



Newsletter April 2007

## Winter Outdoor Ice Trip

Skating on Naseby's Coal Pit Dam was always going to be a hard act to follow but we are hoping Lake Tekapo's new Winter Park will do the trick.

A 56m x 26m artificial outdoor ice rink will open in May and so it's there that CMFSC will have it's third annual Outdoor Ice Trip on July 13 – 15, 2007.

30 beds have been booked for you at the Lakefront Lodge, just a few minutes walking distance from the Winter Park. This is the lodge we stayed at in 2005 – budget accommodation with a fine living room, roaring log fire

and a commanding view of the lake.

If construction goes according to plan there will also be hot pools at the park, heated as a byproduct of the freezing of the ice. So you can soak and relax after a day of icy fun. Or perhaps instead of a day of icy fun!

A snow slope is also planned for tobogganing and snow tubing. But what is snow tubing? It's something like bobsleigh riding – there's a half circle track that you hurtle down in an inflatable tube, screaming all the way!

There are also plans for a spa, sauna, plunge-pool, body and beautician services. Let's hope they are ready in time. No need to book in a manicure beforehand – it can all happen there. We're hoping for some curling too.

*Make sure you respond promptly to secure your place in the Lodge.*

*See page 4 for more details and a booking form!*



Concept Plan Lake Tekapo Winter Park

## AGM 2007 – Meet your new committee

The annual AGM was held on March 6 2007 where the president reported on a full and successful year. This report and the statement of accounts can be found on the club website. A remit was passed at the AGM increasing the number of committee members. This reflects the growing membership of the club and the need to share the responsibility and workload for running it's affairs.

Grateful thanks were extended to 3 committee members who were not standing for re-election: Evelyn Brown for her fine work as secretary since the establishment of the club, Trish Weir who made a major contribution as Vice

President especially in the area of funding applications (Trish will be staying on as a committee member) and Kim Lewis whose expertise in coaching and administration has been invaluable. Here's the new team:

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| President      | <b>Jeanne Begej</b> – enthusiastically re-elected  |
| Vice President | <b>Muriel Wheatley</b>                             |
| Treasurer      | <b>Graham Williams</b> a victim of his own success |
| Secretary      | <b>June Laird</b>                                  |
| Asst Secretary | <b>Gail Schat</b>                                  |

**Kath Craven** and **Trish Weir** will be joined by new committee members **Arnold Schmidt**, **Jude Heeny** and **Linda White**.

*Can you help with music,  
organising or any of the  
myriad of tasks  
there will be?*

## What's on in 2007?

It's a big year for Christchurch with seven major figure skating events during the year. A big year for the club too as it is hosting or co-hosting some of these!

Volunteers will be needed for a number of roles so we're hoping that you'll check out the Volunteers Form on our website, complete it and give it to Muriel Wheatley, June Laird or Jeanne Begej or post to CMFSC, PO Box 1022, Christchurch. Your offer will be appreciated and will help lighten the load of others.

Here are the year's events, including last month's

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>31 March</b>   | Colours of Autumn Competition |
| <b>01-02 July</b> | Centaurus Club Champs         |
| <b>26-28 Aug</b>  | South Island Champs           |
| <b>10-14 Sept</b> | National Champs               |
| <b>11 Oct</b>     | SI Masters Games              |
| <b>24 Nov</b>     | Figure It Out                 |
| <b>15-16 Dec</b>  | Alpine Ice's Show             |

## Skaters – are you ready to tramp?



*The Carroll Hut in winter –  
but we trust there's no  
snow about yet!*

There's just time to squeeze in a quick tramp before winter so a group of enthusiastic trampers are heading off for an overnighter on Good Friday

Where? They're not sure yet - their destination is flexible and the final decision will depend on who confirms and what the weather looks like. It could be a trip to the newly refurbished Carroll Hut in the Otira area. True it's a steep walk to this alpine gem but a mere two hours sees you at the door enjoying a stunning view of the Barron Range and at

night you can just pick out the lights of cars creeping down the distant Otira viaduct. The hut is perched in an alpine basin and offers a good side trip to the stunning tarns on the Kelly Tops. A great mix of forest and alpine tramping.

Alternatively the trampers might walk part of the Mt Somers walkway – longer but gentler they would overnighter at the Pinnacles Hut which looks out on the magnificent purple volcanic extrusions that form the pinnacles. But that tramp might be better saved to do as a 3 day one to include the long

southern route back.

An even easier option is to walk in to the new Woolshed Creek Hut on the other side of the mountain and enjoy the canyon and hydroslide terrain.

Other possibilities are at Lewis Pass and there's even talk of hiring an instructor at the Boyle Village to take them on the high ropes course.

Don't forget, if you couldn't go on this tramp but are interested in tramping, let June know and we'll add you to an email list we have of eager trampers.

**STOP PRESS** – Unfortunately bad weather forced the postponement of the above trip at the last minute, though some of the eleven keen trampers did manage a day trip closer to home on Good Friday. There will be another tramp announced soon.



*Cheryl rests in front of a walk thru ice sculpture while waiting for a sleigh to whisk her around Lake Louise*

## Ice Tattle

The Club is pleased to announce the engagement of members Kendra Wilkie and Chris Street. Congratulations Also Charlotte Dawson has announced here engagement to Richard Neave. We wish you all happiness and success in the future.

Mayzie Wallen, who you'll remember as one of three teenage skaters who made great skating progress last year, is in Chile this year and

hopes to do some outdoor skating – watch this space as Mayzie has promised to write not just about any ice opportunities but about other aspects of life in Chile.

