

# Marmora girls are stars on ice

by Kathy Partridge

**Marmora** - Six Marmora girls attended the Gloucester Spring Festival Competition, April 17-18, 1993. They all brought home a gold medal and most placed in a second event. Chrissy Shannon did a beautiful job in the Junior Bronze interpretive event. She won a gold medal for her artistic talents and she also placed

second in elements. Andrea Bennett wowed the crowd with her gold winning freeskate and also placed third in elements. Melissa Cowie very graciously skated a superb solo to win first place in the preliminary freeskate event. She placed third in elements. Jennifer Bennett's technical performance won her a gold medal in elements. Both Jessie Lynn

Shannon and Stefanie Partridge skated excellent programs to earn each of them a first place in their individual event. Jessie placed second in Senior Bronze elements and Stefanie placed third in Junior Silver elements. All the girls performed very well. Their talents and hard work, combined with coach Nancy Cunneyworth's ability to bring out the best in her skaters and to choreograph excellent programs, enabled the girls to experience such wonderful success. Way to go, girls!

This spring, the Marmora Figure Skaters were involved in two test days. Many of the club's girls did very well on March 27 in Madoc. The following girls were successful in passing their tests: Chrissy Shannon, European (dance); Margaret Avery Lynch, ten fox (dance); Jennifer Bennett, 14 step (dance) and Stefanie Partridge, Rocker (dance). Jessie Lynn Shannon passed her Senior Bronze Freeskate that day.

On April 23 at a test day hosted by Marmora, the following girls passed tests: Jaclyn McCoy and Ashley Broadbent passed their preliminary figure; Sarah Finch passed her first figure and the baby blues and the swing (dances); Melissa Cowie passed her preliminary freeskate and Stefanie Partridge passed her Junior Silver Freeskate. Stefanie also passed her tango (dance). Andrea Bennett passed her first figure turns and Jennifer Bennett passed her European, Foxtrot and Rocker (dance).

It has been a very successful year for the Marmora Club. The executive congratulates the girls on their effort and looks forward to next season with much anticipation.

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Weighted down by gold, silver and bronze, proud members of the Marmora Figure Skating Club pose with medals won at a competition in Gloucester on April 17 and 18. In the back row from the left are Melissa Cowie, Jessie-Lynn Shannon, Jennifer Bennett and Stefanie Partridge. Andrea Bennett and Chrissy Shannon are in the front. Judy Backus photo

## Top skaters for Eastern Ontario hail from Marmora

The top two Pre-Novice Free Skate champions for the 1993 Sun Life Eastern Ontario Sectionals hail from Marmora and the local figure skating club.

Jessie Lynn Shannon and Stephanie Partridge earned gold and silver medals respectively after competing at the sectionals held in Belleville from Nov. 18-21.

Jessie also received the Sun

Life Merit Award as she was deemed the "most outstanding athlete" because of her placement and sportmanship.

Chrissy Shannon, also from the local club, and her partner Lucas Powell, of Frankford, skated their way to gold in the Juvenile Dance category.

Also competing was Jennifer Bennett who placed fifth in the Juvenile Ladies competition.





Skaters representing the Marmora Figure Skating Club at the Shining Waters competition held January 22 and 23 in Norwood were Jamie McCoy, Terra Baker Crawford, Nicki Finch, Andrea Bennett, Melissa Cowie, Jennifer Bennett, Carrie Maurer, Stefanie Partridge and Amanda Devolin. In the front row are Erica Cunneynworth Downes, Ashley Broadbent, Jaclyn McCoy, Chrissy Shannon, Melissa McCoy and Michelle Wickens. Judy Backus photo

## They brought home gold

by Kathy Partridge

**Marmora** - Marmora skaters continue to do this community proud! At the Shining Waters interclub competition held in Norwood January 22 and 23, Marmora produced some very respectable results.

