



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter December 2015

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

A really enjoyable Club Championships was held at the rink recently. Thanks to all competitors, judges and other officials and everyone who contributed in other ways with providing food, manning the shop etc – without you all we couldn't run this fun event. A special thank you to **Jane Reason** (from Auckland), **Pam Peters** (from Nelson), **Margaret Grant** (from Napier), **Gerry Allan** (from Hawera). We appreciate these people travelling such great distances to help.

Thanks also to all our local judges, scorers, marshals, announcers and those who helped in a variety of other ways. It has to be said, announcing for much of the weekend is a big job especially for a man with a throat infection – special thanks to **Roger Boulcott** for many hours announcing under difficult circumstances. It was also great to see/hear life member **David Linney** back for a stint announcing to help Roger out - thanks David we appreciate it. Thanks also to a new (and very capable announcer) **Carolyn Evans**, who was a great help. There is a huge amount involved in running a competition like this and the committee appreciates everyone who helped in some way. A big thankyou to family members and friends who came along to support skaters – you being there is important and made this event the special day it is. It was exciting to see so many new skaters competing for the first time. Even though only a few could win a place they all skated well and could be proud of their achievements. We look forward to seeing these new skaters develop further in 2016.

Special New Award

For the first time this year a new special award was presented in honour of life member Tony Burrowes, who sadly passed away suddenly, earlier this year. Tony was instrumental in setting up the club and involved in running it, for many years. The **Tony Burrowes Memorial Trophy** will be presented annually for the most outstanding performance by a non privately coached learn to skate class skater, in Club Dance or Club Freeskating, as judged by a non club member judge. This year's winner was **Grace Daue**. Grace placed 1st in First Appearance Freeskating (Patch 1) and 2nd in First Appearance 9 and Over Solo Dance. It was special that Tony's wife Claire was able to present this award to Grace. Grace and Claire are pictured at left. It was also a highlight when Tony and Claire's daughter Anna was able to present the trophy for Beginners One Freeskating – a trophy she won in the 1980's.



Other Special Awards

Ruby Coffey-Duffin, aged 5 (pictured at right) won the Wellington Reunion Cup for the youngest placed artistic competitor. Ruby placed 2nd in First Appearance Under 9 Solo Dance and narrowly missed placing in freeskating, coming 4th in First Appearance Freeskating (Patch 1). Congratulations Ruby.



Holly Yeatman (pictured at left) won the Showtime Cup for the most artistic performance in an event of freeskating, dance pairs, free pairs or creative solo dance as judged by a non club member judge. Holly won this award for her Cadet International Freedance. Full results are at the end of the newsletter.



CHRISTMAS MAINTENANCE – PLEASE DO YOUR BIT The rink is now closed for Christmas maintenance and will remain closed until January 11 2016. Working bees are planned over this time and all families are asked to do their bit by attending at least one working bee. **The first is on Sunday December 27 from 10am to 2pm. Lunch/tea/coffee will be provided. Please come along if you can as it is the responsibility of all who use the rink to maintain it.** Work to be done includes: removing the old kick boards, painting and installing new kick boards, wiping all walls down, skate/blade maintenance, filling cracks in rink floors, general cleaning and tidying. There is a job to suit everyone. If you can't come on December 27 please contact Bruce Crosby (number at end of newsletter), or watch for emails, who can tell you when other working bees are planned or can give you a specific job to do at a time that suits you.

CHRISTMAS NITE SKATE The costumes were great at our last night skate for the year, a Christmas themed event. Congratulations to **Adelle Beaumont** (pictured at right) who won the best dressed club member prize.



2016 FIRST LEARN TO SKATE CLASS We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2016. **FIRST CLASS IS TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2.** As in previous years the class will run from 5.30pm to 6.30pm every Tuesday during school term time. All ages are welcome and the first three lessons are free. Patch testing will begin again at the end of February – dates will be advised at learn to skate class and in the next newsletter. Skaters will be assessed regularly to see if they are ready for testing and their names put forward when they are.

