

Mississauga Figure Skating Club



65th Celebrate With Us Anniversary



1950 - 2015

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Message from the President

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**Great skaters
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their PASSION**

Passion and dedication of the Board Members, Coaches and Club's Members is what makes our MFSC a very special place. Special THANK YOU to all Club Volunteers for all their help and support.

Hello there. Hope you are having a great Summer!

On behalf of our MFSC Board of Directors I would like to thank to all our skaters and their families for making the 2014-15 season a great success. Not only did we complete our year well financially, we also were able to rebuild the membership of our Board of Directors. We have many newly elected Board Members and looking forward to a successful 2015-16. However, we are always open and welcome more Volunteers. Each of you can help making your Club even better.

Over the Summer we are very busy working closely

with the City on finalizing the Ice bookings and establishing Program schedules for the Fall and Winter skating season. Over the next few weeks we will be updating our on-line Registration System so that you can start registering your skaters for the Fall and Winter skating sessions. A quick announcement will be sent to the Club Members in a couple of weeks as soon as the on-line Registration System is up and running.

2015-16 skating season will be very exciting for the Club. This is also because MFSC will be celebrating our 65th Anniversary in 2015-16. As a result we are planning many different and exciting events

throughout the skating season, so please stay tuned. In addition the Club has also been granted an opportunity to host Snowflake Competition this year. (Read more on this inside of the Newsletter.) So, as you can see we will be very busy this year and will need extra help with getting more of you to come out and Volunteer to help out and enjoy the festivities.

We are planning to start the Skating season with an **Open House Celebration for the Club on September 12, 2015**. Schedule and details will be posted on our Club's Website very soon as well.

Thank you all again and looking forward to seeing you back at the rink very soon!

MFSC Celebrates 65 Years

IN THE BEGINNING..... there were children who needed a place to skate, so in the **fall of 1949**, a group of interested parents engaged ice time at the newly opened Dixie Arena Gardens to provide

them with figure skating facilities. It proved so successful that in the **fall of 1950** our club officially got its start, becoming affiliated with The Canadian Figure Skating Association under the name of Credit Valley

Skating Club with its Executive being President – Mr. C. R. Hamilton, Vice-Presidents – Mr. H.W. Muter and Mr. J. G. Reid, Secretary – Mr. D. T. Bell and Treasurer – Mrs. J. G. Reid.



MFSC History 1950 — 2015



In the **spring of 1951**, the club presented its first carnival, called “Ice Capers” under the direction of club coaches, Velma Lillicrop and Genneetta Bull. Guest soloists included Paul Bull, Charles Kiel and Pauline Bull of Silver Blades Skating Club; Joan DePass of Oakville Skating Club and Wanda Beasley from the Granite Club. In addition, Paul Bull

of Silver Blades teamed up with Marilyn McFadden of the Granite Club as well as Silver Blades Skating Club performing a Charleston Comedy number. Charles Kiel skated a pair number with Velma Lillicrop, as well as both coaches Genneetta Bull and Velma Lillicrop performing a pair number as Birds of Paradise. “Ice Capers” played to overflow

crowds and the practice of carnivals being presented has continued, with few exceptions, every other year throughout the club’s history.

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As the Club Grew.....

As the club grew additional ice time was secured at Cawthra Park and Huron Park Arenas and our skaters skated out of all three arenas until ice time was available at the Burnhamthorpe (Chic Murray) Arena built in 1973. Dixie Arena Gardens remained the club’s “Home” with additional ice time at Burnhamthorpe until Dixie’s demise as an arena in 1986, a long time calling it “Home” and a very nostalgic era for all those involved with the club for so many years; but all good things must come to an end. When Dixie Arena closed its doors, the club, while never really considering it “Home” as such secured most of their ice time at The

Mississauga Valleys Arena built in 1975, retaining ice at Burnhamthorpe Arena and securing additional ice time at Erin Mills Twin Rinks, once again finding themselves spread over three arenas. With time comes patience, and when Tomken Twin Rinks was built in 1991, a “new Home” for the club became a reality with additional ice time retained at The Mississauga Valleys Arena. When the new facilities were erected at Iceland in 1996, the club replaced its ice time at Mississauga Valleys with ice time at Iceland, with Tomken Twin Rinks remaining our “Home”, the two arenas provide all our ice requirements today.





Snowflake 2016



This season, the **2016 Snowflake Skate Competition** will be hosted by Mississauga Figure Skating Club, together with Skate Canada Central Ontario and held on **January 9th, 2016 at Tomken Arena**. This is an annual even that typically draws skaters and their families from the greater western Toronto area, including Oakville, Mississauga, West Toronto and Woodbridge.

We anticipate the participation of over 500 skaters and with them, their coaches, families, friends and officials. A competition of this calibre is not only an opportunity to celebrate our local figure skating talent, but also to strengthen our community. Please come out and show your support!

MFSC is already starting to

plan for this very exciting event, and our MFSC Snowflake Chair, Michelle Boswell, will be contacting many of you soon to canvass membership for the Snowflake Planning and Organizing Committee. Please email the Club at info@mississaugafsc.com if you wish for your name to be added to this Committee to help plan and organize this important event.



65 Years Later.....

It was in **1977**, that Roger Mepham, President, initiated a change in the club's name of Credit Valley Skating Club; the dual purpose being to provide our skaters with a more identifiable "Home Base". No longer would our skaters be faced with puzzled looks and questions of who they were representing or where they

were from when competing. They would now have an explicit identity and being representative of our community. Hence, the Credit Valley Skating Club became known as The Mississauga Skating Club, ultimately revised to The Mississauga Figure Skating Club Inc. as it is known today; a club that we all can

be very proud of due wholly to many, many "volunteer" hours, (too numerous to even contemplate over sixty five years), by the great number of dedicated people who have served on the various Boards of Directors, as well as club members, giving of themselves from our humble beginnings to what we represent today.

With almost full complement of Board Membership at the helm of the Club Today, we are looking towards to another 65 years of great success.

MFSC Today

Without this type of dedication, a Club does not exist. It is so heartfelt to see that still today, 65 years later, MFSC members continue to feel the same as our founders. Thanks to the great response from the MFSC membership 9 new Board Members joined the Club at our Spring Annual General Meeting on May 9,

2015. With almost full Board Membership at the helm of the Club we are looking towards another 65 years of great success.

See you at the rink!



Mississauga Figure Skating Club

The Mississauga Figure Skating Club (MFSC) and its nationally certified professional coaches have been offering CanSkate and STARSkate, Skate Canada's acclaimed national skating programs, to Mississauga residents for 65 years. MFSC is also home to the Ice Precise competitive Synchronized Skating teams.

Visit our Website for more information and upcoming 2015-16 Skating Season Registrations at www.mississaugafsc.com

Our Rinks:

The Club operates from two arenas: **Tomken Twin Arena** and **Iceland Arena**.

Our Mailing Address:

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MFSC Summer Cutting Edge Program



This year MFSC offered summer skating for our MFSC skaters. This new and exciting summer skating program was developed by our coaches and is called MFSC Cutting Edge Summer Skating Program. The program offered four weeks of figure skating camp this

summer held at the Vic Johnston Community Centre during the month of July. The camp hosted MFSC StarSkaters and advanced CanSkaters (passed Stage 3). Each camp day included a combination of warm-up, on-ice, off-ice training and group activity sessions.

Over 80 registrations were enrolled in this program averaging over 20 skaters per week. The Skaters had a great time, making new friends and enhancing their skating skills.

Based on great results this summer MFSC is hoping to offer this program annually.

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