Andrea Bennett, placing first in her flight, first in her final and first overall in her category, is on her way to the Eastern Ontario Championships in west Kingston on the March 5 and 6 weekend. Stefanie Partridge also placed first and will be representing Marmora in the Bronze Artistic Event. Chrissy Shannon and her dance partner, Lucas Powell, earned the right to compete at these championships in the Jr. Bronze dance category because of their gold-medal performance at the sectionals. We wish all these competitors luck for their next skate off.

Other Marmora skaters are to be congratulated also. Saturday brought a silver medal for Jaclyn McCoy and a bronze for Jennifer Bennett. Ashley Broadbent, Terra Baker Crawford, Nicki Finch and Chrissy Shannon all placed well in their freestyle events. Congratulations girls! Sunday also brought suc-

cess for Marmora. Both Erica Cunneynworth Downes and Jamie McCoy won gold. Michelle Wickens and Melissa Cowie each earned a bronze. Melissa McCoy, Amanda Devolin and Carrie Maurer all represented the Marmora club well. Congratulations to the Marmora coaches, Nancy Cunneynworth, Colleen Carlisle Lockwood and Kim Boomhower who all had medal winners at the interclub competition.

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The skating season is really heating up as the Marmora club begins carnival practices. There are two shows scheduled for Saturday, February 26. We are also pleased to note that a group of Marmora skaters will be performing at the annual Sled Dog hockey game on February 5. Various competitions, evaluations and test days are coming up, so the next few months should prove to be both busy and fun for the skaters of the Marmora club.





Six members of the Marmora Skating Club competed at Scarboro Skate on April 22, 23 & 24. This competition attracts 1,000 skaters from Ontario and Quebec, and is known to be a highly competitive meet. Results are as follows: Jennifer Bennett, Sr. Bronze C, 8th; Andrea Bennett, Jr. Bronze B, 6th; Melissa Cowie, Jr. Bronze D, 3rd; Jessie Lynn Shannon, Pre Novice A, 3rd; Christina Shannon, Jr. Bronze B, placed second in her flight and third in the final event; Stefanie Partridge, Pre Novice B, placed first in her flight and first in the final event. **Congratulations ladies!**

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Nine-year-old Christina Shannon and 11-year-old Lucas Powell haven't been partners for long, but the duo managed to skate their way to a first place finish in the Eastern Ontario Section Juvenile Dance Figure Skating Championship held November 19 in Trenton. Judy Backus photo

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# "Gold" en moments



Top skaters... Jessie Lynn Shannon (centre) and Stephanie Partridge (right) proved to be the top two Pre-Novice competitors at the Sun Life Eastern Ontario Sectionals held in Belleville from Nov. 18-21. Jessie received gold, while Stephanie picked up the silver. Placing fifth in the Juvenile Ladies competition was Jennifer Bennett.

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It was a proud moment for Stefanie Partridge and Jessie Lynn Shannon who place second and first out of 108 in the Pre Novice Ladies Event at the Eastern Ontario Sun Life Sectional Championship held November 25 through 28 in Trenton and Belleville.

Judy Backus photo

## Marmora girls take home two firsts

**Belleville** - At the beginning of the four day competition held November 25 to 28 in Trenton and Belleville, there were 108 young skaters vying for placement in the Pre Novice Ladies Eastern Ontario Sun Life Sectional Championship.

By Saturday, that number had been whittled to 12 finalists, two of them being members of the Marmora Figure Skating Club. By Sunday afternoon, the judges had made their final decision and awarded a first-place finish to Jessie Lynn Shannon and a second to Stefanie Partridge.