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. Presentation of the cup will be in Feb 2016. Nomination forms will be emailed to everyone in early January and will also be available on the notice board when the rink re-opens for skaters on a full card or part card. The form must be completed, sealed in an envelope with Birthday Cup on the outside and handed to our club secretary, Fiona Patrick, by 3.00 pm on Saturday January 30 2016. Judging will be done by an outside person with knowledge of skating.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD A special award for the Volunteer of the Year is presented to a club member in recognition of special contribution made to the club/skating through the previous year. This award will be made in Feb 2016. Nomination forms will also be emailed to everyone in early January and on the notice board. The form must be completed, sealed in an envelope with Volunteer Of The Year on the outside and handed to our club secretary, Fiona Patrick, by 3.00 pm on Saturday January 30 2016.

2016 FIRST PUBLIC SESSION The first public session for 2016 will be Saturday January 30. Come along for a fun skate.

APPLICATION FOR PATCH CLASS COACH POSITIONS 2016 The Committee thanks all coaches who have contributed their time this year to help our new up and coming skaters. Learn to skate class is critical for the continuation of our sport and the role that coaches play is a vital one. We value every one of you.

Patch Class Manager, Margi Morrison is taking applications for positions of both head coaches and assistant coaches at patch class for 2016. Please contact Margi ASAP if interested. Anyone wanting to contact Margi can e-mail her on margimorrison@gmail.com or phone using the number at the end of the newsletter. Please check your November Newsletter for the full details of the criteria for these positions

COACHES TRAINING SESSION All learn to skate class coaches are asked to attend a training session on **Tuesday January 26** from 5.30-6.30pm. At this time lead coach Sarah-Jane and Manager Margi will be allocating patches to head coaches and other coaches and Sarah-Jane will be going through the content with each coach to ensure that all coaches know what is expected of them. Please wear your skates so you can practice content. **It is critical all learn to skate class coaches attend this session.**

COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON NOMINATIONS Congratulations to the following club members and former club members who were nominated by their college this year for the Dominion Post College Sport Wellington Sportsperson of the Year Awards. **Katelyn Kennedy** (Chilton), **Johanna Hey** (St Mary's), **Hayley Patten** (Upper Hutt College), **Terriann Randle** (Heretaunga College), **Jordan Bougen** (St Orans) and **Jessye Willcox** (Onslow). No award was made this year as Skating is in the "Other Codes" category and the awards went to other codes. It is still a great honour to be nominated.

JUDGES COMMISSION CONGRATULATIONS TO **Abigail Evans** who has recently been awarded her Class 4 judges commission in Figures, Freeskating and Dance.

