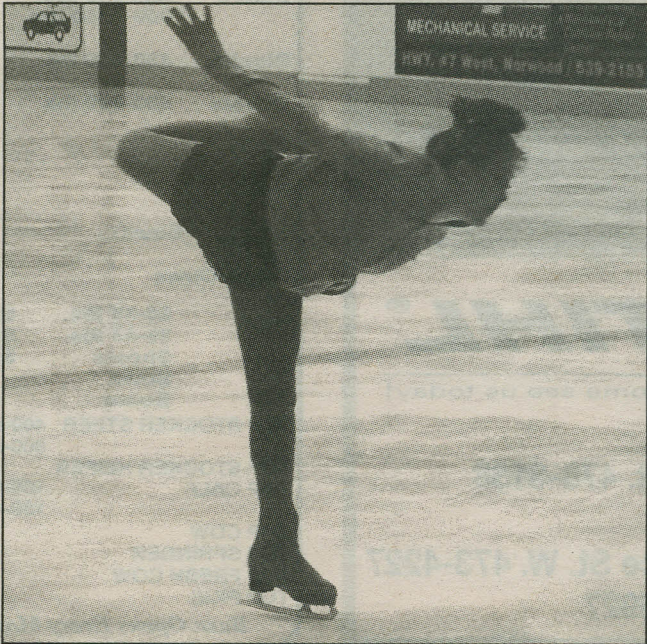


Members of the Marmora Figure Skating Club competed in the 2005 Shining Water competition last Saturday at Norwood Community Centre. The club's skaters won a total of 62 medals and two trophies. Above: Shannon Earle won gold in Stage 6, Ladies Free Skate "A", 8 and under. Below: Erica Downes won gold in the Open class, spin element. photos Bill Freeman.



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Skating to victory

■ A group of 11 skaters, coached by Nancy Brady, Leah Paul and Melissa Baitley at the Marmora Skating Club, travelled to Napanee on November 19 where they competed in the Invitational with great results. Gloria Hawkes later reported that Shannon Earle placed fifth and Eden Sanger sixth in Pre-preliminary B; Elisabeth Main was first in Stage Six Flight One; Lauren Brownson was third and Sydney Moorman Seventh in Stage Six Flight Two; Shannon Earle was fifth in Pre-preliminary Elements Flight Three; Melissa Runions placed sixth in Preliminary Elements Flight One; Eden Sanger was fourth in Pre-preliminary Elements Flight One; Amanda Heath placed seventh in Preliminary Elements Flight Three; Jessica Brown came in sixth in Senior Bronze Flight Two; Jordann Brown was fourth in Introductory interpretive Flight Two, Alicia Main was fifth and Jessica Brown seventh in Bronze Interpretive; Erica Downes placed first in Silver Interpretive and first in Open Elements; Alicia Main was third in Senior Bronze Elements Flight One; and Jessica Brown was second in Senior Bronze Elements Flight Two. Pictured from the left in the back row are: Alicia Main, Erica Downes, Melissa Runions and Amanda Heath. Eden Sanger and Sydney Moorman are in front. Missing from the photo are Elisabeth Main, Shannon Earle, Lauren Brownson, Jessica Brown and Jordann Brown. Judy Backus photo



Peggy Drummond presented Marmora Figure Skating Club Treasurer Gloria Hawkes with \$350, profits from the sale of Christmas trees at Drummond's TIM-BR Mart. photo submitted *Correction Debbie Drummond*

Skating Club in full swing



Melissa Baitley and Melanie Barker have joined the Marmora Skating Club coaching staff this year. Photo Nancy Derrer

By Nancy Derrer

Marmora - There's no snow on the ground but there's ice at the Marmora arena and the Marmora Skating Club is in full swing with new assistant coaches, new programs and 90 children registered. There is also an adult class that welcomes anyone wishing to improve their skating skills.

According to Club President Jim Hawkes, there is still space for more skaters; all you have to do is go to the arena during skating

hours and register.

