



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

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ARTISTIC NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013

Good luck to all our skaters competing at the 2013 New Zealand Artistic National Roller Skating Championships in Wanganui at the end of September. The club has 44 skaters who will be representing the Central Area after qualifying at Areas or dispensations have been granted. **Paula Boulcott** and **Samantha Whitham** who were unable to skate at Area Championships have had their dispensations to skate approved as has **Katelyn Kennedy** who had to pull out of some events after injuring herself at Areas. Seven skaters, who did not qualify in events at areas, have had their request for approval to skate in those events granted through top up places not used by other areas. As well as Paula, Sam and Katelyn the other skaters are:- First timers **Reuben Johnson, Tracey Behrent, Katie Hawley, Emily Walford, Holly Yeatman, Jade Bennett, Natalie Ingram, Tylah-Anne Charles, Tiana Fisk, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia, Kotuku Ruki, Samantha Alexander, Jessie Pitiroi, Summer Hicks, Maisie Behrent** and **Wayne Greer** (Masters International Mens Figures). As well as **Emma Hazelwood, Emma Patrick, Kyra Thomson, Grace Cooper, Martina Steiner, Jordan Bougen, Katelyn Kennedy, Terriann Randle, Abigail Evans, Hayley Patten, Hollie Goldstone, Johanna Hey, Roger Boulcott, Michelle Crosby, Raquel Willcox, Jessye Willcox, Emma Greer, Zoe Greer, Josie Durney, Victoria Edwards, Thaylia Evans, Aria Coleman, Michaela Steiner, Ashleigh Hunter** and **Shania Freemantle**. We are sure you will have a great time at Nationals. **Roger** and **Paula Boulcott** will be the club flag bearers in honour of the years they have been involved with the club and having achieved their personal bests at recent Oceania Championships. **Jack** and **Bella Stonnell** and **Wil Cooper** have withdrawn from the team.

CLUB WINS AWARD The club was recently awarded runner up in the Sport and Leisure Category of the Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards. These awards are in recognition of the voluntary service provided to the community by clubs in the region. Our club President, **Bruce Crosby** attended the awards and accepted a framed certificate (pictured at right) and a cheque on the club's behalf. Well done everyone.



MEDAL TESTS Congratulations to the following people who have passed medal tests at a test center held in Upper Hutt recently:- **Abigail Evans** (Solo Dance 6), **Thaylia Evans** (Solo Dance 6), **Josie Durney** (Solo Dance 5), **Emma Greer** (Solo Dance 4), **Zoe Greer** (Solo Dance 4), **Hollie Goldstone** (Solo Dance 4, Freeskating 4, Precision 3, Precision 2), **Holly Yeatman** (Figure 3, Freeskating 3, Solo Dance 3), **Reuben Johnson** (Freeskating 3, Solo Dance 2), **Olivia Munro-Tupangaia** (Figure 3), **Jessye Willcox** (Solo Dance 3, Freeskating 1), **Samantha Alexander** (Precision 3), **Emily Walford** (Precision 3, Precision 2), **Kotuku Ruki** (Figures 2, Freeskating 2), **Jade Bennett** (Solo Dance 2), **Katie Hawley** (Solo Dance 2), **Summer Hicks** (Freeskating 2).

NEW MEMBERS We welcome **Isabella Johansen-Iva, Jasanaya Hopkins, Jourdan, Hunter, Leandra** and **Mike Kilbride and Kane Prince** into membership of the club. We hope you will enjoy your new sport.

PATCH PASSES Congratulations to the following people who have passed patches in the last month. **Maisie Behrent** (Patch 5), **Anneka Gurney** (Patch 2), **Isabella Johansen-Iva** and **Taylor Courtney** (Patch 1).

CONGRATULATIONS on **Alan Thomson** being re-elected as one of the NZFRS board members. Well done.

2014 SCHEDULE The 2014 schedule has now been released to allow skaters the ability to plan ahead. This schedule takes effect from the 1st of the month following Nationals 2013 - so for the next competition year will take effect from November 1 2013 and run until the 1st of the month following the 2014 Nationals. A copy is in a clear file at the rink if you would like to have a look at it. Ages for this schedule are graded at the 1st of January 2014. This means the age you are on Jan 1 2014 is the age you skate at for the year this schedule is in place. Skaters who need to move up an age grade because of their age on January 1 should move up from November 1.

