
Central Park Dance Skaters Association

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Fourth of July Celebration

In 1995 there was a three-month moratorium on amplified music in Central Park. After protracted negotiations between the CPDSA and the Parks Department, the ban was lifted for a trial run on July 4th. The day was a great success, and the joy of skating was returned to Skaters Road.

Skaters have always regarded Independence Day as special, decking themselves out in red, white, and blue. With much rejoicing, they gather to skate to the fireworks site. This 4th of July, we will celebrate our second anniversary with a show featuring our skaters and dancers from the Skate Circle, a "Most Original Red, White, and Blue Costume" contest, and a skate parade that will travel up the Dead Road, down the Mall past The Bandshell, and then back to the Skate Circle.

The skate and dance show will feature a maximum of ten acts, to be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in performing should prepare music for their numbers--three minutes max to keep the show short and socko. Contact Lezly Ziering who will be coordinating the show.

Commemorative T-shirts and buttons will be on sale. We ask everyone to join us at this event that will kick off our 1997 fund-raising drive.

--Lezly Ziering

New Season - New Leadership

In a surprise announcement this June, Brent Noseworthy told the CPDSA Executive Committee that he would be stepping down as President. In accord with the provisions of the CPDSA Constitution, Vice President Gene Williams will now assume the duties of President.

After much soul searching, Brent decided to accept an excellent offer of employment in the Boston vicinity. The Noseworthy family is now preparing for their move which will take place early in July.

The Skate Circle owes a huge debt of gratitude to Brent for his role in negotiating the 1995 agreement with the City, which allowed the CPDSA to apply for the special events permits still necessary to continue skating to music on the Dead Road.

Thanks, Brent. We wish you continued success!

In an effort to educate newer skaters about their responsibilities, we are reprinting The Skaters' Ten Commandments. These will be posted at the Skate Circle.

The Skaters' Ten Commandments

Skating can be a hazardous activity.

Skate at your own risk!

1. Skate with caution, consideration, and control.
2. No speed skating.
3. No alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs.
4. No belligerent behavior.
5. No glass containers.
6. No littering.
7. Respect the environment.
8. Respect our boundaries.
9. Supervise your children and pets.
10. No unauthorized commercial sales or solicitation of funds.

Have a great day!

The View From Skaters Road

After twenty years on Skaters Road, the Skate Circle has been through many changes. From boom boxes and battery money to well-organized, highly structured CPDSA events, the Circle has endured. Though many of the same people return season after season, each year is different from the last.

Once we were vilified as enemies of the Park. Now we are celebrated as model citizens. We have proven our tenacity and our love of skating. We have grown as individuals and as a community. We welcome everyone with the desire to dance and the willingness to cooperate, on and off skates. We have learned to respect, care about, and love others who are different on the surface, but who share our passion for skating.

When Brent Noseworthy leaves for Boston this summer, we will lose a leader who has been a forceful, highly disciplined advocate for the Circle. While we will miss him, we feel secure in the knowledge that the Circle does not depend on any one person. We are all responsible for keeping it turning.

The best way to help the Circle is to come out and skate with us. If you want to ensure that the music will continue and that skating will be tolerated by the powers in the Park, join the CPDSA.

Do your part! Get involved. Help with set-up or clean-up. Skate safely and urge others to do the same. Each of us has our own unique style, our own contribution to make. The CPDSA needs your help!

The Skate Circle lives!

-- Bob Nichols

The Wedding of the Decade

On Sunday, June 15, at 2:30 p.m., a 20-motorcycle escort surrounding a white limo, sleek black sedan, and white Caddie convertible pulled up to the cheering throng that lined 18th Street in front of Roxy. Love was in the air. The bridal party stepped out of the limo, followed by the

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groom, Lezly, elegant in white tails and purple accessories, and the bride, Robbin, beautiful and radiant in a lavender dress by Tahari.

Moving into the rink that was adorned in purple and white balloons and floral displays, everyone laced up their skates in preparation for the festivities.

The ceremony began to the strains of Michael Jackson's "Heal the World." First down the aisle were children on skates and foot. They were followed by members of the wedding party carrying the Chuppah (wedding canopy). Next came the Rabbi on Lightning TRS's. Then came the bridesmaids and ushers on skates. The maids of honor with their escorts skated down the aisle, turned, and parted at the alter. Then came family members (some on skates, others on foot). Finally, the groom skated down the aisle, performing a neat turn and opening his arms to welcome his bride who was glowing with joy as she skated toward the Chuppah. The couple was wed in a most beautiful and touching ceremony to the tears and cheers of their many friends and relatives.

Lezly and Robbin skated their first dance to "Europa" by Gato Barbieri. Lezly and Roz skated to "Beyond the Sea" by Bobby Darrin. And then everyone got busy, skating and dancing up a storm. Even people in wheelchairs boogied around the rink to D.J. Jay Stewart's superb sounds, until Show Time. The show featured Steve Love and the New York Express and the amazing Roger G. & Company.

The wedding was flawless; the food, the show, and the music were great. The 7-tiered, heart-shaped wedding cake was a masterpiece. All present had a remarkable experience that will never be forgotten.

Are the rumors true? Did the Roxy management almost cancel, the day before the wedding? Did they renege on the open bar, which was paid for in full? Did they chop two hours off the open skate and turn off the A/C at 5:00? Yes. But it just didn't matter. All who attended experienced the incredible outpouring of love that permeated this multi-faceted mixture of humanity.

They had witnessed something special and shared a unique experience: The wedding of the decade!

Official CPDSA Contacts

If you are interested in helping us, please let us know. All inquiries should be directed to:

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A SKATER TO JOIN EVERYONE IS WELCOME

CPDSA Membership Application Form

MEMBER # _____ DATE _____

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # () _____ FAX # () _____

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Amt of Contribution Check / Cash / Money Order

\$15 () \$25 () \$50 () \$100 () Other \$ _____

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