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MINI BATTLE OF THE BLADES COMES TO LANGTON!

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What would your reaction be if your organization was contacted by a producer from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, and asked if your group would be interested in participating in a Battle of the Blades competition?

If you're Langton Skating Club, you say 'Sure!' During the club's 40th Anniversary celebrations in 2011, the club's coaching staff put together a Battle of the Blades parody as their contribution to the line-up of numbers.

"Janine Mandryk, one of Langton's coaches at the time, thought we should do a Battle of the Blades number, with skating coaches paired with local personalities from the hockey community, just like on the real Battle of the Blades," explained Langton coach, Wanda Backus-Kelly. "I just thought it was too cool not to share in a larger way than just the carnival video we have taken each year. So, it went onto YouTube!"

Recently, producers from CBC found the clip on YouTube, and contacted Langton about participating in a pint-sized version of the competition that is to feature young figure skaters and hockey players from 5 to 13 years of age.

"We had to move quickly to get things organized," notes club president Chris Denn, as the club was only contacted in late September. "We got 10 pairs together, organized the ice-time, matched coaches with the teams, scurried around to find enough ice time and got going!"

Only eight clubs across Canada have been invited by the CBC producers to participate in this unique competition. Each club was asked to find 10 teams, where skaters will compete in front of a local panel of judges.

The winning pair from Langton will have the video of their routine aired nation-wide to be judged by the public with on-line voting against the other winning pairs from each town/city across Canada that are also taking part. The grand winner, as determined by on-line voting, will be given a trip to Toronto to attend the season finale of the Battle of the Blades in November.

Langton will host its competition to see which team advances on Tuesday, October 29th at 7 pm. A CBC crew will be on hand to film the event.

The event will be open to the general public by donation.

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