



UPPER HUTT ROLLERSKATING CLUB

January 2016

ALL AGE LEARN TO SKATE CLASS UNDER WAY Our learn to skate class for all ages is under way on Tuesday nights from 5.30-6.30pm. 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. The first Patch testing for all patches except patch 1 (which has already begun) will be held on February 23. The next one will be on the last Tuesday in March. The head 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 at a parents' meeting.

PLEASE ATTEND LEARN TO SKATE CLASS PARENTS' MEETINGS Meetings are held monthly (on the first Tuesday of the month) 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 that may concern their skater. Term 1 meetings are February 23, March 2 and April 5. On February 23 there will also be special presentations.

BIRTHDAY/VOLUNTEER CUPS & MEDAL TEST BARS PRESENTATIONS This year's Birthday Cup and Volunteer Cup awards will be presented at the first Learn to Skate Class meeting this year on February 23. All welcome to attend to see these presentations. **We also ask all who passed medal tests at Upper Hutt in October last year to be present on February 23 at 6.20pm to receive their medals.**

PATCH PASSES Congratulations to **Iris Russell, Sophia Mines and Emily Mines** who have just passed Patch 1. It is pleasing to see progress starting so early in the year.

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 second hand leotards available at the rink 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.
- **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 everybody if they keep leaving the rink to get a drink.
- **Kitchen Use** Skaters attending the learn to skate class are not allowed to access the kitchen for drinks. It is an adults 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 the dishes after use and tidy up after yourselves, wiping up spills on the bench, table and microwave.
- **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 second hand skates for sale. Available sizes change all the time so if you are interested in hiring or buying second hand skates and have a private coach please discuss purchase or hire with the coach. If you don't have a private coach please see the ladies at the desk during learn to skate class.
- **Before Class** You are welcome to come to the rink around 5.15pm to get your 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 the class has begun. The only skaters allowed on that side before class are those on a full or part card who are training, their coaches and parents/caregivers.

FREE SKATE/BLADE HIRE ON CHILDREN'S DAY 2016 At our public session on Saturday March 5 the club will be giving **FREE** skate/blade hire to children to celebrate and show our support for Children's Day. Our 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 so come along for a great day.

CHOCOLATE SALES FUNDRAISER Our 2016 chocolate sales fundraiser for general club funds is underway. We ask all families do their bit by selling at least one box. Funds raised go into the International Travel Fund. This year we are selling boxes of Whittakers Chocolates. There is a prize of \$50 voucher for the person who sell the most chocolate and has paid money back in by Tuesday 29th March, 6 pm. **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.

UH OPEN COMPETITION TROPHY RETURN Anyone who won a trophy at the 2015 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 stock take, please ensure the trophies are back by the end of February.

UPPER HUTT OPEN COMPETITION This event is one of the highlights of our calendar and will be held from **Friday March 4 to Sunday March 6** 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 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 17.** Please make sure you have paid in full by this date. No late entries will be accepted.

ENTER NOW!!!! - COLLEGE SPORT WELLINGTON INTER-SECONDARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

UHRSC will again host the CSW Wellington Inter-Secondary School Championships. These will be run in conjunction with UH Open Competition. Entry closes on Feb 20. **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 should ensure they enter through their college now!!!** (To date we have only received one entry from Chilton St James). Entry forms were sent to all college sports co-ordinators by College Sport Wellington in the first week of term. If they have not already announced that you should go and see them to enter, please go anyway.

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.

We ask those who receive certificates to hand them back in after the presentation so that Mary-Anne Thomson who is the CSW liaison person can send them to the skater's 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 their placings resulting in a top college award and a top Senior, Intermediate and Junior Skater.

For the first two years Sacred Heart College won the top college award, last year Upper Hutt College took it for the first time – will it happen again this year?

CENTRAL LEAGUE COMPETITION AND MEDAL TESTS

A competition for non-international grades which is ideal for those just beginning competitive skating is being held in Arena 3 Palmerston North on May 21. Medal tests will also be held at this time. An entry form will be available on the notice board shortly. The League schedule is on board. If you think you would like to compete, please discuss your entry with your coach. Only those with a private coach will be able to enter.

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.

PUBLIC SESSIONS

A large part of the income which helps keep the cost of things like patch class down is the income from public sessions. Each family when becoming members has signed an agreement saying that as part of their membership they will help with public sessions. Please be aware that ALL skaters families must be prepared to help on the roster for public sessions. The committee understands everyone is busy but by everyone doing a little it is not a big load for anyone.

MEETINGS AND COMPETITIONS AND MEDAL TESTS:

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

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- 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 Open Competition, Arena 3, Palmerston North.
- May 21-22 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 1-5 Artistic Oceania Championships, Jubilee Stadium, Wanganui
- Nov 5-6 League/Medal tests, Arena 3, Palmerston North

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