

# Brentwood Sports & Recreation

## Brentwood Skating Club

On December 5, our skating club put on a delightful performance of *The Night Before Xmas* at the Olympic Plaza following the Santa Clause parade. Many thanks to artistic director Alison Bonney-Gregson, assistants Janna Pantella and Cindy Bourne and the parents who created the wonderful costumes and props. A repeat performance was held at the Sportsplex on December 13 along with a presentation by Canskate. Congratulations to all the skaters who faithfully attended the extra practices and worked so hard to make this a success.

We are always very proud of our skaters who participate in competitions. Congratulations to Lindsay Postma and Lillian Lim who recently competed at the provincial level and placed sixth and third respectively. Lillian also placed twelfth at the Western Divisionals.

The following skaters were successful in the November test session:

Cara Au-Novice competitive freeskate, skills 5

Kristen Au-Starlight

Katie Berry-skills 4

Rachel Gabel-skills 2

Viennese Waltz; Sydney Gyles-Ten Fox

Jessica Lombardo-Baby Blues, Fiesta Tango

Amanda Lombardo-Fourteen Step

Nicole Lombardo-skills 5, Keats

Sarah Lin-Keats; Stephanie Merkel-Killian

Janna Pantella-Quickstep

Stacey Scharf-Canasta

Melissa Wolfe-skills 4;

Liane Veitch-Dutch Waltz, Canasta, Baby Blues

Skaters are working hard preparing for the January test session and the Crowchild Competition in February-Watch for those results in the next newsletter.



## Grassroots

Groundhog Day is February second. Will the Richardson's Ground Squirrels on Nose Hill (or in some athletic fields!) see their shadows? How much longer for this winter season? Our local snowshoe hare has been leaving his(?) footprints in the snow in Brentwood Heights. Early dog-walkers and Simon Fraser students often meet this friendly fellow during their pre-dawn treks.

Many, many thanks to Brentwood residents Laura Jones, Andrew Burrows and Marshall Ouellet who responded with New Year's fervor to my January Bugle article regarding Nose Hill. Each has offered their services to the community regarding Nose Hill, and have been put in touch with Kirk Osadetz. Kirk is currently representing us at a series of workshops related to pathway management in Nose Hill Park. Denis La Freniere is heading up this project for Calgary Parks and Recreation. Should you have any insights, inspiration or ideas regarding pathway use, please make your voices heard through Kirk.

Grassroots NW is looking into recycling "initiatives" in the schools. How, and what are the schools doing and who is doing it? Students, staff, volunteers? If the people who are currently doing the work stop doing it, will the work still get done? Watch this column for eventual survey results.

## Elsewhere:

While living in Cambridge, England last year we made use of the local recycling depots, including those for used corks and clean, used foil, and paperback books. Seemed like a great reuse of materials. Would anyone like to look into whether any of these recycling initiatives would work in Calgary? I've also heard corks compost well. After all, cork is bark.

*Questions, comments?*

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*Environmentally yours,*

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