



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter October 2012

HAWAIIAN NITE DISCO GREAT SUCCESS

Our recent Hawaiian Party themed night disco celebrated the arrival of spring in great style. Costumes were fantastic and everyone who attended enjoyed a fun night. Congratulations to **Aria Coleman** who won the best dressed club member prize. Aria is pictured with some other club members at right (Aria is front row on the right). Also a big hit on the night were new flashing lights wheels, which will be on our new upgraded hire skates for the night discos. The money raised will go towards supporting our skaters representing New Zealand at the Oceania Roller Sports Championships in Sydney next April. These skaters are:- **Emma Hazelwood** (Senior International Ladies Solo Dance), **Emma Patrick** (Senior International Figures, Senior International Freeskating), **Wil Cooper** (Senior International Mens Solo Dance, Mini Precision), **Kyra Thomson** (Junior International Figures, Junior International Freeskating, Junior International Solo Dance), **Grace Cooper** (Youth International Figures, Youth International Solo Dance, Mini Precision), **Martina Steiner** (Youth International Freeskating, International Inline Freeskating, Youth International Figures), **Katelyn Kennedy** (Youth International Solo Dance, Cadet International Figures, Cadet International Freeskating, Mini Precision), **Jordan Bougen** (Youth International Solo Dance, Cadet International Figures, Mini Precision), **Terriann Randle** (Cadet International Freeskating, Cadet International Figures, Cadet International Solo Dance, Mini Precision), **Abigail Evans** (Cadet International Freeskating, Cadet International Figures, Cadet International Solo Dance, Mini Precision), **Paula Boulcott** (Masters Dance Pairs, Masters Solo Dance), **Roger Boulcott** (Masters Dance Pairs, Masters Mens Figures), **Alan Thomson** (Masters Mens Figures), **Shania Freemantle** (Mini Precision) **Kirsten Foley** (Mini Precision).



CHRISTMAS CHEER NITE SKATE Our last night skate for 2012 will be held on **Saturday December 15 from 7pm-9pm**. It will be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit as it has a Christmas theme. There will be a prize for the best club members Christmas costume and one for the best non-club members Christmas Costume. The new skates with the flashing wheels will be available for hire. Get your costumes planned now. These events are the most fun when they are well attended to please encourage your friends and family to come along.

QUIZ NIGHT THIS MONTH A fun social night out for all members aged 12 and over is planned for **Friday November 16**. It will be a quiz night at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club with all proceeds going to help our skaters who will be representing NZ at Oceania's. The night starts at 6.30pm with the quiz getting under way at 7pm. The quiz will be run in tables/teams of 10 with spot prizes and raffles throughout the night. These evenings are always plenty of fun. The committee encourages all families to get involved – either make up your own party of 10 – you can bring as many family and friends as you like, or join a table of other club members. You don't have to make up your own party to be involved. Tickets which are \$10 each can be purchased from any member of the Oceania team (listed above) who would be delighted for you to be involved with their table.



SKATE RAFFLE Upper Hutt Oceania Team members have a raffle on sale - tickets \$2 - prizes include an Edea shaped skate bag, boot covers and tights, a skating skirt, one of the leotards that were for sale at Worlds and a set of dance plugs. This is bound to appeal to skating families. It will be drawn at Club Champs. Tickets available through Oceania team members listed above who would love it if you could show your support in this way. They will also be on sale at patch class, medal tests and Club Champs.

\$50 RAFFLE A \$50 raffle as another fundraiser to help our Oceania skaters is also underway. This will be drawn as soon as all tickets are sold. Tickets are \$2. Tickets are limited to \$50. The sign up board is at the desk.

NEW MEMBERS We welcome **Trish Bowden** and **Graeme Bennett** (Jade's Mum and Dad) as UHRSC members. It's great to have the whole family on board. We also welcome **Tommy McNicol**. It's also good to see the McNicol family back involved with the sport.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS ROLLERSKATING LEAGUE ON THIS MONTH The Central Districts Roller Skating League Competition is on at Bell Hall Palmerston North on Saturday November 24. This is an ideal competition for beginner skaters. Anyone with their own coach, in non-international grades can enter. The entry form is on the noticeboard now. Anyone who thinks they may wish to enter is asked to discuss it with their coach before signing up. Cost is \$10 for one event or \$25 for more than one. Payment must be made by the close of entries on November 7. No payment, the entry will not be processed.

