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Updates

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the skaters, family, officials and friends who volunteered for the Dec. 26/27 casinos!!! This is our major fundraiser for this and next season and the funds directly support speed skating throughout the province. If you weren't able to help with this one, look for other opportunities in your local community to promote and support our wonderful sport!

[National Skating Day is tomorrow, January 21, 2017!](#) If you're in Calgary, you can skate for free at the Olympic Oval from 2-10pm. Enjoy the nice weather outside in other locations!

[Save the Date!](#) AB Speed Skating Annual General Meeting, Calgary, May 27-28th; details to follow.

Special congratulations and good luck to Olympic Oval Coach Alan (Al) McIlveen who will be one of the Canadian coaches at the World Jr. ST Championships in Austria next week; Al's Oval-trained skater, Marco Schumann (SK) earned one of the 4 spots on the men's team. Go Canada! You can view the competition through ISU web streaming.



Spotlight on Clubs

Awesome work on all of the recent and upcoming meets throughout the province! At the recent AB Open LT Meet, hosted by the Calgary Speed Skating Association, and the Olympic Oval, organizers say a conservative estimate is 1200 hours of volunteer time for 252 jobs by 132 individuals to several hundred L2T, T2T, Jr, Sr and Masters skaters from AB, SK, BC, MB, Alaska.

Thanks to the Peace Wapiti Speed Skating Club for hosting Mike Marshall, Technical Director, at a clinic this weekend in Grande Prairie!

We're about mid-way through the speed skating season -- keep up the great work! Thanks to all the organizers, sponsors and volunteers in speed skating across our beautiful province! That includes getting the ice prepped and helping the kids run off some steam outside in the recent very cold temperatures! Photo courtesy of Lloydminster Border Blades.



Spotlight on Alberta Speed Skaters

Congratulations to Alberta Skaters on their great efforts over the last while -- lots of PBs, gritty races and fun moments across the province and beyond. Many short track results and personal bests are available on the Alberta Speed Skating web site <http://www.albertaspeedskating.ca/> . Alberta Open LT results and all officially sanctioned LT meets can be accessed at <http://speedskatingresults.com> .

Quite a few AB skaters gained great experience competing at the ST Western Elite Circuit competition in Richmond, BC last week, including juniors Brendan Yamada finishing 2nd overall in the men's division, Abby Young finishing 4th and Molly Young finishing 6th overall in the Ladies division; full results are posted on the BC Speed Skating Association web site: <http://www.speed-skating.bc.ca/events-and-results/> . We also had senior ST skaters, Keil Hillis and Marika Nadal qualify for and compete strongly at the National Senior ST Championships in Montreal last week; full results available through SSC: <http://www.speedskating.ca/events/national-competitions> .

The LT Canada Cup 2 / Canadian Single Distance Championships were held in Calgary Jan. 3-6th. Alberta skaters had some very strong performances in all divisions, including National Team / AB skaters, Kaylin Irvine, Brianne Tutt and Ted-Jan Bloemen earning SSC team spots for the LT World Single Distance Championships in South Korea, Feb. 9-12th (see ISU web site for live-streaming). Full LT results are available at <http://www.speedskatingresults.com> . Junior results at these recent LT competitions were very promising too, with Hee Won Son earning three podium finishes in the Canada Cup 2 Ladies' sprints while Connor Howe's strong overall efforts rank him 4th place overall going into the Canadian Jr. Championships in Saskatoon, Jan. 27-29th; Matej Pederson, in his first year of Canada Cup eligibility earned a 3rd place finish in

the men's Mass Start race.

Photo: Provincial Team members, Maddie Pearman (silver, left) and Hee Won Son (bronze, right), LT Canada Cup 2, with Calgary-trained Alexandra Ianculescu (centre; competes for Romania)



Special mention and good luck to Edmonton Speed Skating Association skater, and former AB provincial team skater, Cheyenne Goh, now competing for her birth country of Singapore and who will be racing at the World Jr. ST Championships in Innsbruck, Austria on Jan. 27-29th, and at the Asian Winter Games in Japan in February. Go Cheyenne!

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

Spotlight on Officials and Volunteers

Showcasing their renewed facility, the Edmonton Speed Skating Association is hosting Long Track competitions again for the first time in several decades beginning with a practice round this weekend and leading to the Canadian Age Class LT Championships Feb. 4-5th at Victoria Park Oval. Many AB officials and coaches and other volunteers will be helping with this meet. If you would like to help ESSA with CACLT, contact essa.speedskating@gmail.com. Come out and cheer on the many AB skaters who will be competing in this national event! (and send us your photos!)

AB Speed Skating meet information and results are available on our web site [at this link](#) and the Olympic Oval-managed events schedule is [at this link](#).

(Selected) Upcoming Meets and Events in Alberta:

January 2017:

- National Skating Day, Jan. 21st; free skating 2-10pm at the Olympic Oval in Calgary; other events happening across the province / check local news
- Edmonton Long Track Meet, Jan. 21st
- AB 2017 Long Track Camp, Edmonton, Jan. 22nd
- Red Deer Long Track Meet, Jan. 28-29th

February 2017:

- Canadian Age Class LT (CACLT) Championships, Edmonton, Feb. 4-5th
- Lethbridge Short Track Meet, Feb. 11th
- Winter Classic (LT), Calgary, Feb. 10-12th
- Western Elite Circuit (WEC) ST #3 (Winterfest), Calgary, Feb. 16-19th
- ISU World (LT) Sprint Championships, Calgary, Feb. 25-26th, including the

"For the Love of Speed Skating" fundraiser involving AB skaters

March 2017:

- Peace River "Skate the Lake" event, March 4th
- RuFast ST Meet, Calgary, March 4-5th
- Olympic Oval Grand Prix LT meet, Calgary, March 11-12th
- Olympic Oval LT Finale / Canada Cup #4, March 16-19th
- West Edmonton Mall ST Fun Meet, March 25th

Also involving AB skaters:

- Canadian Junior Long Track Championships / Canada Cup #3, Saskatoon, SK, Jan. 27-29th
- Canadian Senior Open Short Track Selection, *recently adjusted location* to Montreal, March 9-12th
- Canadian Jr. ST Selections #2, Trois Rivieres, PQ, March 16-19th
- Canada West T2T ST Championships, Saskatoon, March 18-19th

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