



# UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

**Newsletter July/August 2011**

## **GRAEME SHEPPARD CHALLENGE**

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club members again showed their class at the recent Graeme Sheppard Challenge held in Napier from July 29-31. Members brought home 23 medals between them, 14 of them gold. This competition was run under international rules and included international grades as well as two special GSC grades – Preliminary and Juvenile. It was the selection event for the 2011 World Championships in Brazil and a selection event for the 2012 Oceania Championships which will be held in Auckland. Selections are expected to be announced in early to mid August. Several members met selection criteria for World Championships and Oceania Championships. Where there are still vacancies in grades, another opportunity for selection to represent New Zealand at Oceania Champs will be provided at NZ National Championships in Timaru in January 2012. Congratulations to all who met their goals. Full results are at the end of the newsletter.

**NELSON OPEN COMPETITION:** Earlier in July, eight club members travelled to the Nelson Club's Open competition – and they also brought home 23 medals between them – 12 of them gold. It was the first time in many years Nelson has had an Open Day and the event was enjoyed by all who participated (skaters, officials, supporters). While grades were smaller, competition was fierce and our skaters can be proud of their achievements. Not only did they enjoy the skating, they had a great time travelling to the event together as the unofficial "Upper Hutt team". The group wants to thank their "Un-Official Officials" Team Chauffeur Carolyn Evans, Team Mum Chris Hazelwood, Team Manager Will Cooper, and Team Coaches Sarah Jane Jones, Emma Hazelwood and Will Cooper. Everyone had a great time, and the Nelson Club was very grateful to have teams travel so far to support their Open Day, from both UHRSC and Rollerland in Christchurch. Full results at the end of the newsletter. Photos on this page are from the Nelson event.



**WINTER WONDERLAND NITE SKATE:** A great night out is coming up – Saturday August 6, 7pm-9pm at the rink. The theme is "Winter Wonderland" nite skate. There will be prizes for the best themed costume for a club member and a non club member. Mark the date in your diary now and come along – bring your friends and family and make it a really good night. Just \$5 for members and \$6 for non-club members.

**PATCH PASSES:** Congratulations to those who have passed patches in June:- **Patch 1** Tara Smith, Janine Belser. **Patch 2** Jade Crawley **Patch 3** Samantha Doran, Tracey Behrent, Tiana Fisk, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia **Patch 5** Thaylia Evans. Well done to you all.

**PATCH COACH OF THE MONTH:** Congratulations to William Cooper. We thank Will and all our other Patch Class voluntary coaches for their time.

**PATCH SKATER OF THE MONTH:** Congratulations to Tylah-Ann Charles well done.

**PATCH COACHES:** A training session was held for our volunteer Patch Coaches during the school holidays and was appreciated by all. A **BIG** thank you to those involved in organising and running the training your input was appreciated. **Thanks also** to all coaches who came along. It was good to see so many prepared to support the training, which will ultimately help coaches and patch class skaters. Our goal in the term 3 holidays is to run sessions where our Patch Coaches will get to know the routines required for Club Champs so they can teach them well when classes start back in term 4

**MEDAL TEST PASSES:** The club recently provided an opportunity for members to sit medal 1. **Congratulations** to the following people who passed: - **Medal 1 Figures** Katie Hawley, Catherine Ingram, Natalie Ingram. Holly Yeatman, Emily Walford, Tracey Behrent, Aria Coleman, **Medal 1 Solo Dance** Holly Yeatman, Tracey Behrent, Tiana Fisk, **Medal 1 Freeskating** Holly Yeatman. Thanks to our judges Raewyn Hailes, Michelle Albrett, and Paula Boulcott.

**MEDAL TEST PRESENTATIONS:** If you recently passed a medal test in Napier or Medal 1 at our rink these will be presented on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011**. Please be there by 6:15pm for they will be presented when we do the Patch Pass certificate presentations, etc.

**DANCE CLASS:** The Saturday Beginners Dance Class usually held from 2.00 – 3.00 pm is **cancelled for term 3 only**. As soon as our newer members are ready for this class it will be resumed. For term 3, **the Saturday Dance Class time, 2.00 – 3.00pm** will be Dance training time on the main rink. **NO** coaching priority **and no Freeskating** is allowed.

**MEDAL TESTS IN UPPER HUTT:** The Club is providing a local medal test opportunity for club members on September 3 and 4. Up to Figures up to Medal 10 will be available at the rink. Freeskating and Dance up to Medal 3 will also be available at the rink and with Freeskating, Dance Medal 4 and Precision at Riverstone Recreation on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> only. Medal 1 - 4 will cost \$5 for each medal attempted plus the published NZFRS cost, Medal 5 and above will be \$8 plus NZFRS cost. If you would like to sit a medal start planning this with your coach now. *Please enter name and medal test numbers you want to sit on the sheet on the notice board.* **Medal test entries close on Monday August 22 at 8:00 pm. Payment must be made by this time for your entry to be accepted.**

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Our Team manager for this competition is Carolyn Evans. For those going to Regional's and Joan Alexander Challenge, please ensure that all Freeskating, Freedance, CSD, and Precision music is handed to Carolyn by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 7:00pm**. It must be correctly labelled (name, art number, club, and event). Please ensure your CD case is also labelled. Make sure you have a spare copy with you in your skate bag at the event in case of music failure. After Regional's Carolyn will keep the music for Area Championships. If you change music between these events please remember to replace your music in the team music box.