RESULTS Upper Hutt Club Members results from **Upper Hutt Club Championships.**

Freeskating *Senior International* Emma Patrick 1. *Youth International* Katelyn Kennedy 1, Hayley Patten 2, Hollie Goldstone 3. *Cadet International* Reuben Johnson 1, Holly Yeatman 2, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 3. *Elementary* Kotuku Ruki 1, Tylah-Anne Charles 2. *Juvenile* Jessie Pitiroi 1, Aria Coleman 2, Sophie Reid-Putaka 3, Aaliyah Munro-Tupangaia 4. *Tiny Tots* Phoebe Munro-Tupangaia 1. *Intermediate* Samantha Alexander 1, Maisie Behrent 2. *Novice* Riona Francis 1, Amber Clifton 2, Anneka Gurney 3, Stevie Smith 4. *Initial* Deanna Gottlieb 1, Leila Steele 2. *Initial Paralympics* Artemis Percy-Boulcott 1. *Beginners 3* Trinity August 1, Rose Russell 2. *Beginners 2* Olivia Cox 1, Amber Crawley 2, Hannah Molloy 3, Ashlin Coffey-Duffin 4, Dani van Niekerk 5. *Beginners 1:* Reagan Douglas 1, Hannah van Es 2, Vladimir Sacherer 3, Cooper Benjes 4. *First Appearance:* Grace Daue 1, Emily Mines 2, Alec Hardgrave 3, Ruby Coffey-Duffin 4, Amber Buckley 5, Sophia Mines 6, Kelcie Spragg 7, Morgane Cheminais 8, Lileyah Spragg 9, Rebekah Davidson 10, Joel Pitiroi 11, Adelle Beaumont 12. **Freeskating Pairs** *Advanced* Tylah-Anne Charles and Jessie Pitiroi 1, Samantha Alexander and Anneka Gurney 2. *Open:* Amber Clifton and Cassie Singleton 1. **Figures** *Junior International* Katelyn Kennedy 1. *Youth International* Abigail Evans 1, Hayley Patten 2. *Cadet International* Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 1, Victoria Edwards 2, Kotuku Ruki 3. *Advanced Masters* Paula Boulcott 1. *Masters International* Wayne Greer 1. *Elementary* Katie Hawley 1, Tylah-Anne Charles 2. *Juvenile* Jessie Pitiroi 1, Aria Coleman 2. *Intermediate* Josie Gurney 1, Maisie Behrent 2. *Preliminary* Cassie Singleton 1. *Esquire* Janine Price. *Novice* Amber Clifton 1, Stevie Smith 2, Riona Francis 3, Sophie Reid-Putaka 4, Aaliyah Munro-Tupangaia 5. *Beginners 3* Deanna Gottlieb 1. *Beginners 2* Rose Russell 1. *First Appearance:* Leila Steele 1. **Loops** *Advanced* Katelyn Kennedy 1, Abigail Evans 2, Hayley Patten 3. *Elementary* Katie Hawley 1, Kotuku Ruki 2. *Open* Victoria Edwards 1, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 2. **Solo Dance** *Junior International* Abigail Evans 1. *Youth International* Samantha Alexander 1, Hollie Goldstone 2. *Cadet International* Solo Dance Holly Yeatman 1, Victoria Edwards 2, Olivia Munro-Tupangaia 3, Tracey Behrent 4, Tiana Fisk 5. *Advanced Masters* Natasha Boulcott 1. *Masters International* Paula Boulcott 1, Janine Price 2. *Elementary* Kotuku Ruki 1, Katie Hawley 2, Natalie Ingram 3, Tylah-Anne Charles 4. *Juvenile* Jessie Pitiroi 1, Aria Coleman 2. *Open* Josie Durney 1. *Intermediate* Emma Greer 1, Jessye Willcox 2. *Novice* Amber Clifton 1, Riona Francis 2, Sophie-Reid Putaka 3. *Initial 2 10 and over:* Rose Russell 1, Stevie Smith 2. *Initial 1 9 and under* Dani van Niekerk 1, Deanna Gottlieb 2, Phoebe Munro-Packer 3. *First Appearance 9 and Over:* Ashlin Coffey-Duffin 1, Grace Daue 2, Hannah van Es 3, Sophia Mines 4, Emily Mines 5. *First Appearance Under 9:* Leila Steele 1, Ruby Coffey-Duffin 2, Amber Buckley 3, Kelcie Spragg 4, Lileyah Spragg 5. **Creative Solo Dance** *Elementary* Kotuku Ruki 1, Katie Hawley 2, Tylah-Anne Charles 3, Jessie Pitiroi 4, Natalie Ingram 5. *Intermediate* Josie Durney 1. **Dance Pairs** *Masters International* Roger and Paula Boulcott 1. **Precision** *Open Mini* Skate Mates 1.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. SEE YOU IN 2016



MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

2015

Dec 27 Working Bee 10am-2pm Upper Hutt Club Rink
 Dec 29-31 NZ Speed Skating Road Championships, Kowhai Park, Wanganui

2016

Jan 1-2 NZ Speed Skating Flat Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
 Jan 3 NZ Speed Skating Marathon, venue to be advised
 Jan 26 Learn to Skate Class Coaches meeting/training session. 5.30-6.30pm Upper Hutt Club Rink.
 Jan 30 First Public Afternoon Session for 2016, Upper Hutt Rink.
 Feb 2 First Learn to Skate Class for 2016.
 Feb 6-8 New Zealand Banked Track Championships, 200m Track Marine Parade Timaru
 March 4-6 UH Open Competition, 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 Area Championships, Pascal, Street, Palmerston North.
 May 7-8 Laurie Hastie, Pascal Street, Palmerston North
 June 4-6 Graeme Sheppard Challenge, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
 May 22 Central League / Lower Medals Tests, Arena 3, Pascal Street, Palmerston North.
 July 11-16 NZ Artistic Championships, TSB Stadium, New Plymouth
 Sept/Oct Dates to be confirmed – Oceania Championships, Wanganui
 Nov 5/6 League/Regionals dates and venue to be confirmed

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