



November 2009

Hello Skaters and Parents

Atlantic Cup

In less than a month, Speed Skate PEI will host the **19th annual Atlantic Cup** on **December 5th and 6th**. For those of you who are new to the club, this is an exciting weekend when close to 150 skaters from all over Atlantic Canada gather in Charlottetown to compete for the Atlantic Cup. There are opportunities for all skaters to participate from the beginning Novice in the Exhibition races to the fastest Competitive skaters.

We are fortunate to have **Tom Cullen** at the helm once again for this event. Tom has been co-ordinating the Atlantic Cup since 2005. He brings both experience and enthusiasm to the job. You'll be hearing more from him in the weeks to come as he recruits the many volunteers required to run this event.

The registration form for the Atlantic Cup is now posted on the website. Please download and submit the form along with the registration fee to your parent representative by the deadline as follows: Development 1 & 2 - **Monday, November 23rd**, Comp A and B - **Tuesday, November 24th**. Novice skaters who wish to register for the Exhibition races- please notify your parent representative no later than **Wednesday, November 25th**. There is **no fee for Novice skaters**. The audience is very supportive of all skaters at the Atlantic Cup especially those who may be skating in their first official race.

Fund-raising

Our first major fund-raising effort this year will be the **silent auction** at the Atlantic Cup. This has always proven to be a popular activity that the skaters (and parents) enjoy as they bid on items of interest. Some of the more popular items from previous years include: theatre tickets, gift certificates, sporting equipment and clothing, water bottles (some filled with candy!), warm up blankets, colorful soft guards, etc.

I'm requesting a **donation of one item** from each skating family. Some parents approach businesses to donate items - it's entirely up to you. If you could bring the item to the rink and give to your parent representative by **December 1st**, this would be most appreciated.

We are looking for a **Fund-Raising Co-ordinator**. This position involves working with the parent representatives to coordinate fund-raising events collect and track fund-raising money. If you are interested, please let me know.

In the absence of a Fund-raising coordinator, I am prepared to coordinate a major fund-raising event if I have **5-6 parents** to work with me. I'm looking for volunteers to work with me on a **fund-raising BINGO**. I'm not a BINGO player myself but I do know that there are a lot of Islanders who are BINGO enthusiasts and would attend such an event. A similar fund-raiser that was held recently at Stonepark School raised over \$5,000. Please contact me if you would like to get involved in this event.

Parent Representatives

We have parent representatives for each skating group. The role of the parent representative is to share communiques, distribute forms, collect fund-raising money, etc. The parent representatives for 2009-2010 are as follows:

Novice:	Ayelet Stewart - 569 -4477
Development 1:	Kathryn Dickson - 892-0910
Development 2:	Edith Peacock - 628-8118
Competitive B:	Eric Pass - 626-3026
Competitive A:	Judy Connell - 314-1213

December FUN MEET

A FUN MEET will be held on **December 19th**. This is a great opportunity for all levels of skaters to participate in a friendly competition and have some fun just before we break for the holidays.

That's it for now.

Wendy Francis
President
Speed Skate PEI