

Winter 2008



CENTRAL GAUTENG

Newsletter

We are already in the grip of a very chilly winter and the early mornings are indeed a challenge. Liz Bates very kindly sets up a coffee station whenever she is able and we would like to encourage parents and skaters to support her stall. A steaming cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate goes for a very reasonable R 5 and the money raised goes directly to our skaters. As we rely heavily on private donations for the purchase of trophies, medals and gifts presented at the provincial and inter-provincial competitions, the "coffee money" goes a long way. A big thank you must also go to Giovanni Quattrocecere who sponsored the new trophies for our Provincial competition and John Goldie who sponsored the new trophies for the Prima Vera Cup. Any donations are always most welcome and we are always looking for small promotional items for our skaters' gift bags.

GAUTENG AND CAPE INTER-PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

Many of our Central Gauteng skaters along with their coaches, worked very hard in order to enter both the Gauteng and the Cape Inter-provincial competitions. The Gauteng Inter-provincials saw 11 national and 21 non-national entries from Central. Our skaters performed very well picking up the Team Trophy and one special award. Central Gauteng also entered 16 non-national and 10 national skaters into the Cape Inter-Provincials, a very good turnout for an away competition. Once again our skaters performed very well and much fun was had by all. For detailed results, please visit the SAFSA website www.safsa.org.za

The Kwa-Zulu Natal Inter-provincial competition will be held on 20-22 June 2008. Best of luck to all those skaters who will be competing and remember that winning should not be the measure of your success. If you do not already have a copy of the "Competition Etiquette" please ask Heather Skinner to forward a copy to you and please make sure that you familiarize yourself with the requirements.

REMAINING COMPETITIONS FOR THE YEAR

SA National Championships	17/18 August (Cape Town)
CG Provincials	20/21 September (TBA)
CG Rising Stars	26 October (Northgate)
ISU Junior Grand Prix Skate Safari	8/12 October (Cape Town)



SAFSA CENTRAL GAUTENG AGM

The AGM was held on 24 May 2008. Unfortunately the only members present were the sitting committee members and we were only just able to form a quorum. It was very disappointing to see such a lack of support for the province as it is this committee who, collectively, make tests and competitions a reality. The decided lack of input from current members leaves the committee with very little option but to carry on with business as usual.

The Committee members remain: G Quattrocecere (Chairman), W McColl (Vice Chairman), D McColl (Treasurer and Test Secretary), H Skinner (Secretary), L Bates (Competition Secretary), B Goldie (PRO and fundraising), C Searle (PRO and memberships), N Garrard (Technical), and E Dreyer (Technical).

Official skating kit

When representing Central Gauteng at a competition it is imperative that you wear the official Central Gauteng kit.

Practise Leotards, Tracksuits and Cross over jerseys - Contact Heather Skinner 0825753188.

Competition dresses - Kim Gaskill 011-4651265

PLEASE ALLOW FOR PLENTY OF TIME



TEST DATES 2008

TESTS TO TAKE PLACE AT NORTHGATE & KEMPTON PARK:		
29 June (Sun)	Northgate	6am - 8am
3 August (Sun)	Northgate	6am - 8am
	(Cut off for Nationals)	
13 September (Sat)	Kempton Park	6am - 8am

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We will soon have our own website where important communications for Central Gauteng will be posted along with a photo gallery and plenty of useful information. Look out for this exciting new development next month.