



EVENTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

OPENING DAY - DJ Walden

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

DJ Misbehaviour

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

NO SKATING - Easter Egg Roll

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

EASTER SUNDAY - DJ Rob Scott

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

NO SKATING - Parkinson Walk

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

DJ Nick Johnson

SATURDAY, MAY 3

DJ Rikky Rivera (Roy opens)

SUNDAY, MAY 4

DJ Walden

SATURDAY, MAY 10

DJ Misbehaviour

SUNDAY, MAY 11

MOTHERS' DAY

DJ Rob Scott

SATURDAY, MAY 17

NO SKATING - AIDS Walk

SUNDAY, MAY 18

NO SKATING - AIDS Walk

SATURDAY, MAY 24

DJ Julio (John Ferarri opens)

SUNDAY, MAY 25

DJ DJ Nick Johnson

MONDAY, MAY 26

MEMORIAL DAY

DJ Rikky Rivera

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holiday in 2003 from April 11th to October 31st. The music plays from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

CPDSA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lezly Ziering - Chairman
Bob Nichols
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The Employment Rolls

by Lezly Ziering (CPDSA chairman)

We are so glad to be back after a long, hard, cold winter and once again it is my pleasure to welcome all of my very dear skating family to another season of good music and communal skating - our ninth season as NY's premier Skating venue.

A few weeks ago I was casting about to find someone to install an air conditioner & it occurred to me that there must be someone in the CPDSA who does that kind of work. I began to think of the vast demographic of our organization - and I had what Oprah would call a "light bulb moment," which I would like to share with you.

I think it would be mutually beneficial to us all, if we had a way of knowing what our fellow skaters do for a living and how advantageous it would be if we

were able to draw upon that pool when in need.

I am therefore proposing first that we create an Employment Roll so that if you need an electrician, a lawyer, a house painter, a nanny, a carpenter, a CPA, a web designer, if you need to buy new skates, an appliance or a picture frame - whatever your need may be - you could find it in our Employment Roll. Further, if you would be willing to offer a discount or a system of barter for your goods or service to a CPDSA member that will be included in your specs in the Employment Roll. You will be able to register your gig or goody at our information table in the Skate Circle. Please help us in this endeavor - it can be a great boon to all of us.

Another thing we will be encouraging all of you to do, is to register your e-mail address at the table so that you can receive updates, enter a dialog with other skaters, receive newsletters, alert one another about events etc.

As many of you know, the Roxy skaters have a very effective e-mail communication system - we should profit from their example.

In closing, I wish you a great new season of sunny days, camaraderie and great skating. Ssssee ya!!!!!!

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The winter skate crew had to be hardcore with this year's bitter cold temperatures - here they are, staying warm on a freezing Groundhog's Day in the park.

New Security Guidelines

In a preseason meeting with representatives of the Parks Department, Central Parks Conservancy and the Central Park Police Precinct, CPDSA Board of Directors members were advised to institute tighter security guidelines in the Skate Circle.

The major change from the past is the recommendation that we should not allow any unattended bags. The reason for this stricture is that there was an increase in theft of bags in the Park last season. We were aware of the problem because two small backpacks were stolen from the Circle last year. In both cases the bags were found later in the day in nearby areas of the park; the money was gone, but happily the skaters' house keys were recovered.

The police recommend that you do not bring valuables into the park. So leave your new digital cameras, video cameras, palm pilots, cell phones, jewelry and

other expensive items at home, unless you intend to keep them in your possession at all times. This will be difficult if you are skating, because we insist that skaters not try to dance in the Circle while wearing backpacks.

We recommend that you keep your wallet and house keys on your person - invest in a small fanny pack or a belt bag to wear around your waist. We request that each of you bring a small padlock and use it to lock your backpack to the chains that will be attached to the benches in the baggage area next to the DJ booth. An added benefit of locking your backpack is that it will stay in the place where you leave it instead of being shifted around to the bottom of the pile every time someone searches for their bag.

We hope this new policy will mean that none of us has to suffer the loss of our property this season. After all, we come here to play and forget our worries.



Steve L. and Liz work out some funky floor moves on a snowy day at the Winter Circle.

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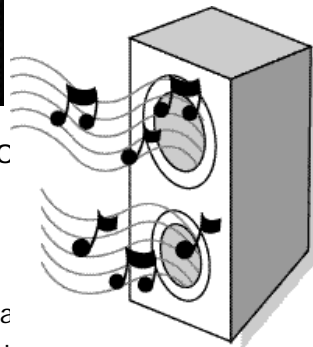
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The CPDSA would like to thank



for their generous donation of our new speakers for the 2002 season, and for their most recent contribution of new peripheral speakers that carry our music at the north and south ends of the Circle.



