

CENTAURUS ICE SKATING CLUB INC.

Club Championships – Sunday 11th July

These are getting closer and it is now too late to enter (closing date was 26 June). The skaters are all practising their routines and looking to add extra polish over the last two weeks.

However it is **NOT** too late to volunteer for an hour or so to help with all the work required on the day. Help with the door and with setting up and taking down the judges stand would be especially appreciated.

The schedule will be advised soon.

Practice Ice Time

The club has booked ice during the first week of the school holidays. This is available for practice of routines and no coaching will be available.

Times are

- Tuesday and Thursday (6th and 8th July) ; 7.15- 8.45am – Primary and above
- Tuesday and Thursday (6th and 8th July) ; 12.15-1.30pm – PrePrimary and below and masters.

The cost will be \$5 per skater per session.

Skating and Practice Dresses.

The club has a selection of practice dresses and skating dresses available for sale. These are in a range of sizes and styles and there are some boys' shirts and tops as well.

If the thought of sewing bright lycra and sequins does not appeal to you, then a look through the selection would be a good idea.

If you are interested, see Trina Waugh on Saturday morning or Tuesday afternoon at the rink.

South Island and Nationals Competitors

Anyone who hasn't advised Sue Scoringe of their accommodation details for Gore And Queenstown, please do so immediately or you will not be eligible to be included in the grant application to cover those costs. Ph Sue at 383-1785

Centaurus Skating Workshop

It is planned to run workshops over three days in the second week of the holidays in July. Further details will be advised so watch out for a notice at the rink.

Just a reminder that next term the club practice sessions on Monday morning will be running from 6.00 a.m. to 7.00 a.m., and these are open to all club members.



June and July Birthdays

They just keep on coming folks. This time these guys get to blow out their candles. Happy Birthday to you all.

Annika Matravers
Kirsten Harvey
Iain Pollock
Jessica Denton
Christie-Grace Bennett
Kirsten Erikson
Jane Jarden
William Keay
Filip Milosavljevic

New Members

Welcome to the following new members

Ben Southern
Kendra Wilkie
Kim Brokenshire

Hollins Trophy Results.

Elizabeth and Juliette O'Neill travelled to Sydney for this competition and were the only Christchurch skaters to attend. Several skaters from Gore and Alexandra also went across for it.

Elizabeth competed in Novice and was placed 7th while Juliette in Primary was also 7th in her grade.

A good effort and well done to you both.

SYNCHRO REPORT - SILVER TORQUE (the artists formerly known as "Ice on Fire")

The team has been extremely busy this year learning two new programmes for the upcoming competitions. We have also had a synchronized seminar in Gore which eight of our team attended. It had to have been two of the best days skating, which included two sessions on our own with the two guest Australian Synchro coaches and two sessions combined with the Gore Junior team. The combined sessions made a formidable sight with 24 skaters flying around the ice in formation and trying several new moves for both the Centaurus and Gore skaters. All in all it was a great weekend, if rather a tiring one. We took three cars and left early Saturday morning arriving in Gore with just enough time to check into the motel and head to the rink at 1pm for our first session followed by a team lunch and some very brief retail therapy and back to the rink again for 5.30pm. Gore hosted a potluck dinner Saturday night which the skaters and parents all enjoyed before we headed back to our motel for some well earned sleep. We were back at the rink and on the ice by 8am, back to the motel to pack and have breakfast before being on the ice again at 10.30am til midday when we headed back to Christchurch. Twelve hours traveling, five hours on the ice – was it worth it? Too right it was!

Our team is up to 13 members this year, Josie Randall, Sophie Dawson, Kurt Scoringe, Amy Button, Ciara Zack, Suzayre Burke, Juliette O'Neill, Elizabeth O'Neill, Anna Cairns, Kirsten Harvey, Chelsea Richdale, Joanne Snelling and Kim Brokenshire – a true blend of experience, sexes, nationalities and personalities. The quote of the month isn't so much an inspirational quote but something I saw in Gore which made me chuckle

"Everyone is entitled to an opinion – unless they are the parent of a teenager."

Imperial Russian Ice Stars Workshop

Ten Centaurus skaters were invited to attend a one hour master class with three of the skaters from the visiting ice show on the ice floor of the James Hay Theatre. The ice area looked very small as spins and jumps were executed but only once did someone contact the board at the front of the stage and no collisions occurred. To add to the overcrowding, TV camera crews were there and often in skaters faces.

But it was a good opportunity and all learned a lot and thank you to the organisers who made it possible.

Trip Report from Japan.

This has been printed separately with the newsletter. Thanks to Eric as our foreign correspondent for his account of a skating trip to a country with a very different culture.