

# CENTAURUS ICE SKATING CLUB INC.

Welcome back to skating for 2003. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and are ready for another year of skating. Centaurus had a very successful year in 2002, winning firstly the DB Trophy at the South Island Champs, and then the Allchurch Shield at Nationals, both for the second year running. Let's see if we can repeat that success in 2003 and go for that "triple"!!

## Artistic Competition

7 December

**Best Overall Performance**  
Charmelle Dorn



## Results

### 1st Place Winners -

<b>Diamond</b>	Dani Hayne
<b>Sapphire</b>	Nicholas Kokay
<b>Topaz</b>	Charmelle Dorn
<b>Emerald</b>	Josie Randall
<b>Amethyst</b>	Elizabeth O'Neill
<b>Garnet</b>	Michelle Cahill
<b>Amber</b>	Ben Southern
<b>Pearl</b>	Jan Christieson
<b>Pairs</b>	Mykaila Lewis/Jonathon Rudd
<b>Synchronised</b>	Ice on Fire

A full set of results can be found on the club website.

## Club Membership

A club membership form is attached to this newsletter. Membership is for the financial year from January 1st 2003 through to 31 December 2003. Membership costs have increased this year to Family (\$50), Senior (\$35), Junior (\$25), Social (\$15), and Kiwiskate (\$5).

**A \$5 discount applies to Family, Senior, and Junior subscriptions if paid by 31 March.**

To compete in **most** competitions you will need both current Club Membership, and T.C. Registration with the NZISA.

## Where Did All That Money Go??

Thank you to all those club members who helped with our fundraising last year.

**Fundraising** - Our two main fundraisers this year - Pizza Promotions and Cadbury chocolate bars raised over \$1600 which was used to help pay for ice charges for our Club Champs, practice ice time for the National Champs, printing costs, and travel subsidies for NZISA selected skaters.

**Grants** - We received 3 main grants last year. The Christchurch City Council gave us a grant of \$1200 which was used to purchase Judges' Manuals, and pay for ice time. The Community Trust provided us with \$1210 which was used to pay for coaching fees at the South Island Champs, and also enabled us to get the jump harness up and running again. A Pub Charities grant of \$3850 was used pay the entry fees for all those skaters competing at Nationals.

**Membership fees** for last year totalled \$1940.00. This money was used for to cover some of our costs for the newsletter/ internet, NZISA affiliation fee, Sports Foundation membership and ice charges for competitions and tests.

## ICE ON FIRE JANUARY REPORT

2003 is going to be a great year.

Centaurus will once again reign supreme, our skaters will wipe out the other clubs in South Islands and Nationals and each skater will improve and better all previous personal bests.

Ice on Fire have new heights to aim for this year – by age, our team will now be competing at Junior level. This means longer and more challenging routines.

We are always looking for new team members and will welcome anyone wishing to join. Preferably between the age of 12 and 19, although there is now a new rule allowance for a percentage of skaters to be out of the age range.

Practice, off-ice, is at the Linwood College Gym on Tuesday nights at 6.15p.m. for an hour, and on-ice on Wednesday mornings at 7a.m.

Feel free to join us at our first practice on the 4<sup>th</sup> February. Talk to any team member, parent or coach or just turn up.

Catriona Bridges is going on 'leave of absence' from the team this year while she spends the next 12 months in Germany. We love having Catriona as a friend and team member, she has humour, compassion and patience and we will miss her and her family immensely. We will be counting the months till her return.

## BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes for January and February to:

Mykaila Lewis	Nicholas Kokay
Amy Button	Chelsea Richdale
Brittany Woods	Charmelle Dorn

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Club Champs	Sunday 20 July
South Island Champs Christchurch	24 & 25 August <b>(proposed)</b>
National Championships Botany Downs, Auckland	6 - 9 October <b>(proposed)</b>

## FOR SALE

Boot Covers for Sale (White) \$6.00

WIFA Ladies boots with blades, Size 3, \$150 ono

WIFA Ladies boots with blades, Size 6, \$200 ono  
Ph. 388 8377 - Kim Garner

## WANTED TO BUY

Ladies boots and blades, Size US8, Eng 6.  
Ph. 322 9398 - Cathryn O'Neill

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hi guys,

Welcome back to the new skating year of 2003.

Most of you will probably know that I am taking over from Charlotte as club captain this year. I will do my best to fill her "skates" and help all of you get through 2003 as smoothly as possible. If you have any queries, problems or ideas for improving things, let me know and I'll pass it onto the committee.

This year we plan to include skaters profile in our newsletters. Skaters will be picked at random from the club's list of TC registered skaters, to give them a chance to tell us about themselves. The profiles will include information like - 'What the skater considers to be their biggest achievement.' (It doesn't have to be winning a competition - it may be passing a certain test or landing the dreaded axle for the first time), and also a 'skating blooper' (and we have all had our fair share of them!)

Now a little information about me – I'm 15 and in Year 12 at Cashmere High School. I started skating in 1998, and have been hooked ever since setting foot onto the ice. Over the past four years the rink has become my home away from home, as I'm not only there training, but also coach Kiwiskate and work for the rink as well!

