



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter Jan 2014

Club Championships A Great Success

A highlight of our club calendar each year is our Club Championships. A very successful club champs were held last month. Thanks to everyone who participated and made it such a success. Special congratulations to **Emma Hazelwood** (pictured) who won the Showtime Cup for the most artistic performance of the weekend for her freedance to Cellblock Tango and to seven-year-old **Deanna Gotlieb** who won the Wellington Reunion Cup for being the Youngest Placed Skater. Deanna placed third in First Appearance Freeskating. Thanks to all competitors, judges, officials and everyone who contributed in other ways like providing food, manning the shop etc – without you all we couldn't run this fun event. A very special performance from some of our pre-patch skaters was enjoyed by all. It was exciting to see so many new skaters competing for the first time. Even though only a few could win a place – all skated well and could be proud of their achievements – we look forward seeing these new skaters develop further in 2014



CLUB CHAMPS PHOTOS CD's of photos of all skaters competing at club champs are available to purchase at a cost of \$25. **Wayne Greer and Paul Whitham** took photos of all skaters in most events between them. The CD's will have at least 10 photos of the skater – and in most cases more. **This is your last chance to order photos – they will be deleted at the end of February.** The proceeds will go towards supporting Oceania skaters from our club, expenses representing NZ next April. **If you want a CD please contact Wayne Greer immediately.** (Number is at the end of the newsletter).

WORKING BEE AND CLUB FAMILY SAUSAGE SIZZLE JAN 25 To celebrate the new year, a working bee and club family sausage sizzle will be held on **Saturday January 25**. The working bee kicks off at 10am to finish off all the jobs that still need doing to keep the rink operating efficiently in 2014. Afterwards (at 1.30pm) there will be a club family sausage sizzle to say thanks to all who have helped with work in their own time and at working bees over the holiday period. The club will be providing the sausages so please let Bruce or Chris know urgently (numbers at the end of the newsletter) if you would like to attend the sausage sizzle – the more the merrier. If you haven't made it to a working bee yet – **please attempt to try and get to this one.** The facility doesn't maintain itself and all members need to do their bit to keep it operating. **A huge thank you to all those skaters and families who have worked hard over the break doing all the essential jobs that need doing in order for the rink to function!!!!**

SPECIAL BEACH PARTY NIGHT DISCO JAN 25 On Saturday Jan 25 we are having a special late night disco – the theme is beach party. The disco will run from **7.30-10pm**. **So dress in your best beach gear, grab your friends and families make this a success.** There will be a prize for the best dressed club member and best dressed non club member. This is a fundraiser to help our club members who will be representing NZ at International Championships.

CHRISTMAS MASQUERADE BALL NIGHT DISCO Our Christmas masquerade disco was a great success, the costumes were elaborate and provided the opportunity for skaters to get dressed up. Congratulations to **Amber Clifton** who looked amazing and won the best dressed club member prize.

BIRTHDAY CUP The UHRSC Birthday Cup is awarded each year to someone who has shown excellence in the sport both in terms of commitment to the club and results. This is not necessarily the best skater – but someone who has achieved well in the grade they are in and shown commitment to the sport in other ways. Nomination forms are on the notice board and must be completed and handed to club secretary, Fiona Patrick, by 1pm on Sunday January 31.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD A special Award for the Volunteer of the Year was presented for the first time last year to Bill Stratford in recognition of the amazing contribution he made to the rink redevelopment project. This award will be made again this year. Nomination forms are on the noticeboard and must be handed to club secretary, Fiona Patrick by January 31.

FIRST PUBLIC SESSION Our first public session for the year will be on **Saturday February 1** from 3pm-5pm. Come along and support it with friends and family. Public sessions will run every Saturday from 3-5pm after this. Remember there will be a roster of members to man these sessions as they are one of the main sources of income for the club and without them rink fees would be much higher. All members are required to take a turn on duty at public sessions.

LEARN TO SKATE/PATCH CLASS STARTS FEB 4 Learn to Skate Classes (Patch Class) start on **Tuesday February 4 from 5.30pm-6.30pm** and will run every Tuesday during school term time. If you know anyone who would like to learn to skate, the first three lessons are free.

PATCH CLASS A reminder that all patch class skaters should bring a drink bottle to the rink and place it on the rink wall so that they can drink quickly and easily when they need it. On Tuesdays there is 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) wash, dry it and put it away.**

NO KIWI SPEED Unfortunately due to lack of available coaches, there will be no Kiwi Speed until further notice. A big thanks to **Nick Thom, AJ Picard** and **Shane St Clare** for the coaching they have done over the past few years and to all their able assistant coaches. Thanks also to **Marguerite Crozier** for her admin and management of speed and being the contact person for the committee. We appreciate all that everyone has put into speed in the past few years and know that it has been worthwhile for many.