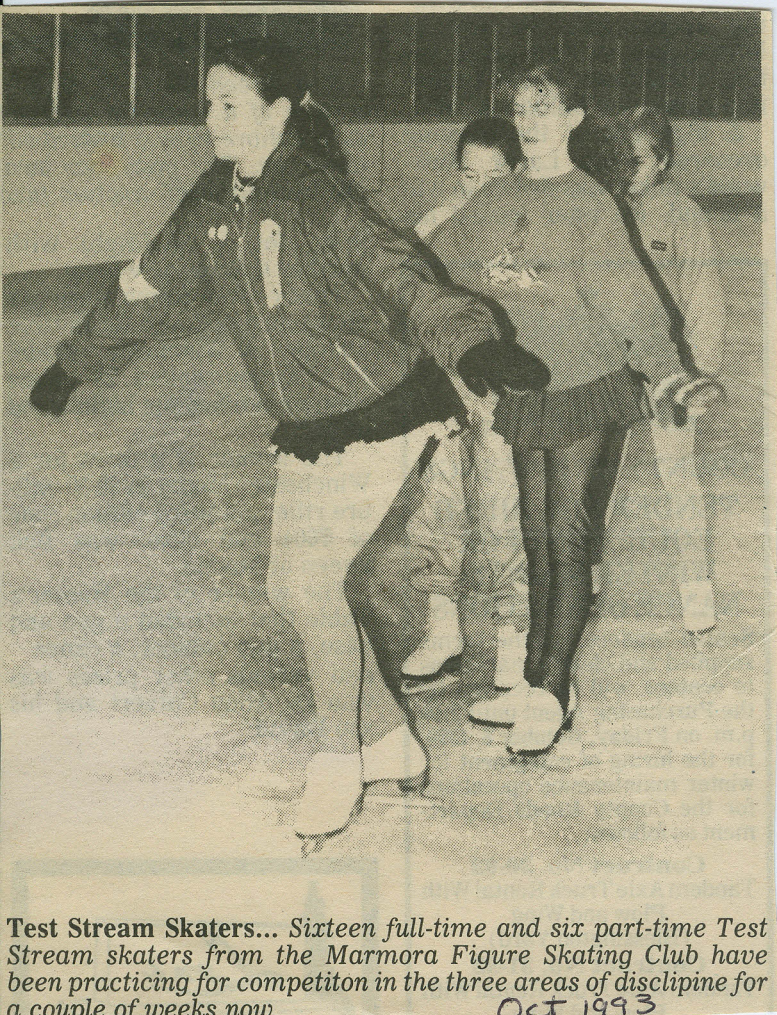
Stiff competition in the event in-

cluded skaters from large clubs in Oshawa, Kingston and Ottawa, but the Marmora girls managed to take the lead through skill, grace and composure. Jessie Lynn was further honoured in a surprise presentation of a Sun Life Merit Award for overall excellence and good sportsmanship.

The girls' coach, Nancy Cunneyworth of Marmora, commented after their performances, "I'm thrilled. I'm just delighted. They both worked really hard—they just never give up. They have skated without a break for over a year. They are very determined girls."

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**Test Stream Skaters...** Sixteen full-time and six part-time Test Stream skaters from the Marmora Figure Skating Club have been practicing for competition in the three areas of discipline for a couple of weeks now.

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**Top pairs...** Chrissy Shannon, and her partner Lucas Powell, of Frankford, skated their way to gold in the Juvenile Dance category.

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# Toys come to life in Marmora

by Judy Backus

**Marmora** - Teddy bears, dolls, jack-in-the-boxes and cartoon characters

came magically to life during the two March 13 performances of A Night in Toyland skated by members of the

Marmora Figure Skating Club and made possible through the hundreds of hours clocked by parents, coaches



A bevy of dancing dolls skated by Ashley Barrons, Amanda Cembal, Riley Fox, Megan Huff, Kaleigh Peters, Rebecca Taylor and Tessa Wood came to life and skated for Elizabeth during the Marmora Figure Skating Club performance of A Night in Toyland.

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(Nancy Cunneyworth, Kim Boomhauer and Colleen Carlisle Lockwood) set designers and others. Dianne Sedore McCoy did a wonderful job of turning the rink into a toy shop with her whimsical, intricately painted backdrops.

The resulting production was a professional, entertaining and occasionally amusing performance which charmed audiences at both the afternoon and evening shows.

The appearance of stage hands, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum (a.k.a. André Philpot and Lionel Bennett but not necessarily in that order) added a note of hilarity to the proceedings.

