

# Rinkside Chatter

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## Message from the Chair—Glenda Power

Hello to my fellow officials. I know this is late in coming, but I feel it's better late than never. It's been a good start to the 2011-2012 skating season for us in COS. As you will see from this newsletter for Officials, we have had lots of training and events taking place in our area.

SummerSkate, Octoberfest and Sectionals are all behind us now. Thanks to everyone who made these events the great successes that they were.

In October, we started out holding a Technical Representative Clinic at the COS office. This type of training was long overdue and we had a good turnout. I want to thank Susanne Morgan for running this great clinic.

Technical Representative attendees were Beth Begin, Kathy Robinson, Tina Pritchard, Bob Maurice, Carol Vastag, Rebecca Robock, Lindsay Smith, and Breanne Frankish. I'm sure you will be invited by one or more of these officials to a competition in your area soon.

In November we held three clinics during the KIS competition in Keswick. It was a very busy and successful event. Friday night, we held the practical Primary Clinic, Saturday we held the CPC StarSkate/Juvenile Competitive Clinic, and on Sunday the Technical Level 1 Clinic was held. All the judges that were involved had classroom time and practical time during the live event. So, now we have ten new Primary Competitive judges and eight new CPC StartSkate judges. Great work everyone! Thanks goes out to Wayne Brooks (KIS Technical Representative) and to the KIS Committee for working with us to pull this all together.

Now, lets talk about Tests....As I'm sure you are all aware by now, next season will bring changes in the competitive test....Yes they will disappear. You can read all about it on the Skate Canada website. This might eliminate the way we hold the centralized test days. Lots of discussions and planning will be going on in the New Year to prepare for this change. We will keep you posted.

Patrick has been very busy organizing and judging at a lot of the high test days. I know he's always looking for help, so if you can fit time in to assist at any of these, please let him know.

If any of you have any issues or articles you would like to see in our newsletters, feel free to e-mail me at [glenda-power@rogers.com](mailto:glenda-power@rogers.com).

The COS Team appreciates all of your hard work and dedication to our skaters, parents and coaches. Keep up the great work. Our test days and competitions would not run without you. See you in a rink really soon!

Lastly, I'd like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



## A few reminders...

- Make sure you are registered with Skate Canada. If you are not, please contact a club in your area to do so.
- If you are working toward a Promotion, you can see what the requirements are on the Skate Canada website under Members Only. Follow the path:  
>Members>Officials>Officials Definitions> Application and Qualifications Policy
- Remember to wear your Official Skate Canada COS ID tags to gain entry into all COS competitions this season. If you do not have a tag, please e-mail a picture of yourself to Rebecca Warren at the COS Office.

## COS Judges Committee:

*Chairman—Glenda Power*  
*Judges Bureau—Patrick Way*  
*Primary/Juvenile Chairs—Beth Begin & Sharon Miller*  
*Secretary/Newsletter—Cathie Tonkin*  
*Synchro Chair—Laura McLellan*  
*Technical Chair—Deanna Tomietto*  
*Technical Coordinator—Judy Cotter*  
*Web Development—Reaghan Fawcett*

## Technical Officials Update—Deanna Tomietto

It has been a very busy season for our Technical Officials. We sent several candidates to Montreal to attend Sectional Level Technical Training for Singles and Synchro, and I am pleased to report that several Officials passed Phase 1 of this process and will now move on to complete the final stage of their training. Also, we recently offered the first Level One Technical Officials Clinic where we welcomed several new officials into the fold.

During the summer and fall competitive season, we were fortunate to send out several technical officials to other sections across the country to service events. This provided a terrific opportunity to gain valuable experience and to also to network with other officials from different regions.

All Technical Officials are reminded to stay up to date by reviewing rules and documents from both Skate Canada and the International Skating Union. Also, please ensure that you inform all Technical Representatives of your conflicts in a timely manner. Scheduling panels for our events remains a very difficult and intricate job. Your effort to offer the best of your expertise to our skaters is much appreciated.

Congratulations to the following Technical Officials who have earned promotions so far this year:

Scott Chalmers—Singles Technical Specialist	Robert O'Toole—Clinic Leader: Level One Technical Official
Erin Chellew—Level One Technical Official	Glenda Power—Level One Technical Official
Laurene Collin-Knoblauch—ISU Pairs Technical Specialist	Lianne Sherriff—Singles Technical Specialist
Angie Derochie—Singles Technical Specialist	Deanna Tomietto—Clinic Leader: Level One Technical Official
Lesley Hawker-Doherty—Singles Technical Specialist	Patrick Way—Level One Technical Specialist

## Competitive Promotion Exams:

There is now a set of new, updated Skate Canada Competitive exams available. To access these—individuals should go to the Members Only area of the Skate Canada website and follow the following path:

Members>Officials>Clinic Materials>Judging Clinics

It is recommended that judges who are interested in applying for a promotion should attend the clinic for that promotion prior to writing an exam. There is helpful and relevant information in the clinics that will make the exam writing process easier.

### Congratulations to the following officials on their recent promotions:

#### Primary:

Frances Baldesarra	Kaelynn Frankish
Kristina Frolick	Emily Gillies
Alicia Jenkins	Amand Keir
Andrea McGarry	
Julia Naumann	
Michelle Sheil	
Lissa Sutherland	
Cynthia Yeung	

#### CPC StarSkate:

Gerri Brent
Amy Doucette
Christine Gardhouse
Tina Pritchard
Clare Quinlan
Cheryl Wilken
Carol Zahara
Jayne Zwiers

## Tech Rep Needed:

COS requires a Tech Rep for the Fun Competition in April at Thornhill. Anyone interested in taking on this challenging and rewarding event, contact Glenda Power.

*Congratulations to Meighan Ferris and Jonathan Miles on the birth of their son Noah John Winston born on September 6, 2011*



#### Other Disciplines:

Gerri Brant—Sr. Bronze Dance, Free and Skills
Erin Chellew—Event Referee
Judy Cotter—Senior Singles
Limin Jao—Event Referee
Julia Neilson—Juvenile Singles
Glenda Power—Event Referee
Kathy Robinson—Juvenile Singles

## Upcoming Area Competitions:

Area competitions will be in full gear over the next few months. Please think of volunteering your judging skills for these events. Any amount of time you could give would be appreciated by both the skaters and the Technical Representative!

For a complete listing of events, please review the events page of the COS Website.