



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter February/March 2012

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BIRTHDAY CUP WINNER

The UHRSC celebrates its birthday in February and each year we mark this event by presenting the Birthday Cup to a club member who has given something special to/achieved excellence in roller sports during the previous year. It is expected the person will have had a well-rounded approach to the sport both competing and assisting others in the club. Nominations are invited from club members, with the recipient chosen by a person with no connection to the nominees.

This year, on the club's 30th birthday, the cup has been awarded to **Jordan Bougen** in recognition of an excellent year of skating and involvement in the club. Jordan has consistently medalled in her Cadet International Grade for Figures and Solo Dance, Intermediate grade for Freeskating and Open grade for Loops throughout 2011 and the 2012 Nationals. She was the winner of the Jack Fanthorpe Shield for outstanding performance up to Cadet International Grade at Nationals and she has involved herself in club team events including Precision and Show Skate. She is also a regular coach at Patch Class and assistant at Patch Dance Class. Well done Jordan.



CONGRATULATIONS BRUCE: Congratulations to Bruce Crosby who has been re-elected Chairperson of the East Central Region Committee.

SPACE AGE NITE DISCO MARCH 10: Our first night disco for 2012 will be held on **Saturday March 10 from 7-9 pm** and is a Space Age theme. Get your gear out and come and have some fun. There will be a prize for the best dressed club member as well as for the best dressed non club member who will win a voucher allowing **10 free entries** to our public sessions on Saturday afternoon or School Holiday sessions. As well as cool costumes we will have great music, skating games and spot prizes. Bring your friends and family – the more the merrier. All proceeds will help our international skaters represent their country and their club overseas. Please support this fundraiser.

WIN A \$50 VOUCHER FOR MOST CHOCOLATE SALES: The club is currently selling Cadbury Chocolates and bags of sweets as a fundraiser. There is an incentive for this – if you are the person to sell the most boxes and have paid for them by 6pm on March 13th you will win a **\$50 Warehouse voucher** So get selling and not only might you be the lucky one – the club will benefit from the fundraising.

PATCH TESTING: The system for patch testing in 2012 will be the same as last year. Skaters are welcome to put their name on the list to be tested when they feel they are ready. Patch testing will be held once a month and those on the list will be tested on the figures rink by commissioned coaches and judges with experience in Freeskating. The first testing session is Tuesday Feb 28th. If you think you are ready to pass your patch then make sure you add your name to the list urgently.

MEDAL PRESENTATIONS: Medals will be presented at the next Patch Class presentation night to those who passed them at the Napier tests in December. For those who would like to receive their medal please be at the rink by 6.15 pm on Tuesday March 6.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: The club AGM will be held on Tuesday May 8th at 6.30pm. We ask all members to attend this meeting. It is anticipated it will last for around one hour. There is to be no skating at all during this time. Anyone wanting a remit considered at the meeting must make sure it is in the hands of club secretary Fiona Patrick by April 29th, 3.00 pm. Nominations for the position of committee member close with the secretary on May 6th; 3.00 pm Nomination forms will be available closer to the time.

CLUB LEOTARD/TRACKSUIT: This was discussed and agreed at committee meeting that club leotard/tracksuit can be worn for official training squads, e.g. the dance squad at P/North this weekend. They cannot be worn for normal training or for normal wear. For those who never went to Nationals we are looking at getting some more. If interested please see Chris Hazelwood or Debbie Bougen

WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2012 – PLEASE SELL THEM TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY:

We are again selling the popular Wellington Entertainment Book. Anyone who has one will know how great they are for saving money not only on meals but also on movies, takeaways, accommodation, DVD hire, drycleaning etc. This year's books again contain hundreds of vouchers for 25 percent off, 50 percent off or buy one get one free. Businesses include:- Burger King, McDonalds, Dominos, Kapai, Butlers Chocolate Café, Jamaica Blue, Event Cinemas, Wellington Zoo, Zealandia, Wagamama, Fig Tree and much more. The cost is \$60 with **the club member who sells the book getting \$12 per book credited towards their skating expenses. 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 has 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.

