

**Skate Canada Nova Scotia
Celebration on Ice Committee
2022**

This year ended on a very positive note after several years of disruptions due to Covid-19. Over 100 skaters from across the province joined together to participate in the first Celebration on Ice since 2019. Special thanks goes out to Stephanie Steele as well as Cheryle Gaston-McMullen for their leadership in choreographing this special event.

The planning for Celebration on Ice began in late January with a vision of an ice show. Sheila Beard, Jill Knowles, Stephanie Steele, John Mattatall and I were in attendance. The committee expanded over time to include Angie Shawcross from St Margaret's Bay Skating Club as well as Brad Keeping-Myra. April 23, 2022 became the agreed upon date for the show at 7pm which was held at St. Margaret's Centre.

Celebration on Ice was a full day of magic for the skaters as they prepared for a 1- 1 ½ hour event without intermission. Practices started at 11 am and were held throughout the day. The show included group numbers, solos, an opening and finale. Each group of nominees were spotlighted throughout the show including Can Skaters, Program Assistants, StarSkaters, Competitive skaters as well as the Challenge Team. It was decided that during this year's ice show that all nominees would be celebrated rather than having one overall winner per group. Solos included competitive skaters who were champions from Sectionals as well as the award winner of the Jan Clattenburg Award. Other special guests throughout the evening included a Pairs number, a Boys only number as well as a selection of skaters who were Gold medalists at Sectionals and Provincials. Before the show started, adult award winners from across the province were acknowledged on the balcony and presented with awards. After the show, skaters were presented their certificates as well as a keepsake water bottle.

The entire day of Celebration on Ice ran smoothly with the help of committee members, many parent volunteers from St. Margaret's Bay Skating Club and staff members at St. Margaret's Centre. The evening appeared to be appreciated by all who were in attendance. The skater's enthusiasm was evident throughout the day and it certainly had a feel of normalcy in the air after a few difficult years.

**Respectfully submitted
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