



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter Jan 2013

New Enlarged Rink Open

Our new enlarged rink at 4A Railway Avenue (not Goodshed Road) is now open – and FANTASTIC - early reports are that the extra length is great and is really helpful for Freeskating and Dance. The area surrounding the rink is still a work in progress, but what has already been completed is looking fantastic. The committee would like to offer a big thank you to everyone who has helped with the renovations in some way. There are so many of you it is impossible to name everyone, but without everyone's efforts the rink would not have been ready for use by the end of January. A special thanks to three people who have made the project pretty much their full time job over the break:- without the many hundreds of hours put in by **Bill Stratford** (supported by Raynor) the progress would not have been anywhere near as fast – Bill has gone above and beyond what anyone would have expected in terms of the hours he has put in to the project. Thanks Bill and Raynor. Big thanks to our resident builder **Chris Clifton**. Your expertise and help guiding others, along with many,



David and Roger put up the club sign at the new entranceway at 4A Railway Avenue (note Upper Hutt's brilliant blue sky!!!!)

many hours on the project both day and night, at the expense of your paid work has been invaluable. **Gary Hazelwood** has also been on the job most days over the past six weeks and your sustained efforts are very much appreciated. Big thanks to **David Linney** who has taken on so much responsibility in co-ordinating and overseeing the project. Trying to get a large group of volunteers, with various skill sets, all with their own ideas working in a united manner over a sustained period is not an easy job. David has spent a lot of time and energy, many weekends and late nights on top of his full time job, at the rink and meetings away from the rink. We couldn't have done it without you David. There is still plenty of work to be done and we ask every family to aim to contribute to getting the last of it done so that the job is finished as soon as possible. Jobs can be done in your own time – or at a working bee. Talk to David Linney to see what you can do.

FREE PUBLIC SESSION AND GRAND OPENING: Our first public session for the year will be on **Saturday February 2** from 3.00 pm-5.00pm. This is a free session where members of the public are invited to come along and check out the new facilities and what the club has to offer in terms of public sessions and learn to skate classes, private coaching etc. Please come along and bring your friends and family. Public sessions will be on Saturday from 3.00-5.00pm

CLUB FAMILY BBQ FEB 2: To celebrate the re-opening of the new and enlarged rink, and to acknowledge all the work that many have put into getting the rink to this point, all club members and their immediate family are invited to a car park BBQ following the public session on Saturday Feb 2. Come along and check out the new facilities, larger rink, etc. Please bring your own food/drink – we will be endeavoring to supply barbecues for those who want to barbecue, if anyone can bring one along, please contact Bruce Crosby urgently. If you prefer just bring a picnic or fish and chips. Kick off will be just after 5pm.

LEARN TO SKATE/PATCH CLASS STARTS FEB 5: Learn to Skate Classes (Patch Class) start on **Tuesday February 5** from 5.30pm-6.30pm and will run every Tuesday during school term time. The committee has accepted a proposal for a new Learn to Skate/Patch Class for 2013. This involves five head coaches **Sarah Jane Jones, Emma Hazelwood, Nika Thomson, Laura McKenzie and Wil Cooper** overseeing assistant coaches in each patch. The assistant coaches have been selected for their relevant skills by the head coaches. They will be mentored and trained by the head coaches. The patches will remain roughly the same in content – but with a few minor changes. Patch 6 will become a Graduation level where the skaters can perform their own private routine choreographed by their private coach as most skaters have a private coach by this level. A pre-patch group, for those skaters who can't stand up on skates, will also be introduced, so skaters who cannot skate at all can be taught balance over their skates and good posture before going into Patch 1. Each patch will have one head coach and two assistant coaches working with it. The same Head coach and assistant coaches will remain with the patch for the whole term to ensure consistency in coaching. The committee thanks the five head coaches and 13 assistant coaches for being prepared to give their time voluntarily to increase the skills of our skaters coming through.



The new and improved longer rink

BEGINNERS/PATCH DANCE CLASS STARTS FEB 9: A beginner's dance class will be held through 2013 on Saturdays at 2pm starting on February 9. This class will be run by **Grace Cooper** with assistance from **Abigail Evans**. It will teach 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 these please see someone at the desk during Patch Class.

