

NEW PLYMOUTH ROLLER SPORTS CLUB

FIGURE SKATING BRANCH REPORT.

We have 12 skaters attending Nationals again this year, with 1 new skater.

Michelle O'Doherty continues to coach Dance with Sarah Hailes coaching Figures and Free, Val still helps our League grade skaters on Branch nights and the organisation of Early Bird Learn to Skate Group.

Our Saturday Morning Learn to Skate classes continue to be popular. These are run by a dedicated group of volunteers. The Group has been run for over 30 years. All our skaters start off at Early Bird where they learn the basics and after passing the 2 certificates are ready to advance to any Branch of the club, fortunately most come to the Figure Skating Branch.

Skaters had successes at both Northern Areas as well as all qualifying at Central Area events with our team of 12 coming home with 14 medals between them. We have 7 League Grade skaters who have also had considerable successes at the November and May Central League competitions.

We continue to fight for rink time with the other 3 Branches of the club, especially the weekends which are taken up with Inline Hockey tournaments, training weekend etc. We are able to use after school 3 -5.30pm. One of our coaches has booked another hall on Friday evenings to enable her to give skaters their coaching time.

Our branch along with Inline was recently asked to do a demonstration in the interval of a Roller Derby Bout, we put together an item and with both competitive and League grade skaters and this was well received by the 250 plus in attendance.

The club is hosting both the NZ Inline Champs in Sept and NZ Roller Hockey over Labour Weekend.

Public Sessions - Two sessions are still held concurrently on a Friday night. 5 – 6.30 for Pre Teens and 7-9pm everybody. Branches run these sessions on a rotation basis and receive part of the takings for their Branch funds. Attendances have started to improve this year.