



EVENTS SCHEDULE

- 4/29 SATURDAY**
Parkinson's Walk, 5pm start
- 4/30 SUNDAY**
DJ Jay Stewart
- 5/6 SATURDAY**
DJ e
- 5/7 SUNDAY**
DJ Frank Garcia
- 5/13 SATURDAY**
DJ Misbehaviour
- 5/14 SUNDAY**
DJ Julio
- 5/20 SATURDAY**
NO SKATING
AIDS Walk setup
- 5/21 SUNDAY**
NO SKATING
AIDS Walk
- MEMORIAL DAY WKND**
- 5/27 SATURDAY**
RC La Rock & DJ e
- 5/28 SUNDAY**
DJ Misbehaviour
& DJ Jay Stewart
- 5/29 MONDAY**
DJ Rikky Rivera

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holiday in 2006 from April 8th through October 29th. The music plays from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

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Welcome back to Springtime

by Lezly Ziering

Another winter bites the dust and springtime bursts forth with riotous colors and warming breezes and skaters shed their winter togs and hie to the Skate Circle. We welcome our skate family to another exciting season of skating and camaraderie in Central Park. Skate safely and enjoy the best of New York, as we dance and skate and dance on skates in our Circle of Life.

IN MEMORIUM

Peter Morys
Mar. 1, 1968 - Jan. 13, 2006

Peter Morys came to the USA from Poland about 13 years ago to pursue his dream in America. He worked construction jobs and lived in an apartment with fellow

European workers. Peter felt isolated and was in low spirits, as a result of his uneventful life.

His life changed totally when he happened upon the Central Park dance skaters and was immediately drawn into the experience. He bought skates and practiced in a schoolyard to try to get to a point where he could join in the weekend skating at the park.

His positive attitude and outgoing manner made it easy for him to find friends. Peter met Valerie Williams, a regular at the Skate Circle and found his soul-mate and she hers. They were married less than two years ago in a civil ceremony at City Hall. Not long after the wedding, Peter and Valerie moved to Morrisville, Penn. and bought a house.

Peter started a construction company and was successful from the beginning. He felt he had truly found his "American Dream."

On the foggy morning of January 13th he was on a scaffolding attached to an upper floor of a house. Something went terribly wrong. The scaffolding detached from the house and collapsed. He couldn't get free, as it came crashing down. Peter hit head first on concrete below.

Peter was a dear friend and will be missed by those who knew him. To our dear Valerie, our heartfelt condolences for your devastating loss. Peter rest in peace!

Lezly Ziering & Paul Persoff



Annette and Marcial on opening day of the CPDSA's 2006 skate season

IN MEMORIUM

Don Washington

Jul. 22, 1954 - Mar. 8, 2006

Don Washington was a gentle man, handsome, with a powerful physical presence. Though quiet and unassuming he had a subtle and appealing charisma. A natural athlete he played football, baseball and basketball in high school. He was trained in karate, he boxed and was a strong skier, excellent ice skater and of course - a roller skater.

Don had a brilliant mind, he was one of those rare individuals who excelled at anything he put his mind and hands to. He was a superb carpenter and a computer whiz. He built and repaired computers and designed computer programs for a living. In his junior year in high school he took a short cut to graduation. He took and passed the GED exam and received his high school diploma at age 16.

Don is survived by his beloved wife Candy, nee Mabry. They were together for nearly 25 years, 8 years as friends, 8 years as lovers and 8 years as husband and wife. They met at the Roxy, back in it's heyday when the Roxy was the mecca of Roller Disco. Don and Candy shared a zest for life and thrills.

On March 8th, Don did not feel quite up to par and declined to join Candy for skating at the Roxy. Sometime that evening he bled into his brain stem and dropped dead instantly on his kitchen floor.

Don will be sorely missed by his wife, his mother, his brothers & sisters and his myriad friends. Our hearts go out to you Candy in this time of your immeasurable loss. Rest in peace Don Washington.

Lezly Ziering

New Security Guidelines

In a recent meeting with the Central Park Police, we were reminded not to allow any unattended bags during the Skate Circle. The reason for this is the very real danger that unattended bags are vulnerable to being stolen. On our opening day this season an onlooker in the crowd left her bag on the ground on the curb next to the Circle and came in to dance with us. She was amazed to find that her bag was gone when she returned to where she had left it. When she and her husband asked about a "lost and found" in the park, we sympathized with their plight, but reminded them that they were in the middle of New York City and that you can't just abandon a bag on the side of a heavily trafficked road and expect to find it there when you come back ten or fifteen minutes later.

Things are a lot safer inside the Skate Circle, we are a close knit community and we have developed a well deserved trust of one another, but you must remember that there are many non-skaters who come through the area and... well, this is not a perfect world.

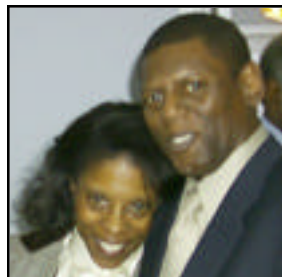
The police recommend that you do not bring valuables into the park. So, it might make sense to leave your new digital cameras, video cams, palm pilots, cell phones, Blackberries, ipods, jewelry and other expensive items at home; unless you intend to keep them in your possession

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 at all times - invest in a small fanny pack or a belt bag to wear around your waist. We also 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 up 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.

Small bags and women's purses are particularly vulnerable. Try to leave bags like that in a friend's backpack that is locked to one of the chains in the baggage area. In an emergency, you might want to speak to one of our skate guards about special security arrangements inside the DJ booth. The best protection is to get into the habit of locking your bag to the chains in the baggage area.

