

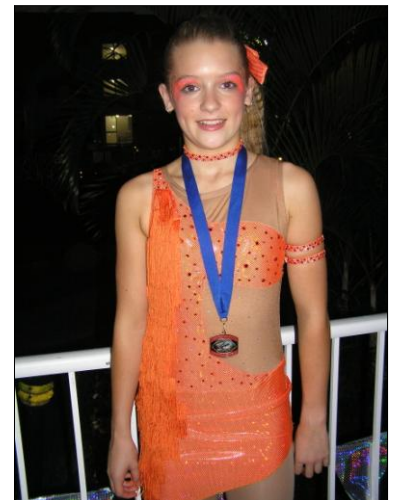


UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter April/May 2011

CONGRATULATIONS OCEANIA SKATERS

Our club members representing New Zealand at Oceania Roller Sports Championships in Runaway Bay, Queensland last month brought home nine of New Zealand's 18 medals between them. All performed well and had a great time. Special congratulations to **Emma Patrick** and **Kyra Thomson** who won two gold medals and Oceania titles each and were the only New Zealanders to bring home two Oceania's gold's a piece. What's more both skated up a grade for one of the events they won. Emma won gold and the Oceania Champion title in both Junior International Ladies Figures and Senior International Ladies Figures and placed 8th in Junior International Ladies Freeskating, Kyra won gold and the Oceania title in Youth International Solo Dance and Cadet International Ladies Figures as well as placing 5th in Cadet International Ladies Freeskating, **Jack Patrick** is also an Oceania Champion after winning gold in Youth International Men's Figures. Well done also to **Roger Boulcott** and **Paula Boulcott** who each won two bronze medals. Roger in Masters International Men's Figures and Masters International Dance Pairs and Paula in Masters International Dance Pairs and Masters International Solo Dance, Paula also placed 5th in Masters International Ladies Figures. Congratulations to our other club members whose placing were:- **Grace Cooper** 4th Cadet International Solo Dance, **Alan Thomson** 5th in Masters International Men's Figures, **Stefanie McCallum** 9th Junior International Solo Dance, **Angela Pratt** 10th Junior International Solo Dance, **Tanja deWilde** 7th in Youth International Ladies Figures and 9th in Youth International Solo Dance, **Martina Steiner** 7th in Youth International Ladies Freeskating. Pictured below are our Oceania 2011 medallists.



OCEANIA PROFESSIONAL PHOTOS: Anyone wanting to view the photos taken by the professional photographer, Bryan Lloyd Jones, at Oceania's 2011 can view them on his website www.bryanlloydjones.com.au Go the Artistic Oceania's 2011 section. Each event has its own folder. When you click on the event you get the option of clicking on the podium photos for that event or a folder of each skater's photos. The login and password is oceanias11 and goldcoast.

CLUB AGM: Our club AGM will be held at the rink on **Tuesday May 10 at 6.30pm** immediately after patch class. We ask all members to attend this meeting. There will be no skating during the meeting which is expected to finish between 7.30 and 8pm. Anyone interested in standing for the committee should talk to a current committee member to find out what is involved – each committee member is expected to have responsibility for some area of the club's operation as well as attend meetings. Nomination forms are on the notice board now. Nominations are for Committee member or President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. These forms should be returned to Secretary Fiona Patrick by Sunday May 8 at 3pm.

COACHES REPORTS: - Any coaches wanting to table a report at the AGM should hand this in writing to Club Secretary, Fiona Patrick by May 9. Only reports received in writing by this date will be able to be tabled. Those who have tabled reports may read them to the meeting or nominate someone else to do so for them. No verbal reports will be allowed on the night from coaches who have not tabled reports.

UPPER HUTT SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARDS:



Congratulations to club president, **Bruce Crosby** who was named Sport Official of the Year at the Upper Hutt Sportsman of the Year Awards recently. This is a great recognition of Bruce's constant and enthusiastic hard work in the sport of roller skating – there are many visible jobs Bruce does every week locally and very regularly at a regional, area and national level. There are even more unseen jobs that just appear to get done. Of course that doesn't happen by itself – its due to the hard work of people like Bruce. Bruce does so many jobs each week, which no-one even knows about, but without him doing them, the club and the sport would be the poorer. The committee congratulates Bruce for this well deserved recognition and on behalf of all members thanks him for his tireless endeavors.

Mary-Anne Thomson was named as a finalist in the Sports Personality of the Year category for her work at local, regional, area and national level in promoting the sport as the artistic committee's national media liaison officer. **Nika Thomson** was named as a finalist in the Emerging Sportsman of the Year category for winning an Oceania silver medal alongside her commitment to academic achievement at a nationally recognized level and her commitment to voluntary service in the community. The club congratulates other members who were nominated either by the club or privately – these were: - **Emma Hazelwood, Emma Patrick** and **Kyra Thomson**.