Good sports they are, but figure skaters?

From the opening scene when Elizabeth, skated alternately by Jaclyn McCoy and Ashley Broadbent, entered the toy shop to the break of day when the toys reverted to their inanimate selves, the ice surface was filled with whirling figures sporting an array of clever and colourful cos-

tumes.

Every child in the audience could relate to the antics of Raggedy Ann and Andy, Barbie, Batman and friends, Fraggles, Beauty and the Beast plus a lineup of dancing bears and "101 Dalmations."

Solo and duet skaters included Louisa Cowie, Ashley Broadbent, Jaclyn McCoy, Margaret Avery-Lynch, Melissa Cowie, Andrea Bennett, Toria Broadbent, Chrissy Shannon, Courtney Wells, Kelly Gray, Jennifer Bennett, Stefanie Partridge, Jessie Lynn Shannon, Lisa Bonter and Sarah Finch.



# Marmora well represented at skating seminar

by Nancy Powers

Skating with Karen Preston was by far the highlight for two

Marmora skaters who recently attended the Eastern Ontario Skaters Training Seminar in

Ottawa.

Jessie-Lynn Shannon, 11 and Stefanie Partridge, 12, both members of the Marmora Figure Skating Club were chosen for the seminar after attending a talent Identification Program in Belleville in March.

An added thrill during the five day seminar, held at the Minto Skating Club in Ottawa was that Stefanie and Jessie-Lynn were joined by their

from Louis Stong.

Cunneyworth said she told every opportunity "to pick his brian" because rural and city training techniques are so different.

"Skaters in the cities have more opportunities because they are on the ice longer, therefore teaching them is different," explained Cunneyworth.

For the skaters the seminar gave them the opportunity to become friends with people they compete against on a regular basis. The group shared special moments both on and off the ice and neither Jessie-Lynn nor Stefanie will every forget the experience.

The on-ice training they received will benefit both skaters as they head into this year's "sectionals" held in mid-November. Skaters from all over eastern Ontario attend the event.

Both girls have been skating competitively for three years but are at slightly different levels. Both are coached by Cunneyworth as well.

Stefanie has attained her Jr. Silver Free Style her 3rd figures and her Jr. Silver Dance. Jessie-Lynn has her Sr. Bronze Free Style, her Jr. Silver Dances and is currently completing her 3rd Figures.

After a short two months of rest the Marmora skaters have hit the ice again and are training five days a week in Madoc.

The Ottawa seminar gave both skaters more confidence about competitions and they now have 18 new friends!



coach Nancy Cunneyworth, of Madoc.

Cunneyworth was selected to apprentice with Master Coach Louis Stong, who has coached Underhill and Martini, and is currently coaching Karen Preston.

(Preston is the 1992 Canadian Champion and placed eighth at the Winter Olympics.)

Stefanie and Jessie-Lynn were part of a class of 20 (five boys and 15 girls) who had the unique opportunity to learn

