



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

Newsletter November 2015

UPPER HUTT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS Upper Hutt Club Championships are one of the highlights of the club's calendar and they are on this coming **Saturday December 12 and Sunday 13**. They provide a great chance for learn to skate class skaters to put into practice what they have been learning in class in a competition setting and to watch other skaters from the club who are competing at national and international level. **All learn to skate class skaters and their families are invited to attend the competition at any time during the weekend to watch and support other's competing.** Interesting events to watch are Senior, Youth, Cadet and Elementary Freeskating, as these events will give skaters an idea of what they are working towards.

There will be an information sheet for all Patch Class skaters being handed out on Tuesday at the class. Please ensure you get one and read. Any questions ask at the desk or e-mail Bruce

Some important things to note:-

SPECIAL NEW AWARD

A special new award will be made this year in honour of life member Tony Burrowes who sadly passed away earlier this year. **The Tony Burrowes Trophy** will be awarded to the most outstanding learn to skate class skater in club dance or club freeskating as judged by a non club member judge (not privately choreographed routines – class routines only). This is very exciting for our beginner skaters and we thank the Burrowes family for this award which we are sure will become a special part of our club history and be hotly contested each year.

CROSSING THE RINK

Please be aware that NO-ONE may cross the rink while an event is taking place. This means no nipping across just because a skater is at the other end – it is still distracting.

PRESENTATIONS FOR PLACING

- Medals are awarded for first, second and third in each event. A trophy is awarded to first place getters in most events. The trophy will be engraved at the club's expense, so you are welcome to take photos then please return it for engraving. After it is engraved it will be available for collection and can be kept until just before next year's competition. At that time it must be returned in a freshly cleaned condition for presentation to the next skater.
- Presentations are made on the dais outside the kitchen area as soon as possible after the event. It is good form to gather at the presentation area whether you have placed or not to congratulate those who have. For learn to skate class grades all skaters in the grade will be asked to assemble with the place getters for a photo after the presentation so please make sure your skater is there regardless of whether they have placed or not.

LEARN TO SKATE CLASS END OF YEAR PARTY The last class of the year will be held on **Tuesday December 15**. This will take the form of an end of year party with fun skating games, food and drink. **Please bring a plate of party food to share.** The club will provide a drink for all patch class skaters, family members are welcome to buy drinks. Please come along and have fun.

ADULT MUST SIGN SKATERS IN AND OUT OF LEARN TO SKATE CLASS

A reminder that an adult must come to the desk to sign in their skater/s to patch class and come into the building to collect skaters. This has not been happening consistently recently. This is for both health and safety reasons and to ensure that each family gets information like newsletters, appropriate forms etc. This is particularly important coming up to club champs. We would like all families to update their contact details. Thank you.

PATCH CLASS STARTS IN 2016 The first patch class of the new year will be on **Tuesday February 2 2016 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm**. Please do come back next year and bring your friends.

CHRISTMAS NITE SKATE There is only one more night skate this year, our **Christmas Themed Disco** on **Saturday December 19 from 6.30pm-8.30pm – DON'T MISS IT**. Christmas provides a great chance to celebrate with elaborate costumes – so go all out, invite your friends and family and get in the Christmas spirit. This is a great fundraiser for our international skaters and a fun night out - the more people – the more costumes – the more fun. Prizes for best dressed club member and non-club member. This is also the last public session for the year.

NEW MEMBERS A big welcome to our new members **Teagen Dunshea, Georgia Phillipson, Madeleine Andrews, Mya Mitchell, Grace Daue** and **Felicity Nicol**. We do hope you enjoy your association with the club.

LAST AND FIRST PUBLIC SESSION The last Saturday afternoon public session for 2015 will be on **Saturday Dec 19**. The first session for 2016 will be **Saturday January 30 2016**.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE FOR MAINTENANCE It is planned that the rink will close for summer maintenance from **Monday December 21 until Sunday January 10 2016**. During this period there will be **working bees** for painting and other maintenance work. Please could each family help with doing something around the rink. The only way we can all enjoy it is for all to help maintain it.