The Power Skating classes are 'beyond our expectations', he added. At 6pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 13 Learn to Skate and Pre-Power (children in hockey skates and helmets) take to the ice along with 27 CanSkate kiddies. CanSkate + takes to the ice Wednesdays at 7 and Fridays at 6. Each session lasts 50 minutes.

The club's board of directors welcomed back Coaches Nancy Brady and Leah Paul

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3. CanSkate's 27 students are Victoria Bailey, Quinn Bolton, Mary Kate Brady, Lydia Carson, Maria Clemens, Cassandra Dery, Britt Detlor, Gavin Fitzgerald, Megan Flint, Stacy Fluke, Alyssa and Heather Lautenbach, Britney Mawer, Auston and Keata Mattatall, Hannah Maynes, Tyler-Rose Muirhead, Kendra Nicholson, Mary O'Connor, Kayle Rodgers, Meaghan Taaffe, Camryn Tapper, Rachel Thompson, Ainslee Coens, Sarah Smith, Taya and Payton Tummon. photos Nancy Derrer

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and also welcomed two new coaches, Melissa Baitley and Melanie Barker.

Melissa Baitley is from Wellington. She skated for fourteen years and has been a coach for three years. She has completed her level one technical course and is qualified to coach any skaters CanSkate or higher. Mel-

sa teaches on Wednesdays, 4:30-7:50 and Fridays, 4:30-6:50 every week. She also teaches in Picton. Melissa teaches StarSkate Intermediates and Learn to Skate, CanSkate. She is a Level 1 coach

Melanie Barker lives at RR#4 Marmora. She has been teaching skating since

1991; she also taught out in BC and Alberta. She has her 7th Figure, Gold Dances, Silver Freeskate and she did Synchrono. She is a level 1 coach. She teaches on Mondays, 4:30-5:50 and Wednesdays 6:6:50.

On Mondays, she teaches Star Skate Intermediate and on Wednesday she teaches CanSkate.

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Skating Club in full swing



Children enrolled in Pre-Power and Learn to Skate are, l-r front row, Luke Bolton, Nicholas & Jasmine Hutchings, Emma Veen, Reta Ellis, Kiara Freitas and Coach Nancy Brady. Back, l-r, Nathan O'Connor, Mackenzie Stewart, Eric Ramsay, Natalie Clemens, Charis Sanger, Leslie Brownson, seen with senior skaters Edén Sanger, Erin O'Connor and Kristen Runions.

New programs offered



The 2005/06 executive of the Marmora Skating Club held a meeting Monday night at the Community Centre to finalize plans for this year's program. photo Nancy Derrer

By Nancy Derrer

Marmora - The Marmora Skating Club is spreading its wings in all directions for the 2005/06 season with the announcement of a second coaching assistant and four new programs. Head Coach Nancy Brady will be assisted by Leah Paul and, new this year, Melissa Baitley. The new programs are power skating, pre-power skating, synchro and adult.

Coach Brady has taken a power skating course this summer and is now certified to teach the power skating. It will run for 10 weeks, starting Sept. 19, and a second program will begin Jan. 2. Regular programs will run 28 weeks.

Said Brady: "We want to try and reach a larger number of people in our community by offering a more varied program. We are a skating club, not a figure skating club, so we offer programs for everyone from the little ones to adults.

"We had one adult last year and she did come and skate but it would be nice to have a program for her. And, we had a couple of teenage boys that we didn't really have a program for them; we wanted them

in so they came and skated. But, I think we can do a better job if we can provide a program for different groups in our population."

Marmora will be the only club between Peterborough and Kingston/Ottawa offering synchro. There is no adult synchro team in Hastings County and there are no kids' programs.

"When girls get to 10, 11, 12, they don't want to figure skate but they like to skate and they don't want to be out there by themselves. If there was a group that appealed to a certain skater who's already 12 years old and never taken a skating lesson," Brady explained. "They like the social aspect of skating. You can have eight kids or up to 24 on a team. It teaches them their skills, and they put it to music and they can take part in performances.

