Kerrisdale FSC Newsletter



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" Figure skating is a mixture of art & sport."

Katarina Witt,

Former German Olympic Figure Skater

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Thank you to our skaters, Coaches, Canskate PAs, Parents & Board members for a successful year!



Congratulations to *Erin Leach*, an Adult member of our Club who returned from competing in the 2018 ISU Adult
Competitions in
Germany. Erin came 1st in Gold Ladies II Artistic event.

Thanks Erin for representing our Club!

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of a long-time Kerrisdale Member, Louise Salina. Louise will be remembered fondly by her KFSC friends, and for her countless hours of volunteering for the Club. As of this year, Louise was a Board Member for 20 years, had been a parent of one of Kerrisdale's highest qualified ice dancers, Ashley. Louise's 3rd grandson Jamie was born on Mother's Day, just 5 days after Louise's passing. A charitable donation will be made by KFSC in Louise's honour.

Louise will be missed.

Program Assistants PARTY!

All PAs are invited to a Thank you party
When: Friday June 15th 7:45-9:00pm, Hillcrest Arena

Our **Summer** registration forms are available on the club registration website, https://skatekerrisdale.uplifterinc.com/

Calling CanSkate Program Assistants for Fall 2018!

If you are at least 10 years old, in StarSkate level & want to help with Canskaters, contact our Canskate Coordinator at kerrisdalecanskate@gmail.com.

We are always looking for new PA's to help out.

We are saddened to announce the sudden passing of Phil Matthews, beloved husband of former Kerrisdale Coach and skater, Darcee Feenie Matthews, on May 7th.

On-line registration will be mandatory for ALL levels of skating in the Fall. Only on-line registration by credit card will be accepted as payment for classes. Check out our on-line registration and create a log-in account in preparation for the Fall registration: https://skatekerrisdale.uplifterinc.com/



Congratulations to our club skaters who participated in the Victoria Day
Super Series in Surrey

<u>Upcoming Events:</u> June 9th – Testing at Arbutus Club
June 15th – Last day of Spring skating session

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Any questions? Contact info@skatekerrisdale.com

A Louise Salina Humanitarian Award has been created in Louise's honour to be presented to someone who has demonstrated dedication to the success of the club. It will be awarded during the 2018/19 season.

Congratulations to our very own Faye Marshall!

Faye and her pairs partner Jim Watters were inducted into the BC Skating Hall of Fame during the recent BC-Yukon Skate Canada Gala.

In 1963, they earned a spot on the Olympic Team and headed to Austria in 1964 to compete in pairs, after only skating 6 weeks together! They earned a respectable 14th. Faye was a skater at KFSC for over 17 years, from a beginner to international competitor, and then became a Coach at our Cub for 28 years, between 1984 & 2012.



"Ms. Faye, my first coach, is the reason I fell in love with figure skating. She encouraged excellence without killing joy and that is a difficult thing to do! She also taught me the difference between my left and right feet. Ms. Faye always took things with a sense of humour and never allowed failure to discourage her students. I have had many great coaches since Faye but it is an important job to initially foster passion for skating in a young student, and she did that for me."

Sophie Dempsey, graduating skater, KFSC



May/June's Feature Skaters - Our Grade 12 Graduates - Congratulations!

Hannah Male



Hannah, far right, with her Synchro teammates

Hannah started skating when she was 3 and has progressed into Synchro skating and has competed at the National Novice level. She is currently working on her gold skills.

Graduating from: Sir Winston Churchill Secondary

Post-Secondary Studies: Simon Fraser University, French Cohort

Program, Majoring in Political Science, minoring in

French; the degree is 60% in French

"I love to skate because it is such a natural movement that I have been able to acquire over the years."

"My 2 favourite skating moments are: i) skating for Patrick Chan at a fundraiser and ii) when my synchronized skating team and I earned a silver medal and a PB at Mountains Regionals."

Sophie started skating when she was 5 and although didn't compete much, she accomplished Starskate 3 and has always loved the sport!

Graduating from: Lord Byng Secondary

<u>Post-Secondary Studies:</u> Traveling for a year and then attending Concordia University

"I love skating because it is the perfect combination of art and sport. The immense physical strength that skaters have is executed with elegance. Figure skaters are such committed athletes and I have a great respect for them!"

"My favourite memory of this sport is with my first coach Ms. Faye. Not only was Ms. Faye a fantastic teacher but she shaped my character from a young age into a tough and humorous person. My favourite memory specifically was at one of my first club competitions. Ms. Faye let me pick music that I loved and choreographed a lovely program for me, I had so much fun skating it."

Sophie Dempsey



May/June's Feature Skaters – Our Grade 12 Graduates – (cont'd)

Jane Schiedel



Jane started skating when she was 3 and has accomplished senior silver skills and junior silver dances. Jane is also a provincial champion two years running with her synchronized skating team.

<u>Graduating from:</u> Little Flower Academy Secondary

Post-Secondary Studies: McGill University

"My favourite skating memory is doing figures at 6:30 in the morning; it was a tight knit group of girls, a wonderful set of coaches and nothing but the sound of blades on the ice."

Adrienne started skating when she was 5 and has accomplished ice dance Star 8, Senior Silver Dance and currently working on Gold Skills.

Graduating from: Self Design High School

<u>Post-Secondary Studies:</u> Wilson School of Design and then Parsons

School of Design NYC/Paris France

"My favourite skating memories were: skating with Patrick Chan, meeting Kurt Browning, and the Ravi Walia seminar and skating at Vancouver Ice Dance Academy for 3 years with Meghan Wing and Aaron Lowe. And also, when I had the rink to myself creating new choreography and letting myself be immersed in the music."

"I have learned so much from skating which I will take with me for the rest of my life...my friends! love u Celia and Iris!"

Adrienne Pfeifer



Marina Nester



Marina started skating at age 8 and has reached her Star 5 freeskate, Jr. silver skills and dance levels.

Graduating from: Prince of Wales Secondary

Post-Secondary Studies: University of Western Ontario, Ivey

Business School

"I love to skate because it's the most beautiful sport and there isn't anything else quite like it!"

"My favourite memories are skating with all the friends I've made at Kerrisdale that I'll keep in touch with forever:)"

Anita started skating at age 7 and her favorite skating memory is the Around the World Carnival."

Graduating from: Point Grey Secondary

Post-Secondary Studies: Bachelor of Architecture at

Cornell University

"I love to skate because it always challenges me to try new things." Anita Shi

