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AB Speed Skating Summer 2017 eNews

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Updates

- The **Alberta Speed Skating Canmore Summer Camp** was another great success. Thanks to Ryan Hickman and Tamara Oudenaarden for dedicating the week to coaching our young athletes, as well as Daniela Bere and Michelle Hodder for providing sustenance to the hard-working athletes and volunteers!

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- Congratulations to long-time official and volunteer, [Dave Thomson](#) of Calgary for being awarded the SSC Guy-Marcoux Officials Mentor Award. This award is presented to an individual who has made contributions to the sport of speed skating in the development of officials, and who demonstrates excellence in mentoring, has been outstanding in supporting, encouraging, and promoting the professional and personal development of speed skating officials. Well-deserved, Dave!
- Working with the new SSC President, [Cathy Priestner Allinger](#), the SSC Board (including Blair Carbert) and SSC CEO, Susan Auch, [Shawn Holman](#) has been appointed the new Chief Sport Officer (SCO) position. Shawn will be the lead Speed Skating Canada staff responsible for both the domestic development of the sport, and the ongoing leadership of a world-leading High-Performance program. He will start in his new role on August 21, 2017.
- Danielle Gelineau has moved on to new opportunities and will no longer be supporting the SSC Membership database work (MMS). If you have any questions about membership, please contact Stephanie through membership@aassa.ca

Clubs, Officials and Volunteers

Registration season is upon us! Let us know if we can help with this process: membership@aassa.ca.

Alberta Speed Skating Promotional Posters are available at:
<http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/30-clubs/151-promotional-posters>

11th Annual Labour Day Weekend Speed Skating Camp

- Hosted by the Banff-Canmore SSC, Saturday, September 2nd to Monday, September 4th, 2017, Canmore Recreation Centre, Canmore, AB
- A camp that is targeted at developing sound fundamentals, giving the skaters a solid base to build their season from; new or experienced skaters are welcome. Skaters will be divided into two groups based on ability. Each group will have two, 1 hour 15 minutes on-ice sessions per day. There will be daily off ice and classroom sessions.
- \$175 per skater; for families registering more than one skater, \$150 per additional skater(s).
- Cheques payable to B/CSSC. Registration deadline is August 28th.
- Contact: Ian Mellors, ianmellors@shaw.ca

Volunteers Needed!

Keep an eye on the skating schedule for your community and across Alberta. There are lots of meets coming up this Autumn and Winter, including local, provincial, national and one international meet - the LT World Cup #3, Dec. 1-3 in Calgary.

Courtesy Notice: Special Offer for Alberta Speed Skating Clubs

PinPowerPlus is offering free shipping for AASSA-associated Club Members for patches, pins, medals and lanyards (minimum order, 100). Contact: 403.475.0939 or info@pinpowerplus.com for more information.

Spotlight on Alberta Speed Skaters



We hope all Alberta Speed Skaters (and parents/supporters!) are having a great summer, taking advantage of the warm weather and feeling positive going into the new 2017-2018 season!

Congratulations to **Kaleb Muller** (in the photo, above, by Staci Muller) who represented Alberta at the Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg, competing in the Mountain Biking event! Kaleb also represented Alberta in the 2015 Canada Winter Games in short-track speed skating.

The **Alberta Speed Skating High Performance Program** athletes have been back on ice with coaches Mike Ireland and Mike Marshall since June, and they have also taken advantage of the summer weather to train outside in our beautiful region. The group is currently completing a focussed training camp in Penticton, before getting ready for the Autumn routine and competitions.

The **Alberta Provincial Team** list, criteria and the Code of Conduct Form are on the Alberta Speed Skating web site. If you are a team member and have not yet filled out your Code of Conduct Form, please do so before the end of August.
<http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/skaters/skaters-resources>

Canada's Olympic Short Track Team Selections

The main spots on Canada's Short Track team for the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games will be decided in Montreal over the next ten days, through a cumulative, earned-points system. A total of 16 men and 16 women will compete for these spots on August 12, 13, 16, 18 and 20. The competition will be webstreamed live on these web platforms: Canada's Olympic Network CBC/Radio-Canada online at cbcspports.ca and ici.radio-canada.ca/sports, and also on Speed Skating Canada's Facebook page (facebook.com/SSC.PVC).

We wish [Sasha Fathoullin](#) all the best in his come-back efforts at the Olympic Selections, along with other familiar Calgary-trained skaters -- Jamie McDonald, Keegan Christ, Alison Desmarais, Jamie Lee and Courtenay Shmyr. Some of the up-and-coming Alberta Provincial Short Track Team members have been invited to attend a parallel training camp at the National Training Centre in Montreal over the next ten days and they will be in person at the Olympic selections to cheer on all the skaters.

The [Olympic Long Track Team selections](#) will happen in Calgary Jan. 4-9, 2018, in conjunction with Canada Cup #2.



Photo: AB Speed Skating HPP athletes enjoying training in the Rocky Mountains with Coach Mike Ireland.

Contact Mike Marshall, Technical Director, if you have any questions or suggestions: technicaldirector@aassa.ca

Suggestions and Feedback?

We are currently updating our communication channels. We would appreciate feedback and suggestions on style, content, timing, etc., for the web site, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, eNews, etc. Contact Kristine via communication@aassa.ca

Volunteer / Officials Training - please also let us know what you might need for officials training or other equipment, coaching needs for the upcoming season, via info@aassa.ca.

Upcoming Events Schedule

August 2017

- ST SDS #3, Olympic Oval, Calgary, Aug. 19th
- LT Summer Classic, Olympic Oval, Aug. 25th-27th

September 2017

- Labour Day Weekend Speed Skating Camp, Sept. 2nd-4th, Canmore, AB
- LT Time Trials, Olympic Oval, Sept. 9th
- LT Fall Classic, Olympic Oval, Sept. 22nd-24th
- ST Western Elite Circuit #1 / Oktoberfest, Olympic Oval, Sept. 29th-Oct. 1st

October 2017

- LT Time Trials, Oct. 7th, Olympic Oval
- ST Ellis Edge Camp, Oct. 7th-8th, Canmore
- LT Fall World Cup Selections, Oct. 19th-22nd, Olympic Oval
- ST Medicine Hat Meet (all ages), Oct. 21st to 22nd, Medicine Hat
- ST Inter-Continental Invitational, Olympic Oval, Oct. 27th-29th

November 2017

- ST Canadian Open National Qualifier, Olympic Oval, Nov. 2nd-5th
- ST Peace River Meet (all ages), Nov. 4th
- ST Red Deer Meet (all ages), Nov. 4th
- ST AB T2T Single Distance Championships (CanWest Qualifier #1), Edmonton, Nov. 10th-12th
- LT CanAm Meet, Olympic Oval, Nov. 17th-19th
- ST Peace Wapiti Meet (all ages), Nov. 25th
- ST Rocky Mountain House (all ages), Nov. 25th
- LT Time Trials, Olympic Oval, Nov. 25th-26th

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