



AASSA Awards



We are very pleased to announce the winners of the 2017-2018 Alberta Speed Skating Awards, as follows:

- Mike Heitman Memorial Award for outstanding volunteerism:
 - Jules and Michelle Chabot of Edmonton (photo below)
- Kevin Sirois Memorial Award for LT Athletes: Anna Bourgeois (above 3rd left)
- Bruce Jones Memorial Award for ST Athletes: Anneke Pederson (left)

Results-Based Athlete Awards (top ranked, per AASSA criteria):

- Senior Long Track: Brianne Tutt (above 3rd right) and Ted-Jan Bloemen
- Senior Short Track: Marika Nadal (2nd right) and Keil Hillis
- Junior Long Track: Brooklyn McDougall and Kaleb Muller (centre)
- Junior Short Track: Hee Won Son (2nd left) and Brendan Yamada (right)

See our web page for award details and our Facebook Album for more photos



AGM Weekend Update

We had a great set of sessions in addition to the AASSA Awards dinner and the formal AGM in Red Deer last weekend. Thank you to the Red Deer Club for hosting us, and in particular, to Doug and Lisa Spicer of Red Deer and Rhona Hathaway of the Medicine Hat Club for your hours of attention to making this a great weekend! Thanks also to all the AGM Weekend participants at the AGM sessions and the camp.

A highlight for many participants was getting a look at the RDLSSC's beautiful new outdoor oval venue at Setter's Place which will (hopefully!) be the setting of many good long track races at the February 2019 Canada Winter Games! (See the Facebook album)

AASSA would like to sincerely thank and acknowledge our **outgoing Board Members** for all their great efforts the past few years: Liz Offin, Secretary-Treasurer, Stephanie Dodyk, VP Club and Membership Development, Jason Thomas, VP Skater Development and Doug Spicer, Director at Large. Thank you!!

Thank you also to the **2018-2019 AASSA Board Team**, in addition to Mike Marshall, Technical Director:

- President: Nicole Cooney (term ends in 2019)
- Secretary-Treasurer: Michelle Chabot (new)
- Vice-President, Club & Membership Development: Yuriko Boyce (new)
- Vice-President, Skater Development: Marc Poulin (new)
- Vice-President, Officials Development: Henry Thriscutt (term ends in 2019)
- Vice-President, Communications: Kristine Pederson (term ends in 2019)
- Director at Large: Rhona Hathaway (new)

AGM reports are posted on our web site, and we will update a few more items soon. The financial reports are interim, and we will be doing another report for the end of September, after the Board and our internal reviewers, Josie Daube and Luc Cote, have provided some feedback. If you have any questions or comments about these items, contact president@aassa.ca.

Speed Skating Canada:

- The SSC AGM is going to be in Calgary June 14-16; if you are interested in attending, please contact info@aassa.ca in the next few days and we can see if late-registrants are still permitted.
- The new SSC membership and affiliate system (MAS, replacing MMS) is being launched in June; [click here to be directed to the AASSA web site for updates](#)
 - Clubs need to assign a primary contact for MAS.
 - Kristine Pederson will be the primary Alberta contact for the SSC MAS
 - AASSA will be training 3-5 power users initially, and this team will assist others. The first training session will be on June 7th.

The national and development teams have not yet been announced.

Thank You & Congratulations!

... to these AASSA Officials on their SSC upgrades:

Marc Poulin to Level 3A Starter

Michelle Chabot to Level 3 Recorder

Louise McKellar to Level 3 Timer



More Skater Stuff

Alberta Speed Skating Assigns 2019 CWG Staff

After a competitive process that included reviewing a wide range of good applications, AASSA has assigned the following Alberta Staff for the 2019 CWG:

- Long Track:
 - Mike Ireland, Coach; Danielle Wotherspoon Gregg, Manager
- Short Track:
 - Cristina Lazarescu, Coach; Dustin Miller, Manager

Canmore Summer Camp, July 8-13

- We still have some spaces for athletes! [Click here to be directed to the registration page.](#)
- We are also looking for some volunteer Camp Cooks and anyone who might be available to help shop for groceries and transport the groceries to the camp. Normally we have two camp cooks, but we could split the work among several more volunteers. Contact info@aassa.ca

Olympic Oval Ice

- The ice should be in by or before July 30, 2018
- Summer Speed has been cancelled and there has been an adjustment to Oval ST Stage 1 summer programming (moved to Winsport) and some of the planned Oval LT Stage 1 summer programming has been moved to August.
- See oval.ucalgary.ca for more information

Alberta Competitions Schedule

- Is still being determined

Alberta Provincial Team List

- [Click here to be directed to the PT list for 2018-2019](#)
- PT handbooks, with forms, will be distributed soon
- Athletes and/or Family members and friends should contribute as volunteers for our major fundraiser, the Elbow River Casino on August 19-20. [Click here for more Casino information.](#)

Skater Personal Best Database

- Tanveer Virani of CSSA has been working with AASSA and Sharon Zorman to create a more interactive Personal Best ST database. The prototype is hosted on the CSSA web site and you can link to it on the AASSA Personal Bests page ([click here](#))

- The database does not have detailed information for national junior and senior ST competitions yet, but we will be tidying up the 2017-2018 season shortly.
- Send your feedback to info@aassa.ca

Thank you Tanveer! And, thank you, Sharon for all your long-term support of speed skating in Alberta and in Canada!

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