LOWER MEDAL TESTS PALMERSTON NORTH It is hoped to hold the some lower Medal Tests following League at Bell Hall in Palmerston North on Saturday November 24. Those tests available are:-Figures - Medals 1 & 2 (higher medals will be considered if time and Judges are available), Freeskating - Medals 1 & 2 only, Dance - Medal 1 only. Registration forms are on the noticeboard now. If you think you would like to sit a test at this time please discuss it with your coach before signing up. Entries close with our club on November 7. Payment must be received by the close of entries otherwise the entry will not be processed. Please be aware that while every attempt will be made to have all tests on Saturday, if there is a high volume of tests requested then some may be completed on Sunday.

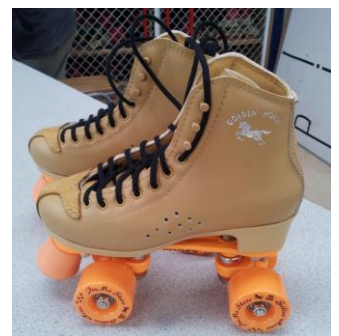
UPPER HUTT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Our Club Championships are a must for all Upper Hutt skaters and includes grades for everyone from patch 1 up. This competition will be held at the club rink on **December 8 and 9**. Set those dates aside now so you can make sure you are available to compete. This is a fantastic opportunity for patch skaters to put their skills into a competition routine as well as see other skaters in action. Those in patch class have started learning their routines to enter the beginners freeskating events. A beginners dance class for skaters in patch class WITHOUT a private coach for dance, will start on November 15 – more info below. This will enable patch skaters to enter beginners dance events also. The entry form will be on the notice board any day. If you are in patch and don't have a private coach – the patch managers Carolyn and Debbie will help you with entering, if you have a private coach please discuss grades with them and enter through them (whether you are in patch or not). **Entries close – with payment in full - November 18th at 3pm. No late entries will be accepted. If payment has not been received by this time the entry will not be processed.** The cost of heavily subsidized by the club, the only fee is a registration fee of \$5 per skater for one event or \$10 per skater if entering two or more events. Skates families will be asked to contribute a plate of food for the official's morning and afternoon teas and lunches. Note: Ages for events are the skaters' age as of January 1st 2012 so whatever age the skater is on that day is the age for competition purposes – even if they have had a birthday since then.

BEGINNERS DANCE CLASS A beginners dance class for those patch class skaters **who do not have** a private **DANCE** coach and who want to enter the beginners dance grades at Club Champs will start on Saturday November 11 at 2pm. Plain skating (waltz timing) will be taught by Abigail Evans and Grace Cooper under the guidance of Raynor Stratford.

UPPER HUTT MEDAL TESTS Medal Tests will be held in Upper Hutt. We thank all those who will help make this possible, our local judges, marshalls and coaches and especially judges **Jane Reason, Tony Alexander, Peter Willy** and **Bill Hancock** who will travel from out of town and give up their weekend to help our skaters. This test center cost the club more than double what skaters paid to sit the tests, so was heavily sponsored by the club. Medal tests results, next newsletter.

NEW SKATES FOR PATCH CLASS AND PUBLIC SESSIONS

We have recently purchased some new hire skates which can be used by patch class skaters, who don't have their own skates and these are also for hire at public sessions. These new skates are offered in the same way that rollerblades are now as a skate upgrade. They are \$3 per session to hire and will be locked away not left on the shelves. The original hire skates will still be free with entry. Please be aware of this when you are manning public sessions. If you are a patch skater without your own skates and want to use these for lessons, that it fine – but they must be left at the rink. Because they are all new and in the same good condition, one pair will be exactly the same as another so there is no need to take the skate's home to ensure consistent skates each time.



