

#### **NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER | 2024**

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important DATES to note

- Thurs Oct 31 to Sun Nov 3 the 2025 Sectionals Championships are running at Terwillegar.
  Please remember to attend your Competition Volunteer shifts and arrive on time!
- Mon November 11 The Star 1-3 Ice Fest Event runs at Meadows Rec Centre. The schedule will be circulated Mon Nov 4.
- <u>Mon November 11</u> Remembrance Day - NO regular ice sessions or off ice.
- <u>Tues November 12</u> StarSkate Simulations at Terwillegar – schedule will be circulated Fri November 8.

#### **Program Assistant of the Month**

Our program is in full swing, and it's great to see such dedicated work from our Program Assistants! They've been stepping up in incredible ways—making sure teaching aids are ready, taking charge of setting up each session, covering circuits so coaches can focus on assessments, and much more. Their commitment is making a real difference for our young skaters on the ice.

It is hard to just choose two PAs to recognize. This month, we give a **SHOUT OUT** to **Sofia Williams** & **Carina Scott** as our October PAs of the Month.

**Sofia** is on our most unique CanSkate session, the Thursday daytime session with only 1 group, which presents its own set of challenges. She's always early, helping with unpacking gear, and has even begun drawing one of the circuits!

**<u>Carina</u>** has gone the extra mile by adding more sessions to her schedule and filling in during absences. On the ice, Carina is an enthusiastic, reliable presence who brings joy and energy to each session, always smiling and engaging with skaters.

While Sofia and Carina are our PAs of the Month for October, choosing them wasn't easy! I am proud of each of our PAs for their hard work and dedication to the success of our program. Keep up the amazing work! Carina and Sofia – please see coach Bradley for your gift card prize!

## **Competition Volunteer Shifts**

The 2025 Sectionals Championships (Oct 31-Nov 3) have started...

**Thank you to all our volunteers**. Please remember to arrive 15minutes before the start of your shift to ensure we can offer you direction and training for your role.

Volunteer shifts will be reconciled following the event and members will be credited back their Competition Deposits appropriately based on their shifts worked. Families who have completed their requirements will have their deposits credited back to their member accounts and can use credits toward upcoming installments.

## 50/50 Cash Raffle

All members should have received an email with their unique link to purchase raffle tickets to circulate to their family and friends. This raffle is a large fundraiser for our Club and <u>EVERYONE is</u> <u>encouraged to sell a minimum of \$100 in raffle tickets</u>. **Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 sellers**.

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Fundraising Coordinator, Helen, at <u>fundraising@derrickskating.ca</u>.

#### Holiday Show - Fri Dec 20th

Save the Date in your calendars for the Annual Holiday Show! This is a FUN event for our skaters and families.

In lieu of admission, once again this year, we will be hosting a Food Bank Food Drive during the Holiday Show, and we hope to raise even more food donations than last year! Please invite family & friends to attend and enjoy the show. ~ Coach Bradley, LTS Coordinator

# Ice Credit Opportunities

There are LOTS of Ice Credit Opportunities available for our members in December.

**CASINO** – December 25, 26, & 27 at Starlight Casino WEM

We will need approximately 60 volunteers for Casino shifts from December 25-27. Ice credits will be awarded as follows:

- Wed December 25 \$300/shift
- Thurs December 26 \$225/shift
- Fri December 27 \$150 shift
- Watch your emails on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> for the Casino Sign Up link.

**BINGO** – December 28 at Parkway Bingo We will need approximately 12 volunteers to work the evening/late night Bingo event on December 28 with shifts being awarded \$100-\$150/shift.

Watch for the sign-up email on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> for more details.

## Lost & Found

The Lost & Found box in the office hall is filling up. Please check it for any items your skater is missing!!

# **Club Volunteers**

Please make sure you sign up for your Club Volunteer shift(s) as required – one shift per skater per year!!

#### Upcoming BINGO @ Parkway Bingo: 8775-51 Ave

Next Bingos: Sat December 28, 2024 (4:30pm to midnight)

Working bingos earn DSC families valuable ice credits to offset their ice fees! Workers must arrive on time for shifts. Shifts are filled on a first come, first served basis.

An email will be sent out on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the December 28 bingo sign up. Watch your email for details. Bingo shifts can ONLY be signed up for through Uplifter. From DSC website, click "registration", scroll down & click "Add Volunteer Position".

\*Please note the fair access to bingos based on skater sessions that each family can sign up for listed in the Skater Handbook (or email the office for details).

Q's about Bingos? Please email Helen, DSC Fundraising Coordinator: <u>fundraising@derrickskating.ca</u>

#### **FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARDS**

<u>What are Fundsrip Gift Cards</u>? They are the easiest way for members to spend money in the same ways they already do and support the Derrick Skating Club. **Do you buy groceries, gas, coffee, and birthday gifts**? You can get all these as gift cards! Plan ahead and get into a routine of purchasing your gift cards in advance makes a HUGE difference to the Club and in turn, your skater! There are hundreds of stores and retailers to choose from.

If you buy \$200 to Superstore, \$100 to Esso, & \$25 to Starbucks – you just earned \$11.25 for the Club! 2-10% of the total gift card value is donated to our Club. We encourage ALL members to consider supporting the Club through these gift cards.

Website: https://www.fundscrip.com/login ; Invitation Code: YSJZWD

#### Name: Derrick Skating Club Ice Fee Reduction Fund

EFT forms are available on the Fundscrip website. We respectfully ask that Fundscrip Gift Cards are purchased by EFT (direct debit) funds ONLY – Please do not use credit cards to make your purchase or the Club is deducted the 1.99% processing fee.

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