



Submitted by Asima Vezina, President

This past year has been very exciting for the Lake Superior Figure Skating Club (LSFSC). In March, the LSFSC Board of Directors proudly unveiled a new club logo, website and on-line registration process. This project was a real team effort. The new website will help the club move forward with the strategic priority of improved communications, a more efficient on-line registration process and a new and exciting look. You can check us out at [www.lsfsc.ca](http://www.lsfsc.ca).

Our club is committed to programming for skaters age three and up. Whether it be recreational or competitive figure skating, power skating, or CanSkate, we have a program for everyone.

We take great pride in the fact that our club teaches over 200 young children from Sault Ste. Marie to skate every year through Skate Canada's CanSkate program. Sault Ste. Marie is a skating city; our children often put their first skates on at three and four years of age. Skating helps our young people stay active throughout the winter months, whether on the oval, the many outdoor rinks and ponds, or in the arenas.

CanSkate is the first step to learning to skate; it is a national program based on Sport Canada's Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) principles, and LSFSC's professional coaching staff are certified through the National Coaching



Certification Program (NCCP). Coaches follow a curriculum and delivery methods which develop strong basic skills that pertain to hockey, ringette, speed skating and figure skating, preparing all skaters for virtually every ice sport.

This season, we were pleased to re-introduce Power Skating in partnership with former NHL player Rico Fata. This year, over 50 skaters registered for our intensive spring session and we are currently registering skaters for the summer and fall sessions.

Our competitive figure skating program is growing and has led to a new partnership with Catalyst Fitness who assists with the off-ice training required to develop athletes to their full potential.

We are proud of the high partici-



ipation rates and outstanding results of all our LSFSC skaters and the coaching team as we attended various competitions and test days throughout Ontario this season. The team spirit and camaraderie was amazing, especially the day we spent together at Festival of Stars – awesome cheering! Some of our highlights included having over 20 skaters regularly at most competitions, many personal bests, a Gold Free Test passed (Abiguel Jones), five skaters represented LSFSC club at provincials, a silver medal finish at the Skate Ontario STARSkate championship (Guadalupe Raed

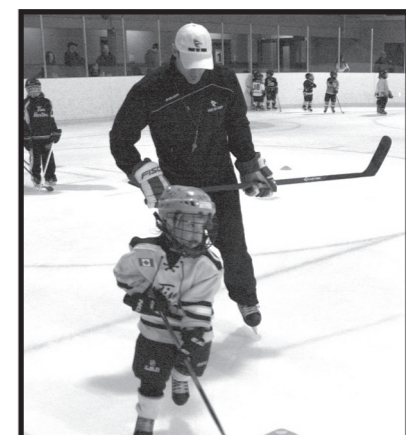
DiBari) and much more. We are proud of all our skaters and wish we could name them all because each one has achieved so much this season.

We have made some wonderful memories this year as skaters participated in the Skate-a-Thon Fundraiser, Algoma Region Seminar, Christmas Gala and Food Drive, Can-Skate Christmas parties, Greyhound and Thunderbird intermissions and our Year End Banquet.



Our club is moving in a very positive direction, and we are proud to see the teamwork, relationships and commitment building throughout the organization. Our goal is to make the LSFSC feel like an extended family. A big thank you to the skaters, families, coaches, Board members, and volunteers for a wonderful and successful season!

Due to the increase in programming and enrolment, the LSFSC has begun the search for a Skate Canada certified professional coach to join their coaching team. The successful candi-



National and/or international experience will be an asset. The posting can be found on the LSFSC website under the About Us section.



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