SEPT/OCT SCHOOL HOLIDAY We will need volunteers to help at our public sessions during holidays. Sessions are Monday –Friday of both weeks 1.00 –3.00 pm. Please see holiday roster on notice board at rink and add your name. More help we get the better for all. These sessions are very important to the Club not only financially but a great chance to recruit new members for our Learn to Skate Class and Speed Class.

NATIONAL TEAM PHOTO Planned to be done on **Sunday 22nd September at about noon** at the rink. All National team skaters and their Coaches are invited to be in photo. Please wear your tracksuit and have your skates. Thanks to **Paul Whitham** for volunteering to take the photo.

NATIONALS REMINDERS Thanks to **Fiona Patrick** who has again agreed to be the team manager for the Upper Hutt Club at Nationals 2013. She will be assisted by **Carolyn Evans** and **Raynor Stratford**. Those who have qualified for Nationals should remember that all communication regarding Nationals must go through a team manager.

For those who have qualified please also remember:-

Team Meeting A team meeting will be held at the Stadium Monday night September 30. Time will be advertised, once known. At this time all notices and any programme amendments will be provided and our team members' success in representing the central area and our club at Nationals will be recognized. Please be at this meeting.

Programme The programme has been released and is on the notice board. Please be aware that there may still be changes so please keep checking. Any changes will be notified after the team managers meeting by the team manager if they concern you.

Contact Numbers In case the Team Managers' need to contact you during the week of Nationals, please ensure Fiona Patrick has your cell phone number or a contact number for you in Wanganui, before leaving for Nationals.

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. CDs and their covers must be labeled 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 be plastic not a paper sleeve. Don't forget to take a spare copy of your music in case of any music malfunction.

Artistic Numbers Art numbers must be worn, so please ensure to take your number and some safety pins with you.

Communication Please remember all communication must go through team management at the Championship.

Schedule and Figure and Dance Draw The draw for the figure and dance group has been released. The starting foot for figures is not drawn till the Team Managers' meeting on Monday 30 Sept but will be available at the training sessions.

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.

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 Wanganui for the Saturday night. Tickets will be sold during the early part of Nationals week.

T Shirts Nationals T Shirts are available for sale, but this year need to be pre-ordered. If you think you would like a T shirt, please see the notice on the notice board and fill in the order form before the closing date of September 12.

CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER We wish to **THANK** all who donated prizes and sold tickets for our recent Casino Night Fundraiser. It was a great success and all enjoyed the evening. Please can all families who would like a prize sponsor mentioned in the next newsletter and thanked by way of a letter from the club, e-mail [Mary-Anne Thomson](mailto:Mary-Anne.Thomson@mankthomson@xtra.co.nz) or mankthomson@xtra.co.nz a.s.a.p. so we can acknowledge their generosity in these ways. **All** sponsors will be in next newsletter

ESPRESSO GARDEN DINING VOUCHER Congratulations to **Phillipa Steiner** who won the \$35 Espresso Garden Dining Voucher for selling Entertainment Books. Every Wellington Entertainment Book sold by our club members before the end of June earned one ticket in the draw to win the voucher provided by Entertainment Publications. At that stage Phillipa had sold 5 of the 40 books sold. Well done Phillipa.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS

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

2013

- September 30-October 5 Artistic National Championships, Jubilee Stadium Wanganui.
- Oct 12 Central Areas Speed Championships, UH Recreation Centre
- Oct 19 Scary Themed Night Disco, 7 – 9 pm Upper Hutt Club Rink
- Nov 2 – 3 Speed River City Tour, Wanganui
- Nov 4 – 15 World Roller Figure Skating Championships, Taipei City – Chinese Taipei
- Nov 9 Quiz Night, Upper Hutt Cossie Club
- Dec 7/8 Speed King Tour, (VISS club), Upper Hutt
- Dec 14 - 15 Upper Hutt Club Championships, Upper Hutt Club Rink.
- Dec 21 Christmas Night Disco, Upper Hutt Club rink 7-9pm
- Dec 30 – 31 Road Speed National Championships, Mt Wellington Kart Track, Auckland

2014

- Jan 1 Road Speed National Championships, Mt Wellington Kart Track, Auckland
- Jan 2 – 4 Flat Track Speed National Championships, ASB Stadium Auckland
- March 7/8/9 2014 UH Open Day, Upper Hutt Club Rink

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