



# UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

**Newsletter November/December 2011**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011 WORLD REP SKATERS**

Four club members travelled to Brazil in November to the 2011 World Roller Skating Championships. Congratulations to **Sarah Jane Jones** who reached her goal of placing in the top ten in her event!!!! Sarah-Jane placed 9<sup>th</sup> in Senior Ladies Solo Dance. Well done. Congratulations also to **Emma Patrick** who placed 17<sup>th</sup> in Junior International Ladies Figures among a field of 33 skaters and **Emma Hazelwood** who placed 18<sup>th</sup> in Junior International Solo Dance from a field of 25 skaters. The girls appreciated the assistance of Raewyn Hailes who travelled to Brazil as the team coach.



**JUDGES COMMISSIONS:** Congratulations to three members who have been awarded new judges' commissions recently: - **Bill Stratford** (Precision), **Michelle Albrett** (Precision, Class 4 in Dance) and **Nika Thomson** (Class 4 in Figures, Freeskating and Dance).

**CASINO FUN NIGHT:** Our recent Casino Fun Nite was a great success and all those who attended had a great night. This was a fundraising event to help our members who are skating at Nationals in Timaru in January with their expenses. There were some amazing prizes donated which made the night really rewarding for many as we had plenty of items to offer as lucky ticket prizes, raffle prizes and auction items. Prizes included a Blue Ray Player, a City Fitness Gym Membership worth \$300, A package of rhinestones from Rhinestonz and Beads worth \$250, \$100 Interislander voucher, \$100 Co-op Shuttles Voucher, \$100 Trial Glider Flight Voucher, A night and breakfast at the Copthorne Solway Hotel and much more. A very special thank you to the following businesses for the prizes they donated. Without your generosity the event would not have been the success it was:- **Harvey Norman, Copthorne Hotel and Resort Wairarapa, Interislander, Steve McNabb Electrical, Trust House Community Enterprise, Upper Valley Gliding Club, Rhinestonz and Beads, Jude and Mike from Todds Cottage Vineyard, Upper Hutt Car Sales, Co-op Shuttles, Tree Gifts NZ Ltd, Nutrimetics, Jack's Bakery Waterloo, Avon, Quinny's Drycleaning, Waterloo Pharmacy, Waterloo Bookshop, Silverstream Pharmacy, Dance Fabrics Direct, Everson's Manufacturing Jewellers, Niro Hair and Beauty, Zazu Hairdressing, Ankur's VH Hair Design, City Fitness Upper Hutt, BBQ Factory, 7s Bar, MTA, Happy Nails, Moore Wilsons, Staglands, New World Railway Metro, H2O Xtream, Simply the Best Brazier, Pak N Save Lower Hutt and Colorpace Photographic Lab Upper Hutt.** Thanks also to all the Nationals families who donated prizes. The event was a big undertaking to organize – thanks to **Debbie Bougen** and all her helpers for the effort they put into making the night a success. Lots of people played a part but special thanks to **Linda, Holly and Susan Paterson** for donating their skills and experience as croupiers for the night and to **Roger Boulcott** our talented MC!!! Plans are afoot for another next year – so make sure you come next year – it was a fun night in a good cause!!!

**NEW MEMBERS:** We welcome **Nathan Cartmell** and **Georgina Dodge** as new members. We trust you will enjoy the sport. There is a lot to learn but other members will always be willing to help. If you need to know anything just ask.

**CHRISTMAS PARADE:** Our club will be entering a float in the Upper Hutt Christmas Parade which is on the afternoon of Saturday December 3. If you would like to be involved please put your name up on the sign up sheet on the notice board and those involved in running this will contact you.



**MEDAL TEST PASS:** Congratulations to **Tracey Behrent** who passed Freeskating Medal 1 at recent Central Area medal tests in Palmerston North. Well Done. Good luck to our club members travelling to Napier in December for higher medal tests.

