

KERRISDALE SKATING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Welcome and welcome back to our new and returning skaters and families. Our Club had a busy and active summer between our CanSkate Program Assistant appreciation party, our summer barbecue, and a full on- and off-ice training schedule. We are pleased to return to our home rink in Kerrisdale for the fall/winter season! On that note, this is an exciting year for both Kerrisdale Cyclone Taylor Arena and Kerrisdale Figure Skating Club, with this November marking the 75th anniversary of both!

OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY – IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS!

Cyclone Taylor Arena Anniversary Celebrations

Date: November 11, 2024

Time: 2:45–5:15 PM

Details: The Vancouver Park Board has invited the Club to present a 5–7 minute on-ice showcase on November 11 (the anniversary date of the arena's opening). There will be an opening speech at 2:45 PM outside the arena, and a public skate from 3–5:15 PM with the Club presenting our showcase at **4 PM**.

Robson Square Ice Rink

Date: TBC (likely December 1, 2024)

Details: The Club has also been invited to participate in the Robson Square Rink season opening at the beginning of December! Keep an eye on Instagram for further details as they become available.

SAVE THE DATE! It's Carnival Year!

Date: March 15, 2025 (note: the first day of spring break)

What's a carnival? A carnival is our biannual ice show, with participation open to skaters of all levels including CanSkate! It's an opportunity to come together, perform your skating skills in front of an audience alongside your skating friends, and ultimately have a fantastic time doing so! Further registration details to come later in the season.

"I DON'T KNOW THE SECRET TO SUCCESS, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THE CLOSEST THING IS PREPARATION."

– MICHELLE KWAN

GOOD LUCK!

We have two skaters who will be travelling to Parksville to compete in **BC/YT Sectionals!** Wishing all the best to Rinako Kasahara (Juvenile Women U12) and Tessa Clinch (Pre-Juvenile Women U11), competing on November 9 and 10 respectively. We're cheering for you, Rinako and Tessa! And later in the month, we have 33 skaters registered to compete at **BC Coast Region's Jingle Blades** competition November 21–24! Wishing all of our skaters the best of luck!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to all our participating StarSkaters at the past two BC/YT Super Series competitions: SummerSkate this past August and Autumn Leaves in October.

A special shout-out to our medallists listed below!

SummerSkate:

- Katelyn Wei – Bronze, Star 5 Women U13
- Yuri Namekawa – Gold, Star 4 Girls U10
- Grace Hu – Gold, Star 4 Girls U13
- Audrey Tan – Silver, Star 4 Girls U13









Congratulations to our 4 adult skaters who participated in SummerSkate: Lena L, Xinyan Fan, Sarah Seplin and Linnea Solomon. Sarah won gold and Xinyan bronze for Introductory Adult Freeskate, and Lena won silver for both Gold Adult Freeskate and Gold Adult Artistic!

Autumn Leaves:

Katelyn Wei – Gold, Star 5 Women U13 and Tessa Clinch – Silver, Pre-Juvenile Women U11

CANSKATE CORNER

We love our CanSkaters and want to help them succeed and grow! Follow the below tips and requirements to help ensure your skater stays safe and comfortable.

-  Please arrive 15 minutes early to ensure that your skater is appropriately dressed with skates on for the start of the session!
-  A CSA-approved hockey helmet is required by Skate Canada.
-  Wear rain or snow pants and gloves to keep warm and dry (especially if you are a beginner).
-  Parents! Please (i.e., you must) stay in the building for the entire session! If your child needs any assistance off the ice (washroom, retying skates, or even just a rest) they are required to be in your care.
-  Please consider skate guards if you don't already have them.
-  In the rare instance where there is a fire alarm and we need to evacuate to the sidewalk outside, they can save your child's blades!

PA of the Year!



Congratulations to **Olivia Kostiw**, recipient of the Program Assistant (PA) Award for the 2023/2024 season. The award is presented to a PA who has demonstrated dedication, enthusiasm and leadership while assisting with CanSkate sessions. Olivia joined the Club at age 7, currently competes at the Star 5 level, and has just completed her training course to be a CanSkate Coach!

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

A reminder to follow us on Instagram! It's where we share our successes, fun around around the rink, and timely news. [@kerrisdale_skating_club](https://www.instagram.com/kerrisdale_skating_club)