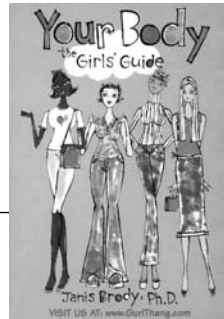




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EVENTS SCHEDULE

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

JULY 4: FRIDAY

DJ RC La Rock

JULY 5: SATURDAY

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JULY 6: SUNDAY

DJ Rob Scott

JULY 12: SATURDAY

DJ Andrew F & DJ Jordan

JULY 13: SUNDAY

DJ Rikky Rivera

JULY 19: SATURDAY

NO SKATING - Triathlon

JULY 20: SUNDAY

NO SKATING - Triathlon

JULY 26: SATURDAY

DJ Matthew Marvel & DJ Lynnee Denise

JULY 27: SUNDAY

DJ Julio

What's Noo in Noo Yawk

by Lezly Ziering

What's on the horizon is the reopening of Lola Starr's Dreamland Rink in Coney Island in the landmarked Child's Building on the Boardwalk. Lola is looking at July 12th as the possible opening date—not etched in stone at this writing.

The rink will have the same plastic surface but the floor underneath will be leveled, I am told, to make it more skate-friendly. Time constraints imposed by Lola's then sponsors, Tommy Hilfigger and *Glamour* Magazine, for the highly publicized opening party last March, didn't allow her the time or budget to deal with the warp in the floor for the occasion. That festive event wasn't

about skaters—it was about publicity for *Glamour* Magazine.

I had advised Lola before she opened that the plastic surface takes on the characteristics of the floor it sits on. I went to the Gotham Girls Roller Derby Team's practice space with James Singley to test their floor made of the same material the Dreamland Rink would use. The under-floor at the GGRD's space had ripples and waves and that's what we experienced when we skated there - ripples and waves. In the places where it was flat underneath, it produced a nice smooth ride. Lola told me at that time that the under-floor had flaws. As it turned out

most of it was flat and felt fine under our skates, but there was a long obtrusive bump in the floor that interfered with the Dreamland's flow and produced a few spills to boot. This is the focus of the leveling to be carried out before the rebirth of Lola's baby later this month. Please don't knock it before you try it - the plastic floor is very skateable. IT AIN'T WOOD - but it's not a floor to ignore.

Lola Starr is presently looking for people with rink experience - skate guards, security, door people, boutique experience might be useful too. To contact her, e-mail her at: lola@lolastarr.com

There is another venue in the
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THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holiday in 2008 from April 12th through October 26th. The music plays from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

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Neil, Edna and Ray rock some crazy legs

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offing for roller skating - also in Brooklyn, but much closer to Manhattan. This hot little space is 70'X90' of unobstructed space. Maybe a little small as a rink but more than an adequate skate party space - much larger than Webster Hall for example and no columns. It does not have, at this time, disco lights, disco balls, a bar - for now, at least, you may have to bring your own munchies and beverages (but not booze). What it does have is a subway line that comes there from Manhattan and Queens with a station right on the corner and a beautiful

smooth, unblemished wood floor! Mmhhh - yes I did say that - a beautiful smooth, unblemished wood floor.

For further information about Lola Starr's Dreamland Rink & the soon to be revealed Mystery Space, keep an eye open for e-mail postings and if you are not on the CPDSA mailing list (contact CPSkater@aol.com), or on my NY Skaters List (contact SkateGuru@aol.com), you better jump on board ASAP to be in the know about what's going on in our skate community and of course to keep up with what's noo in Noo Yawk.



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The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

Summer is in full swing now. Steamy days and monsoon rains have come back to the Skate Circle. Last Saturday, DJ Alchemy once again earned his nickname of "Rainman" when the skies opened up and turned Skaters Road into a river. Sunday was no better. At startup time, we had just finished drying out our tarps and the sound equipment in the semi tropical sun, when a ferocious thunderstorm swept into the park with torrential rain and intense lightning.

Speakers, sound equipment and skate bags were piled high on tables and chairs to keep them out of the river flowing down the road. Our small band of volunteers stopped our set-up labors and huddled under the canopies and the big blue tarp to wait out the storm.

