

Aurora Skating Club puts finishing touches on 60th anniversary 'iconic' Ice Show



By Jeff Doner

With spring approaching, the Aurora Skating Club is once again getting ready for special ice show at the Aurora Community Centre on April 5 to mark a special anniversary.

'It's a bi-annual ice show, so it's always very exciting for us,' said the Aurora Skating Club's Vicky Yeack. 'This year is especially exciting because it's our sixtieth year in Aurora, so we've gone with a show called 'Legends and Icons.' It's the most exciting thing for everyone in the club and not just the skaters, but the coaches and the parents and community. It has always been very popular. It's kind of the icing on the cake.'

The competitive and recreational seasons are nearing an end, making the event one of the final shows for the Club.

However, the club will also be embarking on their annual trip to Buffalo, where the club has had a large amount of success over the years.

'Buffalo is really the end of the season for us. It's huge for us,' Yeack said. 'They have the Cheney Cup down at the competition and we have brought it home seven years in a row. It's great and the kids always look forward to it.'

Until then, the skaters have been working hard to make sure they put on a good show here at home on April 5.

'Because it's only every two years, the kids always look to this with great anticipation,' said coach and Learn to Skate co-director Allison Greenwood. 'We started practices on Friday and they have been talking about it for months. They've been wanting to know what music we're having and how it's going to be.'

The 'Legends and Icons' show will have a little something for everyone, including some of the greatest musical hits of all time and some other feature skaters.

'It's our sixtieth year and we have the junior world champion Nam Nguyen coming to be our guest skater,' Greenwood explained. 'He just won World's last week. He's only 15 years old and he's just a spitfire. He's great. There are going to be bright costumes, bright lights, great music and lots of things to look at and buy. There will be something for everybody.'

Advanced tickets for the April 5 show are currently on sale by visiting the Aurora Skating Club office at the Leisure Complex or can be purchased at the door for \$15.

There will be two shows on April 5, one at 1.00 p.m. and one at 7.00 p.m.