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## Welcome to Autumn! eNews & Updates

Here are some news highlights. Click on [underlined text](#) to access web links.

### Updates

Thanks Everyone for celebrating Coaches Week in September!

The family of [Tom O'Connor](#), long-time AB coach and official, would like to thank the skating community for their kind thoughts on the sudden passing of Tom. They would also like to invite friends to celebrate Tom's life, and perhaps help roast him a bit (as he would want it!) at a memorial service on Friday, Oct. 7th at 7pm at the [Village Park Inn in Calgary](#). If you'd like to attend, please indicate your intention to do so by emailing: [toconnormemorial@gmail.com](mailto:toconnormemorial@gmail.com) or through <https://www.facebook.com/events/176849589424473/>

If you would like to send a message to be read at the service, also direct it to one of these contact points. Thanks again!



*(above) Tom at the 2015 Canada Winter Games in Prince George*

**Skate Blade Safety:** Speed Skating Canada has released a reminder about skate blade safety that is available on the AB Speed Skating web site, under [Coaches Resources](#). If you have any questions about this, contact Mike Marshall, AB Speed Skating Technical Director ([technicaldirector@aassa.ca](mailto:technicaldirector@aassa.ca)).

**Transfer of Coaching Qualifications** Update is available on our web site under [Coaches Resources](#).

**ISU Short Track World Cup in Calgary!** <http://www.speedskating.ca/calgary2016>

Tickets for the November 4-6, 2016 in Calgary are on sale online [via this link](#). Some of the World Cup teams are already training in Calgary, and we've had sightings of several Canadian National Team Members at the Olympic Oval lately too!

Volunteers are still needed for the November World Cup in Calgary. The sign-up sheet is available here: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/LCY3R>.

## Spotlight on Clubs

ISU Short Track **World Cup Medal Presentation Contest** for 8 to 12 year old AB speed skaters is open until Oct. 15th -- send your entries to [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca)! More information: <http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/27-eneews/154-medal-presentation-contest>

Don't forget that AASSA has some promotional posters that may be useful in your recruitment and event efforts: check out our new poster images online at [this link on the AB Speed Skating Website](#).

We know clubs are registering skaters on the new Speed Skating Canada MMS system. If you have challenges, let us know: [membership@aassa.ca](mailto:membership@aassa.ca) or [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca).

## Spotlight on Alberta Speed Skaters

**Ted-Jan Bloemen**, one of our AB skaters on the National Long Track Team and current 10,000m world record holder, has had a great start to his season by setting a **new 5000m Men's National Record** on Sept. 26th at the Olympic Oval during the Fall Classic event. Congratulations Ted-Jan and best of luck to all our skaters as they move into the regular competitions season! [Click here for details](#).

### Upcoming Events for Club Skaters:

- Peace River Ability Meet, Oct. 22nd
- Canmore Team Challenge, Oct. 22nd
- Medicine Hat Speed Skating Club Ability Meet, Oct. 29-30th
  - registration deadline for Clubs to submit registrations is Oct. 23; individual skater registrations through your home club are likely due earlier.
- Rocky Mountain House Ability Meet, Nov. 5th

Qualifying Bulletins regarding skater qualification for **CanWest** Short Track (Saskatoon, March 2017) and the Canadian Age Class Long Track (**CACLT**) (Edmonton, Feb. 2017) competitions is available here: <http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/coaches/coaches-resources>

\*\* For more information about club and national speed skating events: <http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/events/event-schedule> and [info@aassa.ca](mailto:info@aassa.ca)

Reminder: the 2016-2017 Alberta Provincial Team (PT) Skater list is [posted on our web site, under Skater Resources](#). The document includes PT, Development Team as well as our elite National Team Members.

Contact Mike Marshall, Technical Director, if you have any questions or suggestions: [technicaldirector@aassa.ca](mailto:technicaldirector@aassa.ca).

*Looking for Club Skater News!*

*Send some along to us; photos are great too!*

## Spotlight on Officials and Volunteers

Reminder: AB Speed Skating is hosting a Level 3 Starters Clinic in Calgary in conjunction with Oktoberfest / WEC #1, October 14-16, 2016. [Register online](#).

The updated Officials Bulletin is now available [on the website](#).

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