

Mariposa East Skating Centre had a successful season with many events. We were fortunate to host Doug Leigh for the 8th time with over 50 participants from all over the province. We had two of our skaters represent Nova Scotia at Challenge and 9 skaters represent NS at Atlantics where two of our skaters medaled. We were very excited to host two guest coaches this year - Jen Jackson and Joey Russell, our skaters benefited immensely from this.

We were very excited to host STARSkate Provincials this past season. Seniors skaters were so fortunate to volunteer and understand the fundamentals of the judging. It was an outstanding opportunity for all!

We held three skate test days.

Our Canskate program was "sold out" and by all accounts was very successful. We held an "Olympic" style year end show with each participant getting a t-shirt and a medal.

We are so proud of the accomplishments of our skaters and we are proud to be part of their character building as they grow into successful men and women. We are so fortunate to have the caliber of coaching that we have that allow our skaters to be successful on and off the ice.

Submitted by:

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The **East Pictou Silver Blades** has wrapped up another successful season of skating. Enrolment numbers were up especially on our figure skating ice times.

Over all our figure skaters passed a total of 17 assessments from fall to end of winter.

We had 4 skaters participating in the Rob McCall Competition in February, bringing back 1 Gold and 3 Silver Ribbons having personal best results for all 4 young skaters.

At STARSkate Provincials we had 6 skaters take part in 8 events coming away with 7 silver and one gold ribbon. This was the most skaters and events our club has entered in a number of years. Two of our young skaters also moved up a level from star 2 to star 3 between the two competitions.

At our end of year ice show we had over 40 skaters performing routines set to the theme of "The East Pictou Silver Blades Get Animated". Skaters skated to music from video games such as mine craft and Super Mario, cartoons such as Duck Tales and Batman, and animated movie themes such as the Flintstones and the Trolls. We had a record number of people in the audience who were quite enthusiastic throughout all performances. We especially enjoyed performances from our canskaters and special olympians.

After the show we held our annual awards banquet and pizza party where we honoured our award winners.

Our CANSkater of the year was Kenzie Benoit, CANSkate champion- Keegan Jaurdine. STARSkater of the year - Ariel Ferris, most improved figure skater- Makayla McGee, Connie Frazee Memorial (spirit of skating)- Lauren Hanna, Most improved Special Olympian - Loretta Levangie and our shining star award for up and coming pre star skater was Lexi Smith-Albert. We also honoured rink manager Wayne Buttle

as our overlooked person of the year. Words cannot describe our gratitude towards Wayne for all his love and support.

After our winter season was over and our ice was out 4 of our skaters traveled to Truro with their coach Megan to continue training. There our skaters were able to train alongside skaters from the Truro Skating Club pushing themselves to new levels and utilized the harness system as they begin gaining confidence in their axels and beginning double jumps.

Four of our skaters and coach Sheri recently attended the clinic put on by the Truro skating club which was headlined by Patrick Chan. This was a very exciting clinic that was enjoyed by all. We are also looking forward to attending the upcoming Ben Ferreira clinic later in the spring held by the Bedford Skating Club.

Respectfully submitted;
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