



SKATECANADA VANCOUVER ISLAND REGION | Skater Development Committee

The Vancouver Island Skater Development Committee met in May of this year in Victoria. The meeting was very productive with new projects and ideas discussed.

One project was the creation of a third seminar on the Island. This seminar will be a competitive seminar aimed at both skater and coach development. Preliminary arrangements have been made and details will be announced in the new year.

Another idea that has come to light is the creation of an incentive bursary. Pending Region approval, this bursary will be accessed through competition scores as well as volunteering at the Super Series Vancouver Island competition. Again, more information will be announced in the coming month.

For development and quality reasons, the September Skater Development Seminar ceased inviting STAR 3 skaters. These skaters will now be a part of the Active Start Development Seminar in November. The November seminar will have more ice time than previous years to accommodate the additional STAR 3 skaters and to ensure program quality.

Elvis Stojko is coming to Parksville for this year's Skater Development Seminar. Elvis is excited to share his jump technique knowledge as well as his passion for the sport. Coaches in attendance will be treated to a lecture on competition mental preparedness as well as a brief Q & A. Judy Burwash has put in more work into this seminar than years past as she has taken on registration, event booking, information distribution, fielding questions, and all food services. From the committee, and the Island, thank you Judy!

Jean Leshures has been nominated and has accepted a position on the VI Skater Development Committee in a coach capacity. We would like to thank Jamie McGrigor for his years of being an integral part of the committee and for all of the important feedback and advice he has given.

Respectfully Submitted,

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