RIHC Rimutaka Inline Hockey Club will again be using the rink this year on Thursdays from 8pm and Fridays from 6pm. The contract at this point is until April and will be reviewed then. The first date for RIHC use is Thursday January 30. However they will not then be using the rink until Thursday February 13. Anyone planning on training should look at the online calendar if in doubt about whether hockey will be using it on a particular Thursday or Friday.

CHOCOLATE SALES FUNDRAISER Our 2014 chocolate sales fundraiser for general club funds is about to start. We ask all families do their bit by selling at least one box. Every skater benefits from the funds raised in some way so it is only fair that every skater sells chocolates. **As a special incentive we are offering a \$50 cash prize** to the person who has sold and paid for the most boxes by March 11 2014. So grab the boxes and get selling, family and friends, neighbours, door to door, outside the local supermarket, at work, on the bus, are all successful places to make sales. Good luck everyone.

UPPER HUTT OPEN COMPETITION Because the skating calendar has been moved forward this year with nationals in July, our Upper Hutt Open Competition has also been moved forward. This will be held from **Friday March 7 to Sunday March 9** at the rink. This competition is open to skaters from any club and is often well attended by competitors from other clubs. All national grades will be skated along with several beginner grades. It is suitable for any skater with a private coach. Entry forms are on the notice board now. Please discuss entering with your coach before writing your name up. For learn to skate class skaters not able to compete, mark these dates in your diary and come along and watch – it provides a great chance to see Beginner's level skaters through to International class skaters in action.

UH OPEN COMP TROPHY RETURN Anyone who won a trophy at the 2013 UH Open Competition should return it by the end of February (CLEANED) ready to be presented at this year's event. As the trophy steward needs to do a stock take, please ensure the trophies are back by the end of February.

QUIZ NIGHT A Quiz Night has been booked at the Cossie Club for **Friday March 21**. This is bound to be a fun night. It is an Oceania Fundraiser and Oceania Team members will receive tickets and more details very soon. Please keep this night free and if you would like to attend, or even better make up a party to attend, please see one of the skaters who is in the 2014 team to purchase tickets. As skaters benefit from the tickets they personally sell, please approach the skater that you have a relationship with if you would like to help them out, rather than just member of the team. More details next newsletter, but mark the date in your diary now.

COACHING TIMETABLE The beginning of a new year always necessitates changes to the coaching timetable. ALL coaches must ensure that their coaching timetable is entered into the online calendar immediately. **If the coaching isn't entered the coach and skater cannot expect any priority. All changes must also be entered before the coaching time including not coaching.** This allows skaters coming to train to plan the best use of the rink time. **No group lessons can be entered or held without approval from the committee – a group is more than one skater (the only exception is dance pairs).** When entering time's 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.