**WELLINGTON COLLEGE SPORT AWARDS:** The annual Wellington College Sport Awards were held in November. Special Congratulations to **Kyra Thomson** who was an overall finalist and awarded the Skater of the Year Award. Schools nominate their students for these awards. Each code offered in school gets an award for that code, but because skating is not offered in schools it is included in the "other codes" section for which only five awards are made across all the codes – so this recognition for skating was excellent. It is rare to have a Skater of the Year Award. Congratulations also to other club members who were nominees: - **Grace Cooper, Jack Patrick, Tanja deWilde, Stefanie McCallum and Terriann Randle.**

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Our Club Championships are coming up on December 10 and 11. These are always lots of fun and offer a great chance for beginner skaters to put what they have learned on the floor in a fun and friendly competition. A timetable is on the notice board and has been sent out by e-mail. We will also be looking for help from the families of skaters who are competing with food for officials' morning and afternoon teas and lunches and to man the snack shop. Please see Carolyn Evans to put your name on the roster.

Just a reminder:

***Dress code:*** Female skaters wear leotards to compete at competitions and males stretch tops and stretch trousers. There are a variety of second hand and new costumes available for sale on the rack at the club at a reasonable cost and also some near new more elaborate ones at a higher cost. Generally the more expensive the fabric and embellishments like beads and rhinestones and the less wear the costume has had, the higher the cost secondhand. Girls with long hair should wear their hair tied back as moving hair is a distraction for the judges.

***Reporting Times:*** The timetable will give rough guide to the times your skater will need to be at the rink. Please ensure that you arrive be there at least 30 minutes beforehand ready to go as events may run early and because the timetable is tight we will not be able to wait for you.

***Presentations:*** Medals are awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place getters in each event. Please ensure that you stay in the rink until the presentations are made as we do not want those who have won a medal to miss out on this special celebration of their success. Skaters must be wearing skating attire and skates to take the dais for their presentation so please don't allow them to change after the event until the presentation has been made.

**TROPHIES FOR UPPER HUTT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Those who won trophies at Club Champs last year are asked to **clean them and return them immediately**. They must be back at the rink by December 2. They need to be sorted before the competition so returning them on the day is too late.

**PATCH PARTY:** Our final Saturday Dance Class for 2011 will be held on Saturday December 3, final patch class for 2011 will be held on Tuesday December 13 and final Kiwi Speed on Wednesday December 7. To finish off the year with a bit of fun all ***Patch and Kiwi Speed skaters*** are invited to an end of year party at the rink on Tuesday December 13 from 5.30 - 6.30pm. Please bring a plate of party food to share. The club will provide drinks for skaters only. Drinks will be for sale for siblings and other family members. We will have some skating games and a bit of fun to round off the year.

**CLUB SKATE RETURN:** Club skates on loan must be returned by December 13. If you are not going to be at the end of year party please ensure you sign them in when you leave Club Champs. They need to be back in over the break for maintenance and to be reallocated again in 2012.

**CHRISTMAS SKATETACULAR:** Our last public session of the year will be a Christmas Skatetacular Nite Skate. This will be held at the rink on Saturday December 17 from 7pm - 9pm. This has become a bit of a tradition and is always a fun night. ***Dress in Christmas costume*** and the best dressed club member will win a voucher prize – best dressed non club member will a ten visit voucher to our public sessions.. Invite your friends and family and have fun!!! Money raised will be going into the International travel fund to help our International skaters with their expenses.

**PATCH CLASS AND KIWI SPEED RESUMES:** Patch Class resumes for 2012 on Tuesday February 7, 5.30 – 6.30pm, and Kiwi Speed on Wednesday February 8, at UH Riverstone Recreation Centre, 4.00 – 6.00pm

**FIRST PUBLIC SESSION OF THE YEAR:** Our first public session of the year will be a free public open day session for all from 3 - 5pm on Saturday February 4. There will be skating demos as well as public skating to music. If you haven't been on skates over the break this is a good chance to get back on them before the training year starts again. Invite your friends and family.

**SCHOOL PRIVATE BOOKINGS:** We have a number of private bookings from schools during school time in December. If you can help out with these bookings it would be appreciated. Most are two hours in duration. If one person is required and you have experience running bookings you will receive a \$20 rink fees credit for running the booking. If more than one person is required and you assist an experienced person you will also receive a \$20 rink fee credit for your help. Please contact Chris Hazelwood for more info.

