



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter June /July 2011

Development Squad 2011

A most successful Artistic Committee Development squad was held at our rink and Riverstone Recreation Centre recently. Skaters in non-international grades from all around NZ enjoyed learning new skills in Figures, Freeskating, Dance and Precision. 21 of Upper Hutt skaters attended and all report not only did they learn a lot, they had great fun too. A big thank you to all coaches who made this day possible, especially **Vilma Fanthorpe, Bill Hancock, Leanne Raffles, Lisa Thomas** and **Mareta Conroy** who travelled from out of town to help coach at the squad. Also we greatly appreciate and wish to **thank** all of our coaches who assisted. Because of the busy artistic calendar this year this will be the only development squad in 2011.

For the UHRSC skaters who attended the Club will credit half of the registration fee into your account.

All photos in this month's newsletter are from squad.

These and many more are on

<http://www.skate.wellington.net.nz/gallery.htm>



NEW MEMBERS: We welcome **July Pepler, Andrew Masseurs, Ruki Kotuku** and **Jessica Pitiroi** into our Club. We are sure you will enjoy skating. It's a great sport.

PATCH PASSES: Congratulations to those who have passed patches in May:- **Patch 1** Courtney Pember, Hayley Myatt, Catherine Jamison, Hana Masseurs, Jade Bennett, **Patch 2** Brooke McLean, Summer Hicks, Natalie Ingram, Jade Bennett, **Patch 3** Jasmine Beech, Katie Hawley, Paige Pember, Maisie Behrent, **Patch 4** Hadley Beech, Emily Walford. **Well done to you all.**

LAST PATCH/KIWI SPEED CLASS FOR THE TERM: Our last Patch class for the term will be held on Tuesday July 12. Patch will start again on Tuesday August 2. Our last Kiwi Speed class for the term will be held on Wednesday July 13. Kiwi speed will resume again on Wednesday August 3. We hope you have all enjoyed the 2nd term of 2011 and looking forward to seeing all back for next term. The Saturday Dance class 2.00 – 3.00 pm will continue during the holidays

RETURN CLUB SKATES FOR HOLIDAYS: All club skates (off the skate shelves) out on loan to members must be returned for the July School holidays. This means we can check their condition and do any maintenance required as well as having them available for public sessions over the holidays. Please ensure that all skates are returned by the end of Patch class on July 12.

JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS: There is a roster on the notice board for the Private bookings and Public discos sessions. **Please add your name on correct sheet where you can help.** Your help is needed to man these sessions – which are a vital source of income for the club. Without it rink fees would be much higher. If you are unsure see a Committee member who will tell you what is required. Thanks so much for your help.

WINTER WONDERLAND NITE SKATE: A great night out is coming up – Saturday August 6, 7.00 - 9.00 pm at the rink. The theme is Winter **Wonderland**. 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. Entry cost will be \$5 for members and \$6 for non-club members, Blade hire \$3, Skate hire Free. Proceeds will be for our International Travel Fund.

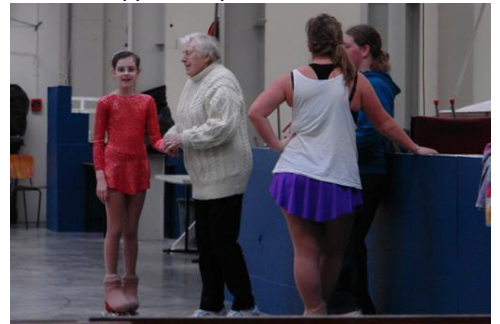
PATCH CLASS COACH OF THE MONTH: **Congratulations** to **Jordan Bougen** who has been

named Patch Class coach of the month for May. Each month we honour one of our volunteer coaches who have done well. We appreciate Jordan's commitment and the help of all our volunteer coaches.

PATCH CLASS SKATER OF THE MONTH: *Congratulations* to **Tiana Fisk** who has been named Patch Class skater of the month for May.

PATCH CLASS COACHES: We really value the work our volunteer coaches do and wish to *thank* them for coming on a regular basis. Sadly we don't have enough of them. We would really appreciate it if any of our experienced Freeskaters and coaches – current and past – could come along and help out. Any skater or parent (*even if you can't skate*) interested in coaching at Patch Class next term is asked to come to a meeting from **5.30pm - 6.30pm on Tuesday July 19**. Thanks to **Vanessa Bowden** who came to help recently when she was home for uni break..

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 Artistic Committee cost, Medal 5 and above will be \$8 plus NZFRS Artistic Committee cost. If you would like to sit a medal start planning this with your coach now. Medal tests are only available to skaters with private coaches. There is also a possibility that the club may provide an opportunity to sit **Medal 1 only, in July**. This is subject to hall and judge availability. Coaches please indicate to Fiona Patrick ASAP if you will have anyone ready for **medal 1 only** – names and disciplines please. We would like to have as many medal 1 tests done in July so we can to free up the September date for medals 2 and above.



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. Entry and Nominations have *closed* for this event but 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 ensure you comply. Please also talk to your coach regarding this event or even if you think you might like to be considered for selection for the NZ team in future years so proper planning for your progress and medal tests can be put in place. There are medal test requirements for selection and it is expected that skaters will have achieved these medals over a period of time in preparation for selection – not rushed to get them at the last minute.

