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## Welcome to mid-September eNews & Updates

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

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### Updates

A special salute to *Coaches* this week! [#coachesweek](#)  
Take the time to say hi and thank coaches in your lives.



A special thank you to Mike Marshall, AASSA Technical Director, and Brock Miron, AB High Performance LT Coach, and all coaches helping with speed skating in Alberta! We would also like to acknowledge one of Alberta's Club Coaches, hailing from Regina, SK, Keegan Christ on his appointment to the National Short Track Development Team!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of long-time AASSA member and Alberta Club Coach, Tom O'Connor this past week. Tom was also a level 3 referee. He will be remembered fondly by many people across the province.

Check out our Coaches Album on AB Speed Skating's Facebook page, and add more photos if you have some.

Speed Skate Cellar update: We have sold most of our stock to the Olympic Oval's Skate Shop, with proceeds supporting speed skating in Alberta. We will update you on plans for dispersing the remainder of the stock soon. Special thanks to Larry Howe of AASSA's Board of Directors for all his work on this transition!

ISU Short Track World Cup Tickets for the November 4-6, 2016 in Calgary are now on sale. Ticket sales are available online [via this link](#). The action will be amazing!

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## Spotlight on Clubs

Registrations are underway! Let us know if you need help with MMS.

Promotional posters may be useful in your efforts: check out our new poster images online at [this link on the AB Speed Skating Website](#). Special thanks to AB PT Skater-Alumnus, Paul Cooney for his technical assistance with this project!

Hearty Congratulations go out to the Lloydminster Border Blades Club on [their new clubhouse](#) for changing, warming up, and for storage at the Husky Energy Speed Skating Oval - a joint project with Kidsport and the City. Nice work Charmaine Stephens and all!

## Spotlight on Alberta Speed Skaters

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.

Attention Skaters, ages 8-12: there is an exciting contest opportunity for you to present World Cup medals at the upcoming ISU Short Track World Cup meet in Calgary in November. Check out the [video contest details online](#).

We are now able to confirm that Sasha Fathoullin has been confirmed to the National Short Track team -- congratulations Sasha! We're hoping to see Sasha race at the Calgary World Cup in November; the racers will be chosen by the end of September.

Kirsti Lay, former PT and National Team Speed Skater, competed at the Rio Summer Olympics, earning a Bronze medal in the Women's Team Pursuit cycling event, along with the daughter of Calgary Olympic Oval's Dawn Brown, Laura Brown -- well done, ladies!

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](#).

AB Sport Connection has a [Board Vacancy](#); nominations close on Oct. 3, 2016.

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