When the storm finally subsided and the rain ebbed, the road was covered in broken twigs, leaves and mud. All of our cleanup work was undone and had to be started anew. It was a discouraging moment. Though the sun had broken through and was now baking the steaming pavement dry, we knew that it was almost certain to rain again, and yet the day was still young and it was possible that the rain was over. We had seen it happen many times in the past...then DJ Misbehaviour called from Lezly's car at Tavern on the Green, the two of them optimistic—and still dry—that the day could still be salvaged.

A wise man once said, "Love is the triumph of hope over experience." Though our heads told us to pack things up and get our equipment put away before the next squall arrived; our hearts said: "let's set up the music and skate." We decided to follow our hearts. Chris and Maria took a hand truck to the edge of the park and helped Misbehaviour bring her turntables and records down to the Circle. We were there and the

sun was shining - we had to go for it.

The next storm hit before we were able to play a note of music.

A sane person might ask why we were so dense, why we didn't get out while we could instead of getting drenched a second time? Of course, that person would not be part of the Central Park Skate Family or they would know what kept us there and what kept Leroy and Hector playing music up the hill under umbrellas. If they had caught a glimpse of Illiana dancing in the rain under her umbrella, they might have understand just a little bit about how the love of dancing and skating draws us to this place week after week, in heat and cold, rain and snow. Don't try to understand love, treasure it while it is there and never let go.

We will be out in the park for the Fourth of July celebration, despite dire predictions of possible thunder showers all weekend. We'll be there because we love to skate outdoors, free and unencumbered under the open sky and because maybe we're a little crazy.

The Skate Circle lost a family member last week. Kevin Riley was a great skater before a tumor on his spine landed him in a wheelchair, almost fifteen years ago. Through all those years Kevin never lost his love of skating and of his friends in the skating community. Though he might have been in a wheelchair or on his hand-cranked bike; in his heart and in ours he remained a skater, a diehard Central Park skater. He was one of us.

We will be holding a memorial for Kevin on Sunday, July the 6th at the Skate Circle. For those of us who knew him and recognized his optimism, tenacity and courage, Kevin's spirit will always be with us.

The Skate Circle Lives!



Skaters await the passing of another summer shower

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Kevin Riley

November 30, 1960 – June 29, 2008

"We will miss his gentle smile, his positive energy & his loving nature. It is difficult not to imagine him riding into the Skate Circle or giving a child skater a ride on his chair or bike. His spirit will ever be there with us.

Kevin was unique - a superb skater - an inspiration to many. His unflinching spirit in the face of adversity is a model for us all. We will miss you, Kevin our brother - to know you was a pleasure & a privilege. You will never be forgotten!!!"

—Lezly



"Kevin Riley, now the gleaming star reflected in our eyes, May Your Soul Be Bound Up in the Highest Heavens. Love lasts in memory."

—Amy Rea

"It is said, 'to whom much is given, much is required,' Kevin was given multiple gifts, talents and abilities. He has sown good seeds that continue to grow beyond his existence."

—Gwen White

"When you join hands around the Skate Circle and say goodbye to Kevin's body, know that his spirit will always be there."

—Bill & Patricia

"Kevin, if ever there was a symbol of how the strength of spirit is stronger than the strength of body, you are it."

—Luis

"I lost a piece of my heart when Kevin died. I will miss him forever."

—Roger G

"Kevin Riley will be greatly missed. He is a shining star and I know he is still watching over us now. Kevin came to my school at Hunter College to help with 2 projects on people with paraplegia and my entire class is indebted to him for helping us with our education!"

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"Kevin was the coolest. He never seemed to wallow in self pity...he was a real example of strength of spirit. His spirit is an example to all of us. I will REALLY miss his presence at the skating scene, he was one of a kind."

—Erica Ferrari

"Every day for a couple of months one summer, I came to the Dead Road in Central Park to meet Kevin with a six pack and 'cigarette' in hand to learn to freestyle dance skate on Rollerblades. Years later he would always kid me about that summer, when he transformed me from an aggressive skater to a freestyle dance skater."

—Steve K



Muhammed and Tori take a twirl around the Circle

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