

CENTAURUS ICE SKATING CLUB INC.

Hopefully by now everyone is back into skating for the year. Sadly skating has never been a cheap sport to pursue and icetime costs only ever seem to rise. However it is good to see enthusiastic and committed skaters on the ice enjoying their skating. We are very happy to welcome several new members and hope that you have a long and happy association with the club.

INFORMATION AND SALES EVENING

This will be held on **Wednesday March 10th** at the Alpine Ice Sports Centre starting at 6pm. Skaters and parents should find it useful to find out about the club, the NZ Ice Skating Association and the test system. There will also be a sales table where skates, dresses and secondhand tracksuits can be bought and sold. If you have any items for sale please bring them along. The club will keep 10% of the proceeds.

OPEN ICE PATCHES

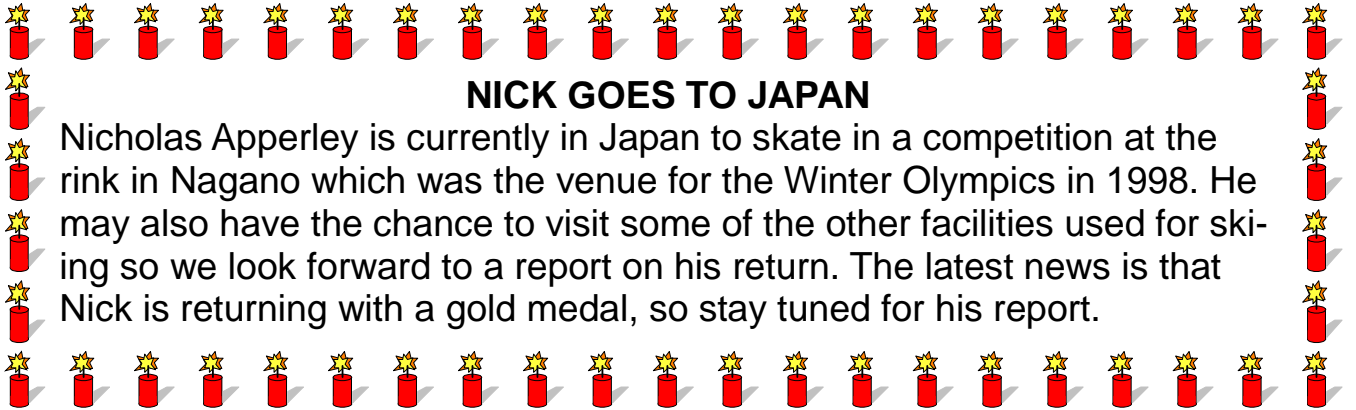
The club has booked ice for an hour on Monday mornings from 5.45 to 6.45am. This is open to all members at a cost of \$9 per session. It's a great way to kick start your week!!!

2004 CENTAURUS COMMITTEE

At the AGM last November the following committee was elected

Patron	Harry McSweeney
President	Eric Apperley
Vice Presidents	Jeanne Begej Sue Scoringe
Secretary	Ina Paul
Treasurer	Petrina Waugh
Newsletter Ed	Dorothy Brown
Club Captain	Caitlyn Paul
Committee	Kim Garner Megan Cairns Keely Jamieson Cathryn O'Neill Jill Richdale Lyn deVries

At almost all of the NIA sessions there will be at least one of the committee present so feel free to approach anyone if you have any concerns about the club.



NICK GOES TO JAPAN

Nicholas Apperley is currently in Japan to skate in a competition at the rink in Nagano which was the venue for the Winter Olympics in 1998. He may also have the chance to visit some of the other facilities used for skiing so we look forward to a report on his return. The latest news is that Nick is returning with a gold medal, so stay tuned for his report.

FURTHER OVERSEAS NEWS

Elizabeth and Juliette O'Neill recently went to Brisbane to compete in the Summer Trophy. Elizabeth placed 2nd in the Intermediate Ladies while Juliette was 3rd in the Primary Ladies. Congratulations on your efforts! There is a report on their trip in this newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members

Christie-Grace Bennett
 Brittany Bensemam
 Caitlin Burbidge
 Maijan Calcutt
 Ayesha Campbell
 Aleksandra Dann
 Kirsten Erikson
 Cindy Ferguson
 Kate Ferguson
 Samantha Garbarini
 Shaina Greenwood
 Jane Jarden
 William Keay
 Filip and Adam Milosavljevic

NEW TRACKSUITS

If you are considering buying a new club tracksuit or replacing your old tight model, please contact Sue Scoringe ph 383-1785. We need have 10 before an order can be placed. The cost is about \$95 and the tracksuits are made locally.

FOR SALE

Risport white ladies figure skate with blade size 250. This is about a size 5. These are very good quality skates price negotiable but about \$1000.

Contact Cathryn O'Neill ph 322-9398.

If you have skates or skating clothing to sell or buy, you can advertise it in the newsletter by contacting the editor, Dorothy Brown ph 325-2267 or by email dbn@lincoln.school.nz

DATES TO REMEMBER

Hollins Trophy (Sydney) June 12-14
 South Island Champs (Gore) August 12-15
 Australian Nationals (Adelaide) August 21-28
 NZ Nationals (Queenstown) September 19-23

MORE IMPORTANT DATES

In fact the most important date for Centaurus members which is the date for the club championships. This will be held on **Sunday July 11th** which is the middle weekend of the school holidays. Mark it on your calendar now.