GET FREE BONUS VOUCHERS: Order and pay for your 2012/13 Wellington Entertainment Books through the club by March 30 and the purchasers will receive a set of free vouchers which enables them to get a set of bonus vouchers that have offers from 6 businesses in the book – these are extras and include free meals. **THERE ARE ONLY 25 ADVANCE PURCHASE VOUCHERS AVAILABLE SO GET IN QUICKLY.** The other advantage in getting your orders paid for now is that because many people sell the book that (delete that) the earlier that (delete that) you have got someone's money the less chance there is that they will buy their book from someone else. So start taking orders and payment now. As soon as you have received payment, let Mary-Anne know 5289127 or e-mail mankthomson@xtra.co.nz and she will arrange for your advance purchase vouchers. Payment can be made to the club by cheque or EFT-POS. Get selling now as this is the first time that the person who sells the books gets the funds to help their own skating expenses.

2012 NATIONAL ARTISTIC SCHEDULE: The National 2012 Artistic Schedule is now available. It will run until December 31 2012. **There are some very important changes this year so please make sure you read it and that your coach is familiar with it.**

Copy of the Artistic schedule is in a folder at the rink, available from the NZFRS website, www.skatenz.org.nz, under the Artistic section, or from Club Secretary.

2012 MEDAL TEST SCHEDULE: The 2012 Medal Test Schedule is now available

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CENTRAL DISTRICTS LEAGUE COMPETITION: The first competition for this year (apart from Oceania's in April) will be the Central Districts League competition. This is a great competition for beginner skaters with special beginner grades as well as National Schedule grades for non-international grades. There are usually two league competitions a year for our area. The first one will be held at Bell Hall in Palmerston North on April 28/29. If you think you would like to compete you will need to be having private coaching. If you don't have a coach please see Chris Hazelwood to discuss options available. If you have a coach please discuss this with them as they can tell you about grades which are suitable and plan your coaching and training to involve the competition.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS MEDAL TESTS: There will be medal tests held in conjunction with Central Districts League at Bell Hall in Palmerston North on April 28/29. These will consist of medal 1 Dance, 1 and 2 Freeskating, depending on who judges for Figures level and no Precision. To sit medal tests you need to be having private coaching so the same applies as above, please see Chris Hazelwood if you do not have a private coach. If you are having private coaching and think you might like to sit a medal, please discuss this with your coach.

LAURIE HASTIE OPEN COMPETITION: Laurie Hastie Open Competition dates have been set as May 19/20 at Pascal Street Stadium, Palmerston North. This competition covers all National schedule grades but usually does not include CSD unless it is part of the combined Cadet International event. There may be some beginner grades – these will be advised closer to the time. For those who think they might like to compete – start making plans with your coach now.

UPPER HUTT OPEN COMPETITION: The Upper Hutt Open Competition, which is one of the highlights on the local club calendar, will be held on June 30/July 1. This will include all National schedule grades as well as some beginner grades. All competitive skaters should mark this in their diary and plan on competing. More details later.

UPPER HUTT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Our Club Championships are a must for all Upper Hutt skaters and include grades for everyone. This 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.

OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013: The 2013 Oceania Championships will be held in Liverpool, Sydney, Australia. Dates to be advised closer to the time, but it is anticipated it will be in April.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

Apr 6 – 9 Speed Oceania's, Timaru
 Apr 9 – 15 Artistic Oceania's Trust Stadium, Waitakere, Auckland
 April 28/29 Central Districts League Competition, Bell Hall, Palmerston North.
 April 28/29 Lower Level Medal Tests, Bell Hall, Palmerston North
 May 8 Upper Hutt Club AGM, 6.30pm at Our Rink.
 May 19/20 Laurie Hastie Open Competition, Pascal Street Stadium, Palmerston North
 June 30/July1 Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt Club Rink, Upper Hutt
 Sep 29 – Oct 13 Artistic World Championships, Trust Stadium, Waitakere Auckland.
 Dec 8/9 Upper Hutt Club Championships, Upper Hutt Club Rink

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