

2013-2014 Northside Blades Speed Skating Club Report

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The Northside Blades Speed Skating Club had another fun filled year. This year we had 22 skaters which was a good number considering we did not advertise at all. Until late September we were unsure if we were going to be able to continue because we did not have a coach. Bernie Crane stepped forward to coach but then decided in mid-November that it was a bit too much for him at his age. Again we were unsure about the club. However, Cheryl LeBlanc and Paul Davies came forward and they finished out the season for us.

The club received the Intact Podium Tracker Award which greatly helped out financially. We skate twice a week and our numbers were down due to the uncertainty of the season. The fee of \$250.00 per skater for the season remained unchanged. The club has a good inventory of skates and other equipment, although we may need to purchase some larger-sized skates. We have plenty of smaller sizes.

Both coaches have agreed to continue with the club next year so we anticipate another great season.