



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter September 2014

WORLD CHAMPS 2014

Congratulations to club member Emma Patrick (pictured at right) who is currently in Spain representing NZ at the 2014 World Artistic Roller Skating Championships. Emma placed 31st in Senior Ladies Figures and is yet to compete in Senior Ladies Freeskating. It is a great honour to represent NZ in our sport. Another club member Kyra Thomson was also selected for the team to compete in Junior Ladies Figures and Junior Ladies Solo Dance, however because of a combination of circumstances she withdrew from the team so did not go to Spain.



SCARY NITE SKATE Don't forget the Scary Nite Skate coming up at the rink on Saturday October 18 from 7-9pm. This is always a popular theme so start planning your costumes now and invite your friends – the more people – the more costumes – the more fun. There will be a prize for best dressed club member and non-club member.

PATCH PASSES Congratulations to everyone who has passed patch tests in September. **Leila Steele, Rose Russell** (Patch 1), **Tori-Anne Tuirirangi, Unique Edmonds, Belle Morrison, Trinity August** (Patch 2). Well done to you all.

NEW MEMBERS A big welcome to our new members **Vladimir Sacherer, Karmen Konstand-d'Alebout, Libby Davis-Gates, Ruby Brewer, Riona Francis, Hayley Scott, Kiana Paiti** and **Keira Bingham** We know you enjoy your association with the sport.

DANCE SQUAD – Hugo Chapouto will be using the rink Monday 17 November 2:30 to 6:30 pm. Figure rink may still be used for lessons/training but if doing please ensure it is used for that purpose only. All noise must be kept to a minimum and please watch while crossing the main rink that you do not disrupt any coaching that is been done

OCEANIA SKATERS QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER Another highly popular Quiz Night Fundraiser will be held at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club on Friday Nov 7 from 6.30pm. Tickets are \$10 each - all money raised goes towards helping the 2015 Oceania skaters with their expenses to get to Sydney for the event. Tickets will be available shortly from one of the skaters (or their parents) who has put his/her name forward for selection for this event. If you don't know these skaters are, please see any committee member listed at the end of the newsletter. Please keep the date free and start asking friends to join you. Tables will accommodate teams of up to about 10 people so start assembling your team now.

UPPER HUTT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Our Club Championships are a must for all Upper Hutt skaters and include grades for everyone from patch 1 up. Pre-Patch will also be involved in a demonstration. This competition will be held at the club rink on **December 13 and 14**. 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. An entry form will be on the notice board soon.

- If you are in a learn to skate class and have a private coach, your coach will help you with your entry so please make sure you discuss your grades with them.
- If you are in a learn to skate class and do not have a private coach – the patch head coaches and manager, Debbie Bougen, will help you with entering.
- If you have a private coach and are not in a learn to skate class please discuss grades with them and enter through them

The cost is heavily subsidised by the club and the only fee is a registration fee of \$10 per skater for one event or \$15 per skater if entering two or more events. **Note: Ages for events are the skater's age as at January 1st 2015 so whatever age the skater is on that day is the age for competition purposes – even if they are not yet that age.**

LEARN TO SKATE CLASS TERM There are just a few weeks more of "regular patch lessons" then from the Tuesday after Labour weekend (Tuesday Oct 28) all skaters in Pre-Patch and Patches 1-4 will be learning routines so they can compete at the Club Championship Competition in December. Each patch will have a routine which is appropriate to the content the skaters are learning. This will be taught in patch class time instead of the normal content lessons. All skaters in the same patch will have the same routine to the same music. Skaters in patch 5 all have private coaches and their own routines so will not be taught extra routines for Club Champs. Skaters may only enter one grade for each discipline. There will be only one more patch testing this year.

COMBINED EAST/WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS The combined East/West Regional Championships will be held in Arena 3 Palmerston North on November 22 and 23 following the League competition. This will involve Federated grades. A schedule and entry form is on the notice board now. Please discuss with your coach before entering. Entry closes November 1st.

