



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter May/June 2011



COUNTRY AND WESTERN DISCO



The rink was transformed with hay bales recently for our recent Country and Western Nite Skate – congrats to those who were involved in decorating – you set a high standard. Around 130 people enjoyed the fun and costumes. Congratulations to **Michaela Steiner** who won the best dressed member prize. Photos in this month's newsletter are from the disco. Start thinking now about your costume for our special "Winter Wonderland Nite Skate coming up on August 6.

CLUB AGM: Our club AGM was held at the rink on Tuesday May 10. Thanks to everyone who attended. Our committee for 2011/12 was elected. It comprises:- **Bruce Crosby (President), Mary-Anne Thomson (Vice-President), Fiona Patrick (Secretary), David Linney (Treasurer), Chris Hazelwood (Club Captain), Stephanie Cooper, Debbie Foley, Carolyn Evans and Debbie Bougen.** Thanks to you all for being willing to serve the club in this way. A new Junior Rep was appointed at the meeting. Thanks to **Jordan Bougen** for taking on this role. Jordan will report to the committee each month on behalf of junior members. Any junior members who have any suggestions regarding anything that happens at the club should talk to Jordan.

THANKS TO OUTGOING COMMITTEE: The outgoing committee was thanked for their hard work over the past year. All take on specific roles and work hard for the good of the club. Special thanks for their work over the past year were offered to **Wayne Greer** and Junior Rep **Nika Thomson** who did not put themselves forward for re-election.

2011 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD: The NZFRS Artistic Committee presents the 2011 Development Squad for Federated Beginners skaters and for grades up to and including Intermediate and Non-International Cadet. This will be held at Riverstone Recreation Centre on Saturday June 18 and the Upper Hutt Club rink on Sunday morning till about 1.00 pm June 19. The squad will be led by some of NZ top coaches and will include Figures, Freeskating, Dance, Precision and skills and games. Cost is \$35. Registration forms are available on the notice board now. Registration closes on June 5. If you think you'd like to attend, talk to your coach or Chris Hazelwood or Fiona Patrick about it.

NELSON OPEN DAY COMPETITION: The Nelson Club will be holding their Open Day competition on July 2 and welcomes entries from Upper Hutt Club skaters. Details and entry forms are on the notice board now. Entry closes with our Club on **June 13.**

GRAEME SHEPPARD CHALLENGE: This competition is the qualifying event for Junior and Senior Artistic Teams (including Precision/Show World teams) to travel to the World Championships in Brazil in November 2011. It is also the selection event for the artistic teams to compete at the 2012 Oceania Championships to be held in New Zealand in April 2012. This includes Junior, Senior, Cadet, Youth and Masters Teams. GSC will be held at the Rodney Green Centennial Hall Napier on July 29, 30 and 31. Further nominations may be considered at the 2012 National Championships if there are vacant positions in the 2012 Oceania team. Precision/Show teams for Oceania's will be selected from the NZ National Champs in 2012. Policy Number 5 Artistic Selections applies so if you are considering putting your name forward for selection please make sure you read this policy and ensure you comply. Please also talk to your coach regarding this event. More info is on the notice board. Entry closes June 25.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MICHELLE AND PAULA: Congratulations to **Michelle Albrett** and **Paula Boulcott** who have been awarded their Class 3 Judges commission for Figures. Well done to you both.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome **Dallas Asker** into club membership. It's good to have you back Dallas.

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 Medal 10 will be available at the rink. Freeskating and Dance up to Medal 3 will also be available at the rink and Medal 4 at Riverstone Recreation on Sunday 4th 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.

NATIONALS 2012 IN TIMARU: The NZFRS Board has announced that National Championships will be held at the SSB Stadium, in Timaru from January 1-7 2012. Skaters who wish to represent the Central Area at National Championships will be required to qualify at Central Area Champs in Wanganui in October. If you think you would like to skate at National level for the first time this year please discuss the possibility with your coach. The club is in the process of organising 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 will be sent to all, once known, and in next newsletter.

NATIONALS FUNDRAISER - \$50 RAFFLES: The club will continuously run \$50 raffles through to December as a fundraiser towards expenses for our skaters at Nationals in January 2012. The ticket will cost \$2 each and will be drawn when all 50 tickets are sold. The second raffle has been drawn. The winner was **Adrian** with ticket number 17. Adrian has kindly donated the proceeds back to the club. (interesting the first two raffles have been drawn and the winning tickets have been number 15 then number 17 – wonder what it will be next – 19 maybe????).
No, it was number 45 and won by Chris Hazelwood.

WIN A \$50 GIFT VOUCHER BY SELLING CHOCOLATE BARS BY JUNE 15: Our Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser is going well. Congratulations to **Grace Cooper** who won a \$50 voucher of her choice for being the person who sold the most boxes by March 15. **Martina Steiner** won the runner up prize of \$25. We still have plenty left so have decided to offer another prize. The person who sells the most boxes – from the beginning of April to June 15 will win a \$50 gift voucher and the runner up a \$25 voucher. So start selling now. If you would like more boxes these are available through Chris Hazelwood.

GET \$12 FOR YOURSELF FOR SELLING A WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOK: We have 5 books left to sell. Please help out by selling one or more – each book you sell you get \$12 credited to your club account so it's in your own interests to sell the books. Please see Mary-Anne for a book.

INTERNATIONAL SKATERS PHOTO BOARD: The club is in the process of updating the International Skaters board. This board celebrates our members who represent their country and contains individual photos of UHRSC skaters who have represented New Zealand (while a member of the UHRSC) at International level championships in solo or pairs events. If you have represented NZ in that capacity and you are not on the board and would like to be please contact Debbie Bougen (bougen@paradise.net.nz) with details of the year/s you were a NZ rep, what Championships you competed at and what disciplines for each year. If you have a head and shoulders photo of you from that time please include that. Photos on the board must be current at the time of the person skating. We are also in the process of taking photos for new skaters who represented NZ in 2010 or 2011 and haven't already had a photo taken. Please contact Debbie regarding this. Any CURRENT NZ rep skaters who would like to update their photo can also contact Debbie to arrange this.

LEAKS: The ongoing problem with roof leaks is frustrating, but the committee is doing their best to get the landlord to address the issue. Many have been fixed and sometimes depend on which way the wind is blowing. If you are first at the rink and discover leaks, please wipe them with a towel, and if it's still raining place a bucket under the leak. Draw a sketch and let Bruce Crosby or David Linney know exactly where the leak is. If we can't pin point the exact place it's hard for the landlord to get it fixed as they come to fix when it's dry.

INTERNET AT THE RINK: As many of you know, there has been a problem with accessing the online calendar at the rink. Believe it or not, the hard drive and its wires became the home for a mouse (or mice) – after all they have to eat something!! Currently, the equipment is being re-tested and should be up and running again before too long. You will be advised when the rink access to the calendar is available again. Obviously, the calendar is still operating from your own computers and you need to check what is on each day before arriving at the rink.

Civic availability times have been added to the calendar so you can check the times from home. If the time is not on the calendar it means civic isn't available that week.