

## Rideau brings home two medals from Sectional Championship

This year the Rideau Skating Club had seven skaters meeting the qualifications to compete at the Eastern Ontario Sectional Championships held at the Nepean Sportsplex from November 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. This is Rideau's largest Sectional Team in recent history, and is a great achievement for the Club as they continue to build their Competitive Program. These skaters have to be very dedicated to their sport and train many hours a week throughout the year, to be able to compete in the Competitive Stream. Sectionals are the qualifying event for competitive skaters in Eastern Ontario, the first step to Eastern Challenge and/or Nationals.

In freeskate, Teal Mackintosh, 15, who is coached by Jan Calnan, represented Rideau in Novice Ladies. This was Teal's first year in Novice having competed twice before for Rideau at the Pre-Novice level. Michelle Massart, 13, headed to Sectionals for the first time, competing at the Pre-Novice level. Representing Rideau in Juvenile Ladies was Emily Wildey, 12. This was Emily's second trip to Sectionals having competed last year in Pre-Juvenile. Breanne Stewart, 11, skated in Pre-Juvenile, the first rung on the Sectionals ladder, as she competed at her first Sectionals. Michelle, Emily and Breanne are coached by Katrina Millard and Darryl VanLuven.

The club also had three skaters competing in Pre-Juvenile Dance, and all three came home with a medal. Rachel McMahon, 13, and partner Tanner White, 14, from the Nepean Skating Club brought home the silver medal. Rachel and Tanner, coached by Darryl VanLuven, are a new partnership and have been training together for six months in preparation for their first trip to Sectionals. Samantha Glavine and Andrew Wildey, both 9, brought home the bronze. This was also their first trip to Sectionals. They have been a dance team for nearly two years and are the youngest skaters the Club has sent to Sectionals. They are coached by Darryl VanLuven and Katrina Millard.

Congratulations to all the skaters...



The Rideau Skating Club had a Special Sectionals Send-Off Party at Kelly's Welcome to show their support for the skaters. Sectional Skaters: Rachel, Michelle, Tanner, Emily, Samantha and Andrew, with Breanne and Teal seated in front.