



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter February/March 2011

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BIRTHDAY CUP WINNER

The UHRSC celebrates its birthday in February and each year we mark this event by presenting the Birthday Cup to a club member who has given something special to/achieved excellence in roller sports the previous year. It is expected the person will have had a well rounded approach to the sport both competing and assisting others in the club. Nominations are invited from club members, with the recipient chosen by persons with no connection to the nominees. This year the cup has been awarded to **Terriann Randle** in recognition of an excellent year of skating and involvement in the club. Terriann has consistently medalled throughout 2010 and the 2011 Nationals in her Elementary Grade across all disciplines. She was the winner of the Jack Fanthorpe Shield at Nationals and she has involved herself in club team events including precision and show skate. She is also a regular coach at Patch Class. Well done Terriann.



SIXTIES/AND SEVENTIES REVISITED NITE DISCO MARCH 12: Our first night disco for 2011 will be held on **Saturday March 12 from 7-9pm** and is a 60's and 70's theme. So get your hippie gear or floral prints, polka dots and mini skirts out and come and have some fun. There will be a prize for the best dressed club member as well as the best dressed non club member winning 6 months free skating at public sessions. As well as cool costumes we will have 60s and 70s plus some of today's music, skating games and spot prizes. So bring your friends and family – the more the merrier. All proceeds will help our international skaters represent their country and their club overseas. Please support this fundraiser.

NATIONALS SKATERS PLEASE SUPPLY A PHOTO: We would like to put a photo of each of the skaters who represented our Club at Nationals 2011 on our website. So we can be sure you like the photo we ask that every National team member supplies an action photo of themselves skating. Please e-mail this photo to alicejgreer@xtra.co.nz by March 11. If you do not have a suitable photo please let Mary-Anne Thomson know so she can try and source one.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome **Emma Purdy, Georgia Hurley** and **Kaitlyn Ingram** to the club. We are sure you will enjoy your sport. If you have any queries just ask, there is always lots to learn.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS LEAGUE COMPETITION: The first Central Districts League competition for the year will be held in Hastings on May 7/8. This is a great competition for beginner skaters with special beginner grades as well as National Schedule grades for non-international grades. If you think you would like to compete you will need to be having private coaching. If you don't have a coach please see Chris Hazelwood to discuss options available. If you have a coach please discuss this with them as they can tell you about grades which are suitable and plan your coaching and training to involve the competition.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS MEDAL TESTS: There will be medal tests held in conjunction with Central Districts League in Hastings on May 7/8. This will be medals 1 and 2 only. To sit medal tests you need to be having private coaching so the same applies as above, please see Chris Hazelwood if you are not. If you are having private coaching and think you might like to sit a medal, please discuss this with your coach.

CENTRAL AREA COMPETITION: Confirmed to be at Wanganui 14/15/15 October

2011 ARTISTIC SCHEDULE: The 2011 Artistic Schedule is now available and a copy is at the rink. There are changes this year so please read ***We urge all Coaches, Skaters, and Officials to read to ensure they understand the rules and compete in the correct grade. If you are unsure please ask a Committee member.*** It can also be accessed online at www.skatenz.org.nz

MEDAL TEST RESULTS: Precision 2 Jordan Bougen, Thaylia Evans, Amy Hird, Kenneth Hird & Holly Paterson
Precision 3 Jordan Bougen, Grace Cooper, Abigail Evans, Kirsten Foley, Katelyn Kennedy & Terriann Randle. These medals, plus some others, will be presented on Tuesday 8th March at about 6:15 pm when Patch certificates are done.

PRECISION: On Saturday 22 Jan Upper Hutt and Manawatu Clubs combined to conduct a very successful medal squad for the Kapital Kids, Pandas on Fire, Rollalicious and the Wheelie Gorgeous Gliders. Overall 22 skaters participated and some of the skaters learnt and then were tested on up to three routines on the day. The skaters achieved a staggering 39 medals (ranging from medal 1 to medal 3) between them. The judges commented that they were pleased to see the standard of skating and were impressed at the number Of Precision skaters now participating and sitting tests. Well done to all the skaters for their efforts. You did yourselves proud. A big thanks to the coaches Kylie, Michelle and Will, judges Bill Hancock and Paula Boulcott, parents and committee members that helped make what turned out to be a most successful and enjoyable day. Particular thanks to Bill Hancock for driving from Hawkes Bay to judge the medals and to Will Cooper for coordinating the squad.