**BIRTHDAY CUP:** The UHRSC Birthday Cup is awarded each year to someone who has shown excellence in the sport both in terms of commitment to the club and results. This is not necessarily the best skater – but someone who has achieved well in the grade they are in and shown commitment to the sport in other ways. Nomination forms will be placed on the notice board in December and must be completed and handed to club secretary, Fiona Patrick, by 1pm on Sunday January 31. Anyone can nominate a Club member; and the form will need to be signed by the club treasurer, David Linney as a seconder. This will be done after the nominations have been received. The cup will be presented mid-February 2012 as the Club celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> year.

**RINK MAINTENANCE:** The rink will be closed for maintenance from January 01<sup>st</sup> 2012 to January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012. Please do not skate during this time as there could well be wet paint around. There will be working bees over this time but there are plenty of jobs that can be done at any time during this period. Especially for those who are not going to Nationals, it would be appreciated if you would contact Bruce Crosby or David Linney who can advise what needs to be done. The quicker the work is done, the quicker the rink can reopen for all to use. David and Bruce's numbers are at the end of the newsletter.

**SPEED UPDATE:** The Upper Hutt Speed group was represented recently at Wanganui River City Tour. **Patrick Ward** skated well placing 2nd (out of 7) overall in Primary section. **Korey St Clare** placed 5th (out of 14) overall in Junior mixed section and **Georgia Hurley** was 9th (out of 14) overall in Junior mixed section. Well done to you all. All agreed it was definitely a worthwhile weekend. Our skaters learned a lot, and found it a great experience getting amongst kids with varying levels of experience, skill and speed! They were probably well and truly worn out at the end of it as they skated some long races i.e. Korey and Georgia's longest race was 5kms, with a 2.5 and a 3.0 in there as well as some shorter ones!!

It was a well organised event and a credit to the Wanganui Club. Pictured at right are Patrick, Korey and Georgia at the track. Next on the calendar is the Valley Inline hosted Speed King Event being held in Upper Hutt the weekend of December 3 and 4. Good luck to our members who are competing. Artistic members - Please go along to the various venues and cheer our speed skaters on. Info about the venues can be reached by texting the number below.

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**NZ NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:** NZ National Championships will be held in Timaru from January 2-7 2012. Our team managers are **Fiona Patrick and Carolyn Evans**. We thank them for taking on this role.

For those who have qualified please remember

**Music** Please ensure that all music for Freeskating, Freedance, CSD and Precision is handed in to team management who will take it to Nationals and collect it afterwards. The music you used at Areas will have been kept in the team box unless you asked for it back. If you have changed music since then, please remember to hand in your new music and remove your old music from the box so there is no confusion. CD's must be labelled with your name, art number, club and the event. PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE CLUB BECAUSE AFTER USE THE ANNOUNCERS NEED TO KNOW WHICH BOX TO RETURN THE CD TO AND NOT ALL ANNOUNCERS KNOW EVERY SKATER. The CD case should also be named with the same info. Don't forget to take a spare copy of your music in case of any CD malfunction.

**Artistic Numbers must** be worn for this Championship so please ensure that you do not forget to take your number and some safety pins with you.

**Communication** Please remember all communication must go through team management not direct to officials at the Championship. Please supply a contact number (preferably cell phone) to our team managers' before leaving for Christchurch. They need this so they can contact you in the event of any timetable changes etc.

**Schedule and Figure and Dance Draw** The draw for the figure and dance group is on the notice board. The starting foot for figures is not drawn till the team managers meeting at the start of Nationals and will be announced at our team meeting.

**Team Meeting** A team meeting will be held at the stadium on Sunday January 1 immediately following the managers meeting. This is expected to be around 7pm. More details about our team meeting in next month's newsletter.

**Trophies** For those of you who won trophies please ensure you clean them and take them to Nationals with return on the first day. It is very disappointing if the trophy is not there for the next person to receive. If you have a trophy/trophies and are not going to Nationals please ensure you arrange for someone to take it to Timaru and hand it in on your behalf.