Last year I went for my first Australian competition, "Hollins Trophy". That was also where my first major 'skating blooper' happened - half way through my free skate program my music stopped! I had no idea what to do so I kept skating till the referee stopped me, which turned out to be the right thing to do!!! For me, my biggest skating achievement was overcoming several setbacks at the beginning of last year to be selected for the New Zealand Figure Skating Team for Australian Nationals in December, where I finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 19 in the Intermediate Grade!

Well that's enough about me, hope you all have an awesome year and keep working hard to achieve your goals!

-Caitlyn



**Centaurus Ice Skating Club (Inc)**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2003**

Hi folks

Thanks to those of you that have already registered for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion – which is only just over 1 month away now. We look forward to seeing as many past and present members together on 23<sup>rd</sup> February to celebrate this occasion.

If you have already registered can you please send the money for your tickets no later than 12 February (earlier would be better) Please make cheques payable to Centaurus Ice Skating Club. Tickets will be mailed to you.

You still have time to register – close off date 12<sup>th</sup> February. Registration \$5 per family.

To give you the details again:

**Skating – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 12.15 – 1.45pm**

Alpine Ice Sports Centre, 495 Brougham street Opawa. Dust off your skates and make sure you check the blades are not rusty!!

Family members, children, grandchildren welcome at this session to skate or just watch. Skate hire will be the only charge at \$2 per person. Bring along your cameras, videos so that you can take some “memorable” snapshots.

If you prefer there is a public session from 10 – 12noon for the children, grandchildren etc. when normal rink charges will apply.

**Conversationne Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 4.30 – 6.30pm followed by Buffet Meal** approx 6.30 or 7pm  
(and more chat after if you like) **COST: \$30 per person**

**Venue:** Robbies Function Centre – Jade Room, Cnr Stevens St & Wilsons Road opposite Jade Stadium.

Bring along your photo albums and scrapbooks – these are always fun to look back at. Make this your opportunity to get together with skating friends from years gone by and re-live the good times from the past. It's a good idea to bring along your cameras and Videos – nothing like a few more pix. to go in the scrapbooks.

We are still keen to contact any past members you think may be interested - please let me know so that I can send them the information. They can also log into the Centaurus Club website and print off the Registration form etc. In fact this is a great site for past skaters to visit and sign the Message Book. The Club website address is: [www.centaurusice.bizland.com](http://www.centaurusice.bizland.com)

You can also e-mail me with names and addresses at: [bga@clear.net.nz](mailto:bga@clear.net.nz) as this is such an easy method of communication.

**REGISTRATION \$5 Family – REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Make cheques payable to Centaurus Ice Skating Club and send to: Jeanne Begej,  
P O Box 1022,  
Christchurch

Yours sincerely  
Jeanne Begej

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## AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS (A skater's perspective)

Last year in early December three Centaurus skaters were chosen to represent New Zealand at the Australian Nationals. (Laura Mills, Elizabeth O'Neill & Caitlyn Paul). For Laura, this was her second year attending, but for both Elizabeth and Caitlyn, this was their first competition as New Zealand representatives.

All three skaters arrived in Brisbane very early Saturday morning thinking this would get them through customs quickly, only to find a line zig zagging almost out the doors. After a very long wait in queues and collecting our luggage we finally made our way outside to the nearest taxi which took us to our hotels. The weather was very different to NZ, averaging in the mid 30's every day. After settling into the hotel and doing a bit of shopping, we made our way via train to have a look at the rink.

The Brisbane rink "Ice World Boondall" was slightly larger than ours, with seating on both sides, and dressing rooms for skaters. It also had an upstairs viewing room which was mostly for judges and officials. Inside the rink foyer was a small shop selling some lovely skating dresses and tights. They also had a dark room with a huge TV screen showing various skaters' performances. All three girls had different opinions of the ice, but overall it seemed easier to jump on, otherwise very much like our own.

For Elizabeth and Caitlyn who were skating in the Intermediate grade, the competition was on Monday and Tuesday. Both skated well for their first Australian Nationals and were placed in the top third - Caitlyn (5th), and Elizabeth (6th).

On the Wednesday and Thursday Elizabeth and Caitlyn were able to relax and watch the skating in the Novice and Junior grades, but for Laura, this was her time to compete. She was skating in the Novice grade for the first time overseas and pulled off two good skates to finish in 9th position, in the top half of the competition.

A great result for all 3 skaters.

The Australian skaters were in general a lot faster on the ice and had stronger spins with many variations, especially in combination spins. There were also a lot of very elaborate costumes to be seen.

On the Friday, just after we had got used to the huge ants, cockroaches, and flies biting at us, it was time to return home. While checking in at the airport there was a slight drama. No names mentioned, but the same "responsible" skater who left a skating dress in a hotel wardrobe in Beijing, was found to have left her bag in the back of a taxi!! However after a few frantic phone calls the taxi was located and the bag safely recovered. Our flight was delayed when a passenger failed to turn up and we ended up waiting for ages while the airline staff rushed to find him.

But eventually we did arrive back in Christchurch in the early hours of Sunday morning for a well deserved 8 week break from skating.

Thank you to all the Centaurus Club members who supported us leading up to this competition, and to the NZISA for selecting us to be part of the team.

