



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

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New Volunteer of the Year Award

A new award has been introduced this year and was presented recently. It has been named by the club committee the Bill Stratford Volunteer of the Year Award in honour of one of our very vital members, Bill Stratford. The first presentation of the award went to Bill himself as a mark of respect for all he does for the club but in particular the way he worked over the Christmas break and all through the rest of January and most of February, all day, every day on the rink renovations. Bill's work is now being appreciated by all of us and every one of us knows we would not be doing so if it wasn't for this amazing contribution. On behalf all members, the award was made to Bill as a token of the club's thanks for his incredible contribution.



BIRTHDAY CUP The UHRSC celebrates its birthday in February and each year this event is marked with the presentation of the club's Birthday Cup to a club member who has given something special to roller sports 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 the person who reviewed the nominations chose to award the Birthday Cup to **Michelle Crosby** in recognition of the time and commitment Michelle has contributed to roller skating and the club through her coaching, support of other skaters, her roles as a judge in all disciplines and her time being a Patch Coach Manager. "Without patch class, there would be no new developing skaters to grow the sport or club. Her contribution will help ensure the sport stays alive," the person said. Congratulations Michelle.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR OCEANIA SKATERS Our club has 14 skaters representing New Zealand at Oceania Rollersports Championships in Sydney in a few weeks' time. We wish them all good skating and safe travels. They are **Emma Patrick** (Senior International Figures, Senior International Freeskating), **Emma Hazelwood** (Senior International Solo Dance), **Wil Cooper** (Senior International Solo Dance, International Mini Precision), **Kyra Thomson** (Junior International Solo Dance, Junior International Freeskating, Junior International Figures), **Grace Cooper** (Youth International Solo Dance, Youth International Figures, International Mini Precision), **Martina Steiner** (Youth International Freeskating, Youth International Figures, International Inline Freeskating), **Jordan Bougen** (Youth International Solo Dance, Cadet International Figures, International Mini Precision), **Katelyn Kennedy** (Youth International Solo Dance, Cadet International Figures, Cadet International Freeskating, International Mini Precision), **Terriann Randle** (Cadet International Figures, Cadet International Solo Dance, Cadet International Freeskating, International Mini Precision), **Abigail Evans** (Cadet International Solo Dance, Cadet International Figures, Cadet International Freeskating, International Mini Precision), **Paula Boulcott** (Masters International Solo Dance, Masters International Dance Pairs), **Roger Boulcott** (Masters International Figures, Masters International Dance Pairs), **Kirsten Foley** (International Mini Precision) and **Shania Freemantle** (International Mini Precision). Special Congratulations to Katelyn, Abigail who has been selected for the first time in solo disciplines as well as the team event of precision and to Shania who has been selected to represent NZ for the first time in precision. **Alan Thomson** was also selected to compete but has had to decline his place in the team due to work and other Skate NZ commitments. Alan has recently returned from representing Skate NZ at the FIRS congress in Italy.

PATCH PASSES Learn to Skate class is going well and the first testing of the year has been completed. Congratulations to the following members who passed patches in February:- Patch 1: **Jordan Benjes, Aaliyah Munro, Stevie Smith**. Patch 2: **Jack Stonnell, Bella Stonnell**. Patch 5: **Sam Alexander, Summer Hicks**. A big thank you to **Emma Hazelwood, Sarah Jane Jones, Nika Thomson, Laura McKenzie** and **Wil Cooper**, who are giving their time voluntarily to lead the class this year. Thanks also to our voluntary assistant coaches who also give their time voluntarily each week to help new skaters progress their skills. Patch testing will usually be held on the last Tuesday of the month (unless school holidays call for a change in this). Head coaches will decide who in their patch is ready for testing and put their names forward for the monthly testing. Testing will be done by three head coaches. The head coach of the patch will not test the skaters in that patch. Skaters will also not be tested by their private coach (if they have one).

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to **Jacoba** and **Anneka Gurney** who are the first new members for 2013. We hope you will enjoy your new sport and being a part of the UHRSC.