APPLICATION FOR PATCH CLASS COACH POSITIONS 2016

Patch Class coaches are critical to the success of patch class. 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 head coach and would like expressions of interest for assistant coach positions at patch class for 2016. Applications close on Dec 30. If you think you would be able to contribute to the continuation of the sport in this way please express your interest to Margi by the end of December so planning for 2016 classes can begin. **Head coaches will be selected, all coaches who meet criteria below will be welcomed as assistant coaches.** We just want to know who is available so we can plan.

ALL COACHES

- All learn to skate class coaches will hold Skate NZ coaching accreditation **or** have graduated from the UHRSC Learn to Skate system through to and including patch 6, **or** hold medal 3 or higher in any discipline.
- All volunteer coaches are encouraged to sit and pass the basic coaching skills test which will be overseen by the committee. Anyone interested in learning more about sitting this is asked to talk to the patch class manager, Margi.
- Minimum volunteer coaching age at patch class is 11 years old.

HEAD COACHES

Head coaches are vital because they not only teach the skaters but also help teach the assistant coaches. We are looking for **at least four** head coaches, possibly five. Just a reminder of the expectations the committee has for head coaches:-

- Where possible, head coaches will be over the age of 16 years and will have passed the basic coaching test. If no such coaches are available, recognising that these positions are voluntary in nature, the head coach will be a coach who is experienced at coaching at the learn to skate class, who is over the age of 14.
- Head coaches will be placed in their patch by the learn to skate class manager in association with the lead coach and may remain in that patch for the entire year. Preference will be given to experienced freeskaters in the higher level patches and experienced coaches who have ability in liaising with parents/caregivers in the lower level patches as this is a critical factor when families are new to the sport.
- Head coaches will remain in the same patch for at least one term to ensure continuity for skaters in the patch. The head coach will teach a group of skaters but will also oversee the assistant coaches in their patch endeavouring to ensure they are teaching content well and all skaters in the patch are being given an appropriate level of attention.
- Head coaches will liaise with skaters' parents where necessary if a parent has any questions. If the head coach is unable to perform this role they will ensure that where necessary the lead coach will liaise with parents.
- Head coaches will be at the rink ready to go onto the floor at 5.30pm promptly and will help with the entire class.
- When a head coach is not able to get to the class they will inform the patch manager in advance so she can make alternative arrangements for the week.

ASSISTANT COACHES

Being an assistant coach is a great way to develop coaching skills and go on to become a head coach.

- Will fit the criteria for all coaches as above.
- Will be placed in a patch that is suitable for their skills and experience, not simply rotated through all patches if they do not have the appropriate skills.
- Will be at the rink ready to go onto the floor at 5.30pm and will remain teaching for the entire class.

We hope that our experienced coaches and skaters will consider contributing to the growth of the sport by continuing their involvement with or becoming involved with patch class in 2016.

If there are more applicants for the position of head coach than positions available the selection will be made by the patch class manager in conjunction with the lead coach and those not accepted will be kept in mind should a vacancy occur during the year. Anyone wanting to contact Margi can e-mail her on margimorrison@gmail.com

RESULTS Upper Hutt Club Members results from

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:- *Advanced Masters Figures: Michelle Crosby 1.*

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

2015

Dec 12-13 UH Club Championships. Upper Hutt Rink **Entries closed**
Dec 19 Last Public Afternoon session for 2015, Upper Hutt Rink.
Dec 19 Xmas Theme Disco, Upper Hutt 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 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
May 22 Central League/ Lower Medals Tests, Arena 3, Pascal Street, Palmerston North.
June 4-6 Graeme Sheppard Challenge, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
July 11-16 NZ Artistic Championships, TSB Stadium, New Plymouth
Sept/Oct School Holidays dates to be confirmed – Oceania Championships, Wanganui
Nov 5/6 League/Regionals dates and venue to be confirmed