**UPPER HUTT OPEN DAY COMPETITION:** This competition is on at our rink on September 17 and 18. It's a great competition for all skaters who have a private coach. Entry is \$25 for one event or \$35 for two or more events. Entry forms are on the notice board now. Please talk to your coach about entering. **Please pay by closing time. Closes with Club on Monday August 22 at 8.00 pm.**

**CENTRAL AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Central Area Championships will be held at Jubilee Stadium Wanganui from October 14-16. This is the qualifying competition with a chance for you to represent your Club at NZ National Championships. If you want to skate Nationals you must qualify through Area Champs. Even if you don't want to skate Nationals this is a great competition to test yourself against others in your grade from the lower North Island. **Entry forms with closing date and cost are on the notice board.**

**NATIONALS 2012 IN TIMARU:** The NZFRS Board has announced that National Championships will be held at the SBS Stadium, <http://www.sbseventscentre.co.nz> in Timaru from January 1-7 2012. **The club has organised a group discount for ferry travel for vehicles and passengers. This will be available to skaters and their supporters from anywhere in the North Island. Details have been sent out. Any inquiries please contact Bruce [bing.c@paradise.net.nz](mailto:bing.c@paradise.net.nz)**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY HELPERS:** A **BIG thank you** to all who helped at our Private bookings and Public sessions over the school holidays. This was greatly appreciated and again well supported by the public.

**NATIONALS FUNDRAISER - \$50 RAFFLES:** A club \$50 raffle as a fundraiser towards expenses for our skaters heading to Nationals in January 2012 is now on sale. The tickets will cost \$2 each and will be drawn when all 50 tickets are sold.

**SPEED WINTER LEAGUE ROUND 2:** Round 2 of the Speed Winter League will be held in Riverstone Recreation Hall (Civic Hall), Upper Hutt on Saturday Aug 6. 1.00 pm Warm-up, with 1.30 pm start. Entry Fee - \$5.00 per skater. More info contact Sylvia [sas.iraia@clear.net.nz](mailto:sas.iraia@clear.net.nz) Photos on this page are from Laurie Hastie 2011.



**NZFRS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** The New Zealand Federation of Roller Sports (Skate NZ) AGM will be held on Saturday September 10 at the Kingsgate Hotel, 110 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North from 9:30am – 3:30pm. **NOMINATIONS** are called for the position of President in accordance with Constitution Clause 15.3 of the NZFRS Constitution. Nominations must be presented on the official Nomination Form and be in the hands of the **Board Secretary by 5.00 pm 11 August 2011**. **REMITTS** to be voted on at this meeting must be in the hands of the **Board Secretary by 5.00 pm 11 August 2011**. All remits from Clubs must be directed to the National Office, P O Box 40-986 Upper Hutt. Each remit must be written on one page and written in a manner so that it may be added to the Constitution. Matters for **GENERAL BUSINESS** discussions must be in the hands of the **Board Secretary by 5.00 p.m. 11 August 2011**.

**PRIZES NEEDED FOR CASINO NITE FUN:** We have a fun Casino Nite booked for **November 25**. It is a fundraiser for our members travelling to Timaru in January. We hope that all club members 18 and over will plan to come along for a social night out with other club members and bring friends, workmates and family along so it's a great success. For now we need prizes for raffles to be sold during the evening and the grand auction at the end. Please could all members try and donate a prize – we would like some draw card prize like vouchers for free travel, an electrical appliance, entertainment vouchers etc. We also need lesser prizes like movie and other entertainment tickets, meal vouchers, health and beauty vouchers, goods like food, home wares etc and offers of service, such as free babysitting for an evening of the winners' choice, free lawn mowing of the winner's lawns etc. Please ask your employers, your hairdressers, takeaway bar owners and others if they are prepared to donate a voucher or product – all sponsors will be recognized on the night. Please hand all prizes to Debbie Bougen or Fiona Patrick. Anyone wanting a letter of authority to approach businesses should see Fiona Patrick. All proceeds will go to the national skaters' expenses. Nationals Skaters – if you want to share in the proceeds you will be expected to donate a minimum of one prize and sell a minimum number of tickets to the event. More details next newsletter – meantime – mark it in your diary.

**TROPHIES FOR UPPER HUTT OPEN COMPETITION:** Upper Hutt Open Competition will be held at our rink on September 17 and 18. This year we have the new Youth International Grade and need trophies for Youth International Freeskating, Figures and Solo Dance. We would really appreciate it if someone was prepared to sponsor one or all of these. The cost can be as little as \$30 up to around \$100 depending on what you would like in the way of a trophy. If you are interested in sponsoring a trophy – your name would be on the trophy forever – please see Mary-Anne Thomson.