



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

August 2015

PJ Party Night Skate

Congratulations to five year old Charlise Kiernan (pictured at right) who with her teddy, who was almost as big as she was, won the Best Dressed non club member prize at our PJ Party Night Skate disco recently. What a great costume!!! Congratulations Charlise. Thanks to all who dressed in their pj's and supported this fun fundraising event for without your support these events would not happen. They are a great night out for all ages. Our next night skate is always popular. It is a **Scary Theme**. So get thinking about your costume now, invite family and friends and make it a great night. It will be held on Saturday **October 17 from 6:30 -8:30 pm**. All club members pay \$5 entry to skate



PATCH PASSES It is exciting to report that two people have graduated from learn to skate class since the last newsletter. After passing patches 1-5 over the past few years, **Cassie Singleton** and **Jessie Pitiroi** skated their graduation routines recently. Well done girls. It is great to see two people fully complete the class. Both Cassie and Jessie are also now national level skaters who are successfully competing locally as well as representing the Club at the NZ Artistic Roller Sports Championships. Both are current national medal holders. It is great to see that from starting out in pre-patch skaters can progress through all the patches and become some of the country's best skaters in their grade. Congratulations girls!!! Also passing patches since the last newsletter were:- Patch 1:- **Vladimir Sacherer, Caitlin Teague, Cooper Benjes, Libby Davis-Gates, Amelia Walton**. Patch 2:- **Kayla Payne, Jessica Linton, Corrine Packer, Esmee Van Schoonhoven** Patch 3:- **Rosabelle McManus, Jade Crawley, Rose Russell**. Patch 4:- **Stevie Smith, Aneka Gurney** Patch 6:- **Cassie Singleton, Jessie Pitiroi**. Congratulations to you all.

CLUB SYMPATHY It is with great sadness that I pass onto you the recent death of Tony Burrowes a Life Member of our Club. Tony was one of the founders of our Club in 1982 and on occasions visited the rink to see how things were going and supported any fund raising event he happened to see away from the rink. Our sympathy goes to all his family and friends.

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to **Jayden Aislabie** and **Hayley de Swardt** who have joined us recently. We are sure you will both enjoy your association with the club.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PUBLIC SESSIONS As we do every holidays we will again be running school holiday public sessions from 1 -3 pm each week day from **September 28 to October 9**. . These are a great activity for school children and their friends in the holidays. Please bring your children and their friends and support these sessions. **We also need members to volunteer to help man the public sessions so it is not a big commitment for a few people**. Please put your name up on the notice board for a day/s if you possibly can. Your children's friends can skate free while you help at a session!!! These sessions help reduce patch class and other rink fees. If we don't get enough helpers we can't run them. If we can't run them, your fees will go up!!! It is up to everyone to help out – not just a few.

LEARN TO SKATE CLASS COACHING We are very grateful for the help of all our voluntary coaches and administrators at our Learn to Skate class. It has been good to welcome **Oliver Ewert** (a former International representative skater for the club), **Samantha Alexander** and **Tracy Behrent** (current National representatives for the club) as coaches recently. We appreciate you joining our other coaches to help out our new skaters. This class is going well with large numbers attending each week and it would be great to welcome anyone else who would be able to help even if just for one term, or not every week. We would love it if any accredited coaches, or skaters who have passed through the learn to skate class system, who are intermediate age or older, could be available and able to help out. If you can, please see patch class manager Margi Morrison.

LEARN TO SKATE CLASS RECEPTION We are also thankful for the great job that **Margi Morrison** and **Julie Crawley** do on the front desk every week at Learn to Skate class. This is a very busy job and they really need another volunteer to help out every week. While they could not get by without the help of some other members each week including **Tracy Gotlieb** and **Irene Munro** handing out skates and backing up at the desk, they would appreciate the help of someone else who could commit to being available from 5.15pm **every Tuesday** the class is on until about 6.45pm to help as people arrive and leave. If you would be prepared to commit to help in this way, please see Margi as soon as possible. Thanks so much. It is actually sometimes a great way for the time to pass more quickly while you are waiting for your skater. Also, while you are helping out you will get to know other club members – so it is actually fun!!!

PATCHES FOR SALE A fabric, embroidered patch is available each time your skater passes a patch. (There is a small charge). These are a nice memento of their achievement. They can be stitched onto the skaters skate bag or the current fashion among younger skaters is to stitch them onto the arm of a club sweatshirt or black sweatshirt. Please ask at the desk if you would like to buy patches.