TEST ICETIME CHARGES

Due to the increase in charges the new charges will be \$30 for stroking tests and \$20 for freeskate tests. This is only the icetime component of test charges and there is also a charge which is paid to the NZISA to register the results. If you are confused about this then come to the meeting at the rink on Wednesday March 10th, where it will all be explained.

FINAL REMINDER FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

If your sub has not yet been paid this is the last newsletter you will receive. Unfortunately the club cannot carry the cost of sending out material so you will be removed from our database. If you have overlooked this, **please** send in your sub as soon as possible.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to these members

Catriona Bridges	Lars Harwood
Richard Clark	Reane McCauley
Starsha Wright	Hayden Maxwell
Nicholas Apperley	Tayla Beck
Grace O'Brien	Laura Mills
Caitlyn Burbidge	Kate Ferguson

TEST DAY

Saturday March 20th is the next test day. If you are planning to do a test make sure that your club membership is current for this year AND that you have completed your TC registration for this year as well. And after all that best of luck for the test!

FUNDRAISING

As we are aware ice-skating is an expensive sport. Ice time charges have risen almost every year and so have other costs. The club fundraises every year to help provide some extra benefits for the skaters. This is often in the form of subsidising ice time, or in running holiday workshops. This year we will again be trying to get funds to put aside for this.

Please do your best to assist with the projects that the fundraising committee has chosen.

ICE ON FIRE

The skating year has begun again and we hope everyone is rested and ready for the challenges the year will hold.

The quote for this month is "All glory comes from daring to begin" from William Arthur Ward. It is dedicated to the new members of our team, Anna Cairns and Elizabeth O'Neill from term four of last year and Kirsten Harvey and Chelsea Richdale who have joined this year. We hope you all enjoy the friendship of the team and the skills you will learn with Synchro.

2004 brings changes for Ice on Fire. Chris Street, who was one of the team founders, has retired from Synchro after five years. We can't thank Chris enough for what he has done for the team over the years. The team was then made up of 9 skaters ranging in age from 5 – 10 years old when it started and they presented their first programme, the theme from 'Hill Street Blues', in 1999. They were so cute and we were so proud. Times have changed, the team is now 12 members between 12 and 18 years old – not so cute anymore but still making us proud each time they step on the ice. With that, we'd like to congratulate three team members for their dedication to Synchro. Sophie Dawson, Josie Randall and Kurt Scoringe have been with the team from the beginning and are to be commended for their commitment.

With the retirement of Chris, Ann Campbell is now team coach and is being assisted by Kim Gormack. So 2004 brings new coaching, two new programmes and changes in the team members as some come and some go.

Synchro is still the most affordable option of ice skating and, as always, we are on the lookout for new members. If you would like to try it and see if you like it, speak to Ann, Kim, any team member or their parents.

SUMMER TROPHY 2004

On Sunday January 18th this year, Elizabeth and Juliette O'Neill set sail for the shores of Brisbane to compete in the Summer Trophy and Le Patinage (an artistic competition). These were held at Acacia Ridge which is about halfway between Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Due to changes in the timing of this competition the entry numbers were much smaller. This is expected to change as this timing becomes established.

By Monday evening Juliette was in 3rd place in the Primary Ladies and Elizabeth in 2nd in the Intermediate Ladies. Tuesday was the day of the long programmes and both girls maintained their placings to finish overall in the same position.

The Le Patinage was held on Wednesday. The grades were grouped into divisions so both girls skated in the same division. Elizabeth finished 4th and Juliette 6th. For a change, Thursday and Friday were holiday time. Not much shopping to do around the area but great restaurants to sample.

TEST RESULTS—DECEMBER 2003

LEVEL	STROKING	FREESKATE	DANCE
ELEMENTARY	Reane McCauley Suzayre Burke	Emily Horwell Reane McCauley	
PRELIMINARY	Jessie Park Sophie Dawson Mykaila Lewis Amy Button Suzayre Burke	Mykaila Lewis Luke Scoringe Samantha Waugh	
INTER-BRONZE	Brooke Christieson Grace O'Brien Sophie Dawson Joanne Snelling		
BRONZE			Kirsten Harvey (foxtrot, Willow Waltz, Fourteen Step)
INTER-SILVER	Alanna Pollock Juliette O'Neill Josie Randall	Elizabeth O'Neill	
SILVER			
INTER-GOLD	Michelle Whelan		
GOLD	Michelle Whelan		

TEST RESULTS—NOVEMBER 2003

LEVEL	STROKING	FREESKATE	DANCE
ELEMENTARY	Jessie Park Emily Horwell	Jessie Park Luke Scoringe	
PRELIMINARY	Sarah Fursdon Samantha Waugh		
INTER-BRONZE	Sarah Garner Luke Scoringe Kurt Scoringe	Sarah Garner	
BRONZE		Alanna Pollock Anna Negus	
INTER-SILVER	Elizabeth O'Neill	Iain Pollock	
SILVER			
INTER-GOLD	Michelle Whelan		
GOLD	Michelle Whelan		