Cheryl Hawksford, our most distant club member, who lives in Sydney, has recently had the holiday of a lifetime in the US and Canada – first the US Champs at Spokane, then Lake Louise where, unlike NZ, you can drive a

Zamboni onto the ice. Not Only that, you can have a sleigh ride around the lake. Cheryl also did some mall skating in West Edmonton and then it was off to the Yukon to watch husky dog races. Some time with friends in Vancouver was followed by even more skating in Yosemite. So much snow, so cold, Cheryl reports it was a dream holiday. Thanks for your news, Cheryl!

## Thanks to Pub Charities

Our very grateful thanks go to the Pub Charities from whom we received \$6110 funding last December.

This generous amount has helped subsidise ice time for the Synchro Team and Masters general practice

times for dance, free skating and stroking from January to April 2007.

## Spectrum watches the worlds

Robin and Rhonda Scanes kindly hosted another social evening of video viewing for Spectrum, the 20 strong synchro team. The highlight was the multi pile up of the Italian Team in the 2004 World Synchro Skating Champs.

The coach reminded our team that they would do well to emulate the quick recovery of the 5 fallen skaters who, ignoring blood dripping from their wounds, skated on undaunted and still smiling.

The Club's Resource Library has a copy of this World Champs DVD - you can borrow it by contacting Gail Schat, email

[schat@xtra.co.nz](mailto:schat@xtra.co.nz). Thanks to Robin and Rhonda for again sharing their luxurious home.

Meanwhile Spectrum is working hard on its elegant new synchro number which will feature in competitions later in the year. Skulls have been heard thudding hard into the ice in an effort to master travelling circles. At times chaos reigns but we think it was in jest that the frustrated coach asked "Can you still hit them?" at a recent practice. Spectators – anticipate an exciting show from Spectrum this year!

## New Members

We are very happy to welcome to welcome the following new members for 2007

Andrew Aldridge  
Mary Louise Batchelor  
Christopher Boyd  
David Boyd  
Gill Boyd  
Ayesha Campbell  
Ann Campbell  
Crystal Campbell  
Charlotte Dawson  
Hiromi Duff  
Natasha Forsberg  
Jackie Gillan  
Kim Gormack

Jean Kennedy  
Liz Krivan  
Sally-Jane Lewington  
Dwayne Morris  
Kyle Morris  
Jasmine Neville  
India Neville  
Rex Neville  
Mary Olliver  
Grace Olliver  
Lizzie Olliver  
Julia Paterson  
Rachael Pennell

James Pennell  
Phil Pennell  
Rhonda Scanes  
Caitlyn Usmar  
David Usmar  
Zachary Usmar  
Brian Wheatley  
Adam Wheatley  
Takae Wheatley  
Jo Williams  
Laura Williams  
Ruth Williams  
Duncan Williams

*Ignoring blood dripping from their wounds, the Italians skated on smiling!*

*For the first time our club has over 90 members so there are lots of new people to welcome*

# Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club

## Your Committee

### President

Jeanne Begej

### Vice President

Muriel Wheatley

### Secretary

June Laird

### Treasurer

Graham Williams

## Committee Members

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Arnold Schmidt

Trish Weir

Linda White

Contact details can be found on our website <http://www.freewebs.com/cantmastersfigureskating/>

Newsletter editor  
June Laird

## Condolences

Club members were shocked and saddened to hear of the tragedy on Sydney Harbour that took the lives of a number of members of the NSW Ice Skating Association

and so severely injured others. Our thoughts are with the families and friends of all those involved and we feel deeply for our Australian cousins. We extend

sympathy too to those in New Zealand who are personally affected by the tragedy having friends and colleagues amongst those involved.

## Winter Ice Trip - continued from page one

The plan is to leave ChCh on the morning of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July and travel to Tekapo but this is flexible as some may not be able to come till Saturday. We are currently booking ice for skating as public sessions are limited and we are investigating the possibility of a curling session. We will seek some funding to cover our expenses and will develop a programme of activities that will include the opportunity for some coaching and practice time for competition skills. Because we don't know if funding will be available, please be prepared to undertake the expense yourself.

Check out the Winter Park facilities at <http://www.alpinesprings.co.nz>. If we book the ice we will be able to offer skating at no more than the price of a public session which is \$12.00 – possibly for less. Hot pool fee is \$10.00 adult, \$5.00 child, \$8.00 student.

**Accommodation:** The Lakeside Lodge has 4 bunk and 6 bunk rooms – early birds have already bagged the few double and twin rooms available (\$65.00 per night for 2) – sorry no twin/doubles left. We have tentatively booked for 30 so respond promptly. Note: early birds – We know who you are but you still need to fill out the form below.

A bed in a 4 or 6 bunk room costs \$26.00 per night. We have to fill the rooms or be prepared for other backpackers to join us so join up with others to ensure pleasant room fellows!

**Travel:** We will make travel arrangements closer to the time – car pooling where possible.

**Food:** Like last time we can cook in the lodge – it's a fully equipped backpackers. People may wish to form small groups for cooking – we can help arrange this.

## Winter Ice Trip Booking Form

Name:

Number in your party:

We are coming for: both nights / just one night (please specify which one)

Please book for me ..... places in a 4 bed dorm / 6 bed dorm in the Lakeside Lodge.

If you are arranging other accommodation please indicate here .....

Please note that if you cancel your booking so that the message is received 48 hours before the time of the stay you will get a refund. Any later means no refund.

No need to send money now but your booking will not be confirmed until it has been paid for – a notice will follow soon about payment.

Please send this form to June Laird, 83 Abberley Cresc, ChCh by April 17<sup>th</sup> 2007