FIGURE SQUAD IN UPPER HUTT A figure squad will be held at the club rink from October 5th – 7th. This will be led by Argentinian coach Maricarmen Sanjuan. Registration forms are on the noticeboard, payment must be made at the time of registration. The rink will not be available for training or coaching after 10.30 am – 12.30 pm & 3.30 – 9.30 pm on Monday 5th Oct and 9.30 am – 12.30 pm & 3.30 – 8.30 pm on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th Oct. The squad will stop to allow for the public session on these days.

CENTRAL LEAGUE COMPETITION This and those just beginning competitive skating is being held in Palmerston North on Saturday November 7th at Arena 3, Pascal Street Stadium Palmerston North. An Entry Form is on board now. Entries close with the ***Upper Hutt Club Wednesday 14th October***. All entries must be paid in full by this date.

JIM TAYLOR EAST/WEST REGIONAL COMPETITIONS This newly named competition, Jim Taylor East/West Combined Regionals will start after the League competition finishes on the 7th November. at Arena 3, Pascal Street Stadium Palmerston North and depending on entries may also be on Sunday 8th Nov. An Entry Form is on board now. Entries close with the ***Upper Hutt Club Wednesday 14th October***. All entries must be paid in full by this date. This competition be great for all skaters for will be with the 2015/16 schedule

UPPER HUTT CLUB MEDAL TESTS For skaters wanting to sit medal tests this year, the club will be running a test centre at the rink on ***October 31/Nov 1***. If you think you would like to sit a test, please speak to your coach about this. Entry form on board shortly. Closing date for entries and payments will be ***Saturday 10th October, 2.30 pm***.

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER A quiz night fundraiser will be held at the Upper Hutt Cossie Club on ***October 16***. It is open to all club members and their friends and family. Please mark this date in your diary and start making up a team now. Tickets are available for purchase now from all families who have skaters who will be putting their names forward for selection for the 2016 Oceania Championships. If you are not sure who to ask – please see a committee member listed on the back of the newsletter and they will be able to connect you with someone who is selling tickets. These quiz nights are always fun nights with lots of great prizes to be won.

OCEANIA SKATERS PRIZES AND MYSTERY BOTTLES ARE NEEDED

NOW!!! The quiz night is a fundraiser to help skaters who intend to put their names forward for selection to represent NZ at next year's Oceania Roller Sports Championships. **All skaters who are planning to nominate for selection are expected to be involved in this fundraiser if you want to benefit from it.** This means keeping the date free so you can attend and help out on the night, inviting friends and family so you can make up a party and selling tickets (the more tickets sold, the more money made, the more you benefit). **You are also expected to donate a minimum of one prize per skater and one mystery bottle per skater. Please start sourcing these prizes.** We need prizes for the quiz as well as items for raffles – raffles bring in a lot of extra money on the night. Ask local businesses you deal with if they will donate a voucher or an item. It could be goods or services. If any other club members have prizes they would be prepared to donate these would be gratefully received. Prizes are being collected by Carolyn Evans so please hand your prizes to Carolyn by the end of September at the latest.

THANKS TO ROB AND ALASTAIR MERRIFIELD A big thank you to former international representative skater Alistair Merrifield and his Dad Rob, who have recently donated much of Alastair's skating equipment to the club, including skates, wheels and bearings. Thanks so much for this generous donation, it is much appreciated.

EFTPOS A reminder to everyone using the EFTPOS machine to please look at the amount entered before handing over the machine to the person paying. We have had a couple of situations recently where the wrong amount has been charged (too little because zeros have been left off meaning charging cents not dollars). When the paper comes out of the machine please look at it and circle accepted. This way you will notice if it is declined. There have been instances in the past where cards have been declined and the operator hasn't noticed. If you want help on how to use the machine, please see Mary-Anne Thomson at Patch class on Tuesday nights. She can show you. Thanks.

FUNDRAISE BY SELLING WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS **September is the end of the sales period for the Wellington Entertainment Book.** We have just 4 left. If you would like to buy a book or if you know someone who would, please let Mary-Anne Thomson know urgently as the 4 books will be returned at the end of September if they are not sold. This year both a book and a digital membership for a smart phone is available. 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 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 system for books is the same as last year. 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 of books and the fundraising noted against you. For digital members just direct your buyers to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/105537s> They can order and pay with a credit card online. NOTE please get them to tell you they are ordering, and then let Mary-Anne know, so the order can be noted against your name for fundraising.