We hope that by taking these additional precautions, none of us will suffer the loss of our property this season. After all, we come here to play, not to worry whether or not our stuff will still be around at the end of the day.



Don Washington

July 22, 1954 - March 8, 2006

Husband, Skater, Brother

Rest in peace, Don.
We miss you.



Peter Morys

March 1, 1968 - January 13, 2006

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The CPDSA would like to thank **CRATE AUDIO** for donating **2 brand new peripheral speakers** for our sound system this season, and for their generous support through the years.



If you would like to contribute stories or photos for consideration in our next newsletter, please contact:
CPDSA@earthlink.net

The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

The white blossomed trees next to the Skate Circle bloomed on opening day; a sign that we were right on cue for ending our winter hibernation. These trees are the first in our part of the park to burst forth in the spring and for us at the Circle, their blossoms symbolize the promise of new beginnings.

Every April the Skate Circle reawakens and reinvents itself. New faces appear and become regulars while some familiar faces fail to return. New voices are heard and there is always new music. On opening day we reacquire ourselves with our sound equipment and as we set up, we remember the little details of how everything gets put together. Sometimes, in the process, someone asks: "Why we do it like this? Wouldn't it be easier if we..." And so, a small improvement is made, a tiny evolutionary step. We start each year optimistically, thinking that we can make the Skate Circle more efficient and more enjoyable.

There is much to do this season. Repainting the rink guidelines was repeatedly delayed last year, but Wayne Bradley, the past master of Skate Circle painters - who, according to Skaters Road legend was the first to paint the original "winter circle" close to 30 years ago - has agreed to show us how it is done right. Peter Longauer, a talented artist, has agreed to lend a hand and his vision in the design of the lines. If you are good with paint and would like to volunteer to help, this is a great time to step forward. A volunteer sign in sheet will be posted in the DJ booth for you to leave your phone number and e-mail address.

We must also repair the damage around the perimeter of the manhole next to the DJ booth. We could use a hand from someone good with paving material, who can create a smooth, well-shaped surface. If this job is done right, all of us skaters will benefit. If you are the man or woman for this job, please e-mail or sign the volunteer sheet in the DJ booth.

Most of you don't have the time or the specific skills needed for the heavy work I just described, but there are many ways to lend your support. Most of the work happens at the beginning of our day, when we set up our equipment and at the end when we break down. What you can do is to look around and see what other people are doing and offer to help. Speak to our volunteer captains: Ken Milne and Steve Cherry, they'll show you what to do. We can always use an extra hand.

People are disappointed that we have not posted new pictures on our website. The links to individual CPDSA contacts on the site are broken and so your e-mail is returned as undeliverable. It really is an embarrassment. We are hoping that Greg Gonzalez, our new webmaster, will iron out the technical problems so that we can resuscitate our comatose website, before it fades into memory. We have reason for optimism, though, because two skaters, Jasmine and June, have volunteered to upgrade and redesign the CPDSA website. We would all be very proud to have a fully functional CPDSA website again.

If you have any ideas about how to improve the Circle or you would like to get involved as a volunteer in any capacity, please talk to us and sign up at the DJ Booth. You can also e-mail CPDSA@earthlink.net. This Circle belongs to all of us who skate here, the more we do to make it better the more fun we will have.

With all this talk of things to do around the Circle, I've left out the most important thing — skating. As usual in April, we have been rained out about half of our days, but when we were able to come out, the weather was beautiful and the skating was great. So clean up your skates, check that they still roll and bring them out to the park. We're getting things ready for our weekend skate party, you don't want to miss it.

The Skate Circle Lives!



Duane and Mira do the hustle on opening weekend

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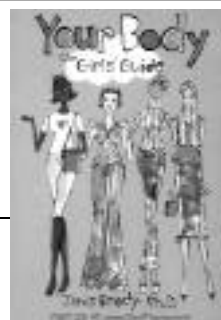


Birthday girl Michelle struts her stuff while Joey looks on

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Rink Rules

Welcome one and all to the Spring 2006 skating season with the CPDSA!

Let's get off to a great start by making sure we all remain safe and sound while enjoying our skate circle to the fullest. Here is a list of safety rules that will enable us to do just that:

MAIN RINK:

Please:

- No speed skating, and always move with the flow of traffic (slower skaters use the inside lines, faster skaters use the outside ones).
- Dance in place on or off skates at the center of the circle or in the dance circles at the far ends of our area only.
- Children 14 and under must wear a helmet.
- Do not carry anything while you are skating including: lit cigarettes, bottles, walkmen, small children or pets!
- Do not lean/hang objects on the fences around the Skate Circle.

- Do not wear a shoulder bag or backpack while skating.
- No vending of any kind.
- Absolutely no smoking, alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs, these activities put our safety and legitimacy at risk

REST AREA:

Please:

- Leave the dance area when you are no longer skating/dancing.
- Place all bags/backpacks in the baggage area next to the DJ booth.
- Do not hang or place anything on the fence or on the skating surface.
- No glass containers of any kind are permitted in the area.
- Walk all bikes/baby carriages into rest area and lock them to the fence.
- Littering is not acceptable anytime or anywhere, so please use the trash receptacles provided.



CPDSA Easter bunnies get their groove on

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Please cut out this membership application and mail it, along with your contribution, to the CPDSA address 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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Tyrone and Vera bounce to the beat on opening weekend

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