



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

February 2015

Special Awards Presented

Congratulations to the 2015 winners of two special awards presented by the club annually.

The Birthday Cup – recipient Abigail Evans

The UHRSC celebrates its birthday in February and each year this event is marked with the presentation of the club's Birthday Cup to a club member who has given something special to roller sports the previous year. It is expected the person will have had a well rounded approach to the sport both skating with success and assisting others in the club. Nominations are invited from club members, with the recipient chosen by a person with no connection to the nominees. This year the Birthday Cup went to Abigail Evans. Congratulations Abigail. (Abi is pictured at left of the photo).

Volunteer of the Year - recipient Chris Clifton

This year's recipient, Chris Clifton, was described by the award presenter Bill Stratford (the inaugural recipient in 2013) as "a person who has gone beyond the call of duty. Many people do a lot of voluntary work for the Club, particularly those who are on the committee, but sometimes others are quietly doing their bit to help as well," he said. Bill said that Chris was not on the committee, but whenever asked makes himself available to assist with tasks requiring his expertise. He has been doing this for two or three years and it is felt that acknowledgement of all the help he has given both previously and during this previous year should be recognized now. Chris spent many hours at the club using his skills to build anything that the club needs. Not only did he play a major part in the alteration work on the extended rink, including the construction of the skate racks, he has since done many other jobs, the gates, the judges stand - numerous tasks - and always with a smile. As well as all the building tasks, he did a large amount of work in fundraising for one of the Precision Teams. A case of working to help our skaters! Congratulations Chris. (Chris is pictured at the right of the photo).



PATCH PASSES Learn to Skate class is well under way for 2015 with patch testing being conducted already.

Congratulations to the following people who have passed patches this year so far:- **Anna Hoffman, Olivia Dixon and Maddie Lambert** Patch 1, **Olivia Cox** and **Deanna Gotlieb** Patch 2 and **Anneka Gurney** and **Riona Francis** Patch 3. Congratulations to you all. The next Patch testing is on March 24.

NEW MEMBERS We have welcomed several new members in 2015:- **Brooke and Tayla Miles, Mika, Justine and Bear Van Niekerk** (joining Dani) and **Megan Hoffman** (joining Anna, Charlotte and Lucy). We hope you will all enjoy your association with the club.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS We need **your** help at our public sessions during these holidays. They are on Tue 6 – Fri 10 & Mon 13 – Fri 17, 1.00 – 3.00 pm. Please see the persons at the desk on Patch night, or see Deb Bougen, or add your name to the sheet on kitchen notice board.

PATCH CLASS COACHES WANTED Our learn to skate class for all ages is well under way on Tuesday nights from 5.30pm-6.30pm. Everyone is enthusiastic and ready to learn new skills. As outlined in the last newsletter 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 flow for your skater from one patch to another. **Patch Coaches are wanted to help teach this year.** Anyone who is 12 years or over who is either an accredited coach or has passed through the patch class system themselves is encouraged to volunteer their time to help out. For skaters to get continuity in teaching each coach stays with the same patch for one term. It would be appreciated if volunteers could commit to one term. Even if it is only one term that would be helpful. In term 2 several coaches have winter sport commitments which means they won't be able to coach, so any help for term 2 would really be appreciated. Please see either Deb Bougen, Margi Morrison or Sarah-Jane Jones if you feel you could help teach patch class in term 2.

PATCH TESTING FOR TERM 1 There will be one more opportunity for Patch testing in Term 1 and this will be the earlier time of March 24 because of the school holidays in April. The coach of each patch will put the skater's name forward when they believe they are ready for testing. Patch certificates for any passes will be presented the week after testing (March 31) so if your skater passes a test please ensure they are there to receive their certificate the following week.

PLEASE ATTEND 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 at this time. It is requested that all parents/caregivers attend these meetings to keep up with information which may concern their skater. The last meeting for term 1 is March 31.

MEDAL TESTS These tests will now **ONLY** be on Saturday 28 March with approx. times of 7.30 am – 2.30 pm and 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm.

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. An entry form is available on the notice board. If you think you would like to compete, please discuss entry with your coach. Entries close with payment on April 1

AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS Area Championships are the qualifying competition for Nationals 2015. They will be held in Palmerston North at Queen's Birthday weekend (May 30 June 1). Please mark this weekend in your diary if you are wanting to qualify for Nationals. Entry forms will be available later.

NATIONAL 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The club AGM will be held at the rink on **Tuesday May 19 from 6.30pm-7.30pm**. All members are invited to attend this meeting. There is no coaching or training allowed during this time as the meeting is a club meeting for ALL members. At this time a new committee will be elected including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and elected members. More information next newsletter. At this stage please mark this date in your diary.

CHOCOLATE SALES FUNDRAISER Our 2015 chocolate sales fundraiser for the International Fund is under way. Please return money ASAP. If you are having trouble in selling please return so we can give to another person.

WELLINGTON ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - ADVANCE PURCHASE SALES

NOW OPEN We are again selling the popular Wellington Entertainment Book. 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, drycleaning etc. This year's books are again \$60 and for \$60 the buyer receives \$15,000 of valuable offers. Anyone who has one will tell you it pays for itself in a very short time. **Advance purchase sales are now open. The quicker you get in and get the order, the more likely you are to make the sale.** There are so many people out there selling books that if you don't get in quickly someone else will. The system 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. Mary-Anne will have fliers available soon if you want to distribute them door to door, at work or wherever. You can make one order as soon as you have payments, and then if you sell more make another – that's no problem.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

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March 28	Upper Hutt Club Medal Tests, Upper Hutt Rink
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. <i>Entry form and Schedule on board.</i>
May 9-10	Laurie Haste, Palmerston North. <i>Entry open now, closes April 11</i>
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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