



# Canterbury Masters

Figure Skating Club Inc.

Newsletter March 2006

## New Zealand Masters Games

CMFSC's *Spectrum* Synchro team formed the core but there were even more who headed to Dunedin for the NZ Masters Games in February. It was a great turn out of Cantabrians. *Spectrum's* name reflects the range of skating ability among its members – we've got the whole gamut!

The silky smooth Dunedin ice was a delight but the rink's orientation clearly had some of us confused. At the final synchro rehearsal two lines of skaters preparing to pass through each other powered off maniacally to opposite ends of the ice, never to re-form or even to see each other again. The coach cleverly disguised a look of utter despair.

But it all came together on the day and *Spectrum* gave Dunedin's *Icythawus* a real run for its money. Even so, our hopes for gold were dashed by the dinosaurs, as the polished performance of these prehistoric pretenders meant *Spectrum* had to settle for silver.



*Opposite ends of the Spectrum  
Kanako and Peter Johnson both  
take home medals*

Only those very quick on the shutter got a photo of Kim Lewis in the tiny frothy polka dot skirt she wore for her frisky rock number in the professional free style event. Kim was out of that skirt faster than Deanna could shed her trousers in an on-ice disrobing that was amusingly prolonged!

If there had been a gold medal for most enthusiastic and vocal supporter it would have been Kristy Ferguson's. Kristy led the cheering of a wild support team. A lasting image of the games will be Arnold's gracious acknowledgement of the cry "We love you, Arnold!" with an elegant flip of his wrist as he stroked backwards to victory.

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## It's Gala Time @ Alpine Ice

If you loved the Winter Olympics, watch out for this!

Alpine Ice Skate School is hosting a Variety Gala on Sunday 2 April from 5–7.15 pm. This Variety Gala will create a treat for the eyes, combining all forms of skating – figure, ice hockey, synchronised and speed, with aspects of music and dance, to produce a diverse, dynamic display to entertain and enthuse.

As the Variety Gala coincides with the beginning of the winter sports season and the year of the Winter Olympics a tryout session will be included in the event, enabling the audience to have a go at their favourite ice sport on the night and to discover more about the sports clubs represented.

The Gala will have something for everyone; from the stunning fusion of art and athleticism that

is seen in figure skating, to the speed, strength and competition evident in ice hockey and speed skating from Christchurch's talented range of skaters. So whether you prefer to watch or take part, don't miss out. Tickets are limited so, get your skates on and see [www.alpineice.co.nz](http://www.alpineice.co.nz) or venue staff for more information or phone 03 366-2213.

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## Trampers want more!

Flushed with the success of the November tramp, we're planning another one. Did you miss the report and cheeky photos from the first? It's all still there in glorious colour on the club website.

Members will soon receive an email notice about the next tramp – please respond promptly if you want to join us. If you are wondering whether you will be fit enough to do it, talk to June Laird.

It will be a 3 day tramp, most likely on the 25-27 March on the Mt Somers walkway. There will be two short days of about 3-4 hours tramping and one 8 hour day at the end.

The walkway covers a great variety of country – you'll start in cool green forest by rushing streams and break out of the bush to see the spectacular volcanic outcrops that form the purple pinnacles

behind the first hut. Plenty of time to explore these. Day 2 takes in open tussock country as well as water canyons and hydroslides – if it's hot there are cooling pools for a dip.

Day 3 brings us around the south of the mountain climbing high to a rock shelter and over open and bush clad country.

Need gear? We can help equip you.

## 2006 AGM

Don't forget it's the Masters Club's AGM on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at Zamboni's Café at 11am just after Coffee Club.

We're hoping for a good turn out so if you haven't yet made it to Coffee Club this year, make this date a must to catch up with buddies and have your say at the AGM.

## City to Surf Fun Walk/Run

The City to Surf is a 12km fun run/walk from Cathedral Square to QEII Leisure Centre.

