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President's Message

Hi Everyone. Where did January go! It seems like only yesterday it was Christmas. We are now in the thick of the season and many of our skaters are traveling far and wide to various short and long track meets. During this past month I have watched several practices and I really get the sense that our skaters and coaches are having a great time.

Our decision to join True Sport was a good one. I see a lot of evidence that our club exhibits the principles of the True Sport movement. These are; **Go for it**, **Play fair**, **Respect others**, **Keep it fun**, **Stay healthy** and **Give back**. There are a lot of examples of this behavior within our club. This makes me proud to be a member of the Concordes!

In closing I want to bring three important dates to your attention. They are:

February 13. On this day Nicolas Bean formerly from our club will be racing for Italy in the Olympics. This race will be a 1,500-meter. Be sure to watch and cheer him on!

February 21. On this date the Ottawa Pacers and the Gloucester Concordes will be hosting the **Festival on Ice** down at **Dows Lake**. Everyone will be invited down for a fun day of Olympic celebration and Skating. There will be more to follow on this fantastic family event in which we will be honoring Kristina Groves. Kristina races in the Olympics this day and we all might get a chance to be on TV!

March 13-14. On this date we will be hosting the Provincial Short Track Championships. If you are not competing in this event come down and watch as 200 of the fastest skaters in the province compete for gold. Royal Galipeau, MP for Ottawa-Orleans and other dignitaries will be present for the opening ceremonies at approximately 08:30 on March 13, 2010 at The Bob McQuarrie Recreation Complex.

Respectfully,
John White, President

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MEETS

As per the OSSA Calendar, here are the upcoming meets:

- **Ontario Cup no.4** in Kitchener on February 13-14, 2010. Good luck to the following skaters:

Bédard, Isaac	De Haitre, Vincent	Labonté, Zacharie
McGuire, James	Morrison, Hannah	Portelance, Marianne
St-Germain, Gabrielle	White, Christopher	Yang, Benjamen
Hayward, Charlotte	Robitaille, Jessica	Robitaille, Karine
- **Eastern regional meet no.5** in Peterborough on February 20th. **cancelled**
- **Provincial Short Track Championships** in Gloucester on March 13-14, 2010.
- **Provincial Ability and Masters Championships** in Newmarket on March 20-21, 2010. THIS IS THE LAST ABILITY MEET for *both* youth and masters.

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CONCORDES SKATERS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2010 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES



ONTARIO WINTER GAMES WEBSITE: <http://www.2010ontariowintergames.ca/index.html>

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Concordes skaters nominated by the Ontario Speed Skating Association to participate in the upcoming Ontario Winter Games!

Here is the list of Gloucester skaters:

Female

- Camille Bean
- Hannah Morrison
- Emily Rendell-Watson
- Gabrielle St-Germain
- Samantha Morrison
- Karine Robitaille
- Marianne Portelance
- Natasha Cloutier
- Isabelle Weidemann

Male

- Vincent DeHaitre
- Philippe Bergeron
- Phillippe Breton
- James McGuire
- Maxim Morris

Here are the skaters on the alternate list:

- Benjamin Yang
- Andrew Stapleton
- Yuan Yao
- Isaac Bédard
- Christopher White



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CONGRATULATIONS
to our LTSS skaters that took part
in their first ability meet since the last newsletter:
Antoine Ducharme, Spencer Lanctin, Pascal
DeCoste and Corey Theriault-McLeod
Keep up the good work! We are proud of you!



Caelan Monkman: always smiling! Picture courtesy of Dennis Vogt.



On the left: Corey Theriault-McLeod and in the middle in blue Gaelan Vogt. Picture courtesy of Dennis Vogt.

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Thank you to City of Ottawa Councillors Rob Jellett, Rainer Bloess and Bob Monette for their financial support for the upcoming Provincial Short Track Championships at the Gloucester Speed Skating Club on March 13-14, 2010.

Their continued support of speed skating in our area is appreciated by the club!

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Draft schedule of the opening ceremonies for the Ontario Provincial

Here is a draft of the opening ceremonies for the Ontario Provincial Short Track Championships on March :

- 0835 Piper, Drummer and Flag parade pipes everyone on to the ice.
- 0840 Dedication of the races and introduction of the dignitaries. MPP Phil Mc Neely, MPP Jim Watson, Councilors Bloes, Jellette and Monette, President of the Legion, OSSA Rep, Reg forces members, CF Senior Rep, Singer for O Canada and SSC rep.
- 0845 Words from officials
- 0850 Dedicate the races to the Troops
- 0852 Minute of silence
- 0859 O Canada
- 0900 First race is started by the troops and timed by opening party. (one lap fun)
- 0905 First official race

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Congratulations to the following skaters who participated at the Brockville Ability Meet on January 16, 2010. (the official protocol is not available from OSSA at this time)

Ian Babulic, Brandon DeCoste, Kaden Engbers, Charlotte Hayward, Samuel Hurtubise, Patrick Langis, Caelan Monkman, Galen Vogt, Kayla Whitehead, Jonah Hurtubise, Emma Hurtubise, Isaac Bédard, Ema Pablo-Fortier, Cedric Denis, Yuan Yao, Spencer Lanctin, James McGuire, Louise Tailleux and Paul Devlin.

