



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

September 2015

Maricarmen Sanjuan Figure Seminar

A very successful figures seminar was held at the rink over three days in the second week of the school holidays with Argentinian Figures Coach Maricarmen Sanjuan. This seminar was attended by around 65 skaters and coaches from all around NZ and even two from Australia. Thanks to all who made this event possible.



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. Entries close TODAY October 10 so this is an **URGENT** reminder

MEDAL TEST PASSES Congratulations to the following club members who passed medal tests in Palmerston North recently:- **Kotuku Ruki** (Figure 4, Freeskating 4, Solo Dance 4), **Olivia Munro-Tupangaia** (Solo Dance 4), **Summer Hicks** (Solo Dance 3, Solo Dance 4), **Samantha Alexander** (Freeskating 3, Freeskating 4) **Raquel Willcox** (Figure 3), **Tracey Behrent** (Solo Dance 3, Precision 2), **Maisie Behrent** (Freeskating 2, Precision 2), **Emma Greer** (Precision 2), **Zoe Greer** (Precision 2).

PATCH PASSES Congratulations to **Geordie Passmore** who passed Patch 1 recently and **Corrine Packer** and **Esmee Van Schoonhoven** who have passed Patch 2.

NEW MEMBERS Welcome to **Sophia and Emily Mines** who have joined us recently. We hope you will both enjoy your association with the club

LEARN TO SKATE CLASS Learn to Skate Class resumes again on Tuesday October 13 for the final term of the year. After Labour weekend, skaters will begin learning routines for the Club Championship Competition which will be held at the rink on December 12th & 13th. Skaters in Patches 1-5 will be able to do a routine for their patch level taught by the patch class coaches (unless they have skated Federated Grades and then they must stay in the Federated Grade). Skaters with private coaches who have not yet entered federated level events, must decide with their coach if they want to skate in the patch grade or skate their own routine There will also be a demonstration group event for those skaters in pre-patch to perform at Club Champs so this will be a fun term for those skaters also. More details at the next Learn to Skate Class meeting and in the next newsletter.

LEARN TO SKATE CLASS RECEPTION HELPER NEEDED We are 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 asap. Thanks so much. If you are helping out, it is actually a great way for the time to pass more quickly while you wait for your skater. Also, you will get to know other club members – so it is actually fun!!!

CALCULATORS PASS Congratulations to Upper Hutt Club member, **Mike Ruki**, who has passed his Class 2 Calculators Exam.

SKATE NZ PRESIDENT Congratulations to Upper Hutt Club member, **Roger Boulcott**, who was elected as Skate NZ President at the recent Skate NZ AGM.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PUBLIC SESSIONS Thanks so much to all those people who helped man public sessions and private bookings during the school holidays. Without your help we could not run these sessions and rink fees would be higher for everyone as these sessions make up a large portion of our income needed to pay expenses.

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. There will be lots of great prizes to be won including a “Pure Pleasure Package” at Solway Hotel Masterton kindly donated by **Trust House** and sourced by **Bruce and Michelle Crosby**, Tools and Tool Box donated by **Catering Equipment Services/The Edwards Family**, Artisan Vinegars and Chutneys donated by **Artisan Vinegar** and sourced by **The Edwards Family** and a 7 Day Soup Diet donated by **Mitre 10** and sourced by **The Goldstone 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 and a great chance to support our international skaters.

OCEANIA SKATERS PRIZES AND MYSTERY BOTTLES 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 NOW, therefore, if you haven’t already, please urgently hand your prizes to Carolyn.

CLUB 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 is 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 skaters 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.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

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- 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 Sheppard Challenge, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
- May 22 Central League and Lower Medals Tests, Arena 3, Pascal Street, Palmerston North.
- 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

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