

Local Skater Earns Invite to Seminar

Rideau Skaters Have Busy Summer, and Look Forward to a Great Season



Emily Wildey, a young Manotick resident who represents the Rideau Skating Club, recently participated in a Youth Camp hosted by the Eastern Ontario Section held in Napanee on September 9th and 10th.

The annual seminar gathers together talented young skaters who are selected based on their competition performances throughout the year, as well as monitoring by EOS Skater Development. Emily had a strong skate at the Central Ontario Summer Competition held in Thornhill in August, placing 4th in her Juvenile Ladies flight, which earned her an invite to the Youth Camp.

The seminar was instructed by Michelle Leigh of the Mariposa School of Skating who along with her husband Doug Leigh has coached many international, world, and Olympic medalists. The kids had an opportunity to see the new Dartfish technology demonstrated by Michelle, which allows skaters to see on-screen their own skating, and provides frame by frame comparison and analysis to help them develop strong technique.

Emily has been coached by Katrina Millard since she moved from CanSkate to private lessons five years ago. Millard says Emily is a very committed skater, “she trains over 15 hours a week and is very dedicated to her sport”.

Several Rideau skaters were busy training this summer, with many of them competing at Minto Summer Skate in Ottawa and COS Summer Competition held in Thornhill. Those attending summer competitions include Teal Mackintosh, Michelle Massart, Emily Wildey, Shaylynn Nault, Breanne Stewart, Rachel McMahon, Samantha Glavine, and Andrew Wildey.

The Rideau Skating Club has sessions 6 days a week and runs programs for all levels and ages at the Manotick Arena and the Fred Barrett Arena in Leitrim. The StarSkate (test/recreational) and Competitive programs got underway September 9th, with the Learn to Skate programs (Skate Canada’s national CanSkate program) starting September 25.

For more information on the Club or to register please see www.rideauskating.com or call (613) 692 -2804.