



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter November 2013

MASQUERADE NITE SKATE

Our last night skate of the year will be a Masquerade themed skate. Don't miss it, it promises to be lots of fun. This will be held on Saturday **December 21 from 7-9pm**. All money raised goes to help skaters from our club representing New Zealand at Oceania Roller Sports Championships next April. Think about those costumes now and invite friends – the more people, the more costumes, the more fun. Your friends and family can win a best dressed non-club member prize of 10 free skating sessions. Club members can also win an excellent prize.

Katie Hawley won the best dressed member prize at the Scary Night skate in October. It was stated in the last newsletter that Natalie Ingram was the winner, when in fact it was Katie. The photo in the newsletter was of Katie, not Natalie. Apologies to both Katie and Natalie for the mix up.

UPPER HUTT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS A highlight of our club calendar is coming up on **December 14 and 15**. The timetable is on the noticeboard at the rink now. Please make sure you are at the rink in plenty of time before your event as events may run early. This week do a check of your skates to ensure all nuts are tight and wheels are spinning well so you will get the best out of your skates on the day. For anyone who still needs costumes, tights and boot covers these are for sale at Patch Class on Tuesday nights and there is a rack of leotards available for sale in the ladies changing room as well as a cupboard on the figures side of the rink with more leotards and boys tops, waist coats and pants in it.

TROPHY RETURN If you have not returned your trophies from Club Champs 2012, please CLEAN THEM and return them immediately. All trophies must be accounted for at the rink before December 12.

CLUB CHAMPS PHOTOS CD's of photos of your skater competing will be available to purchase after Club Champs at a cost of \$25. **Wayne Greer and Paul Whitham** will be aiming to take photos of most skaters in most events between them. There will be an order form on the noticeboard any day. If you want photos of your skater then please place your name on the order form and make payment. At the end of club champs Wayne and Paul will put all photos of a skater who has placed an order and paid, onto a CD. This is designed as a service and photos will not be able to be taken specifically, viewed and selected individually. It is simply all photos available from the weekend. All the proceeds will go towards supporting Oceania skaters from our club with their expenses in representing NZ next April.

NEW MEMBERS We welcome **Trinity August, Rylee Etchells and Molly Rodgers** into membership and welcome back **Jess Gregory**. We hope you will enjoy roller skating.

PATCH CLASS Now that the weather is warmer, would all patch class skaters please bring a drink bottle to the rink and place it on the rink wall so that you can drink quickly and easily when you need it. On Tuesdays there are always a lot of cups left unwashed in the kitchen due to skaters having a drink and leaving the cup. Skaters are not to use the kitchen cups and leave them unwashed. Bring a drink bottle!!! Anyone using cups and other kitchen equipment must return it to the kitchen (not leave it littered around the rink) and wash and dry it and put it away.

PATCH CLASS PARTY The **last patch class** will be held on **Tuesday December 17**. 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.

RINK SWEEPING THE FIRST USER OF THE DAY FOR A SKATING AREA (MAIN RINK OR FIGURES AREA) IS EXPECTED TO SWEEP IT BEFORE USE. There are only a very few people who have been doing this and the committee thanks them for being responsible. It is important that the rink is swept on both sides each day so that it doesn't get dirty and slippery and bearings don't get clogged up with dust and dirt. Once the rink is being used it is impossible to sweep. so please when you arrive at the rink check the noticeboard on the figures side. If no-one has swept the area you are using sweep it before use and write your name up. If you are only using the figures area then sweep it and write your name and "figures only" up. The same goes for the main rink write "main only" up. If you are the first to use both – then please sweep both. Thanks for your co-operation with this. The blue headed mops are perfect for the job. Please take them outside and shake them out vigorously after use so the next person doesn't just wipe dust from the last use over the floor.



LAST CLASSES/PUBLIC SESSIONS FOR 2013 The last beginners' dance class for the year has been held on December 7. The **last Kiwi Speed** for the year will be on **Wednesday December 18**. The last afternoon public session for 2013 will be Saturday December 21. There will be the special Christmas Night Disco on Dec 21. The rink will remain open for skating by members on a full card or those on a part card on their nominated day until December 24 when it will close for maintenance.

PLEASE HELP WITH RINK MAINTENANCE There are many jobs which need to be done to keep the rink to a high standard. It would be appreciated if all members who use the rink could contribute something in terms of time to do some of these jobs. Because the start to the competition year is so early next year, the committee is aiming to have the rink closed for a minimal time over the summer so skaters can make a start in January. There is a lot of work to be done in a short space of time – this includes cleaning the building after the polystyrene ceiling is removed (this is planned to be done 25 – 31 Dec by the building owner), installing a hand rail in disabled toilet, completing the storage cupboard under stairs, completing new nets including openings for gate area, net over old roller door, and over opening with new door to figure rink area, building a new door in the rink wall for fire exit at old entry door, installing safety boards to the stairs, putting an info board on outside of entry door, clean/repair skates/blades, remove kick boards On 22/23/24 Dec. Store in new area until polystyrene has been removed and clean up done, paint kick boards and rink wall, after polystyrene removed and clean up done, put kick boards back on, paint walls figure side after polystyrene removed and clean up done (RIHC), wall reconfigure by music system for judges area UHRSC/RIHC, fill gaps on both floors, repaint figure circles (instead of marker), put self-closing hinge on public entrance door. Some of these jobs require specialist help others can be done by anyone. Some of the jobs can be done asap, others must be done over the Christmas break. **Please volunteer YOUR help. Everyone who uses the rink should contribute to its upkeep. Volunteer labour is what keeps rink fees down.** Anyone who can help is asked to contact David Linney or Wayne Greer for information about exactly what to do and arrange when.

RINK OPENING 2014 The rink will open to skaters on a part card and full card on **January 12 2014**. The first public session for 2014 will be **January 25** Patch Class will start **the first week of the school term**.

ONLINE CALENDAR Coaches are reminded to update the online calendar when they change their coaching times and are requested to schedule lessons around what is already going on in the rink to avoid impacting on those who are already scheduled as much as possible (put figures on when the figures side is quiet – not when everyone else is using it, put dance and free on when the main rink is quiet not when everyone else is using it). Also would coaches please enter their 2014 coaching times or make any amendments if they have them rolling over from 2013, before the rink opens in 2014 so that everyone can work in together in the best way possible.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS

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

December 14/15	Upper Hutt Club Championships, Upper Hutt Club Rink.
December 21	Christmas Masquerade Night Skate, Upper Hutt Rink 7-9pm
December 24	Last Day of skating for 2013. Rink closed from Dec 25.
Dec 30/31	Speed Road NZ National Championships Mt Wellington Kart Track Auckland
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Jan 1	Speed Road NZ National Championships Mt Wellington Kart Track Auckland
Jan 2-4	Speed Flat Track NZ National Championships ASB Stadium Auckland
Jan 12	Rink Open for skating for those on a Part card or full card.
Jan 25	First Public Session for 2014
Mar 7-9	Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt rink
April 21-26	Oceania Championships, Rainbow Stadium, Palmerston North.
May 23-26	Central Area Championships, Palmerston North
July 14-19	NZ National Championships, ASB Stadium, Auckland

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