EASTER NIGHT DISCO A special Easter night disco will be held at the rink on Friday March 29 (Good Friday) from 6.30-8.30pm. Dress in Easter costume and enter the best dresses competition. Please make sure you keep the date free and bring your friends and family – the more the better. This is for the fundraising account for Artistic Nationals 2013

BEGINNERS/PATCH DANCE CLASS A beginner's dance class is being run on Saturdays at 2pm. This class teaches the dances needed for beginner events only – that is Plain Skating to Music (waltz timing) and March Sequence. It may be attended by skaters from Patch 2 and above who **DO NOT have a private DANCE coach**. Skaters with a private dance coach may not attend. Those skaters attending the class will need to be either on a part card fee with Saturday as their nominated day or on a full card. To organize this, please see someone at the desk during Patch Class.

MORE AWARENESS PLEASE CROSSING THE MAIN RINK The only access to the new figure rink is across the main rink

- Skaters, coaches and parent helpers may use this side of the rink but please it is not a play area for children
- Please re-adjust your habits to make the seating area by the skate shop and committee room the area that you use for general seating and playing.
- To access the figure rink please use the two gates closest to each other only – that is the gate on the left of the main rink as you look at it from the entry and the closest gate to the figures side. This will minimize the distance that needs to be walked on the rink.
- **When crossing the main rink you MUST give way to skaters.** We have had numerous instances in the past month of children running across the rink unnecessarily and parents stepping onto the rink without watching for skaters and giving way to them. Anyone going across to the figure rink **must check the way is clear on the main rink** before moving onto it at all times. Skaters have right of way and people walking across the rink **MUST NOT** disrupt or cause any danger to the skaters.
- Please also ensure no wet or dirty shoes are walked across the main rink as this is dangerous for skaters.
- **No food or open drinks in the figures rink area.** Again we have several instances of having to clean up slopped coffee across the rink. Please eat and drink on the main entry side of the rink and do not carry coffee cups across the rink.

EAST/WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS The combined West/East Central Figure Skating Regional Championships and Joan Alexander Precision Challenge were held at Jubilee Stadium in Wanganui on March 2 and 3rd. A large team from our club competed with many pleasing results. Full results are at the end of the newsletter. The photo below is our Novice Mini Precision team Synkronisity in action at the Joan Alexander Challenge.



RINK FEES A small increase has been made to rink fees applying from the March quarter part and full cards. This has been necessary to cover the increase in the lease costs as a result of extending the rink. Whilst the lease has increased by 34 percent, the committee has decided to only increase the fees by approximately 15 percent at the moment. The committee is hopeful of making up the balance from other income like public sessions and private hires. (Rink fees actually only cover 31% of the costs involved in running the rink. So it is important for all members to help as much as possible with the other sources of income like manning public sessions and private bookings, because every dollar from the public is a dollar less that needs to be paid in rink fees. The costs involved in the actual work extending the rink have been covered by funds set aside over the years – raised from public generated income - the rink fee increase only relates to the cost of the lease – not the cost of the work. New rates are Full Card \$150 per quarter, Part Card \$90 per quarter, Patch Card \$50 per quarter with any third or subsequent member of the same family paying only half fees. The members rate for a one off extra session on top of a part card is \$8 per day, the non-members rate (must be a member of another club) is \$10 per hour. Club members who are not on a rink card of some sort – this is mostly family members and social members will now pay \$4 per session for public sessions.

UHRSC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be on Tuesday 28th May 2013 to start at 6.30 pm and be at the rink. All reports will need to be a written one. If you can't be at the AGM please send or give to Fiona so can be read at meeting and entered into records.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS LEAGUE AND LOWER MEDAL TESTS The Central Districts League and Lower Medal Tests will be held In Upper Hutt on April 20/21. This is a great opportunity for our national level skaters to compete on our home rink and to sit medals at home. Now is the time to start planning with your coach. If you think you may want to compete or sit medals please talk with them. All skaters will need to be federated and have their own artistic number in order to sit medal tests so if you don't have an art number or are not federated please also discuss this with your coach. Entry forms for the competition and the medal tests are on the notice board now. Those who require a new Federation number for April are advised it will need to be renewed again in July. The fee will be 60 percent of the annual charge with renewal again in June. Those who require Artistic Numbers are advised that all numbers processed after April 1 will roll through for the full year from April to end of June 2014

HIGHER MEDAL TESTS Central Area Higher Medal Tests are scheduled for **May 25 and 26**. The Area Committee need an indication of interest so they can confirm stadium bookings and organise the judges required for the level of tests required. This is an indication only – not entry. These tests are for Figures 3-10, Freeskating 3-10, Solo Dance 2-10, Dance Pairs 1-10, Precision 1-10. A form to note your interest is on the noticeboard now. **An indication of interest must be written up by March 14.** Total cost is the medal fee as set down in the medal test Schedule plus the sitting fee. The sitting fee varies depending on the level of the test. Tests 1 & 2 are \$5 plus the medal fee, Tests 3-7 are \$10 plus the test fee and tests 8-10 are \$20 plus the test fee. If a skater pulls out of a test the sitting fee will be forfeited (it is not refundable), the medal test fee is refundable. Skaters considering sitting tests are reminded to check that they are training the correct content as there have been some changes to the medal test schedule effective Jan 01 2013.

