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# CENTRAL PARK DANCE SKATERS ASSOCIATION



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## EVENTS SCHEDULE

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND

- 9/5: SATURDAY**  
DJ Nick Johnson & Jay Hunter
- 9/6: SUNDAY** DJ Julio
- 9/7: MONDAY** DJ Moderno

- 9/12: SATURDAY**  
DJ Jordan & DJ Paul Morales
- 9/13: SUNDAY** NO SKATING  
Race for the Cure

- 9/19: SATURDAY**  
DJ Benny D & Albert P
- 9/20: SUNDAY** NO SKATING  
Nielsen Book Festival

- 9/26: SATURDAY**  
DJ Sky & DJ Lynee Denise
- 9/27: SUNDAY** DJ Alchemy

- 10/3: SATURDAY** NO SKATING?  
**10/4: SUNDAY** NO SKATING?  
Eco Fest both days

### COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

- 10/10: SATURDAY**  
DJ Lefty Hernandez
- 10/11: SUNDAY** DJ Mike Dominic
- 10/12: MONDAY** DJ TBA

### THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holiday in 2009 from April 12th through October 31st. The music plays from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

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Lezly Ziering, President  
Bob Nichols  
Mark Wolf  
Vera Sinnreich  
John Waters  
Tyrone Cloud  
Gwen White

## Happy Anniversary

by Lezly Ziering, President/Chairman - CPDSA

In 2007, the skate scene seemed to collapse around us, when first Skate Key, then Roxy, and finally the Empire, granddaddy of the New York City rinks, closed in quick succession. Skaters were in a turmoil.

Of course there were always the Long Island and New Jersey rinks. Great skating, but it meant a haul. It wasn't like throwing your skate bag over your shoulder and jumping on the A train.

On September 10, 2008, skating moved to only 10 minutes by car from the Manhattan side of the Williamsburg Bridge, or a short subway ride from Times

Square, when my partners and I opened Crazy Legs Skate Club on a shoestring in the Salvation Army gym just over the border of Williamsburg in Bed Stuy (for the uninitiated, go to www.CrazyLegsSkateClub.com).

We opened it as a club run by skaters for skaters. It has a very relaxed atmosphere and an ambiance that has attracted a loyal core of devoted skaters. The Salvation Army staff has earned kudos from the skaters for their well-prepared and inexpensive homemade food and beverages. They will be bringing them back this month after an August hiatus.

There are no rentals on site, but our regulars and folks in the know can request a rental to be brought in for the evening. As we anticipated, this kept casual drop-ins to a minimum and completely eliminated a rowdy infiltration of the kind that brought down the Skate Key and caused major problems for Empire in its heyday.

This coming week we will be celebrating the anniversary of Crazy Legs Skate Club. We will host our First Anniversary party on Wednesday, September 9, 2009. The DJ will be Big Bob and it will be a blast. There will be free food and our birthday cake. We hope to see you there!!!



Skaters show the crowd their funky dance moves

## CPDSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## JOIN US!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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### Contribution:

\$25  \$50  \$100  Other \_\_\_\_\_

New Member  Renewal

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 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.



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Congratulations to volunteer staff members Maria and Chris, who got engaged at the Skate Circle on August 30



Jose teaches Isabel how to dance-skate with a partner

## The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

September! Summer is almost over. Every skating day is more precious to us now, as the cool breezes remind us that no season lasts forever. We've been lucky this year, despite the rainy weather this summer, we could have been rained out more than we were and we were able to avoid skate sessions in 90 degree heat.

It has been tough going for the CPDSA volunteers, though. For some strange reason, the snack bar at Mineral Springs (where we've stored our equipment for the past 15 years) never opened for business, and we were left out in the cold. Early in the season we had to truck our equipment into and out of the park every day that we played; which entailed a lot of loading and unloading of heavy equipment boxes and other paraphernalia and a lot of waiting for our truckers to show up.

After the first month we were able to gain the use of a small, damp room, close to the Skaters Road, where we can store our equipment; this made it much easier for us to continue operating. We are very grateful to the Central Park Conservancy for their generosity in allowing us to use this space. That said, the leaky roof and the three staircases that the equipment must be carried up and down are far more difficult to deal with than just rolling our carts up and down the hill from a secure, dry, corner in the back room at Mineral Springs.

John Waters, the CPDSA Membership committee chairman and Board of Directors member, heads up the team that sets up the barricades and ropes, prepares the grounds and assembles the sound equipment and support infrastructure each day that the Skate Circle rolls. Chris Fazio and Maria Zulic (who recently became engaged - Chris popped the question on the microphone

during the 6:00pm announcement on the last Sunday in August) have been steady and fiercely committed members of the team that keeps the CPDSA operating. Marco, Tyrone, "Big" Ed, "Muscle" Ed, "Camera" Ed, Michael, Tom, Damian, Alicia, "Tazz" and Gary have all done their part in keeping the Circle Rolling. Sadly, not everyone can be there every day and we always have a need for more volunteers to bear some of the work load.

Special thanks must go to the New York Lawn Bowling Association, which has allowed us to charge our batteries and self-powered Crate speakers and keep them tucked away in a corner of their facility inside the park. This is the key to our continued operation and we are eternally thankful for their friendship and generosity.

The CPDSA - like the lyrics of the Beatles song - "gets by with a little help from our friends." We think of the Skate Circle as a place to skate, dance and celebrate life with our old friends and where we continue to make new friends every day. The "Great Recession" of the past year has made it even more important for us to keep the faith and keep our party going. Hot Stepping Granny came from London, UK to visit us at the Circle in late August. Toward the end of her first day skating at the Circle, she asked me: "Do the people here appreciate how special this place is?" "I don't know," I told her, "but I do."

I like to think that all of you who join us each week to skate and dance, and even those of you who have only been here once to watch, can feel the passion and the commitment we have for this place, for our joyous celebration of life and for each other. I believe we have all learned from the Circle and it has helped us to become better people.

The Skate Circle Lives!



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