"This is my community and I see things here that I would like to say that at least I'd tried to bring in kids and adults into our program."

Brady is starting her 19th year of coaching Marmora skaters and she admits that, for two years, it's been very hard to do it all herself.

She needed specific help last year and Leah Paul filled the bill perfectly. This year, she will need two coaches for CanSkate, which will take a load off the volunteer older skaters who help out. With additional coaching support, Brady feels confident the club can offer Learn to Skate and Pre-Power.

Power skating is taught to kids in hockey gear, with a stick. It teaches them different moves and why they are doing it.

There's also an opportunity for program assistants for Canpower-skate. These volunteers will assist the coach on the ice, demonstrating skills and conducting drills and supervise session activities. The assistants must be Midget age, must have strong skating, leadership and initiative, be reliable, and available Monday evenings from 5:30-7pm at the Marmora arena beginning in September. As these are volunteer positions, kids can also earn their volunteer hours toward their high school diploma!

If you are interested in registering for any of the programs, there are a number of registration sessions coming up in the Marmora arena lobby: Friday, Sept. 9, 5-7pm, Sat., Sept. 10, 9-11am; Mon., Sept. 12, Wed. Sept 14 and Fri., Sept. 16, 5-7pm.

The Executive for the coming year are: President Jim Hawkes, Vice President Debbie Drummond, Treasurer Gloria Hawkes, Secretary Sue Heath, Teat Chair Glenda Brown, CanSkate Coordinator Sharon Brownson, Nevada Coordinator Donna Bennett, Synchro Coordinator Lisa Laton and Director Donna Moorman

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Skater of the Year named

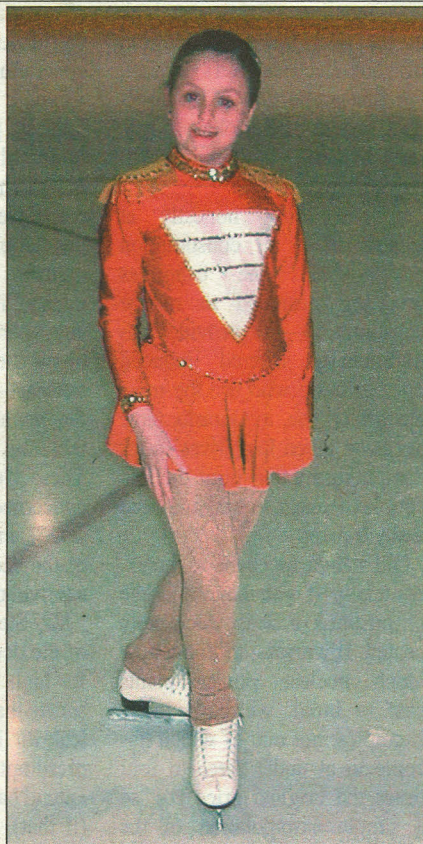
Marmora and Lake - Seven-year-old Elisabeth Main was named Canskater of the Year for the Marmora Skating Club. Linda Baumhour, Manager of the Stirling Bank of Montreal presented Elisabeth with her award during the club's banquet held April 2 following the year-end show. The award is presented annually to a skater eight years of age or younger who shows all the characteristics of a figure skater: talent, attitude and determination.

Elisabeth was invited to attend a talent assessment clinic in Gananoque with Canskaters of the Year from other clubs, where she was assessed on certain skills and skating ability. Elisabeth was informed by mail that she had been selected as the recipient of the 2006 Eastern Ontario BMO financial Group Canskater of the Year. This region covers an area

west to Whitby, north to Petawawa and east to Cornwall. She will receive her award at the 2006 Skate Canada - Eastern Ontario Achievement Awards luncheon in Kingston on May 7.

This is quite an award for this young athlete who began skating when she was three, retiring after one night of Learn-to-Skate. She decided when she was four to return to the sport after spending many hours at the rink watching her older sister. Her love of skating grew and at the age of five she started taking private lessons from Marmora coach Nancy Brady.

