

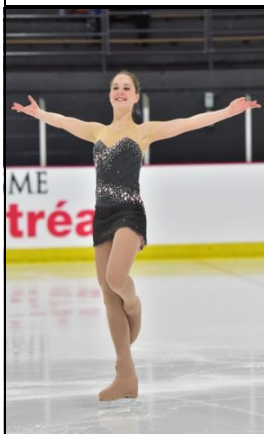
Skaters are set to compete at 2015 Canada Games in Prince George

After the Sectionals and Challenge competitions the Skate Nova Scotia Canada Games team has been named.

Representing Nova Scotia in the Pre-Novice Women: Meghan Hamilton Sackville Skating Club and Jillian Matlock Mariposa East Skating Centre. Pre-Novice Men: Alexandre Robert Greenwood Skating Club. Novice Women: Hana Marmura Mariposa East Skating Centre and Nikita White Bedford Skating Club. Novice Men: Brandon Bent Mariposa East Skating Centre. Novice Dance: Gina Cipriano and Bradley Keeping-Myra St Margaret's Bay Skating Club. Special Olympians: Kailey Stewart Bedford Skating Club and Jessica Cranton Middleton Skating Club. Manager Cheryl Gaston, Coaches Angela Coady-Pennington, John Mattatall and Mary Ann Crowley. Support: Lucie Webber



Nova Scotia represented by Cipriano and Keeping-Myra in Novice Dance and Wamsley in Senior Ladies at the 2015 Canadian Tire Skate Canada National Championships



A Tough Ride to Make Top 10

Stephie Walmsley of the Dartmouth Skating Club placed 8th at the 2015 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, which took place in Kingston ON, January 19 – 25. As she redid her choreography in preparation for her first competition Stephanie sustained a hip injury that left her hobbling about for the rest of summer and into mid-October. The doctor diagnosed a tear in her hip cartilage. The need for surgery would be ascertained later. A lot of determination had Stephanie back on the ice and competing two weeks later at the Central Ontario Sectionals where she placed 4th. A month later, at Skate Canada Challenge in Montreal, Stephanie came 14th, giving her a place at Nationals. Armed with her support team, Coach Angela Derochie and NS Team Leader Jill Knowles, her parents and friends, Stephanie did her province proud. Congratulations on two great skates!!

Lots of Success in the past 8 months

Bradley Keeping-Myra and his partner Gina Cipriano got together 8 months ago in that short time have made a mark for themselves on Novice Ice Dance scene. In Octoberfest they won both pattern dances and placed 4th overall in the competition. In the Central Ontario Sectionals they again won both pattern dances and placed 3rd overall in that competition. At Skate Canada Challenge 2015 they placed 3rd, which earned them a trip to the 2015 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships held in Kingston, Ontario January 19-25. They had 3 excellent performances at Nationals and placed 7th overall in the competition. Skate Canada Nova Scotia would like to congratulate them on their excellent season!



2015 Skate Canada Challenge Results

Pre-Novice Men

32nd Alexandre Robert

Pre-Novice Women

36th Jillian Matlock
38th Meghan Hamilton
42nd Amy Hartling
53rd Alyssa Cross

Novice Men

27th Brandon Bent

Novice Women

40th Hana Marmura
48th Nikita White
49th Rachelle Siteman
54th Stacey Wallace

Novice Ice Dance

3rd Gina Cipriano and Bradley Keeping-Myra

Junior Women

29th Meghan Lo

Senior Women

14th Stephanie Walmsley

Save the Date

Saturday May 2nd
Skate Canada Nova Scotia
AGM, Awards and
Celebration on Ice at Cole
Harbour Place
Everyone is welcome!

Hall of Fame Inductees Dr Patricia Chafe and John Mattatall



Congratulations to Dr Patricia (Benoit) Chafe who was recently inducted into the Sackville Sports Heritage Hall of Fame as a Builder for the sport of Figure Skating. Marie Bowness spoke to Patricia's many accomplishments that have made a significant difference to the sport of Figure Skating.



Congratulations to John Mattatall on being inducted into the Colchester County Sport Hall of Fame. John's athletic accomplishments were recognized in a wonderful speech given by his Father and biggest fan, Peter Mattatall

World Record Spinner



11 year old St Margaret's Bay Skater Olivia Oliver broke the World Record for the fastest spinner at 342 rotations per minutes. She exceeded the previous record by 34 rotations. A small device in her back pocket recorded the breakneck speed of the spinning and sent the data to a smartphone app. While training Olivia has also used this opportunity to raise money for 2 charities: Fundacja Dziecięca Fantazja, Poland's only version of a sick children's wish foundation and the Canadian youth charity Leave Out Violence. Olivia has raised more than \$20,000 for these 2 charities! Olivia is a member of the St Margaret Bay Skating Club and is coached by Charleen Cameron

Nova Scotia Synchro Teams win 4 medals at the Skate Canada Atlantic Region Synchronized Skating Championships

The Skate Canada Atlantic Region Synchronized Skating Championships took place Jan 30th and 31st. Nova Scotia Teams won 3 Gold and 1 Bronze medals! The Acadia Axe-Elles won the Intermediate Category and now move on to the National Championships in Quebec City Feb 27-Mar1. Kentville Silver Gliders had 2 teams in the event. Both the Elementary team and the Beginner 1 team won their event. And the Riverview Skating Club's Juvenile team won the bronze medal in their event. "We are so very proud of our progress and success in just a few short years. I'd encourage all clubs to try synchro as a great way to build up those club numbers. The skaters benefit from the extra ice time and their speed, posture, musicality and edge quality all improve quickly. There is also the fun of skating on a team! The parents have a wonderful time cheering and supporting the skaters. Synchro is a positive atmosphere. If anyone is interested in building a team and needs help or advice just email me annyoung@eastlink.ca and I will try to help you out" quote from Ann Young



NS Skater competes at 2014 Wild Rose

Rachelle Siteman competed at the 2014 Wild Rose Invitational in Leduc, AB in the Summer. She spent the two weeks prior to that training on the ice with Kaetlyn Osmond at the Ice Palace Training Centre, Edmonton. She finished 10th in Novice Ladies. She is pictured below having some help with her hair from Katelyn.