SPEED: has had a great start to the year with one of the RIHC players joining our team and another new member, welcome to Georgia and Emma. We now need a parent to step up and represent the interests of speed on the committee, any parent prepared to do this please see Marguerite or Bruce. Training continues on Wednesdays at Riverstone Recreation hall with new members starting at 4 pm, moving to 5 pm when their skills are sufficient to train with the experienced group. For more info email uhrsc.kiwispeed@yahoo.co.nz or text Richard 02102463789 your home number and he will contact you.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012: The 2012 World Roller Sports Championships will be held in Auckland New Zealand – WOW!!!!. The dates are Sept 29 to Oct 13 2012. Unpaid volunteers are needed in many capacities to make this event a success. Volunteers – both skaters and non skaters - will be required for all manner of jobs such as producing signs for each country, carrying signs for each country, carrying flags, ushering, catering, hosting, chaperoning and much more. If you are interested in helping these championships be amazing – please see Bruce Crosby or Chris Hazelwood for information about how to apply for a position.

COACHES TAKING ON NEW SKATERS: All coaches PLEASE before taking on new skaters contact Bruce and Chris arrange a suitable time slot. This is to ensure that those coaches and their skaters already operating in a time do not have the quality of their coaching adversely affected by too many coaches on the floor at the same time. This is for the benefit of all and must be adhered to.

SELL CADBURY CHOCOLATE BARS: Our Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser is going well. Remember if you want to be up for the prize of a \$50 voucher of your choice for the person who sells the most boxes, please hurry and sell and return your money by March 15. On March 15 the family who have sold and return the money for the most boxes will be the winner. If you would like more boxes these are available through Chris Hazelwood.

WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2011 – PLEASE SELL THEM TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY: We are again selling the popular Wellington Entertainment Book. Anyone who has one will know how great they are to save money not only on meals but also on movies, takeaways, accommodation, DVD hire, dry-cleaning etc. This years books again contain hundreds of vouchers for 25 percent off, 50 percent off or buy one get one free. This year there are vouchers for Ascot Cinema included. The cost is \$60 with **the club member who sells the book getting \$12 per book credited towards their skating expenses. So the more books you sell the more you make.** This is a great way to help pay your skating expenses. The system is that you take the orders and payments from your friends, family and work colleagues and then let Mary-Anne Thomson know how many books you require and she will order them for you. You make payment to the club in your name for that number of books and payment will be receipted in your name for that number. Then \$12 per book will be credited to your skating club invoice – this can be used to offset your rink fees. Mary-Anne had fliers available if you want to distribute them door to door, at work or wherever. If you buy a book for yourself, you will pay \$60 but \$12 will be credited to your rink fees. So start selling straight away. You can make one order as soon as you have payments, and then if you sell more make another – that's no problem.

WANT TO SEE THE HURRICANES FOR FREE, GET A FREE MEAL OR SEE A MOVIE FOR FREE?: Order and pay for your 2011/12 Wellington Entertainment Books through the club by March 30 and the purchasers will receive a set of free vouchers which enable them to get a free ticket to the Hurricanes game on Mar 12 when a ticket of equal or lesser value is purchased, and free main courses at five restaurants when another main is purchased. These restaurants are:- Pauahatanui's new Duck Creek Café, Petone's Jackson Street Bistro, Wellington's Capri Bar and Eatery, Thorndon's Cosa Nostra Italian Trattoria and Pizzeria and Paraparaumu's Chai Marina. THERE ARE ONLY 25 ADVANCE PURCHASE VOUCHERS AVAILABLE SO GET IN QUICKLY – 5 HAVE GONE ALREADY. The other advantage in getting your orders paid for now is that so many people sell the book that the earlier that you have got someone's money the less chance they will buy their book from someone else. So start taking orders and payment now. As soon as you have received payment, let Mary-Anne know (5289127 or e-mail mankthomson@xtra.co.nz) and she will arrange for your advance purchase vouchers. Payment can be made to the club by cheque or Eftpos. So get selling as this is the first time that the person who sells the books gets the funds to help their own skating expenses.

