



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

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SCARY NITE SKATE

As has become tradition our scary night skate special night disco was really well attended with some amazing costumes being worn. Competition for the best dressed was fierce – and very close - . The eventual best dressed club member winner was Natalie Ingram (pictured at right) and the runner up Jade Bennett (pictured with Natalie). Photos in this newsletter are from the night skate. Our final night for the year will be lots of fun. It is a **Christmas Masquerade Themed night skate**. It will be held on Saturday **December 21 from 7:00-9:00pm**. 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. This is a fundraiser to support skaters travelling to International events.



UPPER HUTT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS A highlight of our club calendar - our Club Championships are coming up. Skaters in Patch Class will start learning their routines for the competition from November. The competition is a must for all skaters and includes grades for everyone from patch 1 up. Pre-Patch will also be involved in putting on a display. This competition will be held at the club rink on **December 14 and 15**. 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. The entry form is on the notice board now. Anyone with a private coach should ensure that they discuss their grades with their coach. If you are in the "Learn to Skate Class" and have a private coach your private coach will help you with your entry. If you do not have a private coach – the patch head coaches (Sarah-Jane Jones, Emma Hazelwood, Nika Thomson and Laura McKenzie) and manager, Debbie Bougen, will help you. **Entries close on November 24th 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 is heavily subsidized by the club; the only fee is a registration fee of \$10 per skater for one event or \$15 per skater if entering two or more events. Skater's families will be asked to contribute a plate of food for the officials' morning and afternoon teas and lunches. **Note: Ages for events are the skater's age as of January 1st 2014 so whatever age the skater is at Jan 1st 2014 is the age for competition purposes – even if they are not yet that age.**

BEGINNERS' DANCE CLASS A beginners' dance class taught by volunteer coaches, (like patch class) runs on Saturdays from 2pm-3pm. This class covers Plain Skating to Music (waltz timing) and March Sequence only. It is for skaters in Patch 2 and above and who do not have a private dance coach. In preparation for Club Champs, anyone without a private coach who wants to enter First Appearance Dance can attend this class free of charge through to Club Champs.

NEW MEMBERS We welcome **Chloe Campbell** and **Grace Seamark** 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. **Jessie Pitiroi** (Patch 4), **Stevie Smith** (Patch 3), **Hannah Dare**, **Lyriq Oliver**, **Sarahcen Oliver** and **Jessica Gregory** (Patch 1). There will be no more patch testing this year. Skaters will now stay in the patch they are in to learn a routine for competition at club champs.

CHRISTMAS CHEER Oceania Team members (or their parent in the case of under 18's) are selling quality Sileni wines as a fundraiser towards Oceania expenses. The wines would make great Christmas gifts or supplies for pre-Christmas parties. There are four choices, CS Sileni HB Rose 2010 \$12 per bottle (RRP \$18.85), Selini CS HB Pinot Gris 2012 \$13 per bottle (RRP \$18.95), Overstone ML Sauvignon Blanc 2010 \$12 per bottle (RRP \$18.95), Red Metal HB Merlot Cabernet Franc 2012 \$16 per bottle (RRP \$19.95) - all are very nice wines. You can order as little or as much as you want of each. Orders and payment need to be received by the Oceania team member or their parent by November 14 with delivery at the end of November. The person who takes your order will receive the credit for that sale so if you have a particular person whom you would like to help fundraise, please place your order through that person or their parent (for team members under 18). Oceania team members are:- Emma Patrick, Emma Hazelwood, Kyra Thomson, Grace Cooper, Samantha Whitham, Terriann Randle, Jordan Bougen, Katelyn Kennedy, Abigail Evans, Hayley Patten, Emily Walford, Shania Freemantle, Wayne Greer, Roger and Paula Boulcott. Please contact them for more information.



EARTHQUAKE SAFETY Following the spate of earthquakes the club requested the building landlord have the facility checked to ensure our members safety. A specialist firm was commissioned and they have checked the building and their report has been received by the landlord and the club. They report that all is well.

LAST CLASSES/PUBLIC SESSIONS FOR 2013 The last dance class for 2013 will be held on **Saturday December 7**. 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. The last **Kiwi Speed** for the year will be on **Wednesday December 18**. The last public session for 2013 will be **Saturday December 21**. **There will be a special Christmas Night Disco this night (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 planned to be done 25 – 31 Dec by owner), installing a hand rail in the disabled toilet, completing the storage cupboard under the stairs, completing new nets including openings for gate area and adding net over old the roller door and over the opening with at new door to figure rink area, building a new door in the rink wall for the fire exit at old entry door, installing safety boards to the stairs, putting an information board on the outside of the 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/Speed Classes will start **the first week of the school term**.

AREA AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014 The Central Area Artistic Championships will be held in Palmerston North from Friday May 23 to Sunday May 25. This is not school holidays and the event will begin during the day on Friday so please plan leave/time off school now. The Area Champs are the qualifying Champs for New Zealand Artistic Nationals so if you think you would like to skate at National level next year please mark this date in your diary now. The New Zealand Artistic National Championships 2014 will be held in the second week of the July School Holidays at the ASB Stadium in Auckland.

MISSING SKATES Laura McKenzie's skates have gone missing. They may have been stolen from her car or the rink on the night of October 23. Please can all members keep a look out on second hand websites and let Laura know if you see anything that resembles her skates popping up anywhere. They are Edea Fly Boots on Rolline Energy Titanium plates with Komplex Azzurra wheels. Thanks a lot.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

- Nov 4-15 World Roller Figure Skating Championships, Chinese Taipei
- December 7/8 Speed King Tour (VISS) Upper Hutt
- 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 Artistic Central Area Championships, Palmerston North
- July 14-19 NZ Artistic National Championships, ASB Stadium, Auckland

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