

Dartmouth Speed Skating Club is hosting Eastern Canadians at St. Margaret's Centre on January 23 and 24, 2010.

This is the test event for when we host the Canada Winter Games

As the host club we have additional responsibilities so we will be looking for volunteers to:

- Provide food for the officials at the meet. Dianne Levesque and Anne Daigle are coordinating this. Sign up sheet has been started and an email will go around to catch those who were not available at the rink Jan 11th.
- Various other tasks such as water bucket filler, runners, etc. still to be manned.
- **Mat Moving**- we will rent 2 cube vans but need *muscle* to move
 - From the Grey Arena and / or warehouse to St. Margaret's on Friday Jan 22nd
 - From St. Margaret's to Grey and / or warehouse after the meet

Please contact Marina at:

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to let her know your availability to help with these and other tasks.

Remember – many hands makes light work!!.



COACHES CORNER *with Neill Evans*

I love the **Winter Olympics!** As a fan of speed skating, every 4 years I get to watch speed skating live on TV, instead of the usual 2 weeks after an event. Whether it is short track or long track speed skating, Canadians do well against the World's best, although we have some company at the top.

You watch **Long Track** and you'll see how fanatic they are for speed skating in the Netherlands. However Germany, Canada, the Czechs, Korea, and U.S all have skaters at the top of the World Cup standings. Canadians to keep an eye on are Christine Nesbitt, Kristina Groves, Clara Hughes, Denny Morrison, Jeremy Wotherspoon, and of course Cindy Klassen. Although Cindy has struggled this year due to an injury, as Canada's most decorated Olympian, don't count her out.

In **Short Track** (our beloved sport), there is also a long list of countries who could spoil Canada's medal haul. On the Men's side, Korea is the country to watch with Jung-Su Lee ranked #1 in the World, but Canada's Charles Hamelin is ranked #2 overall. Charles is the reigning 500m World Champion and holds the 1000m World record. Other notable Canadians are Francois-Louis Tremblay, & Francois Hamelin (Charles brother). Apolo Anton Ohno and the U.S. team is always a threat as well. Also look to the Canadian Men to bring back a medal in the 5000m relay and hopefully topple the Koreans from their top spot.

On the Women's side Meng Wang and her teammate Yang Zhou, from China are ranked #1 and #2 in the World. Canada's women are not ranked as high as the men, but watch out for Kalyna Roberge, Marianne St-Gelais, and Jessica Gregg who have done especially well in the 500m this year. The Koreans and the U.S. are ranked ahead of the Canadian Ladies in the 3000m relay, but we're on home ice and anything can happen in short track and often does.

P.S. We may try to get together during the Olympics to cheer our skaters on, but we'll pass the word if we do.

Skating Schedule

FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP

Jan 21 No Practice at the Gray Arena

Jan 23-24 Eastern Canadians
Dartmouth, NS
• coach Neill plans to attend

Feb 6 Hampton Meet
Hampton, NB

Feb 13-14 Codiac Cyclone Meet
Dieppe, NB
• coach Neill plans to attend

Feb 27-28 St. Croix Meet
St. Andrews, NB

Mar 13-14 Tail Ender
Fredericton, NB
• coach Neill plans to attend

NOTE – We DO NOT have ice time the week of March Break (March 15 – 19)

Mar 26-28 National Age Class Championship
Campbellton, NB
• coach Neill plans to attend

Last Day for skating: Thursday March 25th

In the News!!

Speed skating will be featured in an article on the Coast on January 17th. Our own Coach Neill has been interviewed!!



Thanks to the great efforts of the Losiers, we wish to acknowledge 2 corporate sponsors:
Blue Nose II Restaurant \$250
Cora's Breakfast Café \$1000
Note that these sponsorship funds are to be used directly for our club and are not required to cover costs of the meet!!

FUNDSCRIP

This very easy and convenient opportunity will be on-going throughout the year. You won't believe how quickly regular shopping will add up to \$\$ that can be used to offset skating fees!! For details on how to get involved please contact Karen Davis at 434 5443 or greg.davis@ns.sympatico.ca



Tickets sell for \$2.00 each and come in books of ten. From each ticket sold, your group gets \$1.50!! Ticket sales must be completed by February 26th and all tickets and cash submitted to Christina by: March 1st