CENTRAL AREA LEAGUE COMPETITION This competition will be held in Arena 3 stadium, Palmerston North on Nov 22. No Federated grades will be included, only beginner and league grades Ages for entry are to be taken as age at January 1 2015 as we have now entered the 2014/2015 skating calendar for all grades except Junior and Senior International. A schedule and entry form is on the notice board now. Entry Closes November 1st. Please discuss with your coach before entering.

CLUB MEDAL TESTS Club medal test are planned to be held at the rink on March 28 and 29 next year. This will be for medals 1-4 only at this stage. Coaches please note these dates for planning purposes.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PUBLIC SESSIONS Thanks to all who helped run private bookings and public sessions during the school holidays. These sessions are a major source of income for the club and without them rink fees would need to be much higher.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE FOR MAINTENANCE It is planned that the rink will close for summer maintenance from Sunday December 21 until Sunday January 11. During this period all lights will be so exact dates will depend on electrician availability. Confirmation of actual dates will be advised closer to the time. There will also be working bees for painting and other maintenance work, and we ask that each family help with doing something around the rink. The only way we can all enjoy it is for all to help maintain it. **A big thanks goes to the Hutt Mana Energy Trust** for their grant of \$4000 towards the cost of upgrading the lighting.

WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS We have three Wellington Entertainment Books left to sell. These books include 100's of vouchers for two for one meals and activities and 50 or 25% off meals and activities. It includes not only fine dining but also family dining, fast food (McDonalds, KFC, Dominoes etc.) and activities like Event Movies, H2O Xtreme, Naenae and Huia Pools. Please see Mary-Anne Thomson if you would like to buy a book or have friends who would like one. Books need to be returned at the end of October if not sold.

PARKING REMINDER A reminder to all members please that there is absolutely no parking in any of the George Refrigeration marked car parks, on the yellow lines in front of George Refrigeration entrance, in our entrance or in the centre of the parking compound. Parking in these areas does impede access to George Refrigeration's vehicles and they have lost patience. Cars parked on the yellow lines **MAY BE TOWED AWAY.**

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

- Oct 18 Scary Night Skate, Upper Hutt Club Rink, 7.00 - 9.00 pm
- Nov 5 – 16 World Speed Championships, Rosario, Colombia
- Oct 31- Nov 2 Graeme Sheppard Challenge, Rotorua **Entry Closed**
- Nov 7 Oceania Skaters Quiz Night Fundraiser, from 6.30pm, Upper Hutt Cossie Club
- Nov 22 Central Area League Competition, Arena 3, Palmerston North. **Schedule and Entry Forms on the Notice board. Closes Nov 1**
- Nov22 - 23 Combined East/West Regional Competition, Arena 3, Palmerston North. **Schedule and Entry Form on Noticeboard. Closes Nov 1**
- Nov 29 - 30 Wanganui River City Speed Tour **Please note change of dates.**
- Dec 13-14 Upper Hutt Club Championships C, Upper Hutt Rink
- Dec 20 Xmas Theme Disco, Upper Hutt Club Rink, 7.00 - 9.00 pm
- Dec 29 – Jan 3 NZ Speed National Championships, Timaru (Road, Flat Track & Marathon)
- 2015**
- March 6 -.8 UH Open Day, Upper Hutt Rink
- March 28 - 29 Upper Hutt Club Medal Tests (Medals 1-4)



| | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rink Address | 4A Railway Avenue | | Rink Phone | 049390507 |
| Postal | PO Box 40-835 | | Website | www.skatewellington.org.nz |
| | Upper Hutt | | E-Mail | skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz |
| President | Bruce Crosby | Vice-President | Chris Hazelwood | |
| Secretary | Fiona Patrick | Treasurer | David Linney | |
| Committee | Stephanie Cooper | | Mary-Anne Thomson | |
| | Debbie Bougen | | Carolyn Evans | |
| | Sonia Randle | | Mike Ruki | |
| Junior Rep | Abigail Evans | | | |