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We're off-to-the-races! eNews & Updates

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

Updates

We're off the Races now! Good luck skaters! Volunteers - come out and help if you can.

- Peace River ST Ability Meet, Oct. 22nd
- Canmore Team Challenge (ST), Oct. 22nd
- Medicine Hat Speed Skating Club ST Ability Meet, Oct. 29-30th
- Rocky Mountain House ST Ability Meet, Nov. 5th
- Edmonton Fall Classic (ST), Nov. 12-13th
 - one of the CanWest Qualifier events
- Grande Prairie / Peace Wapiti ST Meet, Nov. 26th
- Lloydminster Fire on Ice ST Meet, Dec. 3rd

Check out the AB Speed Skating Events page for AB meet registration information.

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](#). Check out some of the practices at the Oval if you're in Calgary.

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

Thank you to clubs and parents for encouraging young skaters to participate in the [World Cup Medal Presenter contest!](#) We'll be reviewing submissions immediately and will contact skaters with details.

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. There were some issues in early-October with the SSC registration system, but things should be working fine now. Let us know if you notice issues or you would like some assistance: membership@aassa.ca or info@aassa.ca.

Photo, below: Calgary Speed Skating Association skaters with National Development Team Member and 2016 World Junior LT Champion, Ben Donnelly; Ben trains in Calgary on the same ice as all these guys!



Spotlight on Alberta Speed Skaters

Congratulations to AB skaters who competed at the recent **Intercontinental Invitational and Western Elite Circuit** short-track events in Calgary! These events included a number of international World Cup team skaters preparing for the Nov. 4-6 World Cup event in Calgary in addition to top out-of-province skaters aiming for the National Qualifier, so AB skaters had some valuable competition experience. AB Provincial Team skaters were also asked to help demo several versions of ST pursuit and mass elimination races for ISU and SSC officials - in consideration of possible new Olympic and world-level race events.

Results are available on the Olympic Oval Competitions web page. The list of eligible ST skaters for the ST National Qualifier in Quebec in November will be available Oct. 31st.

Good luck to all the skaters racing at the **LT Oval Invitational and World Cup trials** happening in Calgary this week (Oct. 20-23); check it out and cheer them on! Or, catch the action on the Olympic Oval Youtube channel.

AB Provincial Team Skaters: see below for a volunteer opportunity.

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

We will be posting skater personal bests on the AB Speed Skating web site soon.

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

Looking for Club Skater News!

Send some along to us; photos are great too!

Spotlight on Officials and Volunteers

Referee Needed: for the December 3, 2016 interclub meet in Dawson Creek. Let us know if you are interested - info@aassa.ca. This is an important meet with AB NW skaters.

Casino Volunteers are needed for Elbow River Casinos on Dec. 26th and 27th in Calgary; proceeds to support AB Speed Skating. This would be a great opportunity for AB Provincial Team skaters (age 18 or older) and/or their family members to meet their PT volunteer commitments. Contact info@aassa.ca for more information. Sign-up Sheet is here: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/PED43> Expenses will be subsidized for out-of-Calgary volunteers. Thanks!

Again -- Volunteers are still needed for the **ISU Short Track World Cup in Calgary**, Nov.

4-6, 2016. Sign up here: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/LCY3R>.

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