Elisabeth's hard work and determination are seen in her performance on the ice and the wall of medals she has earned. She loves to compete and would skate every day if she could, having just passed her seventh badge and her first dance.



■ Seven-year-old Elisabeth Main, pictured at the completion of her April 2 solo performance during the Marmora Skating Club's Skate to Celebrate, has been named both the Club's and Eastern Ontario's Canskater of the Year. Judy Backus photo

Congratulations Elisabeth from your Marmora Skating Club family on all your accomplishments and this amazing honour!

Elisabeth Main top Canskater

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region covers an area west to Whitby, north to Petawawa, and east to Cornwall. She will receive her award at the 2006 Skate Canada-Eastern Ontario Achievement Awards Luncheon in Kingston on May 7th. This is quite an achievement for this young skater who started skating when she was 3, but retired after one night of learn to skate. She decided when she was 4 to return to the sport, after spending many hours at the rink watching her older sister, who she looks up to, skate. Her love of skating grew and at age 5 she started taking private lessons from Nancy Brady, and competing. Elisabeth's hard work and determination is seen in her performance on the ice, and the wall of medals that she has earned. She loves to compete and would skate everyday if she could. Elisabeth has just passed her 7th badge, and her first dance. Congratulations Elisabeth, from your Marmora Skating Club family, on all your accomplishments, and this amazing honour.

Elisabeth Main top Canskater



Eastern Ontario & Marmora Canskater of the Year, Elisabeth Main with Linda Baumhour, Stirling BMO branch manager. Photo: Margriet Kitchen

Seven year old Elisabeth Main has been selected as Canskater of the Year for the Marmora Skating Club. She was awarded with a medal from Linda Baumhour, bank manager of the Stirling Bank of Montrea, at the club's year end show and banquet. This award is presented annually to a skater eight years of age or younger, who shows all the characteristics of a figure skater, which are talent, attitude and determination. With this honour,

she was invited to attend a talent assessment clinic with other Canskaters of the Year from other clubs, where she was assessed on certain skills and skating ability. Three clinics were held in eastern Ontario. She attended the clinic in Gananoque. Elisabeth was informed by mail that she had been selected as the recipient of the 2006 Eastern Ontario BMO Financial Group Canskater of the Year Award. This

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Marmora Skating Club Awards Ceremony, April 2, 2006

By Margriet Kitchen

It was a pleasure to be invited to attend the Awards ceremony, held after the Sunday afternoon performance of the Marmora Figure Skating Club.

In attendance with the Executive, coaches and skaters, were special guests, manager of the Stirling branch of the BMO, Linda Boomhauer and her husband, Gary, as well as Club Board Director, Donna Bennett, and her husband, Lionel.

There were numerous awards presented during the ceremonies, all of them well deserved, as the result of much hard work and dedication, as well as a love for skating itself.

Highlights of these presentations included Canskater of the

Year, Elisabeth Main, presented by BMO representative, Linda Boomhauer; Champion on Ice, the team of Gillian Chapman, and Taya Tummon; also presented by BMO rep. Linda Boomhauer; Gold Skaters, Erica Downes, Gold Interpretive, and Jessica Brown, Gold Skills; Coach of the Year, Melissa Baitley; and Volunteer of the Year, Donna Bennett.

Awards were also presented for Most Improved, Sportsmanship, Friendship, Perfect Attendance, and Colouring Contest.

Gifts of appreciation were presented to Gloria Hawkes for her long years of service, and wonderful dedication to the sport and children of the Marmora Figure Skating Club;

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Gillian Chapman, Taya Tummon, and Elisabeth Main being presented with their awards by Linda Baumhour, manager of the Stirling BMO.
Photo: Margriet Kitchen

and Lisa Laton, who in addition to the regular volunteer duties, was responsible for sewing about 40 costumes for this year's performance.

Two skaters leaving the Club this year, to go on to University, were Jessica Brown and Erica Downes.

In their address to the assembled skaters, friends, parents and grandparents, the girls stated that,

"This club has become my second family....parents, skaters and coaches have helped me to become who I am. .

