

# CENTAURUS ICE SKATING CLUB INC.

This has been a very busy term for our skaters, beginning with the successful club championships in July and followed by the South Island championships in Gore where Centaurus won the DB Trophy for the most points won by club members. However, be warned, the competition is closing in, and when the new Dunedin rink opens at the end of the year there will be even more rivalry.

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**Club Championships 2004**

\* So how did you spend the 12<sup>th</sup> of July this year? Hopefully you were at the club champs either competing or watching or working.

\* There were some great performances especially the Novice Ladies grade where the best marks of the day were awarded.

\* Congratulations to Jessie Park who was named as the most promising skater, Annika Matravers who won the overall musical interpretation award, and to Elizabeth O'Neill who was awarded the prize for the most improved skater.

\* Well done to those who competed for the first time; I hope you enjoyed the experience and that you are keen to continue with competitions.

\* And thankyou to all those who made it possible to run the championships. Thankyou to the judges who give up their free time for the day (often freezing in the process), thanks to the announcers, music players, door sitters, those who provided plates of food and the catering organiser, the tabulators, recorders, programme writer and paper organiser. The judges stand appeared out of the container again and was assembled to provide a stable platform and at the end was taken apart in record time. Thanks to the Cairns for their weightlifting efforts.

\* And thank you to the parents who ensured their skaters were there on time, and gave them their support.

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## New Zealand Selections.

After the club champs, the following skaters were selected to skate in the 2004 Australian Nationals. Congratulation to these representatives.

- Juliette O'Neill Primary Ladies
- Caitlyn Paul Intermediate Ladies
- Iain Pollock Intermediate Men
- Elizabeth O'Neill Novice Ladies
- Nick Apperley Novice Men.

## CENTAURUS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

### Pre-Elementary Ladies

1. Mackenzie Soper
2. Brittany Bensemann
3. Rannia Al-Salihi

### Pre-Elementary Men

1. Hayden Maxwell

### Elementary Men

1. Jonathon Rudd

### Juvenile Ladies

1. Jessie Park
2. Samantha Waugh
3. Joanne Snelling
4. Chelsea Richdale

### Juvenile Men

1. Chris Boyd
2. Nick Kokay

### Pre-Primary Ladies (with guest)

1. Annika Matravers
2. Dharini Marinkovich
3. Sarah Garner

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1. Annika Matravers
2. Sarah Garner
3. Josie Randall

### Pre-Primary Men

1. Russell Ngan

### Primary Ladies

1. Juliette O'Neill

### Primary Dance

1. Anna Cairns/Kurt Scoringe

### Intermediate Ladies (with guests)

1. Lucy-Kate Johnson
2. Caitlyn Paul
3. Kathryn Gregory

### Intermediate Ladies

1. Caitlyn Paul
2. Alanna Pollock

### Intermediate Men (with guests)

1. Iain Pollock
2. Grant Howie

### Intermediate Men

1. Iain Pollock

### Novice Ladies (with guests)

1. Elizabeth O'Neill
2. Laura Mills
3. Aravinda Marinkovich

### Novice Ladies

1. Elizabeth O'Neill
2. Laura Mills

### Novice Men

1. Nick Apperley

### Junior Synchronised

1. Silver Torque

### Masters Silver

1. Jan Christieson
2. Trish Weir

### Masters Recreational

1. Cushla Smith
2. Lyn de Vries

### Masters Stroking

1. Christina Wilson
2. Gail Schat
3. Rennay Russell

### Special Olympics Level 2

1. Shannon Russell

### Special Olympics Level 3

1. Ben Southern

### Primary Pairs (guest)

1. Kathryn Gregory/Grant Howie

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING

Russell Ngan	Juliette O'Neill
Maijan Calcutt	Cathryn Bridges
Jessie Park	Sarah Garner
Kurt Scoringe	Ayesha Campbell
Elizabeth O'Neill	Madelaine Parker

### Welcome to these new members

Shannon Russell  
Christina Wilson  
Angela McFall

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Kim and Julian Gormack who are the proud parents of Andreas William.