**Skate Checks** As the stadium has a wooden floor, please be aware that there may be a skate check before you are allowed on the floor. In preparation for competition and to ensure you are not stressed just before an event, please check your skates before you leave Upper Hutt. You will need to be sure that the wheel nuts do not protrude past the wheels. If you don't know how to do this please ask your coach. You will also want to check the wheels are spinning freely – if they are not then you may need to loosen the wheel nuts or clean the bearings. You will also want to check that all screws and nuts are done up properly and the skates will not malfunction.

**Social** Please be aware that there is usually a social function on the Saturday night to close Nationals. This is well attended by all ages and a great way to wind down and socialize with other families. If you think you would like to attend the social please ensure you keep your accommodation in Timaru for the Saturday night.

**CLUB TRAINING DAY FOR NATIONALS SKATERS:** A training day has been arranged at Riverstone Recreation on Boxing Day – December 26 for skaters who will be competing at Nationals. To reduce the cost for everyone, skaters in similar grades and events will be placed in small groups to share the floor. There will be a charge per discipline skated per skater to help cover the cost of hire. A sign up sheet is on the notice board now. If you wish to be involved please sign up by December 13. The groupings will then be worked out once its known who wants to do what and a timetable will be worked out. If you are going to Nationals and don't want to be involved please let Chris Hazelwood or Fiona Patrick know so they know not to include you.

**RETURN CLUB UNIFORMS:** All skaters not skating NZ Nationals in January must return their club track suits and singlets immediately. Please ensure these are washed before returning them to Debbie Bougen. They will be re-issued next year to those skaters representing the club at Graeme Sheppard Challenge and Area Championships. For the 27 skaters who are going to Nationals – please try on your uniform and ensure that it all still fits. If it does not, please see Debbie to discuss swapping items that no longer fit. Please ensure that your uniform is washed and clean and for those of you who already have Nationals Bars that you have your Nationals bars on it ready for a Club Nationals Skaters photo to be held at the end of Club Champs in the afternoon of December 11.

**CLUB RIVERSTONE RECREATION HIRE:** Because the hockey club has finished using the rink for the year now Riverstone recreation sessions will no longer be paid for by the club. The Tuesday and Thursday bookings will be maintained in the club name and are open for anyone to join on a user pays basis. Members are welcome to use the booking and pro-rata the cost of \$23 per hour hire among those who are using the hall. For more information about this Tuesday and Thursday booking contact Chris Hazelwood. A notebook will be held for those using the hall and you will pay per half hour so if you use it for a minimum of less than 1/2 hour you will still pay for 30 mins. If you use it for 35 mins you will pay for an hour.

**RESULTS:**

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club Members results from:-*CENTRAL DISTRICTS LEAGUE COMPETITION held in Palmerston North recently:-*

**Figures Preliminary** Zoe Greer 6th *Novice* Emma Greer 6th *Primary* Katie Hawley 2nd *League Beginners* Summer Hicks 1st Tracey Behrent 2nd *League 1st Time* Natalie Ingram 1st **Freeskating Preliminary** Zoe Greer 2nd *Novice* Emily Walford 2nd Emma Greer 6th Tracey Behrent 9th *Primary* Katie Hawley 2nd Natalie Ingram 3rd *League Beginners* Summer Hicks 2nd **Solo Dance Novice** Zoe Greer 1st Emma Greer 2nd Tracey Behrent 4th *Primary* Natalie Ingram 2nd *League Beginners* Katie Hawley 6th *League Open* Emily Walford 1st

**MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:**

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

Dec 3 – 4 Speed King Tour, Upper Hutt

Dec 10 – 11 Upper Hutt Club Champs, Club Rink.

Dec 17 - Christmas Spectacular Nite Skate. 7-9pm at the Upper Hutt Club rink.

**2012**

Jan 2 - 7 National Championships, Timaru

Jan 9 – 12 Speed Tour of Timaru, Timaru

Jan 29 Speed NZ Marathon, Mansfield Raceway, Feilding

Feb 4 – 5 Speed NZ Banked Track,

Apr 6 – 9 Speed Oceania's, Timaru

Apr 9 – 15 Artistic Oceania's, Trust Stadium, Waitakere, Auckland **Please note – dates still to confirm**

Sep 29 – Oct 13 Artistic World Championships, Auckland.

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