

Annual General Meeting, June 7, 2025

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Special Events Report

1. Overview

Over the past season, the club organized a variety of successful special events aimed at fostering community, highlighting our skaters' talents, and supporting our fundraising efforts. Key events included our annual Fun Day, Shiverfest, Performance Day, and others.

2. Event Highlights

Used Skate Sale

- **Date & Location:** September 21, 2024 – Manotick Arena
- **Purpose:** This event allowed members to buy and sell gently used skates and gear, helping families save on costs while promoting sustainability. The club raised a total of \$160 with donated items.

RSC Performance Day

Two Performance Days were successfully held during the season.

- **Date & Location:** November 12, 2024 & March 5, 2025 – Fred Barrett Arena
- **Purpose:** To provide skaters with a low-pressure opportunity to perform their routines, build confidence, and showcase their progress to family and friends.
- **Participation:** Over 30 performances by StarSkaters

Kiwanis Parade of Lights

- **Date:** November 29, 2025
- **Purpose:** To promote the club within the community, celebrate the holiday season, and increase public awareness and interest in our programs.
- **Participation:** Over 30 skaters and families helped and participated

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- **Date:** February 7, 2025
- **Purpose:** To showcase our skaters' talents in a community-friendly event that encourages local engagement and celebrates the club's spirit.

- **Participation:** 20 Star-level skaters performed their routines, while 6 Star 1 skaters gave a demonstration. A lot of people gathered in the stands to watch the performances.

Rideau Hall Winter Celebration / Greely Winter Carnival

- **Date:** February 1, 2025
- **Purpose:** To showcase our club's talent, promote figure skating, and engage the community by raising awareness of our programs in both prestigious and festive outdoor settings.
- **Participation:** Over 40 participants took part in these outdoor events despite temperatures dropping down to -25°C. A highlight included one of our skaters performing in front of the Governor General at Rideau Hall.

Send-off events for competitions

There were 3 send-off events help for

- March 5, 2025 - Adult Championships send off
- March 6, 2025 - Adult Championships send off for Synchro team
- March 19, 2025 - Skate Ontario Provincial Championships Send Off

- **Purpose:** To celebrate and support skaters heading to competitions, boost their morale, and foster team spirit before they represent the club. Club has provided send-off posters and food & drinks for these events.

Fun Day – A full Day event

- **Date:** April 26, 2025 (full day event)
- **Purpose:** To provide skaters with a fun and inclusive environment to showcase their skills through individual and group performances, while fostering team spirit and friendly competition. A donation-based used skating costume sale was held, raising just over \$300 for the club. A professional photographer captured beautiful images during the event, which will be valuable for the club's future promotions and marketing efforts.

3. Impact

Consistency of events throughout the year helped strengthen club spirit, increase member engagement, and maintain a strong presence in the community. These events offered meaningful opportunities for skater development, family involvement, and promotion of the club's programs.

4. Acknowledgments

The success of this season would not have been possible without the incredible dedication of our volunteers and coaches. From organizing and coordinating events to offering time, energy, and support at every level, our volunteers played a vital role in building a strong, connected club community.

A heartfelt thank-you also goes to our coaches, whose passion, guidance, and commitment to our skaters' growth and success have been truly invaluable. Their leadership both on and off the ice continues to inspire and elevate our athletes.

To every individual who contributed their time and effort, thank you for making this season memorable and meaningful.

5. Looking Ahead

Next season marks an exciting milestone, our club's 50th anniversary! Plans are already underway to celebrate this special occasion with a commemorative ice show and a formal sit-down banquet. These events will honor the club's rich history, showcase the talents of our current skaters, and bring together past and present members to celebrate five decades of community, growth, and achievement.

We look forward to a memorable season filled with celebration, reflection, and continued success, made possible by the ongoing support of our members, families, coaches, and volunteers.