### CONDOLENCES

The club extends its sympathy to the O'Neill family on the recent passing of their grandfather.

### THANK YOU

To Sue Scoringe who has been very busy with applications for funding for our skaters to help with accommodation costs for out of town events. It is always a bonus to get some assistance and thank you for your efforts and time spent.

### South Island Championships 2004

This was an epic trip south along the lines of Scott's expedition to the pole. Most skaters left for Gore heading into the Antarctic wind and there was snow on the ground in Gore on Friday morning. The competition was keen among the participating clubs and at the end, Centaurus retained the DB Trophy for overall top club.

Results for Centaurus skaters were :

#### Pre-Elementary Ladies Under 10

3<sup>rd</sup> Madelaine Parker  
5<sup>th</sup> Brittany Bensemann

#### Pre-Elementary Men

2<sup>nd</sup> Hayden Maxwell

#### Elementary Ladies Under 11

5<sup>th</sup> Jacquelyn de Vries

#### Elementary Ladies 11 & Over

6<sup>th</sup> Anna de Vries  
12<sup>th</sup> Reanne McCauley

#### Juvenile Ladies Under 12

1<sup>st</sup> Jessie Park  
2<sup>nd</sup> Samantha Waugh  
MI – Samantha Waugh

#### Juvenile Ladies 12 & Over

2<sup>nd</sup> Joanne Snelling  
4<sup>th</sup> Chelsea Richdale  
5<sup>th</sup> Brooke Christieson  
MI – Chelsea Richdale

#### Juvenile Men 12 & Over

2<sup>nd</sup> Nick Kokay

#### Pre-Primary Ladies

1<sup>st</sup> Annika Matravers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Garner

#### Pre-Primary Men

2<sup>nd</sup> Russell Ngan  
MI – Russell Ngan

#### Primary Ladies

1<sup>st</sup> Juliette O'Neill

#### Intermediate Ladies

5<sup>th</sup> Caitlyn Paul  
6<sup>th</sup> Alanna Pollock

#### Intermediate Men

2<sup>nd</sup> Iain Pollock

#### Novice Men

1<sup>st</sup> Nicholas Apperley  
MI – Nicholas Apperley

#### Novice Ladies

1<sup>st</sup> Laura Mills  
2<sup>nd</sup> Elizabeth O'Neill  
MI – Laura Mills

#### Masters

1<sup>st</sup> Trish Weir  
4<sup>th</sup> Jan Christieson  
5<sup>th</sup> Eleanor Stanbury

#### Primary Dance/SI Dance Trophy

1<sup>st</sup> Anna Cairns/Kurt Scoringe

#### Synchronised – Junior

2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Torque

Jessie Park won the award for Most Promising Skater—well done Jessie!

But this trip just kept on giving and all weekend there were dire forecasts of snow in Invercargill on Saturday night. As Sunday was clear but very cold, several people decided to leave as soon as possible for home. These drivers were surprised to see oncoming vehicles at Timaru plastered with snow. And yes, the snow was in front of them and not behind them as they had thought.

Meantime another group headed to Invercargill to catch a quick flight home. However due to Christchurch airport being closed, they were forced to stay in Invercargill for the night. On their arrival at the airport next morning, the runway was glazed and would have only needed a light ice groom from a Zamboni to have been skateable. They got home after lunch on Monday.

The worst thing was apparently to stay put in Gore as the Richdales and Garners discovered as they did not escape until Tuesday.

Next year, remember to pack your sled and dog team.....

#### Skating Tights

If you need a new pair of Mondor tights, Sue Scoringe will collect orders. When 12 pairs have been ordered Sue will send off for them. Either stirrup or over the boot models are available at an approximate cost of \$32.50. Phone Sue at 383-1785.

### PROPOSED HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

In the second week of the September holidays the club hopes to run a workshop for younger skaters. More details should be available soon.

### TERM FOUR ICE BOOKINGS

Ice time has been booked for Thursday afternoons in Term 4. Information about this will be available soon at the rink.