NO MEMBERSHIP CARD – NO ENTRY: Members who are paying card fees receive the special bonus of free attendance at Saturday afternoon and school holiday public sessions. A condition of receiving this free entry is that you show your membership card. There have been several instances lately of people forgetting their cards. As we don't always have volunteers on the desk who know all members, we can't really on you being recognised. As of March – no membership card, no entry. Please make sure you have your card on you at all times, because if you are asked to show it and don't have it, you will be expected to pay. If you haven't been given a card or have lost yours please see Debra Foley. She is usually on the desk on Tuesdays.

RIVERSTONE RECREATION TRAINING: Because it worked well last year, the club has again organized two training sessions at Recreation Centre per week (Tuesday and Thursday) for those on their nominated part card day and for full card members. Contact Chris Hazelwood for times. The hall will usually be open ready for use – however if you get there and find that its not open, please contact Chris for a key There is to be no coaching priority at these sessions – they are training times only with all who are their sharing use of the floor and sound system. Any coaches must stand to the side of the floor and not expect their skaters to have floor or music priority. If you are the last one in the hall please ensure you turn off the sound system and lock the cabinet, remove any rubbish, return any chairs etc used to their original position and turn the lights off and lock the door. Failure to do this will jeopardize use of the hall for everyone.

ONLINE CALENDAR NOW OPERATING AT THE RINK: The online calendar is now operating at the rink so it's easy for people to arrive and check who is coaching what. We ask all coaches add all changes to the calendar every week. If you are not using a session and/or day please note it on the calendar. If you have had approval from Bruce to change a session please put on calendar. Any coaching that is not noted for the appropriate time will not be given priority for the floor or music. We ask that skaters arriving for training look at the calendar before they put their skates on and work out when will be best to train what discipline depending on what is being coached at the time. If everyone works in together everyone will get the best use from their coaching and training time.

LOOPS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE CALENDAR: Coaches please note that loops are now a separate item on the calendar. Please differentiate figures and loops coaching as it is not desirable to have more than one person on the loops circles when they are being coached and this will help people plan when to coach/train loops. We realize this is not possible to be done at all times but if it can be done would be appreciated.

MUSIC USE DURING BUSY TIMES: As the rink becomes increasingly busy it is harder for skaters to get use of music for training. Please be aware if you want music at a busy time it should be queued at the music system ready to go when the skater before you has finished. It wastes a lot of time if the CD is a skate bag or on the wall at the other end of the rink and everyone is waiting while you retrieve it. If your music is not at the sound system and another skater is waiting, they will use the music while you retrieve yours and you will not be considered to be queued until your music is ready at the sound system. Also if you need someone to start your music you cannot hold up the queue while you skate off the rink and ask someone to start it for you – ask someone at the machine – they don't mind.

NEW AND SECOND HAND SKATES:- The Skaters Edge is a company run by New Zealand skaters for New Zealand skaters. They offer new skates, skates parts and accessories at competitive prices. If you would like to check out their 2011 price list you can by visiting www.skatersedge.co.nz Rachael, Phil and Pam who run Skaters Edge have just set up an online second hand skate shop as well to help NZ skaters. This shop offers the chance to buy and sell used skates, wheels, clothing etc. This is a service they offer skaters and listing is made by individuals. The Skaters Edge has no responsibility for the goods sold on this site. It is merely a great communication tool to help skater's access items no longer required by other skaters. To see this shop visit www.secondhand.skatersedge.co.nz The club also has a range of second hand skates and parts as well as used leotards for sale. If you have anything you would like to buy please see Chris Hazelwood.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

Please Note: Dates/Venues maybe subject to alteration. Please check with event management.

March 12	60's and 70's Revisited Night Skate. 7-9pm at the rink.
April 17-22	Oceania Roller Sports Championships, Gold Coast, Queensland.
May 7/8	Central Districts League Competition, Hastings.
May 7/8	Central Area Medal Tests (Medals 1 and 2 only), Hastings.
May 14	Country and Western Night Disco, Upper Hutt rink 7-9pm.
May 21/22	Laurie Hastie Palmerston North
June 11/12	Medal test 3 and above Napier
August 20/21	East/West Regional's & Joan Alexander Precision Challenge Palmerston North
Sept 17/18	Upper Hutt Open Day Upper Hutt Rink (to be confirmed)
Nov 12/13	Central Districts League 2 Bell Hall, Palmerston North
Oct14-15	Central Areas, Wanganui
Dec 10/11	Upper Hutt Club Champs, Club Rink.
Dec 31- Jan 07 2012:	New Zealand National Championships, Christchurch.
Sept 29-Oct13 2012:	World Championships, Auckland.

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