PATCH PASSES: Congratulations to the following people who have passed patches recently:- *Patch 1: Tara Pene, Toni Malton, Victoria Thompson, Tylah-Ann Charles, Kiah Dale/Haigh. Patch 2:- Kaitlyn Ingram, Jessica Alexander. Patch 3: Christie Clarke. Patch 4: Thaylia Evans, Holly Yeatman, and Samantha Alexander. Patch 6: Zoe Greer.* The next day for patch testing is Tuesday May 24. If you think you are ready for testing please put your name on the list available at the desk every Tuesday night. You don't need to wait until the night of testing to get your name on the list.

2011 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD: The NZFRS Artistic Committee presents the 2011 Development Squad for Federated skaters in NZFRS 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 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 about it. If you are not Federated and wish to attend **PLEASE** see Chris Hazelwood

SID COOPER MEMORIAL OPEN DAY COMPETITION: This competition will be held on Saturday June 11 at the Hamilton Roller Skating Rink, Melville Park, Hamilton. It features beginners, advanced beginners and all federation grades in figures, freeskating and dance. As well as CSD for all national grades, speed events, special Olympic events as well as a best glide and best shoot the duck competition for beginners and advanced beginners. The entry form is on the notice board now and closes on May 13. Have a chat to your coach if you think you would like to enter.

NELSON OPEN DAY COMPETITION: The Nelson club will be holding their open day competition on July 2 and welcome entries from Upper Hutt Club skaters. Watch the notice board for details as we expect entry form soon.

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. It 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 on the Notice board. Entry closes June 25.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS LEAGUE: *UH results from the first 2011 League held in Hastings on Saturday 7th May Figures Novice Johanna Hey 2nd Josie Durney 3rd Victoria Edwards 7th Freeskating Open Josie Durney 1st Johanna Hey 4th Solo Dance Preliminary Josie Durney 1st Juvenile Victoria Edwards 5th Novice 4th =*

MEDAL TEST PASSES: *Johanna Hey Solo Dance 1 Freeskating 1 Josie Durney Freeskating 1 Solo Dance 3*

HIGHER MEDAL TESTS IN NAPIER: Medal tests for Medal 3 and above will be offered at Rodney Green Centennial Hall in Napier on June 11 and 12. Watch the notice board for entry forms which should be available soon.

MEDAL TESTS IN UPPER HUTT: The committee 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.

MEDAL TEST CHANGES: Some medal tests have changed in 2011. A new schedule has been available at the rink and on line at the Skate NZ website since the changes were published. Coaches please make sure you have checked this schedule and are teaching your pupils the correct things for each test.

NATIONALS FUNDRAISER - \$50 RAFFLES: The club will continuously run \$50 raffles through to December as a fundraiser towards expenses for our skaters representing the Central Area (the lower north island) at Nationals in January 2012. The ticket will cost \$2 each and will be drawn when all 50 tickets are sold. The first raffle has already been drawn. Congratulations to **Chris Hazelwood** on her win with ticket number 15. The second raffle is on sale now. Results and ticket numbers will be published in the newsletter.

WIN A \$50 GIFT VOUCHER BY SELLING CHOCOLATE BARS BY JUNE 1: 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. 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 1 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 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. There are even vouchers for Ascot Cinema this year. 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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PUBLIC SESSIONS: A big *Thank You* to everyone who helped at the public sessions and at the private bookings during the recent school holidays. The income earned from these sessions is very valuable to us and helps keep rink fees down. Thanks everyone.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

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| May 10 | Club AGM, 6.30pm at the rink. |
| May 14 | Country and Western Night Disco, Upper Hutt rink 7-9pm. |
| June 11 | Sid Cooper Memorial Open Day, Hamilton Roller Skating Rink, Melville Park, Hamilton. Registrations Close May 13 |
| June 11/12 | Central Area Medal Tests for Medal 3 and above, Napier. Registration Coming Soon |
| June 18/19 | 2011 Development Squad, Sat Riverstone Recreation Centre, Upper Hutt. Sunday UHRSC Rink. Registrations Close June 5. |
| July 2 | Nelson Roller Skating Club Open Competition, Nelson. |
| July 29-31 | Graeme Sheppard Challenge, Napier. Registration Forms on the Notice board. |
| Aug/Sept 30 – 5 | 2011 World Inline Speed Championships, Yeosu, Korea |
| September 17/18 | Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt rink. |
| October 14 -16 | Central Area Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui. |
| November 14-27 | 2011 Artistic World Championships – Brasilia, Brazil |
| Dec 10/11 | Upper Hutt Club Champs, Club Rink. |
| Sept 29-Oct13 2012: | World Championships, Auckland. |