



## UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

January 2015

**OCEANIA REPRESENTATIVES** Congratulations to the following Upper Hutt Club Members who have put their names forward and been selected to represent New Zealand at the 2015 Oceania Roller Sports Championships in Mt Warren, Queensland in April:- **Katelyn Kennedy** (Cadet International Ladies Freeskating, Youth International Figures, Youth International Solo Dance), **Johanna Hey** (Cadet International Ladies Figures), **Michaela Steiner** (Cadet International Ladies Figures), **Terriann Randle** (Youth International Figures, Youth International Freeskating), **Abigail Evans** (Youth International Figures, Youth International Freeskating, Youth International Solo Dance), **Jordan Bougen** (Junior International Figures, Junior International Solo Dance), **Martina Steiner** (Junior International Freeskating, Inline Freeskating), **Emma Patrick** (Senior International Figures, Senior International Freeskating), **Paula Boulcott** (Masters International Solo Dance, Masters International Dance Pairs, Advanced International Masters Figures), **Roger Boulcott** (Masters International Dance Pairs). Congratulations to all. Special congratulations to Johanna and Michaela who have been selected for the first time. Due to work commitments **Wayne Greer** (Masters International Men's Figures) has withdrawn from the team.

**ALL AGE LEARN TO SKATE CLASS UNDER WAY.** Our learn to skate class for all ages is under way on Tuesday nights from 5.30pm-6.30pm. It is good to see everyone back, enthusiastic and ready to go and also to welcome lots of new faces trying skating for the first time. A big thank you to those people who have given up their time to coach, manage and administer this class – without you all we couldn't run it. This year there has been some changes to the content taught in each patch to produce what the head coaches believe will be a more practical flow from one patch to another and allow a variety of elements to be taught in each patch. This should improve the flow for your skater from one patch to another. Each coach has a card with all the items for the patch on it – if your child is confused because the items have changed, they will quickly learn what will be required for them to pass each patch this year. The first Patch testing will be held on February 24, with a second opportunity for term 1 on March 24. The coach of each patch will put the skaters' names forward when they believe they are ready for testing. Patch certificates for any passes will be presented the week after testing (March 3 and March 31), so if your child passes a test please ensure they are there to receive their certificate the following week.

**LEARN TO SKATE CLASS PARENTS' MEETINGS** Meetings are held monthly for the last 10 minutes of learn to skate class. During this time certificates for patch passes are presented and any other news regarding upcoming events, changes to patches etc. is conveyed. It is requested that all parents/caregivers attend these meetings to keep up with information which may concern their skater. Term 1 meetings are March 3 and March 31.

**WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING TO LEARN TO SKATE CLASS** **Clothing** Please remember that your skater needs stretch clothing to be able to learn to skate properly. Please ensure that they are dressed in sports type clothing that will stretch or leotards and tights for the class. There are some secondhand leotards available at the rink at for a variety of prices depending on their condition and the materials used in their construction. Your skater does not have to have a leotard but they do have to have stretch clothing. **Before Class** You are welcome to come to the rink around 5.15pm to get skates on and be ready to start at 5.30pm. Please remember that the rink is only available for skating before 5.30pm to those skaters who are on a full card or part card with nominated day Tuesday, not a learn to skate only card. Please remain seated on the reception side of the rink – do not cross the floor to the figures side until class has begun. The only skaters allowed on that side, before class, are skaters on a full or part card who are training, their coaches and parents/caregivers. **Drinks** Please ensure that your skater brings a drink in a closed drink bottle so they can place it on the wall and have regular drinks during class. Skating can be hot work and it is good to drink during the class. It is distracting for everyone if skaters keep leaving the rink to get a drink. **Skates** Club skates are available free of charge for use at patch class. These skates must be returned at the end of each session. Once skaters get to about Patch 3 it is a good idea for them to have their own artistic skates which are designed to have looser actions to allow for figures and a more supportive boot to help with jumps. There are skates of this type available for hire and a range of secondhand skates for sale. Available sizes change all the time so if you are interested in hiring or buying secondhand skates and have a private coach please discuss purchase with them. If you don't have a private coach please see the ladies at the desk during learn to skate class. **Kitchen Use** Skaters attending the Learn to skate class are not allowed to access the kitchen for drinks. It is an adult's only area and any children in that area must be accompanied by an adult. If kitchen facilities are used you must wash and put away all dishes after use and tidy up after yourselves, wiping up spills on the bench, table and microwave.



**FIRST NIGHT SKATE OF THE YEAR – CELEBRATE SUMMER WITH A BEACH PARTY** Our first Nite disco of the year will be a celebration of summer - a Beach Party theme. Let your imagination go wild and show us your finest beach themed costume. As usual there will be a prize for the best dressed club member and best dressed non club member. This time the event is at the time of 6.30 - 8.30 pm.. We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday February 21 with all your friends and family to make it a fun night.

**FREE SKATE/BLADE HIRE ON CHILDREN'S DAY 2015** At our public session on Saturday February 28 the club will be giving **FREE** skate/blade hire to celebrate and show our support for Children's Day. Normal entry fee of \$7.00 will apply. Let your friends and family know – it's a great way to celebrate Children's Day and introduce them to the sport of skating - come along for a great day. Giveaways include temporary tattoos, balloons, activity books..

