

VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION - DATA SPECIALIST'S REPORT -
September 2016

It's been a glorious summer filled with good weather, good friends and lots of fun. Time to get back to the fall schedule. It's hard to believe the summer is over but, alas, it has happened whether we want it or not.

Karen Mallon and I attended a major update clinic for the computers on August 16th & 17th in Vancouver before BC Summerskate started. The developer of the program came out from Ottawa to assist us with the updates. We worked diligently the afternoon of the 16th and morning of the 17th and updated most of our computers. Darren Wallace helped update the one that was being stubborn so they are all ready for the competition in November. The StarSkate program has had a major revision this year which meant the computer program needed a major change. You may not notice anything different but they have made it much easier for the Data Specialists to input the data more easily. (Hooray!). The November competition will be the test for us so please be patient if it takes a little longer to get results organized.

This season we are again using email for planned program sheets for both VI Interclub and VI Region Championships. These will continue to go to the generic VI Region mail box set up for this purpose. The mailbox again is - viregionskating@gmail.com . This will be in the announcements. PLEASE DO NOT email them to Karen or me directly. Any sent to us directly will be returned to the sender. Each planned program sheet should be **saved as a separate document** and emailed as a individual page. Please do not imaged multiple ones together as one document. This creates a lot of work for the Chief Data Specialist as they must be printed, scanned again and resaved as individual documents. Each document should be save with the skaters name and category e.g. Jane Doe, Star 6 Women FS or James Brown, Star 5 Mens FS. This would be extremely helpful to us when we are sorting them. If you send an update, label it Jane Doe, Star 6 Women FS update1 (in case there is more than 1 update). **All planned program sheets are to be in by the registration deadline.** Updates should be in by the update deadline which is usually the weekend before the competition to allow time to download and merge the forms for the judging sheets.

Our first competition is Vancouver Island Interclub in Parksville, November 18-20, 2016 hosted by Fuller Lake SC. Karen will be Chief Data Specialist and I will be Computer Data Specialist. Our data specialists will be hard at work getting results out in their usual timely manner starting Thursday to get the paperwork ready for the judges.

Our second competition is Vancouver Island Region Championships which will be held in Nanaimo by Nanaimo SC on February 3 - 5, 2016. Gill Greydanus will be Co-Chief Data Specialist with me and Karen will be Computer Data Specialist. This is always a busy competition and we again start on Thursday to get all the paperwork done for Friday.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about being a data specialist or would like to help get the paperwork ready for a competition, call me at 250-474-4825 or email me at wallacek25@gmail.com. I will give you some basic information and arrange for you to do a help us in the data centre.

Respectfully submitted,

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