ARTISTIC SKATE HIRE The club has white and black artistic skates for hire for those skaters who have reached patch 2 or 3 and want more support and response from skates to help with jumps and spins, who are not ready to commit to owning a pair either because of cost or growing feet. These are the proper skates designed for artistic skating. They are \$15 per month and certainly make the job easier. If you are interested in seeing if your skater's size is available, please talk to one of the ladies on the desk at patch or Chris Hazelwood.

RINK RENOVATIONS The club has leased an adjoining building to enable the rink to be lengthened and a larger figure rink area to be created. Renovations will begin behind the wall in November. After the last public session in December the wall will be coming down, the floor ground and the rink walls moved. At the same time the entry will be moved into Railway Avenue and the public seating area will be in the new area. This is a huge project and will need to be completed in a short amount of time in order to be ready for the rink to open again at the end of January. The new rink will be an excellent facility for our skaters. Because the club is bearing the cost of much of the work the committee is trying to keep expenses to a minimum. **It would be appreciated if all families could volunteer help in the form of labour – there will be a constant stream of jobs from November on.** Anyone who can help is asked to contact David Linney (9700532) for information about what they can do assist with this project.



LAST CLASSES/PUBLIC SESSIONS FOR 2012 The last dance class for 2012 will be held on **Saturday December 1**. The last patch class will be held on **Tuesday December 11**. This will be a fun end of year party with skating games for all and shared food. Would all families please bring a plate of party food to share. The club will provide a drink for each patch class skater and coaches. All other siblings/family members are expected to purchase drinks if they would like to. Kiwi Speed members are welcome at this end of year celebration. The last Kiwi Speed for the year will be on **Wednesday December 12**. The last public session for 2012 will be **Saturday December 22**. A reminder that all club skates must be returned after the last patch class. If you will not be attending the patch party please make sure they are returned by the end of Club Championships. The rink *may* remain open for skating by members on a full card or those on a part card on their nominated day until the end of December but this will depend on what involves with the rink extension planned. Please be aware we may need to close rink before end of December.

RINK OPENING 2013 Opening dates for 2013 will be dependent on the dates the floor is ground and rink walls in place etc. Dates will be advised as soon as possible.

QUIZ NIGHT
 With Andrew
how smart are you??

**FUNDRAISER TO SEND OUR SKATERS TO OCEANIAS
 IN APRIL 2013**

GET YOUR TEAMS TOGETHER NOW AND JOIN US FOR A FANTASTIC NIGHT
 ** SPOT PRIZES, RAFFLES**

Tickets \$10 each
 Can be purchased through the Cossie Club, Upper Hutt Rollerskating Club or through one of the Oceania team!

**See you at the Cossie Club, 11 Logan Street, Upper Hutt
 From 6.30pm – Quiz starts 7pm!**

Friday 16th November 2012

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:
 Please Note: Dates/Venues maybe subject to alteration. Please check with event management.

- November 3/4 Medal Tests Upper Hutt. **Entries Closed**
- November 24/25 Central Districts League Skating Competition and Lower Medal tests, Bell Hall Palmerston North. **Entries Close Nov 7**
- December 1/2 Valley Inline Speed Skating Club Speed King Tour, Upper Hutt.
- Dec 8/9 Upper Hutt Club Championships, Upper Hutt Club Rink **Entries on board**
- Dec 15 Christmas Night Skate, Upper Hutt Club rink 7pm-9pm

- 2013**
- Jan Speed Nationals, Road Palmerston North, Flat Track Wanganui. Dates to be confirmed.
 - March 2/3 East/West Central Regionals/Joan Alexander Challenge, Jubilee Stadium Wanganui
 - April 6/7 Central Districts League Competition and Lower Medal tests. TBC
 - April 2-6 Oceania Roller Sports Championships. Sydney Australia. Dates to be confirmed.
 - July 19-21 Central Area Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
 - September Artistic National Championships. Dates and venue to be confirmed.

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