Skaters celebrate a great season

Marmora and Lake - Skate to Celebrate was the name chosen for the local skating club's end-of-season performance held on April 2 and co-ordinated by Lisa Laton (costume maker extraordinaire) and coach Nancy Brady. And celebrate the members did, taking an enthusiastic and supportive audience of friends and relatives through the calendar year with its many holidays, festivities and milestones.

The recognition of the year's events ran smoothly from the opening notes of O Canada sung by Jessica Brown to the grand finale with more than 80 skaters on the ice ranging in age from the very young to several moms who had decided to join in the icy fun. From New Year's, Valentine's Day and Hockey Night in Canada to the first day of school, Hallowe'en and Christmas, the skaters, dressed in colourful and imaginative costumes performed with finesse and aplomb.

The program, with cover art by six-year-old skating club member Mary O'Connor, detailed the 26 numbers and expressed appreciation to the arena staff "for taking such good care of us, for having the cleanest arena and for making the best ice in Hastings County!" The many members of the executive were recognized in the program as were the coaches Melissa Bailey, Melanie Barker, Leah Paul and Nancy Brady who "created an awesome team that worked for the success of every skater."

Once final notes of the finale had drifted away, it was time to hang up the skates for the season and head upstairs for a potluck banquet and awards ceremony.

Under the heading of most improved



■ Rachel Smith and Madison Delong, members of the Marmora Skating Club, participated in the wonderful end-of-year performance, Skate to Celebrate, held April 2 at the Marmora arena. The well-attended show featured 26 numbers performed by skaters of all ages, from tiny tots to moms. Judy Backus photo

skater, Megan Flint was recognized in the Canskate category, Elisabeth Main in Canskate Plus, Sydney Moorman in Intermediate, Alicia Main in Senior, Ali Majeed in Canpower and Corrina Tummon in Adult. Sportsmanship awards in the same categories went to Mariah Clem-

ens, Lauren Brownson, Eden Sanger, Jessica Brown, Matt Lowder and Kim Smith. When it came to Friendship awards, the winners in the six areas were Meaghan Taaffe, Michelle Julia, Melissa Runions, Jordann Brown, Tyler Kelsh and Debbie Drummond.

Elisabeth Main was named Canskater of the Year; Gillian Chapman and Taya Tummon are Champions on Ice; Kristen Runions and Erica Downes were hailed for the work they do as program assistants; Melissa Bailey received recognition as Coach of the Year and Donna Bennett was chosen as Volunteer of the Year. Several skaters had perfect attendance throughout the skating season: Lauren Brownson, Ainsley Coens, Brittany O'Connor, Hannah O'Connor, Mary Kate Brady, Sarah Smith, Rachel Smith and Michelle Julia.

The Marmora Skating Club season may be over and the ice melted, but memories of swirls, spins and the occasional spill will carry this group of athletes through to the time they can again lace up and head out onto the glassy surface.

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Shining Waters winners

Top Left - Shining Waters PrePreliminary Spin Element 1st place went to Shannon Earle of Marmora, 2nd Victoria Clare of Havelock and 3rd Jamie Martin of Havelock.

Top Middle - Senior Bronze Ladies Spin Winners. Jessica Brown, 1st, Alicia Main, 2nd, both Marmora skaters

Top Right - Open Single Pairs: Winners Erica Downes, right, and Jessica Brown (not shown), Marmora, 2nd Karena and Brianna Radnor, Norwood. photos Nancy Derrer