LOCKER AVAILABLE A locker has become available for hire. The cost is a very reasonable \$10 a quarter. The user supplies their own lock. If you are interested please see Liz Edwards. First in first served!!!

LEARN TO SKATE CLASS REMINDERS

Holidays

The last patch class for this term will be held on Tuesday September 22. There will be a two week break during the school holidays. Classes resume again on Tuesday October 13.

Dress

It is important to wear appropriate clothing to the class. Jeans and other tight fitting clothing ARE NOT APPROPRIATE. Skaters cannot perform properly if their movement is inhibited. Ideal clothing is a leotard or training skirt and top for girls and stretch pants for boys. Other suitable clothing for girls includes sports leggings and top or stretch leggings and top. A supply of second hand leotards, training skirts and boys stretch pants is available for sale. These vary in price depending on the quality of the materials they are made from, the professionalism of manufacture, the number of times worn, and general fashion of the item. If you would like to look at the clothing available please ask Margi or Julie at the desk.

Skates

The club skates supplied are suitable as starter skates. By the time your child is in Patch 3 the skates will be starting to inhibit their progress. They should be getting good artistic skates if they want to perform to the best of their ability. There are a range of second hand and new skates available for sale and these should be considered. It is also important to get appropriate skates for your skater and what they are planning to do. It is suggested that you discuss any skate purchase with your private coach (if you have one) before buying them to make sure they will be suitable for your skater's future needs. If you don't have a private coach and are interested in talking about what skates are available and what will be appropriate for your skater, please see Mary-Anne Thomson at patch class or ask Margi or Julie to point her out to you.

Drink Bottles

Skating can be hot work. Please make sure your skater has a drink bottle each week and they leave it on the wall so they can access it from their class. It is becoming increasingly tiresome for the skaters in patch 1 to have other children skating across their patch all the time going for a drink. It is also increasingly tiresome that people are using mugs and leaving them around the rink or in the sink. If a mug is used it **MUST BE WASHED, DRIED AND PUT AWAY AFTER USE.**

PARKING REMINDER It has been brought to our attention that members are starting to regularly park in the George Refrigeration car parks on Tuesday nights during Learn to Skate class and Saturday afternoons during public sessions. **There is absolutely no parking in the George Refrigeration marked carparks, or on the yellow lines in front of George Refrigeration entrance, our entrance and in the centre of the parking compound.** Parking in these areas impedes access to George Refrigeration's vehicles and they have lost patience. It is also dangerous for us to have cars parked in our entranceway in the case of an emergency. We will be getting serious about this and **cars parked on the yellow lines MAY BE TOWED AWAY.**

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

2015

Sept 14-27	Artistic Worlds, Cali, Columbia
September 19-20	Area Medal Tests, Palmerston North
Oct 5-7	Figure Squad Upper Hutt Club Rink
Oct 17	Scary Theme Disco, Upper Hutt Rink
October 31/Nov 1	UHRSC Medal Tests, Upper Hutt Club Rink
Nov 7	Central League, Pascal, Street, Palmerston North.. Entry forms on board now. Closes 14 Oct
Nov 7-8	Jim Taylor East/West Regionals, Pascal, Street, P/Nth. Entry forms on board now. Closes 14 Oct
Dec 12-13	UH Club Championships. Upper Hutt Rink
Dec 19	Xmas Theme Disco, Upper Hutt Rink
Dec 29-31	NZ Speed Skating Road Championships, Kowhai Park, Wanganui

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Jan 1-2	NZ Speed Skating Flat Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
Jan 3	NZ Speed Skating Marathon, venue to be advised
Feb 6-8	New Zealand Banked Track Championships, 200m Track Marine Parade Timaru
March 4-6	UH Open Day, Upper Hutt Club Rink
March 19-20	Medal Tests, Arena 3 Palmerston North (Higher tests will be given preference)
March 25 - 29	Oceania Speed Championships 200m Track Marine Parade Timaru
April 22-24	Central Areas, Pascal, Street, Palmerston North.
June 4-6	Graeme Shepherd Challenge, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
May 22	Central League/ Lower Medals Tests, Arena 3, Pascal Street, Palmerston North.
July 11-16	NZ Artistic Championships, New Plymouth
Sept/Oct	School Holidays dates to be confirmed – Oceania Championships, Wanganui
Nov 5/6 th	League/Regionals dates and venue to be confirmed