

- 06/01 SATURDAY**
DJ Bobby Morales
- 06/02 SUNDAY**
NO SKATING
Israel Day Parade
-
- 06/08 SATURDAY**
NO SKATING
Puerto Rico Day Parade
- 06/09 SUNDAY**
NO SKATING
Puerto Rico Day Parade
-
- 05/15 SATURDAY**
DJ Rob Scott
- 06/16 SUNDAY**
DJ Mike Dominico
-
- 06/22 SATURDAY**
NO SKATING
Adventures in NY
- 06/23 SUNDAY**
DJ Arson
-
- 06/29 SATURDAY**
NO SKATING
Canada Day Parade
& Pride Day
-
- 06/30 SUNDAY**
DJ Misbehaviour

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holidays in 2013 from April 10th through October 31st. The music plays from 2:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

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Rebirth

This year the Central Park Dance Skaters Association is redirecting and rededicating our energy to reflect our original goal of bringing a free roller skating event to Central Park every possible weekend day from April through October. Our whole reason for being is our desire to rollerskate in the park. This became more important to us as indoor skating rinks all over New York City closed and we had no place else to skate.

Over the years, our mission has drifted in order to serve a larger community of dancers and other music enthusiasts. In our efforts to accommodate everyone, our key constituency of skaters has suffered. Dancers have encroached on some of our prime skating territory, spilling out past the center area into the skating rink itself and because our space is limited, we are forced to choose between dancing and skating.

Compounding this problem is the tendency of onlookers, observing us from the path

just west of our skating area, to suddenly bolt across the main rink in order to get to the central dance area north of the DJ booth. This interferes with the skaters trying to come through that same area.

Uninformed visitors also try to walk directly across the bottom of the rink, oblivious to the difficulty skaters have in maneuvering around the turn at the bottom of the hill, where gravity and momentum increase their speed and limit their ability to avoid hitting slow moving pedestrians.

This has become a serious safety issue that we must address by limiting the number of dancers and by directing everyone coming into the Circle to enter through the two main entrances on the east side of the area and stay close to the fence until they reach a point where they can wait until there is a moment when there are no skaters coming past before they attempt to cross directly into the center.

The decision to limit the number of dancers was surprisingly easy, despite the fact that many of our skaters will take off their skates after a long session and dance on foot and the fact that some dancers are dues paying members who also volunteer to help around the Circle. There are many places to dance in this city, clubs, dance halls and private parties. It is much harder to find a place to skate. Our newest Board of Directors member, Rob Scott, summed it up with a new catch-phrase: "The Central Park Dance Skaters Association, 'Caters to the Skaters'".

We are also limiting the number of DJs playing for us to those who are experienced with playing music for roller skating. These efforts are meant to maximize the enjoyment of the skaters whose support and participation makes possible the unique and exciting phenomenon that is the Skate Circle.



CPDSA Family Portrait

SKATERS, DO YOU HAVE SKILLS THAT COULD HELP THE SKATE CIRCLE?

Would you like to join the leadership of the CPDSA?

Are you an Accountant?
Book keeper? Lawyer?
Electronics Wiz?
Database Expert?

...or just someone genuinely willing to be a part of the group that keeps the skate circle rolling?

Contact Bob Nichols at:
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Bob & Danuta



Dave

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James & Stephanie

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The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols, President, CPDSA

This season started well, though a cooler than usual April and May have kept us more heavily dressed than we might have liked. Warmer weather has slowly begun to flow our way and we have every reason to believe that we will soon be wearing our summer clothes. It has been a cool spring and we can only hope that the weather over the next three months will be at least a little cooler than the temperatures in the high nineties we have had to endure over the past few years.

We have heard some grumbling that the Conservancy is planing to slowly phase us out of the park because more and more weekends are taken over by big events. May and June of this year have been particularly tough for us - we lost four out of nine days in May and five out of ten possible days in June to huge events that preempted us.

The way I like to look at it is that it costs the sponsors of these enormous events a great deal of money to hold them in the highly visible and desirable Central Park. In a way you could say that they are paying the rent and that we should be grateful that no one is asking us to pay. We get to hold our non profit community based skating events for the price of the special events and amplified sound permits we must apply and pay for. Those permits add up to a big chunk of money over the season, but we still pay no where near as much as any one of the major marches, walks or runs. We should be glad that no one is standing there with their hand out, looking for the big bucks from us.

If you look at it that way, things don't look so bad. The

good news is that we only lose the weekend of the Triathlon in mid July and the final weekend in August to the Mayor's Central Park Film Festival. Though it's still a little early to be sure, as of our last communications with the Parks Permit office and the Conservancy, we only lose one day in September and two in October.

I may be naively optimistic, but I see a lot of good will among the people at the Central Park Conservancy, The Department of Parks and Recreation and the Central Park Police Precinct which leads me to believe that there will be a Skate Circle in Central Park for a long time to come.

With that said, we must also face our short term goals of trying to improve the surface we skate on—even if it is only minor repairs and repainting our guidelines on the pavement. Our longer term goals include resurfacing the whole north end of the Dead road where we hold the Skate Circle. This is a long term goal, because it would take more money to pay for that resurfacing than our budget for a whole season of skating. We depend on the membership dues of our skaters, sales of our t-shirts and other items and the donations of those people who love the Skate Circle and who want to help keep us rolling For the for the past eighteen years, that has been enough, however to accomplish these larger goals we will need to either find some generous benefactors or come up with a business plan that will go far beyond our usual fund raising model.

The Skate Circle Lives!



DJ Arson



DJ RC LaRock



DJ Bobby Morales

Thank You 2013 CPDSA New and Renewing Members

The CPDSA thanks all of you who helped make this season possible with your memberships. Here is a list of those of you who have joined or renewed your memberships so far this season.

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Joey & Jose work out



Skate Circle Line Dancers

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You can get additional applications and more information from our staff members at the CPDSA Skate Circle, located mid-park at the foot of the bandshell. You can find us by entering Central Park at 72nd street and walking along Olmsted Way toward the center of the park. Just follow your ears. Listen for our dance music. You can't miss us.

Home or Cell Phone _____ - _____ - _____

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Contribution:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

New Member Renewal

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