

Volunteers are valuable to our sport. Many things run by Skate Canada NS and your local Clubs are run completely by volunteers. Did you know you do not need knowledge of figure skating to volunteer your time?? Skate Canada NS and Clubs can benefit from volunteers with a variety of backgrounds. People with specialties in accounting or computer knowledge can provide excellent assistance to the skating community. Please consider volunteering some of your time with Skate Canada NS or your local Club. Many hands make light work and in the end it is the skaters, our future generation that benefit.

Newfoundland hospitality saves trip for stranded Nova Scotia figure skaters

Acts of kindness 'just reinforces the goodness of people,' says Jill Knowles

Richard Woodbury ·

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Some elite Nova Scotia figure skaters who were stranded in Newfoundland because of terrible weather in both provinces made the most of their extended stay thanks to the kindness of strangers. Eleven skaters between the ages of 10 and 16, and another seven adults, travelled to Conception Bay, N.L., on Saturday for some music choreography workshops with their counterparts from Newfoundland. They were supposed to return to Nova Scotia on Monday, but storm delays meant most didn't make it home until Friday.

"The kids were troopers," said Jill Knowles, the executive director of Skate Canada Nova Scotia.



SYNCRONIZED SKATING IN NOVA SCOTIA

The Revolution Juvenile team is a young, hard working synchronized skating team that trains in Kentville. They are comprised of skaters who are between the ages of 11 and 14 years of age. These skaters are all working on their senior bronze skills and dance tests and higher respectively. Lacey & Ashley Walkinshaw began working with this group when the team came together five years ago. The team practices once a week for an hour for seven months of the year. Over the past few years, the skaters have grown together as a team and have found success. They have been the Atlantic Regional champions in their division for the past three years and this year they won the Cleve's Source for Sports Team of the Month for January and they were featured on CBC's athlete of the day segment. To top it all off, they have been invited to NEXXICE's International Development Camp this July where they will train alongside some of the best coaches and synchronized skaters in the world. This is a huge accomplishment not only for the skaters and the team but also for the development of synchronized skating in Nova Scotia.

SKATE CANADA NOVA SCOTIA HALL of FAME INDUCTEES

ATHLETE: Marie McNeil Bowness
Robert McCall

COACH: Louise Mathers

OFFICIALS: Mary Beazley
Shirley Beckman
Edmund Boyd
Sue Burke
Jean Milson
David Youle

BUILDERS: Jane MacLellan
Jim Gavin

2017 IMPORTANT DATES

Skate Canada Nova Scotia Annual General Meeting, Awards and Celebration on Ice
Saturday May 6th 2017 Cole Harbour Place

Skate Canada Nova Scotia Inaugural Hall of Fame Inductions
Saturday June 10th University Club, Dalhousie

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

There is a segment on CBC News Nova Scotia Program called Young Athlete of the Day. This segment allows us to feature young athletes in our region.

Here is a link to the site

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/events/young-athlete-of-the-day-1.3166391>

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