## ON THE SET OF “SLEEPING BEAUTY ON ICE”

Skaters: Iain Pollock, Samantha Waugh, Sarah Garner, Caitlyn Paul, Laura Mills, Anna Negus, Nicholas Apperley, Jessie Park, Juliette and Elizabeth O'Neill.

During the June tour of the 'Sleeping Beauty on Ice' performed by the Imperial Russian Ice Stars, 10 Centaurus Club members were given the opportunity to skate with three of the cast, Elena Bogospassaeva, Svetlana Maskevich and Andrei Penkin, at the James Hay theatre in town.

Everyone arrived at the James Hay theatre and soon realized the true size of the ice surface, which the show was performed on and they themselves were about to skate on. It was unbelievable! It was smaller than a third of the ice surface at Alpine. All skaters adjusted to the size well with only one senior skater (who shall remain nameless!) hitting the front of the stage nearly falling off, and a couple people hitting the side curtains, luckily no serious damage was done to the set or skaters.

Even with the small ice, the cast still showed some very impressive tricks from double axels to full length spirals and beautifully executed spin combinations, which the local skaters tried to emulate with the help of the cast members. It was an awesome experience and I think every skater learnt and took a lot away with them that day.

## SILVER TORQUE TALK

The quote of the month is something to bear in mind for the skaters competing at Nationals.

“Life is like a ten speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use” – Charles M. Schulz

So, how about moving it up a cog or two. It might be the difference in your placing.

After Sarah Ulmer cycled her way to a gold medal at the Olympics, she could barely breath or stand, her comment was

**T**ogether

**E**veryone

**A**chieves

**M**ore

Our team (and our team is made up of skaters, parents, siblings and coaches) is definitely achieving more in the weeks before Nationals, and not just on the ice. Thank you sincerely to the talented and untalented bunch of seamstresses who are working tirelessly to create wonders at the last minute with costumes.

Definitely a Gold Medal team effort.

## Skater Profile

### Jessie Park

Age: 10 years old.

School: Home schooled.

Favorite food: Fish and chips and pizza (good healthy skating food!)

Hobbies: Ice skating, swimming, ballet and running.



Jessie was first introduced to the sport of ice skating, during a school trip. She really enjoyed it and signed up for Kiwiskate classes and soon moved on to private lessons.

Jessie has come a long way since her Kiwiskate days, she is in her first year of competing in Juvenile Ladies at national level, and has had a very successful year so far. Jessie has won Club and South Island Championships this year and is hoping to make it three titles with NZ National champs being held in Queenstown in just three weeks. Jessie was also named 'Most Promising Skater' at both Club Champs and South Islands for 2004.

Jessie loves skating and thinks it's heaps of fun, she has had an awesome year. Not only skating well in her competitions, she also had the chance to work with the Imperial Russian Ice Stars with nine other Centaurus Club members during the tour of 'Sleeping Beauty on Ice' earlier in the year.

Another big achievement for Jessie this year has been landing her axel and nearly perfecting a couple of her first double jumps.

Jessie has her goals set high, with wanting to compete in the Australian Nationals in about two years time, and if Jessie continues working hard and skating like she has been her goal will be very achievable.

## RESULTS FROM AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

**Nick Apperley** 10th in Novice Men

**Liz O'Neill** 11th in Novice Ladies

**Iain Pollock** 2nd in Intermediate Men

**Caitlyn Paul** 11th in Intermediate Ladies

**Juliette O'Neill** 19th in Primary Ladies

A fuller report will appear in the next newsletter

## NEW ZEALAND NATIONALS 2004

Centaurus will be fielding a smaller team than last year, but we hope that the practice and perfecting of routines will show in the quality of skating.

We may be lucky to make it four in a row for the inter-club trophy, but the crusading spirit will show through!

I have a weather report for Queenstown which promises above-zero temperatures and lots of sunshine as an antidote to the long winter.

Best of luck to our skaters and hope you enjoy the many fine performances of all the skaters.