

P.E.I. Speed Skaters get impressive results at Atlantic Cup meet

P.E.I.'s team of 34 short track speed skaters took 17 medals from the Atlantic Cup Short Track Speed Skating Championships held in Charlottetown on the weekend. 125 skaters participated in the meet representing clubs from all four Atlantic provinces.

Scott Beamish took home the top prize of the meet winning the gold medal in (Division 1). Morgan McGinn (Division 5), Korrina LeClair (Division 7), Kyle Connell (Division 8), Victoria Trotter (Division 8) and Kristen Binns (Division 9) also won gold for the host club.

Ellen Burnett (Division 3), Michael Rogers (Division 4), Miriam Burnett, (Division 6), Megan Campbell (Division 7), and Thomas McQuaid (Division 9) won silver medals.

Bronze Medals went to Jesse Francis (Division 1), Carly Connell (Division 4), Michael Pass (Division 6), Magen Francis (Division 6), Jared Vriends (Division 7), Michael Trotter (Division 8) and Alec Heustis (Division 9).

Niall Burnett (Division 2) set P.E.I. provincial records for Midget boys in the 500 meters with a time of 50.43 seconds and the 1500 meters in 2 minutes and 38.46 seconds.

Other skaters participating included Dan Cottreau, Jack Connell, Nathan Cudmore, Clare Cullen, Thomas Trotter, Zach Moran, Adrian Monthony, Taylor Johnston, Andrew McQuaid, Peter McQuaid, Cassandra LeClair, Andrew Binns, Eliana Monthony, Matt Kozma, and Jesse Campbell.

The Island club is having a strong season so far. At the region's first meet, in Fredericton in November, the team set five new provincial records. Scott Beamish set two records in Intermediate Men's 500 meters and 1500 meters. Niall Burnett set new marks in Midget boys' 500, 777 and 1500 meter events.

The next competition for the P.E.I. club is the Maritime Championships in St John NB in January.

The Speed Skate P.E.I club is for skaters of all ages and abilities. It practices at the Charlottetown Civic Centre. Information about the club is available at www.speedskatepei.com.