Stefanie Partridge, Nancy Cunneyworth and Jessie-Lynn Shannon



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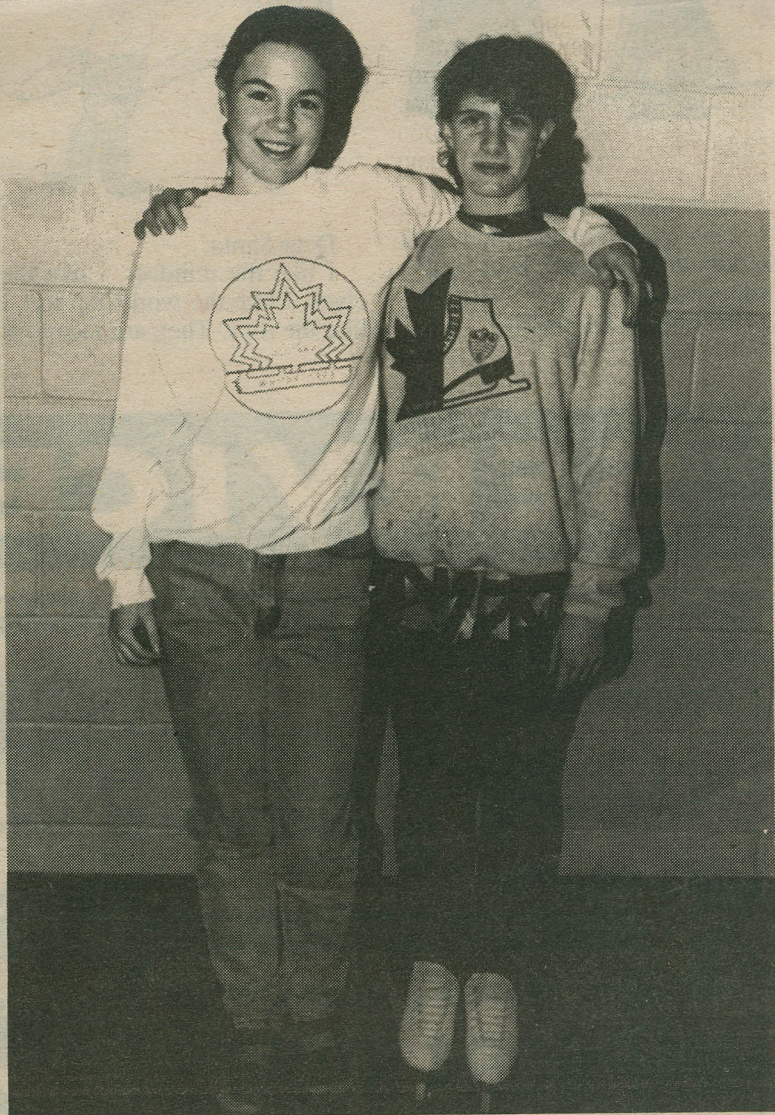


**On to Eastern Ontario championships:** Three members of the Marmora Figure Skating Club will represent their club at the Eastern Ontario Skating championships scheduled for West Kingston on March 5 & 6. Stephanie Partridge, (middle) will compete in the Bronze Artistic Event, while Andrea Bennett (right) competes in the Preliminary Ladies category and Chrissy Shannon (left) and her partner are competing in the Jr. Bronze Dance category.



**Skaters with style:** The Marmora Figure Skating Club skated to second place at the 1994 Shining Waters Inter-Club competition held in Norwood on Jan. 22 & 23. The team consisted of: (back row, left to right) Jamie McCoy, Terra Baker-Crawford, Nicki Finch, Andrea Bennett, Melissa Cowie, Jennifer Bennett, Carrie Maurer, Stefanie Partridge and Amanda Devolin; (front row) Erica Cunneyworth-Downes, Ashley Broadbent, Jaclyn McCoy, Chrissy Shannon, Melissa McCoy and Michelle Wickens.