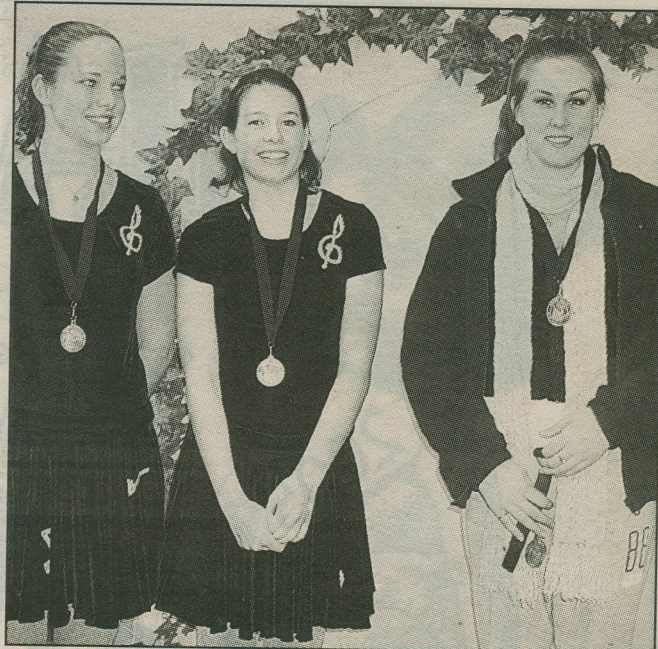
Shining Waters winners

Marmora and Lake - On January 21, 28 skaters from the Marmora Skating Club travelled to Havelock where they participated in the Shining Waters Competition. While there, the skaters won a total of 61 medals: 24 gold, 22 silver and 15 bronze - a feat which is achieved not only by the hard work of the skaters but by an excellent coaching staff. Without their abilities, dedication, and patience, this would not have been possible. The club brought home the Shining Waters Trophy again this year. Thanks to Nancy Brady, Melissa Baitley, Melanie Barker and Leah Paul for a job well done and all your hard work behind the scenes! We are all proud of the skaters.

Above: Coaches and skaters from the Marmora Skating Club are pictured with a wide array of medals and the Shining Waters trophy, won during a January 21 competition in Havelock. In the back row from the left are: Coach Melissa Baitley, Jessica Brown, Jordann Brown, Alicia Main, Erica Downes, Eden Sanger, Melissa Runions, Amanda Heath, Alicia Gallina, Cassandra Gear and Michelle Julia. Middle row: Elisabeth Main, Madison DeLong, Sydney Moorman, Kristen Runions, Shannon Earle, Nathan Runions, Lauren Brownson, Hannah O'Connor, Ryan Armstrong and Nancy Brady, Coach. Front row: Natasha Julia, Gillian Chapman, Stacey Fluke, Mary Kate Brady, Brittany O'Connor and Ainsley Coens. Missing are Megan Flint, Jennifer Latchford and Mariah Clemens.

Judy Backus photo

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Marmora skaters bring home medals



Marmora Skating Club medal winners, l-r, back row, Kristen Runions, Michelle Julia, Eden Sanger, Melissa Runions and Amanda Heath. Middle, l-r, Brittany O'Connor, Nathan Runions, Natasha Julia, Shannon Earle, Rachel Smith, Madison Delong, Hannah O'Connor, Gillian Chapman and Taya Tummon. Front, l-r, Ainsley Coens, Mary Kate Brady, Sarah Smith and Payton Tummon.

Photo Nancy Derrer

By Nancy Derrer

Marmora - Since winning the Shining Waters team trophy January 21 in Havelock, members of the Marmora Skating Club have entered four competitions and placed very well on each occasion. Five skaters traveled to the Oshawa competition, Feb. 5. The results were: Rachel Smith, stage 5, 2nd place; Sarah Smith, stage 2, 1st place; Payton Tummon, stage 4, 4th place; Taya Tummon, stage 3, 6th place; and Shannon Earle, pre-preliminary, 4th place. Shannon also went to EÖSIC, which was held in Bowmanville, February 17th and placed 7th.

