



VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION | Coaches Committee

September 2017

In July, Judy Burwash and Kelly Cruickshank put together a coach technical update for the members of the VI Coaches Committee. As Kelly was summoned to Manitoba, Judy presented both the STAR and Competitive rule updates and review and did so masterfully.



Coaches at the July Update Clinic in Duncan. Clubs represented by coaches from Saanich, Juan de Fuca, Sandy Shores, Nanaimo, Peninsula, Duncan, Lake Cowichan, Gold River, Campbell River and Racquet Club. Missing from picture: Brenda Charity, Barb Turner, Heather Fraser and Rae Anne Hesketh.

This month, the first group of Honorary Life Members were announced. These are coaches that have significantly contributed to Island skating during their careers and have helped shape skating in BC and throughout Canada. These honorary memberships will include updates on upcoming Region events, organized social events and other perks that these coaches so rightly deserve. The first group of members announced were: Marilyn Barlow, Linda Gilmour, Dolores Troyer, Sid Turner, Gayle Wallach, Jean Westwood and Ron Vincent. Mr. Vincent was recently announced to be inducted to the Skate Canada Hall of Fame in Vancouver during January's Nationals Championships.

The Coaches Committee membership dues of 30.00 are now due and the existing coaches on the committee have been notified. If you have any coaches that have not been a part of the committee, please encourage them to do so. This year will have extra educational perks included. If your club can afford to do so, offering to pay for your coaches is an inexpensive way to show extra gratitude for their hard work. Membership includes ongoing educational benefits, access to food rooms at all Island competitions and email updates throughout the year.

A reminder that all coaches should have completed the STAR 1-5 assessor training. Please follow up with coaches to make sure they have completed the online training and are prepared for this year. Also, coaches need to update their accreditation cards for this season through Courtney at the BC/YK Section office. Cards are 5.00 or 10.00 with a lanyard and pouch. Coaches without a card will be required to purchase a temporary pass for 25.00 per competition.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Willis

Chair

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