CLUB HOODIES Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club hoodies are available for members to purchase. Because they will be owned by members they will be able to be worn wherever and whenever the owner wants. They will be great for skaters who are not yet skating at National level and don't have a club tracksuit, to be able to wear at competitions and great for advertising the club in the community. Kids Sizes available are : 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 They will cost \$ 55.00 (without name on back) And \$60.00 (with name on back). Adults sizes available are: S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL,5XL The cost is \$70.00 (without name on back) and \$75.00 (with name on back). If we there are orders for 20 or more the price drops by \$10 per sweatshirt – so it is worth trying to get 20 or more in one order!!!! Sweatshirts are made from thick, high quality cotton/polyester mix fabric. Orders are being taken now by Megan Hawley. An order form is on the noticeboard by the kitchen, orders close any day so don't leave it too long to be in. For more info please feel free to e-mail Megan on dmhawley@clear.net.nz

FUNDRAISE TOWARDS THE COST OF YOUR OWN SKATING BY SELLING WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We are again selling the popular Wellington Entertainment Book. Anyone who has one will know how great they are to save money not only on meals but also on movies, takeaways, accommodation, DVD hire, dry-cleaning etc. This year's books are again \$60 and for \$60 the buyer receives \$15,000 of valuable offers. Anyone who has one will tell you it pays for itself in a very short time. The club **member who sells the book gets \$12 per book credited towards their skating expenses. So 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 had 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. Upper Hutt Vouchers this year include:- The Traditional Thai Restaurant, Fig Tree Café, Garage Espresso, Curry Workz, Espresso Garden Café, Go Cake Yourself, Ascot Cinema, Staglands, H2O Aquatic Centre, Hutt and City Taxi's, Rasha Taylor Couture, New Leaf Skin Care, Video Ezy, Staglands, KFC, Burger King, McDonald's, McCafe, Domino's, Esquires Coffee, Wendys Supa Sundaes, China City Restaurant, Buttercup Café, Café Romeo, The Art Of Pizza, Yatra, Silverspoon, Little India and Furnace plus many online shopping, travel and leisure services Ofcourse there are vouchers for Lower Hutt, Wellington City, Kapi Mana area and more.

GET FREE BONUS VOUCHERS Order and pay for your 2013/14 Wellington Entertainment Books through the club by March 29 and the purchasers will receive a set of free vouchers worth \$130 which has offers from 6 businesses in the book – these are extras and include free meals. **THERE ARE ONLY 35 ADVANCE PURCHASE VOUCHERS AVAILABLE SO GET IN QUICKLY.** We ran out last year. The other advantage in getting your orders paid for now is that so many people sell the book that the earlier that you have got someone's money the less chance 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 Eftpos. So get selling as this is the first time that the person who sells the books gets the funds to help their own skating expenses. The crazy thing is that the amount saved by using the advance purchase vouchers alone, let alone the whole book, covers the cost of the book. The advance purchase vouchers can be used from now til the end of June 2013. There are 6 vouchers on the sheet they are for:- 25% off the total bill at Cafe Romeo Upper Hutt, One Free Game of Bowling at The Lanes Bowling Complex, Wellington; 25 percent off the total bill at Brooklyn Bread and Bagels Wellington; One complimentary main course at Whisk Cafe Lower Hutt, one complimentary main course at Gasworks Miramar and one complimentary Main Course at the Hop Garden Mt Victoria.

CHOCOLATE MONEY IN BY THE END OF MARCH PLEASE The club has already had to pay for the chocolates currently being sold as a fundraiser. For this reason it would be appreciated if those with chocolates still outstanding would aim to sell them as soon as possible please and return the money as soon as they can. All chocolates must be sold and the money returned by the end of March please so it can be finalized before the school holidays.