KIWI SPEED STARTS ON FEB 13: The *Kiwi Speed* class will start at Riverstone Recreation on **Wednesday February 13, 4.15pm – 5.15pm**

FIGURE RINK: The only access to the figure rink side is across the main rink. Food/drink must only be consumed in seating areas in the entire rink please. We would prefer to have only a little traffic across the main rink and request that wherever possible you please re-adjust your habits to make the main entry area the place that you use for general seating and playing rather than out on the figure rink. When accessing 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. 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 the 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 in the figures rink area.

EAST/WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: The combined West/East Central Figure Skating Regional Championships and Joan Alexander Precision Challenge will be held at Jubilee Stadium in **Wanganui on March 2 and 3rd**. Entry forms are on the noticeboard now. **Entries close with the Upper Hutt Club on Wednesday February 6**. Please ensure if you want to enter that you have filled in the form on the noticeboard correctly and that you have paid the fees by the closing date. Entries which have not been paid for will not be accepted and no late entries will be accepted. All skaters must hand their music for Freeskating, Freedance, CSD and Precision into the club music box no later than one week before the event. The club music must be handed in and collected by the team manager, **Carolyn Evans** – no music may be handed in by skaters. Please ensure that you have the correct music in the box if you have changed routines. Please also ensure you take a second copy of the music with you in your skate bag in case of music failure.

HIGHER MEDAL TESTS: Central Area Higher Medal Tests will be held in Palmerston North on **March 9 and 10**. These are for Figures 3-10, Freeskating 3-10, Solo Dance 2-10, Dance Pairs 1-10, Precision 1-10. Registration forms are on the noticeboard now. **Registration and Full Payment must be made to the Upper Hutt Club by February 14** in time for procession. No late entries will be accepted; neither will entries where payment is not received by the closing date. Total cost is the medal fee as set down in the medal test Schedule Plus a 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.

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. Medal tests will be on the Saturday with League starting after disco on the Saturday or on Sunday depending on medal test entries. 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. We are awaiting a reply from the artistic committee on whether skaters who need an art number for April will have to pay the full price as they need to be renewed in the middle of each year.

NEXT NIGHT DISCO: Our first night disco for 2013 will be held at the rink on Saturday February 23 from 7.00-9.00pm. Theme is **Superheros**. Please keep the date free and bring your friends and family – the more the better.

COACHING TIMETABLE: All coaches must ensure that their coaching timetable is entered into the online calendar by the end of January. If the coaching isn't entered the coach and skater cannot expect any priority. No group lessons can be entered or held without approval from the committee – a group is more than one individual skater. When entering times coaches must make sure they work around other coaches already in the calendar to ensure the best use of the floor space and music for all. When changes occur the calendar must be updated by the coach so that both their skater and other rink users can make the best use of floor space. This includes when a coach is not coaching!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to **Kyra Thomson** who passed her dance coaches accreditation in late 2012 and has been added to the club's list of private coaches.

RIHC: Rimutaka Inline Hockey Club will again be using the rink this year on Thursdays from 8.00pm and Fridays from 6.00pm. The first date for RIHC use is January 31

CLUB HOODIES: Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club hoodies will soon be 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) \$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 will be on the noticeboard at the rink any day now, orders close in February 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



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 with this money being contributed to the international fund If anyone would like boots mounted onto plates please speak with Wayne.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

- February 16/17 Speed Banked Track Nationals Timaru
- February 23 Public Night Disco, 7.00pm-9.00pm Upper Hutt rink.
- March 2/3 East/West Central Regionals/Joan Alexander Challenge, Jubilee Stadium Wanganui. **Entry form on Board Now. Closes February 6.**
- March 9/10 Higher Medal Test, Palmerston North. **Registration Forms on the Noticeboard. Registration closes Feb 14.**
- March 29 Easter theme Night Disco 6.30pm-8.30pm Upper Hutt Club Rink.
- March 31-April 5 Speed Oceania's Brisbane
- April 2-6 Oceania Roller sports Championships. Sydney Australia.
- April 20/21 Central Districts League Competition and Lower Medal tests. Upper Hutt
- May 11 Night Disco, 7.00-9.00pm 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, 7.00-9.00pm Upper Hutt Club rink
- Oct 1-5 Artistic National Championships, Jubilee Stadium Wanganui.
- October 19 Night Disco, 7.00-9.00pm Upper Hutt Club rink
- Nov 31/Dec1 Speed King Tour, Upper Hutt
- December 7 Christmas Night Disco, 7.00-9.00pm Upper Hutt Club rink
- December 14/15 Upper Hutt Club Champs, Upper Hutt

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

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