EAST/WEST REGIONAL COMPETITION: This competition is August 20/21 at Palmerston North. Entry is \$35 no matter how many events you do. Please discuss entry with your coach. *Entry forms are on the notice board and close, with payments, with our club on July 18.*

JOAN ALEXANDER CHALLENGE: This competition for precision teams is also on August 20/21 in Palmerston North and will be run in conjunction with East/West Regional's. *Entry forms are on the notice board and close, with payments, with our club on July 18*

RINK ETIQUETTE NOTES: Rink etiquette notes have been added to the pole at the entrance to the main rink. We ask all coaches and skaters to read them please. Private Coaches, it is your responsibilities to ensure that as part of you're coaching you teach your skaters rink etiquette according to these guidelines. Anyone with any queries should see a committee member for clarification.

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. 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 prizes like vouchers for free travel, an electrical appliance, entertainment vouchers etc. However 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, like free baby sitting for an evening of the winner's 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 skater's 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 in rink in 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. The Club would be grateful of any trophy donation.

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. Skaters who wish to represent the Club 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 RAFFLES: The club is continuously running \$50 raffles through to December as a fundraiser towards expenses for our skaters representing the UHRSC at Nationals in January 2012. The tickets cost \$2 each and will be drawn when all 50 tickets are sold. The third raffle has been drawn. The fourth raffle is on sale now. Results and ticket number of the raffle 4 winner will be published in the newsletter.

CHOCOLATE BARS: Our Cadbury Chocolate fundraiser is going well. Congratulations to **Wayne Greer** who won a \$50 voucher of his choice for being the person who sold the most boxes by June 15. We still have a few left and would appreciate member's efforts to sell them. If you would like more boxes these are available through Chris Hazelwood.



SELL A WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOK: *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.* We have 6 books left to sell. They need to be sold or returned by the end of July. Please see Mary-Anne for a book. Vouchers in the book aren't just for meals, you get a free ticket to Lions and Hurricanes games of the same value as a ticket you buy, the same applies to Firebirds Cricket. There are buy one get one free vouchers for swims at H2O, Naenae Pool, Huia Pool and reduced priced movies. Also many other recreation and entertainment vouchers like Staglands, Time Zone and more.

LEAKS: The ongoing problem with roof leaks is frustrating, but the committee is doing their best to get the landlord to address the issue. If you are first at the rink and discover leaks, please wipe them with a towel, if it's still raining place a bucket under the leak, draw a picture so 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!! The equipment has re-tested and we should be online again soon. 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.

Riverstone Recreation hall (Civic), Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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 it isn't available that week.

MEDAL TEST PASSES: Area medal tests were held in Napier recently for medals 3 and above. Quite a few of our members went to sit tests in what was a very busy and long Saturday and Sunday for the judges and officials. The committee thanks all those involved in organizing and judging for their commitment and energy. Congratulations to the following club members who passed medals:- **Emma Patrick** (Freeskating 8), **Kyra Thomson** (Solo Dance 7, Freeskating 6), **Tanja deWilde** (Figure 6), **Caitlin Williams** (Figure 5, Figure 4, Solo Dance 4), **Terriann Randle** (Figure 4, Figure 5, Freeskating 4), **Jordan Bougen** (Solo Dance 4, Solo Dance 5, Figure 4), **Samantha Whitham** (Solo Dance 5), **Martina Steiner** (Freeskating 5, Figure 4, Inline Freeskating 1, Inline Freeskating 2), **Abigail Evans** (Figure 4, Solo Dance 4), **Katelyn Kennedy** (Freeskating 4, Figure 4) and **Thaylia Evans** (Solo Dance 3).

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

July 10	Speed round 1 Winter League Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui. <i>Contact Gary Clark for details</i>
July 19	Patch Class Coaches meeting and training session. 5.30-6.30pm at the rink.
July 29-31	Graeme Sheppard Challenge, Napier. Registration closed.
August 6	Winter Wonderland Nite Skate. 7-9pm Upper Hutt Club rink.
August 20-21	East/West Regionals & Joan Alexander Challenge, Palmerston North. Registration Closes July 18.
Aug 30 – Sept 5	World Inline Speed Championships Yeosu South Korea http://www.yeosu2011.com/?r=eng
Sept 10	NZFRS AGM – Palmerston North
Sept 3/4	Medal Tests Figures 1-10, Free 1-4, Dance 1-4. Upper Hutt. Registration Opens soon.
Sept 17 -18	Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt rink.
October 14-16	Central Area Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui.
October 22	Sports Supporters Nite Skate – enjoy World Cup Fever. 7-9 pm at the Upper Hutt Club Rink.
Nov 14 – 27	Artistic World Championships Brasilia, Brazil http://www.brasil2011.org/index_ing.php
Nov 25	Casino Night Fundraiser, Upper Hutt Cossie Club. 7-10 pm.
Dec 10/11	Upper Hutt Club Champs, Club Rink.
Dec 17	Christmas Spectacular Nite Skate. 7-9 pm at the Upper Hutt Club rink.
Jan 1 - 7 2012	National Championships, Timaru
Sept 29 – Oct 13 2012	Artistic World Championships, Auckland.

