

## President Report 2017-18

We are now at the end of another skating season and what a successful season it has been! We have seen NDSC skaters progress in their skating abilities, represent NDSC at competitions, showcase their talents at our carnival and succeed in achieving new test levels. This, of course, would not be possible without the hard work of the skaters themselves, as well as the many people that support the skaters' efforts including: coaches, parents/guardians/grandparents, volunteers, and Executive/board members.

We welcomed **Shalane Kelsey** as club secretary and **Amy Ballance** as treasurer. Late in the season **Lesley McDow** stepped down as her position of high test chair and **Angie Galt** volunteered to fill this spot. Thank you Lesley for the help and support you have given the club over the past years! We have a few vacant positions that need friendly faces of volunteers to fill them. Please see any member of the current executive if you would like more information or check out the executive tab on our website for details.

Throughout the year, the Executive/board met regularly to discuss Club matters and minutes were distributed following the meetings.

**Sarah Parks** continued her role as Club Administrative Assistant. Sarah was the first contact people had when they sent an e-mail or arrived at the CanSkate information table. Sarah was responsible for registration, Canskate admin work, communications as well as support for the year end carnival and other tasks to promote the club. Thank you Sarah for the hours and hours you dedicate to the Club.

The "new" Skate Canada STAR program came in to effect in September 2017. NDSC was ahead of the game as we did our soft-launch last year. This STAR program continues to provide a few challenges with the way our programs are delivered but with the coaches dedication and flexibility we have managed to find ways to make it all work out. Skate Canada believes that the newly revamped STAR 1-9 program will encourage more interest in skating, reduce the initial costs to the skating families and in turn promote "skating for life" in more skaters.

Skate Ontario was formed when the area sections (under Skate Canada) were disbanded in the spring of 2017. There were a few early changes under Skate Ontario - mainly the way competitions and test days take place. The last "interclub" competition was held this year and it was a memorable one-especially with the uncooperative winter weather!

The registration numbers were noticeably low this year – especially the Wednesday night session of Canskate. Early talks for next year are possibly cancelling this and having only one night of Canskate (held on Mondays) and potentially moving CanPower to SPC in the Wednesday 5:30 time slot. This will help the financial bottom line as ice costs and coaching fees are the largest expense to the club. More discussion on this will take place with the executive over the next few months.

There will be a few challenges facing the club over the next few years: the small number of intermediate/senior skaters; the lack of volunteers willing to step up not only to fill executive positions but also so few willing to volunteer for small roles (ie-test days & carnival, bingo fundraising etc); the ever increasing costs associated with the club (Skate Canada fees, ice costs, coaching fees); and finding a balance between making registration fees affordable to families while still managing to cover the club's expenses. Never fear though, the dedicated coaches and executive members will find a way to make it all work out and allow the skaters to do what they love to do – SKATE!!

For those who are curious and already asking, fall registration information will be posted as it becomes available towards the end of summer for skating sessions starting in September 2018.

Thanks again to everyone involved with NDSC for a great season. Enjoy your summer and time away from the ice and to stay current with everything happening with the Club follow us on Facebook or website ([www.napaneeskatingclub.com](http://www.napaneeskatingclub.com)). If ever you have questions or concerns please feel free to send us an e-mail. All e-mail accounts are monitored regularly and a reply will be provided within 24 hours (or sooner). The general communications e-mail is [ndsc.comm@gmail.com](mailto:ndsc.comm@gmail.com) or the club president can be reached at [ndsc.pres@gmail.com](mailto:ndsc.pres@gmail.com)

Tricia Craig & Angie Galt,  
Co-Presidents 2017-18

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## Carnival Report

The theme this year was "Trolls Travel the World" and a bright, fun, colourful afternoon was had by all! This year our farewell skaters were Emily Eggleton and Charlotte Woodall. Both girls skated beautiful farewell skates!

Our event was recorded for DVD purchase by Wandering Journalist Productions at a cost of \$20 per DVD. This was handled directly by them and once the DVDs are ready for pick up those that prepaid will be notified to arrange pick up.

Due to Easter being early this year and the club only being able to secure the icetime for our big event the second weekend in April (due to hockey tournaments the 2 weekends prior), there were 3 weeks of practices which is more than the usual 2 plus a dress rehearsal. After a bit of asking we were able to secure enough volunteers for the on-ice set up, dressing room helpers, ice captains as well as admission table, 50-50 and flower sales. Sarah Parks had 2 life size costumes of trolls loaned to the club for the afternoon and we provided the people to be inside them. This made for some great pictures.

The turnout was sadly one of the lowest we have had in many many years but those that were there were loud, enthusiastic and appreciative of the accomplishments made by all the skaters.

This year we had the year end recognition bars & medals, report cards, and badges in gift bags hanging on each skater's hook in the dressing room for each skater for when they finished the on-ice show.

Our year end carnival is a huge undertaking and the more volunteers there are, makes things run a lot easier. Once again, trying to get enough volunteers is challenging!

Although the club lost money on carnival this year, it is still important to have such an event as it showcases the skaters' accomplishments for their family and friends to see. Perhaps a smaller version next year might be in order (as there are no graduating/farewell skaters) but it will still allow the skaters to show off all that they learned!

Thank you goes to the coaches (Jill, Janice & Eva) for their dedication, creativity and patience. A huge thank you to Sarah Parks for getting absolutely everything organized and ready leading up to carnival day. Our club is so very lucky to have you all in it!!

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Test Day report

The test chair for most of the season was Lesley McDow, however, Lesley stepped down late in the season. Angie Galt volunteered to tackle this role. Thank you to both for volunteering your time at the club!

NDSC hosted a summer test day in August 2017 as well one in March 2018.

Our skaters also attended test days held at other clubs throughout the season.

There will be a meeting with all the local test chairs shortly to assign the yearly test days and then this will be submitted to Skate Ontario for approval.

Submitted by Tricia Craig

## CanSkate 2017-2018 AGM Report

This years CanSkate program, we had a lot of new skaters which made up the majority of our CanSkate. Our yellow & green group started out quite large, but quickly diminished! Our program ran Monday's & Wednesday's from 5:35 - 6:20pm, breaking for Christmas and March Break.. And only 1 black-out date throughout the year.

Family Day the Coaches decided to hold a Fun Family Day Challenge, which included all of CanSkater's completing fun race like circuits, that were different from our every night circuit. Created by coaches Jill, Janice & Eva. It was a fun night had by all and all skaters skated away with a certificate of achievement.

Again this year we handed out ribbons & badges steadily up until Christmas break, we then held onto any ribbons and badges until Carnival.. Where they were given at the end of the ice show in front of all our family & friends!

Our Program Assistants were made up of our Intermediate & Senior skaters, as well as one of our past senior skaters. Our PA Helpers are appreciated for all that they do.

CanSkate CoOrdinator  
Sarah Parks