won the bank's Spirit of Skating Award. Friendship awards went to Madison Drummond DeLong, Amanda Heath and Emma McMillan while Elisabeth Main, Dianna Patrick, Kate Lowe and Erica Downes received Sportsman-



ship awards. Most Improved awards went to Taylor Leriche, Chantal Allore, Hayley Dainard, Alicia Main and Karley Cooper. Kate Lowe was named Coach of the Year and Gloria Hawkes, Volunteer of the Year. Alicia Main and Gabrielle Ascott, were recognized as Program Assistants of the Year while Michelle and Natasha Julia as well as Lauren Brownson had perfect attendance. Elisabeth Main, Jache Windover and Sydney Moorman won the season's colouring contest and Program Assistants, Alicia Main, Erica Downes, Gabrielle Ascott, Karley Cooper, Jennifer Latchford, Amanda Heath and Melissa Runions received gift certificates for helping with CanSkate throughout the club's very successful season.



Above, Kayla Vanat-tan, Kristen Runions and Natalie Heaton were dressed for both the season and the April Showers music they skated to during the Marmora Skating Club's season finale held March 30. Left, Nathan Runions, dressed as a bear for the occasion, managed a jaunty wave during his Learn to Skate performance at the Marmora Skating Club's season finale held March 30.

Skating Club members bring home 31 medals from Shining Waters



Back row, left to right: Kirsten Runions, Bronze in stage 3 freeskate; Hayley Dainard 4th in beginner individual elements Flight 3, Gold in stage 7 freeskate, Gold in Beginner team elements; Karley Cooper, Gold in senior team elements; Gabrielle Ascott, Gold in intermediate team elements, 5th in preliminary individual elements flight 1, 7th in preliminary C freeskate. Front row, left to right: Taylor Leriche, Bronze in stage 2 freeskate; Sydney Moorman, Silver in stage 3 freeskate, 4th in pre-beginner team elements; Kaitlyn Cassidy, 4th in pre-beginner team elements, 7th in stage 4 freeskate; Natasha Julia, Silver in stage 2 freeskate; Michelle Julia, Bronze in stage 4 freeskate, 4th in pre-beginner team elements. Missing from photo: Jake Ascott, 4th in beginner individual elements boys; Laura Hutt, Silver in beginner individual elements flight 1, Bronze in stage 4 freeskate, 4th in pre-beginner team elements. Congratulations to all skaters; a job well done!



Marmora Skating Club members brought home 31 medals from Shining Waters that was held in Stirling, Jan. 18 and 19. Back row, left to right: Dianna Patrick, Gold in preliminary skills, Gold in intermediate team elements, Gold in preliminary individual elements flight 2, Silver in preliminary B freeskate; Emma McMillan, Gold in senior team elements, Gold in senior bronze individual elements, Bronze in senior bronze freeskate; Alicia Main, Gold in senior team elements, Gold in open team elements, Silver in senior bronze freeskate; Erica Downes Gold in open team elements, Gold in open individual elements; Kate Lowe, Gold in open team elements, Gold in senior silver individual elements, Bronze in gold freeskate.

Front row, left to right: Chantal Allore, Gold in pre-preliminary skills, Gold in intermediate team elements, Gold in preliminary individual elements flight 1, Silver in preliminary A freeskate; Rachel Mencfeld, Silver in beginner individual elements flight 2, Bronze in stage 5 freeskate, Gold in beginner team elements; Melissa Runions, Silver in beginner individual elements flight 3, Bronze in stage 6 freeskate, Gold in beginners team elements; Cheyenne Chamberlain, Gold in beginner team elements, Gold in beginner individual elements flight 2, Gold in stage 5 freeskate.

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Downes for Downes

Erica Downes is headed to the Eastern Canadian Figure Skating championships slated for the Hershey Centre in Mississauga December 2-3.

Downes, 16, earned her spot in the Eastern Canadians by winning the bronze medal in Junior Ladies at the Eastern Ontario Sectionals at Port Perry recently. The Grade 11 Centre Hastings student is coached by Nancy Brady at the Marmora Figure Skating Club and by Leah Paul in Picton.

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Congratulations to Erica Downes who won bronze medals in both the short and long programs, Junior Ladies event, at the 2005 Skate Canada Eastern Ontario Sectionals in Port Perry last weekend. Erica has now qualified to compete at the Eastern Canadian Challenge Championship at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga, Sec. 2 and 3, and for the opportunity to compete at the Canadian Championships in London next January. Erica, 16, is a grade 11 student at Centre Hastings Secondary School. She is a member of the Marmora Skating Club and is coached by Nancy Brady of Marmora and Leah Paul of Picton. photo submitted



Hallowe'en ghosts and goblins
 Far left - Twenty-seven children got all dressed up for the Marmora Figure Skating Club annual Hallowe'en party.
 Left - Stacey Fluke was dressed the part of Princess Fairy at the Marmora Skating Club's annual Hallowe'en party for Learn to Skate and CanSkate groups last Wednesday night.
 photos/Nancy Derrer

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