RESULTS from Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club's recent Club Championships:- **FIGURES Senior International** Emma Patrick 1, Emma Hazelwood 2. **Junior International** Kyra Thomson 1, Grace Cooper 2. **Youth International** Jordan Bougen 1, Katelyn Kennedy 2, Terriann Randle 3. **Cadet International** Abigail Evans 1, Johanna Hey 2, Hayley Patten 3. **Masters International** Roger Boulcott 1, Wayne Greer 2. **Elementary** Victoria Edwards 1, Michaela Steiner 2, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 3. **Juvenile** Katie Hawley 1, Kotuku Ruki 2, Natalie Ingram 3, Tylah-Anne Charles 4. **Primary** Jessica Pitiroi 1, Aria Coleman 2. **Classic** Michelle Crosby 1. **Intermediate** Emily Walford 1, Samantha Whitham 2, Zoe Greer 3, Shania Freemantle 4, Ashleigh Hunter 5. **Preliminary** Josie Durney 1, Thaylia Evans 2, Emma Greer 3, Reuben Johnson 4, Holly Yeatman 5, Tracey Behrent 6, Jade Bennett 7, Maisie Behrent 8. **Novice** Jack Stonnell 1, Bella Stonnell 2. **Beginners 3** Cassie Singleton 1, Amber Clifton 2. **First Appearance** Anneka Gurney 1, Stevie Smith 2. **LOOPS Advanced** Kyra Thomson 1, Jordan Bougen 2, Terriann Randle 3. **Open** Abigail Evans 1, Johanna Hey 2, Ashleigh Hunter 3. **Elementary** Hayley Patten 1, Victoria Edwards 2, Reuben Johnson 3, Holly Yeatman 4. **FREESKATING Senior International** Emma Patrick 1. **Junior International** Kyra Thomson 1, Emily Walford 2, Martina Steiner 3. **Youth International** Terriann Randle 1, Jordan Bougen 2. **Cadet International** Hayley Patten 1, Abigail Evans 2, Katelyn Kennedy 3, Hollie Goldstone 4. **Elementary** Michaela Steiner 1, Summer Hicks 2, Holly Yeatman 3, Tiana Fisk 4, Victoria Edwards 5, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 6, Tracey Behrent 7. **Juvenile** Katie Hawley 1, Kotuku Ruki 2, Bella Stonnell 3, Natalie Ingram 4, Tylah-Anne Charles 5. **Primary** Jessica Pitiroi 1, Aria Coleman 2. **Intermediate** Johanna Hey 1, Samantha Alexander 2. **Preliminary** Reuben Johnson 1, Ashleigh Hunter 2, Zoe Greer 3, Jade Bennett 4, Maisie Behrent 5. **Novice** Jack Stonnell 1. **Initial** Cassie Singleton 1, Amber Clifton 2, Anneka Gurney 3. **Beginners 3** Stevie Smith 1. **Beginners 2** Jade Crawley 1, Jordan Benjes 2. **Beginners 1** Bella Johansen-Iva 1, Heidi Waterman 2, Charlotte Braddock 3, Jessica Alexander 4, Belle Morrison 5, Taylor Courtney 6, Aaliyah Munro-Tupangaia 7, Isabella Christison 8. **First Appearance** Molly Rodgers 1, Trinity August 2, Deanna Gotlieb 3, Holly O'Connor 4, Breanna Veale 5, Nicolai Butcher 6, Jordan Hall 7, Grace Seamark 8. **INLINE FREESKATING International** Martina Steiner 1. **SOLO DANCE Senior International** Emma Hazelwood 1. **Junior International** Kyra Thomson 1, Grace Cooper 2, Samantha Whitham 3. **Youth International** Jordan Bougen 1, Katelyn Kennedy 2, Terriann Randle 3, Zoe Greer 4, Shania Freemantle 5. **Cadet International** Abigail Evans 1, Hayley Patten 2, Hollie Goldstone 3, Emma Greer 4, Samantha Alexander 5. **Elementary** Victoria Edwards 1, Tiana Fisk 2, Holly Yeatman 3, Summer Hicks 4, Tracey Behrent 5, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 6. **Juvenile** Kotuku Ruki 1, Natalie Ingram 2, Katie Hawley 3, Cassie Singleton 4, Tylah-Anne Charles 5. **Primary** Jessica Pitiroi 1. **Open** Josie Durney 1. **Intermediate** Thaylia Evans 1, Ashleigh Hunter 2. **Novice** Amber Clifton 1, Bella Stonnell 2, Jack Stonnell 3. **Initial 9 and Over** Jessica Gregory 1. **Initial Under 9** Anneka Gurney 1. **First Appearance 9 and Over** Isabella Christison 1, Stevie Smith 2. **First Appearance Under 9** Taylor Courtney 1. **CREATIVE SOLO DANCE Open** Josie Durney 1. **Intermediate** Thaylia Evans 1. **Elementary** Holly Yeatman 1, Victoria Edwards 2, Tracey Behrent 3, Summer Hicks 4, Tiana Fisk 5. **FREESKATING PAIRS Advanced** Abigail Evans and Jordan Bougen 1, Hayley Patten and Grace Cooper 2, Summer Hicks and Samantha Alexander 3, Hollie Goldstone and Victoria Edwards 4. **Open** Jessica Pitiroi and Tylah-Anne Charles 1, Kotuku Ruki and Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 2, Katie Hawley and Natalie Ingram 3, Bella Stonnell and Cassie Singleton 4. **PRECISION Senior Mini** Kapital Kids 1. **Novice** Synkronisity 1. **Beginners** Skate Mates 1. **DRAWN DANCE PAIRS** Olivia Munro-Tupangaia and Hollie Goldstone 1, Natalie Ingram and Jordan Bougen 2, Jack Stonnell and Grace Cooper 3. **SPECIAL AWARDS** Wellington Reunion Cup (Youngest Placed Skater) *Deanna Gotlieb Showtime Cup (Most Artistic Performance in a Federated Event of Freeskating, Dance Pairs, Free Pairs, Freedance or Creative Solo Dance)*, Emma Hazelwood for her Senior International Freedance.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

Jan 25	Working Bee 10am followed by Family Sausage Sizzle (1.30pm).
Jan 25	Beach Party Night Skate, Upper Hutt Rink, 7.30-10pm.
Mar 7-9	Upper Hutt Open Competition, Upper Hutt rink. Entry on the notice board now.
March 21	Quiz Night Fundraiser Upper Hutt Cossie Club. More details next newsletter.
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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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL