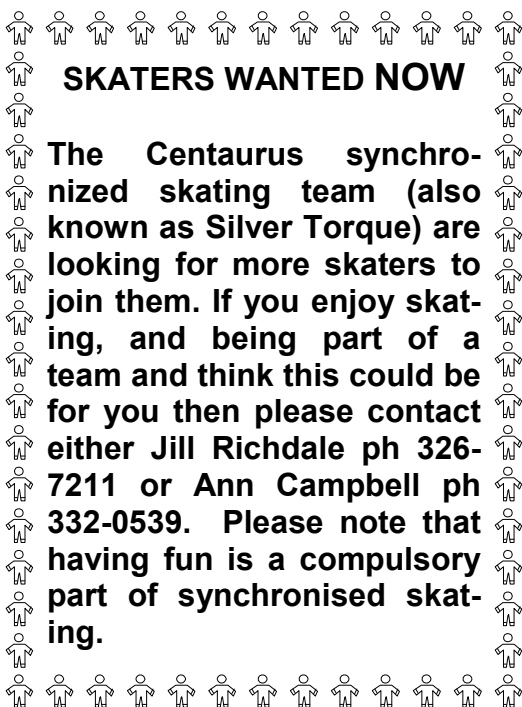


CENTAURUS ICE SKATING CLUB INC.



Welcome Back To 2005

So skating is now underway for this year, and with a different system of paying for ice and coaching. Most questions have been answered and the skaters can now get on with making the most of their time on the ice. There is a lot to look forward to this year including the South Island and National competition at the new Dunedin rink. Nick Apperley has got his skates on already and is in Japan for the Special Olympics. We wish him well for the competition. Centaurus skaters will again defend their interclub trophies won at the South Island and the Allchurch Shield from Nationals. Can we make it five years in a row?? I hope you have enjoyed the skating shown on Sky of the Grand Prix events and the USA Nationals. It is strange how the costume frills have transferred themselves from the ladies to the mens outfits. And we have also had our introduction to the new scoring system although scores in excess of 200 may not be seen here for a while yet. We can still look forward to the Four Continents competition , Europeans and Worlds which will be screened later.

 **SKATERS WANTED NOW**

The Centaurus synchronized skating team (also known as Silver Torque) are looking for more skaters to join them. If you enjoy skating, and being part of a team and think this could be for you then please contact either Jill Richdale ph 326-7211 or Ann Campbell ph 332-0539. Please note that having fun is a compulsory part of synchronised skating.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2005

Subscriptions for 2005 are now due. A form is enclosed with this newsletter or you can print one from the club website. If you have not paid by March 31st 2005, your name will be removed from the mailing list.

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SKATER PROFILE

Name: Nick Kokay

Age: 15

School: Riccarton High

Hobbies: Skating, tennis, music and hanging out with friends

Fav food: Ravioli



Nick Kokay is now going into his 5th year of skating, he first started after coming to a public session with his family and has been skating since.

Nick is very busy, not only with skating but he also plays tennis and takes music, also Nick has started his first year of NCEA this year.

Nick's biggest skating achievement was when he started to land his axel last year. He also enjoys experimenting with field moves, especially spread eagles. Nick is also proud of winning many South Island titles for his grade since he has been skating, and now hopes to be not only competitive at South Island competitions but also at NZ National Championships.

Nick hopes to be competing in Novice Men's grade in a couple years, at the NZ Nationals. He also hopes to go to university to study science when he finishes school.

Rhona Whitehouse.

Rhona Whitehouse, one of our life members, recently passed away. Although her name may not be familiar to our current generation of club skaters, she was well-known to many past members. She was a keen skater and competitor, who continued her involvement by judging and helping with administration.

Rhona was dedicated to skating and served for a long period on the technical committee of the NZISA. Her service to the sport should be an inspiration to us all. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

CONDOLENCES

The club extends its sympathy to Keely Jamieson on the recent passing of her mother.

Skater Safety Notice

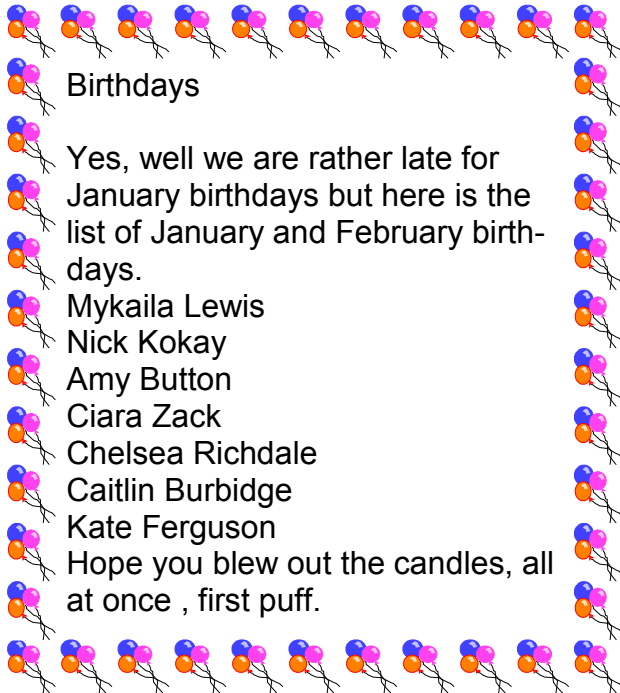
For the safety of all skaters and spectators please follow these rules off the ice.

Leave all gear tidy in bags wherever possible at the side of the rink. Often shoes and jackets are thrown onto the ground where they can trip up other skaters.

Spectators please watch from the seating or the coffee shop and not on the office side of the rink. If you have ever been stood on by a skater, you will appreciate just how much pressure can be placed on those blades.

Do not use the coffee shop to get changed in or leave bags in.

Thank you for your cooperation in this.



Birthdays

Yes, well we are rather late for January birthdays but here is the list of January and February birthdays.

Mykaila Lewis

Nick Kokay

Amy Button

Ciara Zack

Chelsea Richdale

Caitlin Burbidge

Kate Ferguson

Hope you blew out the candles, all at once , first puff.

For Sale And Wanted

Black Harlich figure skates 9-3/4 inch blades, (about size 7) very good condition. \$380.00

Also white figure skates, 9-1/4 inch blades, (about 5 to 6). \$100.00

For either of these bargains, contact Chris.Kokay@paradise.net.nz OR see Nick Kokay at the rink.

Wanted - figure skates with about 10-3/4 inch blades. Contact as above.

Important Dates

Next Test Day will be at the end of March or the beginning of April.

Centaurus Club Championships - 17th July, 2005.

South Islands - Dunedin - August 12th - 14th

Nationals - Dunedin - September 25th - 30th

Remember you must have a current club membership and a current TC registration for tests and most competitions.

New Centaurus Noticeboard.

Hopefully by now those of you who wait in the coffee shop will have noticed the club noticeboard next to the Achievers Board. Keep your eye on this for details of upcoming events, workshops, holiday camps and so on.

CHRISTMAS PARTY REPORT

On December 21st the CISC members ended a very successful year in style. A combination of show performances and a fun skates concluded the year which once again saw Centaurus win both the South Island Inter- club Trophy and the Allchurch Shield at Nationals. The show gave our Club skaters a chance to have a fun skate without the pressures of being judged and let their hair down. Performances were very impressive ranging from adult coffee club members to pairs to an interesting combination of senior and junior skaters doing a number to Rudolph the red nose reindeer! Three anonymous audience members chose some special spot prizes for some of the skaters, with Samantha Waugh and Sarah Garner winning the best overall performance of the night for their Fairy Godmother program, which they choreographed themselves. The night gave a chance for skaters, parents, coaches and judges to end the year together before the holidays for a well deserved break.