

STARSKATE CONGRATULATIONS

As last season drew to an end it was just the beginning for a Pickering Skater. Natasha Calizon age 14 tried her long program to move her up into the Competitive Stream. With her nervous coach Linda Donnelly watching from the boards Natasha skated her heart out and with a successful skate Natasha passed her test and is now representing Pickering as a Competitive skater.

WAY TO GO NATASHA we are all so proud of you and are cheering you on.



Natasha Calizon represented the Pickering Skating Club at the BMO Sectionals held in Oakville Ontario at the River Oaks Recreation Centre November 5-8, 2009.

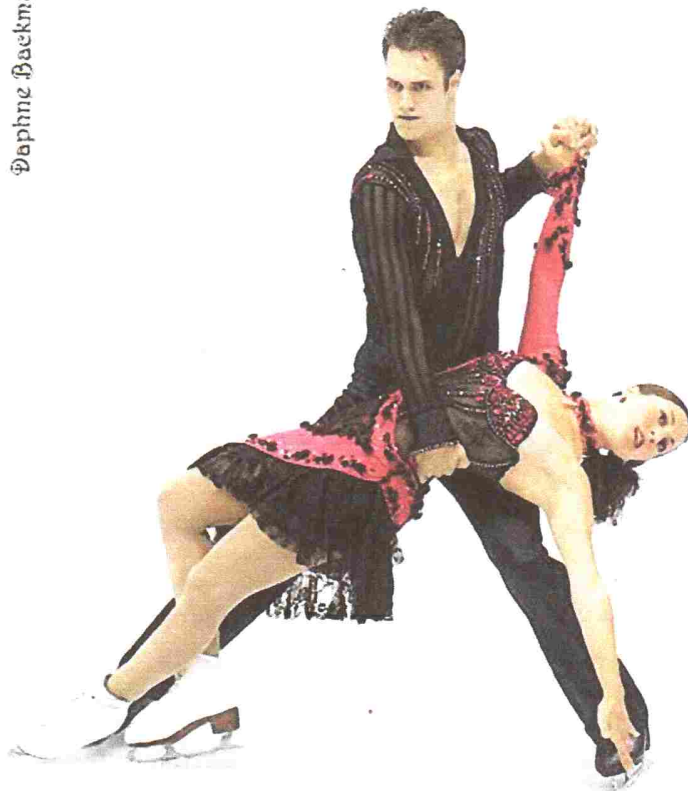
A SKATERS DREAM

Every young athlete dreams of one day representing their country at the Olympic games, but very few think about the ceremonies leading up to the Olympics. The torch bearers are former Olympian Medallists. These athletes help to carry the torch from Country to Country prior to the reaching the destination and lighting the Olympic Flame at the opening ceremonies. Now imagine being 18 years of age, still pursuing your dream of one day making it to the Olympics and receiving a phone call stating that you have been picked to be part of the relay of the torch in Greece. Well this is exactly what happened to Nikki Georgiadou.

Nikki Georgiadou and her partner Graham Hockley became dance partners in the fall of 2002. They have moved up the ranks quickly and during a competition in Greece they were presented with the opportunity to skate for Greece as Nikki is of Greek decent. After much consideration they decided to go for it. Last year they skated at the World Figure Skating Championships in Los Angeles. Nikki and Graham have now made the jump to seniors and competed in the Nebelhorn Trophy in Germany earlier this year to try and qualify for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Graham and Nikki's passion for the sport shows on and off the ice, and both support the Pickering Skating Club by helping out with dance partnering in for our Starskate program.

Daphne Backman



MINI OLYMPICS

On January 23, 2009 Pickering Skating Club will be hosting a Mini Olympics. Skaters of all levels and abilities are welcome to come out and perform.. A list of events will be posted shortly outlining the various events. Take a look at the posters and events. These Mini Olympics have something for everyone. We hope everyone will come out and showcase what they have been working so hard at.