SKATE MOUNTING UHRSC now has its own stand to mount boots onto plates. When new skates are purchased, unless they are bought as a built up set, there is usually a mounting charge. Wayne Greer has been trained in mounting boots by Aldo from Italy and so is now able to mount them here in Upper Hutt at a moderate cost. The charge for the remainder of 2013 will be \$30 per set

RESULTS Upper Hutt Club Members results from East Central Regional Championships and Joan Alexander Precision Championships held in Wanganui recently:- **Freeskating Youth International:** Martina Steiner 1. **Cadet International:** Katelyn Kennedy 1, Jordan Bougen 2, Abigail Evans 3, Terriann Randle 4. **Elementary:** Hayley Patten 1, Hollie Goldstone 2, Sam Alexander 3, Victoria Edwards 4. **Juvenile:** Tiana Fisk 1, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 2. **Primary:** Natalie Ingram 1, Katie Hawley 2, Jessica Pitiroi 3, Aria Coleman 4. **Preliminary:** Emily Walford 1, Ashleigh Hunter 2. **Novice:** Tracey Behrent 1, Kotuku Ruki 2, Raquel Wilcox 3. **Inline Freeskating: International:** Martina Steiner 1. **Figures: Advanced Masters International:** Paula Boulcott 1. **Masters International Mens:** Roger Boulcott 1. **Youth International:** Grace Cooper 1, Martina Steiner 2. **Cadet International:** Katelyn Kennedy 1, Jordan Bougen 2, Terriann Randle 3, Abigail Evans 4. **Elementary:** Hayley Patten 1. **Juvenile:** Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 1. **Primary:** Katie Hawley 1, Natalie Ingram 2, Aria Coleman 3, Jessica Pitiroi 4. **Intermediate:** Samantha Whitham 2. **Preliminary:** Thaylia Evans 1, Ashleigh Hunter 2, Emma Greer 3, Josie Durney 4. **Novice:** Emily Walford 1, Raquel Willcox 2, Tracey Behrent 3, Kotuku Ruki 4. **Loops Advanced:** Jordan Bougen 1. **Open:** Katelyn Kennedy 1, Terriann Randle 2, Samantha Whitham 3. **Elementary:** Hayley Patten 1, Abigail Evans 2. **Solo Dance: Senior International Ladies:** Emma Hazelwood 1. **Senior International Mens:** Wil Cooper 1. **Junior International:** Samantha Whitham 1. **Youth International:** Katelyn Kennedy 1, Jordan Bougen 2, Grace Cooper 3, **Masters International:** Paula Boulcott 1. **Cadet International:** Terriann Randle 1, Abigail Evans 2. **Elementary:** Hayley Patten 1, Samantha Alexander 2, Hollie Goldstone 3, Jessye Willcox 4, Victoria Edwards 5, Tracey Behrent 6. **Juvenile:** Tiana Fisk 1. **Primary:** Katie Hawley 1, Natalie Ingram 2. **Intermediate:** Josie Durney 1. **Preliminary:** Emma Greer 1, Ashleigh Hunter 2. **Novice:** Kotuku Ruki 1. **Dance Pairs: Masters International:** Roger Boulcott and Paula Boulcott 1. **Creative Solo Dance Intermediate:** Josie Durney. **Elementary:** Hayley Patten 1, Sam Alexander 2, Jessye Willcox 3, Victoria Edwards 4. **Joan Alexander Precision Challenge Senior Mini:** Kapital Kids 1. **Novice:** Synkronisity 1.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

March 29 Easter Themed Night Disco 6.30-8.30pm Upper Hutt Club Rink.
 March 31-April 5 Speed Oceania's Brisbane, Australia
 April 2-6 Oceania Roller Sports Artistic Championships. Sydney Australia.
 April 20/21 Central Districts League Competition and Lower Medal tests. Upper Hutt
 May 11 Night Disco, 7-9pm Upper Hutt Club rink
 May 18/19 Laurie Hastie Competition, Palmerston North
 June 14-16 Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt
 July 19-21 Central Area Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
 August 3 Night Disco, 7=9pm Upper Hutt Club rink
 August 24/25 Central Districts League Competition and Lower Medal tests, Palmerston North.
 Oct 1-5 Artistic National Championships, Jubilee Stadium Wanganui.
 October 19 Night Disco, 7-9pm Upper Hutt Club rink
 Nov 31/Dec1 Speed King Tour, Upper Hutt
 December 7 Christmas Night Disco, Upper Hutt Club rink 7-9pm
 December 14/15 Upper Hutt Club Championships, Upper Hutt Club Rink.

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