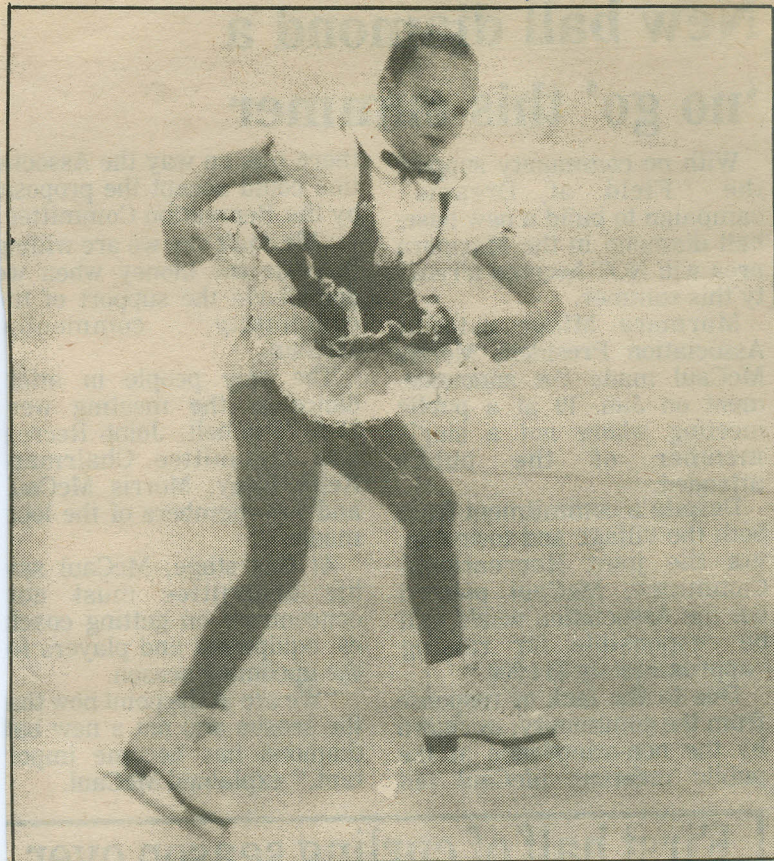
**It's a first...** Three Marmora District Figure Skating Club members earned Gold Test status recently. Jessie Shannon, left, obtained two gold dances, Viennese and Westminster; while Stephanie Partridge obtained gold freestyle. Not pictured is Patricia Bateman who obtained gold dance, Viennese.

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Six-year-old Erica Cunneyworth Downes, seven-year-old Corey Shannon and ten-year-old Christina Shannon are three happy members of the Marmora Figure Skating Club. Erica and Corey competed in the Shamrock skate in Ennismore on March 12 and both placed first in their categories. The win was a special one for Corey as it was his first competition. Christina and her partner, Lucas Powell, went to the all-Ontario competition in Sudbury on March 19 and 20 where they placed fourth in a field of 11. Andrea Bennett had a great skate in the Preliminary Ladies division of the same competition. Judy Backus photo

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**Ashley makes her mark:** Ashley Broadbent gives the judges something to think about during the Pre-Preliminary Ladies 'A' event on Saturday at the ten-club Shining Waters Inter-Club competition in Norwood. More than 225 skaters competed during the two-day event. The Marmora Figure Skating Club showed its quality by placing second during Saturday's EOSIC event. Quinte took the title.

Photo/Bill Freeman



**Jr. Bronze finale:** Jennifer Bennett does her free-skate final performance in the Jr. Bronze ladies category during Saturday's portion of the big Shining Waters Inter-Club competition held in Marmora. Jennifer and her teammates did extremely well during Saturday's EOSIC events -- Marmora placed 2nd with 40 pts. Winning the overall title was Quinte with 72.

Photo/Bill Freeman



# Movie figures appear on ice

by Judy Backus

**Marmora** - With a cast of 90, fabulous costumes, imaginative choreography and impressive backdrops, the Marmora Figure Skating Club presentation February 26 was destined to be a late winter treat. The story line was woven around a little girl's birthday wish to be in the movies. Her whim was granted and before her eyes, her favourite movies, *Jungle Book*, *Snow White*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Peter Pan*, *Cinderella* and *Aladdin* came magically to life.

From the smallest skater to the more experienced competitive performers, everyone had a part in this colourful presentation. Pros Kim Boomhower, Colleen Carlisle-Lockwood and Nancy Cunneyworth were an integral part of the event as were the many who laboured with program details, publicity, behind the scenes activity, intricate costumes and backdrops.

Erica Cunneyworth Downes (pictured right) was one of several fairy godmothers who worked their magic on the audience during the Marmora Figure Skating Club's afternoon and evening performances of *A Birthday Wish* on February 26.



On to All Ontario finals... Marmora Figure Skating members Andrea Bennett (left) and Chrissy Shannon and her partner Lucas Powell are heading to the All Ontario InterClub Championships to be held in Suburu on March 19-20.