Congratulations to the following skaters who participated at the Val des Monts Ability Meet on January 30, 2010. (the official protocol is not available from OSSA at this time)

Babulic	Ian	
DeCoste	Brandon	
Monkman	Caelan	
Vogt	Galen	
Hurtubise	Jonah	
Hurtubise	Emma	
Denis	Cedric	
Lanctin	Spencer	
Ducharme	Antoine	
Therriault McLeod	Corey	
Labonte	Zacharie	
Huisman	Carlina	
McGarry	Patrick	
DeCoste	Pascal	
Hart	Brad	

LONG TRACK PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS—OTTAWA JANUARY 23-24, 2010

Here are the results. There are three sets of results. There were really three competitions taking place : **GREAT RESULTS!!!**

1. Mass start (for the younger skaters)
2. Olympic style all round (4 distances). Divided into male and female and junior (18 and under) and senior.
3. Olympic style sprint (2 distances twice each).

MEDALS for Olympic style:



All round junior women—Samantha Morrison 2nd, Camille Bean 3rd

Sprint junior women—Camille Bean 1st, Samantha Morrison 2nd

All round junior men—Vincent DeHaitre 2nd, Philippe Bergeron 3rd

Sprint junior men—Vincent DeHaitre 1st

Sprint senior men—Nick Serrer 1st

MEDALS for Mass start:

Bantam girls—Charlotte Hayward 2nd

Juvenile girls—Natash Cloutier 2nd, Isabelle Weidemann 3rd

Bantam boys—Ian Babulic 3rd

Juvenile Boys—Benjamin Yang 3rd

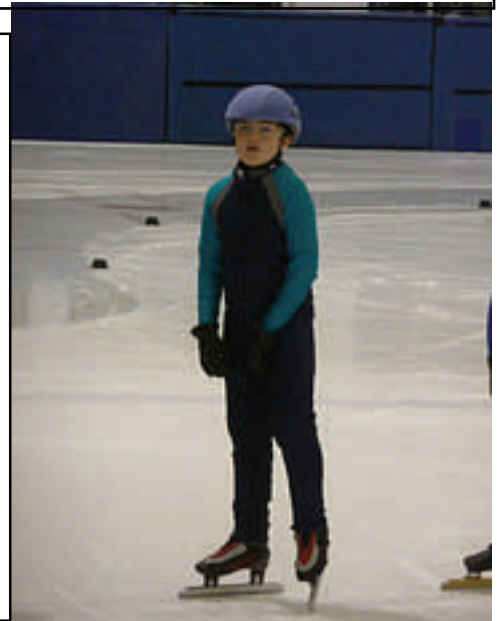
WHO HAS A GREAT SPORTSMANSHIP ATTITUDE?

This story may be on the last page but it is just as much deserving as front page news. Every year at GCSSC we see skaters step up and do great things for others. Sometimes these actions seem like little gestures of kindness but they are what we call great sportsmanship! There are so many of these that we could fill a newsletter with them. This month we are sharing a few with you... don't hesitate to send me more! This is also in line with the True Sport principles.

‘Just Do It’ attitude by Bill Tropper: In January, Natasha Cloutier broke a spring on her skates. They were also calling her as her heat was coming-up soon. She looked at me with a frantic/desperate frown on her face. I bolted to the trailer as she was telling me to look for a yellow tool kit. I got in the trailer, and crap, they're virtually all yellow. As I turned around, Philippe Bergeron was running in with a set of long nose pliers, and turning back, Chris White had already found Natasha's tool kit. I have no idea where the boys came out-of. I just got out of the way. Natasha was back outside in what seemed to be seconds. The boys had shod her in no time flat. I also saw Vincent De Haitre giving tips to a few kids last week-end, and I often see Max, Phil and Vincent doing stuff all the time. We've got some really good kids in the Club. They really have the Nike attitude.

At the Kingston ladder meet one of our younger skaters Brandon DeCoste was having problems with his skates. Isaac Bedard of the competitive group did not hesitate with one of his skating buddies to adjust Brandon's skates and take the time to give him pointers. What a great example of teamwork and sportsmanship. A true role model for the younger skaters.

This is a picture of Jonah Hurtubise at the Val des Monts meet on January 30th. Jonah is in his first year of speed skating and currently skates with the LTSS and Comp B group. On top of that, he has a great attitude towards his teammates regardless of their age. He listens well and encourages everyone to do their best! At the Ottawa meet this year, he was the lead in cheering for our skaters! That's sportsmanship... Thank you for joining the Concordes Jonah!



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Here are a few pictures of the float at the Christmas parade! Great job!



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