On Feb. 24 and 25, 17 skaters went to Apple S'PieRals. Results: Lauren Brownson, freeskate, 5th, elements, 2nd; Ainsley Coens, freeskate, 4th, elements, 2nd; Madison Delong, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 4th; Shan-

non Earle, freeskate, 3rd, elements, 2nd solo; Amanda Heath, freeskate, 6th, elements, 5th; Michelle Julia, freeskate, 7th, elements, 2nd; Natasha Julia, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 1st; Elisabeth Main, freeskate, 1st, elements, 2nd duck; Brittany O'Connor, freeskate, 5th, elements, 3rd; Hannah O'Connor, freeskate, 1st, elements, 3rd; Kristen Runions, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 2nd; Melissa Runions, freeskate, 5th, elements, 4th; Nathan Runions, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 2nd; Rachel Smith, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 1st; Sarah Smith, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 1st; Payton Tummon, freeskate, 1st, elements, 2nd; Taya Tummon, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 1st.

Spins and Spirals was held March 5 in Picton. Results: Mary Kate Brady, freeskate, 1st, elements, 1st; Payton Tummon, freeskate, 2nd, elements,

4th; Gillian Chapman, freeskate, 4th, elements, 2nd; Taya Tummon, freeskate, 3rd, elements, 3rd; Nathan Runions, freeskate, 2nd; Elisabeth Main, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 2nd; Kristen Runions, freeskate, 4th, elements, 6th; Madison Delong, freeskate, 1st, elements, 5th; Shannon Earle, freeskate, 2nd, elements, 2nd; Eden Sanger, freeskate, 3rd, elements, 4th; Amanda Heath, freeskate, 5th, elements, 3rd; and Melissa Runions, freeskate, 6th, elements, 4th.

According to Club Treasurer Gloria Hawkes, 'well done, skaters, we are proud of you.' Thanks, too, to coaches Nancy Brady, Melissa Baitley, Melanie Barker and Leah Paul, who worked hard with the skaters to get them ready for all these competitions.

Marmora skaters are now busy

getting ready for their year end show, which will be held April 2 at the Marmora arena at 2pm. Everyone in the community is invited to come out and see the skaters perform. Adults \$3, seniors/students over 12, \$2, ages 5-12, \$1 and four and under

Raccoon Rally Results

Marmora and Lake - Eight members of the Marmora Skating Club travelled to Courtice on December 2 where they participated in Raccoon Rally. The girls, coached by Nancy Brady, Melanie Barker and Lindsay Myers, gathered at the Marmora arena on December 11 for a photo to mark their successes. Mary Kate Brady was first in stage three freeskate flight one and sixth in the final; Sarah Smith was third in stage three freeskate flight two and second in stage three elements; Madison Delong skated her way to sixth in the introductory freeskate flight four and first in introductory elements flight two; Sydney Moorman was sixth in introductory freeskate flight three and fifth in

introductory elements flight five; Rachel Smith was third in introductory freeskate flight five and third in introductory elements flight three; Elisabeth Main was fourth in pre-preliminary 1A freeskate and fifth in pre-preliminary elements flight one; Amanda Heath placed sixth in preliminary elements flight four; and Eden Sanger was second in preliminary freeskate flight six and third in preliminary elements flight three.

Club official Gloria Hawkes thanks the coaches for all their hard work and congratulates the skaters on a job well done. A group of 40 skaters is currently preparing for the 2007 Shining Waters competition being held in Warsaw on January 21.



■ Marmora Skating Club senior girls have done it again. Erica Downes recently passed her Gold Interpretive; Jessica Brown her Gold Skills; Alicia Main, her Gold Interpretive and Junior Silver Freeskate; and Jordann Brown, her silver interpretive. Shown with the girls is Coach Nancy Brady and missing from the photo is coach Leah Paul. *Mar 2006*



■ A trip to Courtice to participate in the December 2 Raccoon Rally competition resulted in success for these members of the Marmora Skating Club. From the left in the back row are: Sydney Moorman, Eden Sanger, Amanda Heath and Rachel Smith. Front row: Elisabeth Main, Sarah Smith and Mary Kate Brady. Madison Delong is missing from the photo

Judy Backus photo



The Marmora Skating Club won the Shining Waters Interclub team trophy for the third year in a row January 21 in Havelock. Left, Gloria Hawkes, club secretary, Coach Nancy Brady, far right, and Mary Kate Brady holding trophy. *photo Nancy Derrer*