Dr. Janis Brody
**Your Body:
The Girls'
Guide**

(St. Martin's Press)

Janis' book has been recommended by Publisher's Weekly, Jump Magazine, and Amazon.com's Top 10 Family List



Cathe and Mike show some grace as they practice partner dance skating on a chilly day early in March.

Photo ©2003, Bob Nichols

The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

This was the coldest, iciest, snowiest winter in quite a while, but that didn't stop the hardcore skaters. They were out on Skaters Road, dancing and skating all winter long. Not every weekend, but every weekend day when the park didn't resemble the North Pole - and a few times when the weather was more suitable for penguins or polar bears than skaters - the die hards, the hardcore skaters were there.

Leroy brought his trusty boombox, confident that Dr. Janis, Cathe, Michael, Tall John and Susanne, Cuban Willy, Suzanne, Beth, James, Richard, Page, Paul, Kevin, Blonde Liz, Manil, Harry, Dale, Rebecca, Jose, Steve G., Steve L., Steve W., Jeff and the rest would do their best to join him there. This year, Bladie - who was one of the original park DJs in a former incarnation - brought a small sound system to play for the skaters when Leroy was more than 3/4 frozen and had to go home to thaw out. Nick at Night was there to greet the twilight and the moonrise with mixes of his latest research into the evolution of "Raw Grooves." The weather may have been cold, but the Winter Circle was hot.

Spring is upon us now and a new season is about to begin; this will be the ninth year that the CPDSA has hosted, but if you count 1980 as the birth of the Skate Circle, we are in our twenty-third year of playing music and skating on the Skaters Road. If you were there at the beginning, don't feel old, skating keeps you young.

Last year the CPDSA met the challenge of trucking our equipment in from outside the Park, but our long haul took its toll on Bill, Lezly, Calvin, Tariq, me and the rest of our volunteers; it's just too much heavy work. My hip is finally starting to heal up enough so that I can skate at the Roxy without pain and I'm not looking forward to another struggle like last year.

The reason I'm worried is that, while the Conservancy/Parks Dept. says that they will get everything into the storage space in Mineral Springs that we used for our first seven seasons; they cannot guarantee that we will get the space. Last year, the management of the Mineral Springs food concession didn't want to be

bothered with us; not for any infraction on our part, he just didn't want to be bothered. When he left Mineral Springs in September, our old friend Alejandro Rad took over for the rest of the year and immediately welcomed us to keep our equipment there for the rest of the season. You can't imagine how good it felt to us for those few weeks when we only had to push the carts up one hill and roll them into a safe storage place.

Calvin said that it felt like a vacation and I'm sure it was great for him to be able to rejoin his friends in the park after a few minutes' work instead of bumping around in the back of a van, with a couple of other sweaty grumpy guys, dragging sound equipment in and out, and into a storage space near the Hudson River. That wasn't the end, either, then we had to drag the batteries and self-powered speakers up to my apartment for charging. By the time we were finally finished - never before 8:30 - Calvin would have to waste valuable cellular minutes playing cell phone tag to locate his friends - who were already on their way to dinner. There were others, Bill, Tariq, Lezly, Stu, Dale, Steve L., Clay, Damaso, Russell and me, but Calvin was always there. Calvin suffered last season, but he hung tough and he really made a difference for all of us. Thanks again Cal.

So you can see why I'm worried about our storage space in Mineral Springs. From our very first season as an organization - obtaining all the permits from the Parks Dept. and the Police and following all the rules - the storage space at Mineral Springs was the major reason it was doable. In our first agreement with the Parks Dept. they promised to do everything in their power to negotiate the space for us, as long as we kept our side of the bargain. Over the past 8 years we have blossomed into a world famous attraction of good will and skate dancing; we exist purely for the joy our skate party creates. We are proud of the community we have formed - the tradition we have created - we have a right to be; we've done what was asked of us by the park. Let's just hope the Conservancy can come through for us.

The Skate Circle Lives!

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bargain at \$15 for the entire season. For \$25 you can get a membership and one of our CPDSA T-shirts.

This season we are emphasizing the importance of your membership in our organization. If you are not already a member please join. If you are already a member please renew. Individual memberships are a

Your dues money helps defer the cost of Parks Dept. special events permits, police amplified music permits, transportation and storage costs, equipment maintenance and repair and all the other expenses we must cover to keep "our thing" alive.



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The CPDSA would like to announce that
Mineral Springs
 is under new management.

We are hoping for a renewed, cooperative relationship with them in the new season.



If you are a CPDSA member interested in submitting an article, please e-mail our editor at marciroth@yahoo.com

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New Member Renewal

Please cut out this membership application and mail it, along with your contribution, to the CPDSA headquarters address listed below.

You can get additional applications and more information from Lezly Ziering 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.

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