**CHOCOLATE SALES FUNDRAISER** Our 2015 chocolate sales fundraiser for general club funds is underway. We ask all families to 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. This year we are selling either mixed boxes of Mars products or mixed boxes of Whittakers Chocolates. The changes seem to be going down very well so far. **Please take at least one box and start trying to sell to work mates, neighbours, school mates etc.** Please return money ASAP. Good luck everyone.

**UPPER HUTT OPEN COMPETITION** This event is one of the highlights of our calendar and will be held from **Friday March 6th to Sunday March 8th** 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 who are not yet ready to compete, mark these dates in your diary and come along and watch – it provides a great chance to see National level skaters through to world class skaters in action. **Entries close on February 18.** Please make sure you have paid in full by this date. No late entries will be accepted.

**UH OPEN COMPETITION TROPHY RETURN** Anyone who won a trophy at the 2014 UH Open Competition should return it by the end of February (CLEANED) and engraved ready to be presented at this year's event. As the trophy steward needs to do a stocktake, please ensure the trophies are back by the end of February.

## **COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON INTER SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

We will again host the CSW Wellington Inter Secondary School Championships. These will be run in conjunction with Upper Hutt Open Competition. Entry closes on Feb 27 but skaters at Colleges in the Wellington area (Kapiti to Upper Hutt and south) who are also federated with Skate NZ and members of a registered skating club who have been entered by their schools will be competing. This means Years 9-13 at Colleges and Years 7-13 at schools who have a Year 7 as long as the skater is skating up a grade in a college age grade. Entry forms were sent to the college sports co-ordinators by College Sport Wellington in the first week of term. Please go and see them and ask to enter. This is the very busy season for inter college events and often it can get overlooked. CSW podium presentations will be made immediately after the UHRSC podium presentation for the same event so CSW entrants should be ready and aware of this. Certificates will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in the CSW event. This means that even if you don't finish in the top three for the Open Day event you should wait for the CSW presentation as all non Wellington skaters are not eligible to enter. Could those who receive certificates hand them back in after the presentation so that Mary-Anne Thomson who is the CSW Liaison person can send them to the skaters' schools to be represented in assembly, so the schools can join in celebrating the skaters' success in roller sports. A prestigious CSW medal will be awarded to the first place getter in each event. The medal will be sent to the skater's school for presentation at a special event there. Skaters and their schools will receive points for placing's resulting in a top college award and a top Senior, Intermediate and Junior Skater.

For the past two years Sacred Heart College has won the top college award – will it happen again this year?

**MEDAL TESTS IN UPPER HUTT** Medal tests will be held for Upper Hutt Club members (Medals 1-8) on March 28 and 29. Entry is open now and closes on March 8. Please make sure you have paid in full by this time, no late entries will be accepted. If you think you would like to sit a medal test please discuss this with your coach. Only those with private coaches are able to sit the tests.

**CENTRAL LEAGUE COMPETITION** A competition for non-international grades which is ideal for those just beginning competitive skating is being held in Upper Hutt on Sunday April 26. A League schedule and entry form will be available on the notice board shortly. If you think you would like to compete, please discuss entry with your coach.

**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 when coaching is not happening).** 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 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.

**ONLINE CALENDAR USE FOR TRAINING** The rink is so busy in peak times now that it is requested that skaters coming to train check the online calendar before training to work out the best use of floor space e.g. don't come and train figures when there are already coaches on the figure circles and no-one coaching on the main rink, instead do dance or free on the main rink in that time. Similarly don't come and do free or dance when the main rink is busy if you have figures to do – do the figures first. The calendar is there to assist with the best use of the floor space – please use it when deciding on what to train when.

**NZ ARTISTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015** NZ Roller Sports Artistic Championships for 2015 will be held at New Plymouth's TSB Stadium from Monday July 13 to Saturday July 18 2015. This is the second week of the school holidays (it is the first week of semester 2 for most universities). This will be the qualifying event for the 2015 World Championships in Cali, Columbia. Qualification for NZ Championships is through the Central Area Championships with the date being Saturday 30, Sunday 31 May and 1 June (Queen's Birthday weekend) at Palmerston North.

**MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:**

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

**2015**

March 6 -8 UH Open Competition, Upper Hutt Rink. *Entry open now, closes February 18.*  
 March 28-29 Upper Hutt Club Medal Tests, Upper Hutt Rink (Medals 1-8). *Entry open now, closes March 8*  
 April 4-10 Speed Oceania Championships, Toowoomba, Queensland  
 April 6-10 Artistic Oceania Championships, Mt Warren, Queensland Australia  
 April 26 Central Districts League Competition, Upper Hutt Rink. *Entry form and Schedule available soon.*  
 May 9-10 Laurie Haste, Palmerston North  
 May 30-31 June 1 Central Areas, Palmerston North  
 July 13-18 NZ Roller Sports Championships - Artistic, TSB Stadium, New Plymouth  
 Sept 12 – 26 Artistic Worlds, Cali, Columbia

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