

Hastings Skating Club report for 2016 - 2017

This has been another very busy, and successful skating year for the Hastings Skating Club.

The Club was well represented at the 2016 New Zealand Championships, in New Plymouth. Many trophies and placings were brought back to the Bay. Congratulations to all those successful skaters, and to skaters who performed and achieved personal bests. The Club won the “Best Dressed” team award. The Club also won the Club Showskate for its presentation of “a Country theme”. The prestigious Skating Oscar was awarded to Hastings skater, Nina Coe, for her CSD performance.

Special mention and thank you to all the Officials our Club provides for all artistic and speed events and competitions.

Congratulations is awarded to Bill Hancock who has been made a Life Member of the Federation. A very well deserved reward for the tireless hours and support Bill has contributed as a Committee member, past Committee member of the Artistic Committee (along with the various hats in wore whilst on the Committee); Treasurer and Secretary of the East Central Regional committee; a judge officiating at National and International events; a coach and hard working Club member.

Congratulations also go to Hastings Skaters who participated at 2016 Oceania Championships. A very successful competition for our local skaters, and especially to Eva Ross-Grant who was awarded the Jim Taylor trophy for Outstanding and highest points for her Cadet Free dance.

Congratulations also go to skaters who have sat and passed medal tests.

The Hastings Sports Centre is still used on Wednesdays for Club night, and The Rodney Green Centre is used on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sundays for lessons and practice time for all Hastings Skating Club members.

Numbers for the Hastings Club have fallen over the last year, especially our teenage skaters. Numbers competing at Area Champs was 5 and entries for NZ Champs are at a low, and this year is the first for several years that the Club is not entering a Show- Skate team.

The Club is actively involved in trying to promote the sport especially the Artistic sector, through running Learn to Skate sessions at Bay Skate, Napier. The over-riding goal is to increase Club numbers. The Club run this Learn to Skate under the promotional banner of Skate HB. Numbers during the summer months were consistently around the 30 – 40 mark, with many repeat skaters attending. The next stage of development is to get these skaters involved at Club level. Bay Skate and the Napier Council also plan to hold fun nights, discos etc and they are keen for our involvement. The Club will watch this area with interest.

The annual Club Champs were not held in 2016, due to a lack of interest and participation of our Club skaters. 2017 is proving to be equally as trying.

Health and Safety are now an important part of the functioning of the Club. The Club has a safety plan for use of the Hastings Stadium, and there was only 1 incident reported to Management at the Hastings Stadium.