

THE BUZZ

The Buzz is back!! If you have information to share, email it to dcurrie@speedskating.ca, and we will share it with everyone!!

Jacques Grégoire of Montreal, Q.C., has been awarded the Fox 40 Male Official of the Year by Sport Officials of Canada. Jacques has had a tremendous impact in the sport of Speed Skating over the last twenty-four years, specifically in his ongoing efforts to continue to be a mentor in the development of up and coming officials of all disciplines.

Congratulations **Michel Verrault** on your assignment to the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics as the video referee. This is Michel's sixth Olympic appointment by the ISU.



The best in the world are coming to Montreal. Join us March 14th – 16th, 2014 for the **World Short Track Championships**. Watch for your chance to win event tickets!!



The fourth annual **Sports Day in Canada** will take place on November 30, 2013!

Clubs are encouraged to register their event or partner with an existing event in your community to showcase your club and the sport of speed skating. On-line registration will soon be available...for now, questions can be directed to Vanessa Smit at vsmit@participACTION.com.

on the edge cutting edge pin program

New Report Cards are ready!!! The **Cutting Edge Pin Program** will see a facelift for the first time in eight years. The new, fun and attractive report cards will be available on-line, and will be

user friendly to complete, print and distribute to skaters along with their pins.

Can your club **Skate to Sochi**...join the journey and celebrate our Olympic athletes as they make their way to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi. Up for the challenge? Participating clubs are entered for a chance to win VIP passes and 2 nights accommodations to the World Championships in Montreal in March.

Congratulations to **Roger Cole** and **Jim McClements** on your selection to the 2013 FISU Games in Torentino, Italy as a starter and referee respectively.

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CMDC is pleased to announce the new **Sport4Life Grant** made available to provide support to clubs in membership recruitment, safety and program expansion. Maximum grants of \$5,000 will be available, however, all grants are based on a 50/50 contribution shared basis between the applying Club/Branch and Speed Skating Canada.

The **2013-2014 Red Book** including modifications to Short Track crash protection guidelines and specifications is now on the SSC website. Copes have also been distributed to Branches and respective officials.

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