How about a masters team to walk it this year? It clashes with our tramping trip but if there are non trampers who would like to organise a group to enter, go for it. Contact a committee

member if you want to use our email list to liaise with other club members. June Laird has information on how to enter.

Date: Sunday, 26 Mar

Time: 9am - 3pm

It's suitable for all the family. Go on foot, in a push chair or on a bike! There are great prizes!

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*Don't miss the AGM Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 11am Zamboni's*

## Competition

The Colours of Autumn competition for all skaters will be held at Alpine Ice on Saturday 8 April 4.30 – 7pm. With events from beginners to advanced there's a class for you – and three enticing trophies! Badge skills, Kiwi Ingenuity, stroking and dance – try out that cha cha we've been learning. Entry forms will be available at Alpine Ice next week.

## Buying skates?

Interested in tracking down second hand skates? Kim Lewis maintains a list of skates people want to sell. Contact her at [skateschool@alpineice.co.nz](mailto:skateschool@alpineice.co.nz) and she will forward the list.

If it's new skates you want, Kim is happy to offer advice about purchasing them.

## Welcome

We are very glad to welcome the following new members for 2006:

Clive and Wendy Busby, Dean Ebert, Duncan Henderson, Brynn, Mykaila and Kelsi Lewis, Martha Oerlemans, Peter Johnson, Annette Richards, Alicia Romaine, Cushla Smith, Amy Tope, Karen Treloar and Ciara Zack.

## Canterbury Masters Figure Skating Club

### Your Committee

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Lyn de Vries

June Laird

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Gail Schat

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Contact details can be  
found on our website

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Newlster editor  
June Laird

## Winter Outdoor Ice Trip

Plans are already underway for this winter's outdoor ice trip. It was disappointing that the mild winter last year left us without any natural outdoor ice venues.

This year we'll go further south to be safe. The manager of Naseby's charming outdoor rink says he'll make sure we can skate even if he has to open the rink at midnight! Sounds like fun.

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And then there was the camping ground – special thanks to Linda White for organising great budget accommodation – the sardine like arrangement of skaters in cabins worked well for bonding and team spirit though a few envious eyes were cast upon June's palatial tent equipped with carpet, armchair and a small bar.

The after match dancing at the Games Village revealed that some skaters had synchro skills of another order entirely. Please note that a small silk item bearing the initials G.S. can be claimed from the NZMG lost property box.

Once again Christchurch people didn't limit themselves to skating.

We want to use this trip as an opportunity to meet our skating counterparts in the south so we are investigating joining into adult skate sessions in Gore and/or Queenstown.

Curling's also on the itinerary. You're probably all hooked on it now after viewing hours of scintillating Olympic curling in a desperate hope to see some more figure skating. With luck,

Joe Begej upheld our honour on the golf course while Eleanor Stanbury danced to success on her feet as well as her skates. Kath Craven and Lesley Ward again showed the flag in walking events.

Our thanks go to Sue Hoseit and her helpers in Dunedin for organizing such a successful event. Thanks also for the after match hospitality.

You'll find the games results on the club website (see address below) or on the noticeboard in Zamboni's so you can check out the many successes of club members.

The official photos can also be viewed at on our website.

there will be some instruction for us in this fast growing ice sport.

We also hope to help foster and support south island skating by offering some coaching to the skaters we visit.

The trip will be 3 – 5 days, a short or long option possible, in the winter school holidays sometime between 3 & 14 July. Pencil it in. More information coming soon.

## Friends Abroad

**Zita Lin** tells us that she has found her dream job in Taiwan as a field application engineer - this will allow her to travel around the world to support customers and to do exhibitions. The only drawback is that her workplace is 2 hours away from an ice rink – in desperation she has taken up roller blading but finds a back outside three a little harder to execute!

**Margaret Ritson** is feeling the cold in England but has had the thrill of skating at outdoor rinks at the Eiffel Tower and the Tower of London, and indoor in Dubai. In January she left for a 12 day Mediterranean cruise from Torino. Both Zita and Margaret send their greetings.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://www.freewebs.com/cantmastersfigureskating/>