



## EVENTS SCHEDULE

### MEMORIAL DAY WKND

**5/28 SATURDAY**

DJ RC LaRock

**5/29 SUNDAY**

DJ Rikky Rivera

**5/30 MONDAY**

DJ Julio / DJ Cuba

**6/04 SATURDAY**

DJ Dr Brooks & RC LaRock

**6/05 SUNDAY**

DJ Nick Johnson

**6/11 SATURDAY**

DJ Julio & Eric Ritter

**6/12 SUNDAY**

No Skating -  
Puerto Rico Day Parade

**6/18 SATURDAY**

DJ Mr G

**6/19 SUNDAY**

DJ Jay Stewart

**6/25 SATURDAY**

DJ Alchemy

**6/26 SUNDAY**

DJ Bob Morgan

### INDEPENDENCE DAY WKND

**7/02 SATURDAY**

Skating Day/DJ TBA

**7/03 SUNDAY**

DJ Misbehaviour

**7/04 MONDAY**

DJ Rikky Rivera

## THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place every Saturday, Sunday and major holiday in 2005 from April 9th through October 30th. The music plays from 2:30pm to 6:30pm.

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Rebecca Guzman

## A Decade of Skating

by Lezly Ziering

It pains me that I must come to you each season at this time of year to remind you that, with the new season upon us, we are in crucial need of funds. It should come as no surprise to anyone that our expenses rise proportionately with the increase in the cost of living.

If the CPDSA is going to continue to grow and stay solvent, we need for all of you who have memberships that are about to expire, to renew at this time - and if your membership has lapsed or if you have never joined the CPDSA (perish the thought) - IT BE'S THAT TIME.

Remember that our basic membership is \$15.00 but we hope that those of you who are able,

will continue, as you have in the past, to donate \$25.00 or \$50.00 - we welcome our generous \$100.00 and \$300.00 contributors and we are extremely grateful to those of you who have given \$500.00 and \$1000.00 and hope we can count on you to continue your substantial support.

To bring the 2005 season off successfully we need to raise more than \$7,000. We are starting this season with very little working capital and are faced with greater expenses than any of our past years of operation.

As you know we are a 100% volunteer- not for profit organization - and every penny that comes in, goes to enhance and support the experience that we

have been sharing since 1995 - there are no salaries, there are no profits, there are only expenses - among them - Parks Department permits, NYPD sound permits for every day we are out there, printing the newsletters, maintaining the web site, providing the staff shirts our volunteers are required by regulation to wear and not the least by any means, feeding the monster that eats more bucks than you'd imagine - our sound system.

Our very existence in 2005 depends on your generosity. You can use the registration form on the back of this newsletter and mail in your donations and memberships, or you can give us your donation during our Memorial Weekend fundraiser.

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**Bounce, rock, skate, roll...CPDSA DJs keep the beat...and they don't stop...  
DJ Nick Johnson (left) and DJs Dr. Brooks and Julio (right)**



**Steve and Denise rock to the beat on opening day.**

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*“Growing Pains” continued from page 1.*

Park regulations do not allow to accept donations in the park except on fund raising days.

It has been said before but is worth repeating: Our season is 35 weekends and 4 Monday holidays - that is 74 days. Back in the old days when the hat was passed for battery money, no one thought twice about throwing a buck in the pot each day that hat came around - you just did it. Well that's \$74.00 over the course of our season - not very expensive for 7 months of skating to the best music of any skating venue, anywhere. And talk about batteries the ones we use today go for \$300 and change and we need 2 of them. That's forty \$15 memberships right there. If you go to the Roxy you pay more for one entry than our basic membership. I hear some of you say, "that's why I go to the Key or Empire - OK so that's one and a half entrance fees. So when we offer a membership for \$15 - or a \$25 membership with a T-shirt or tank top thrown in - that's a bargain in my book. Even if you join at the \$50 level you are saving 24 bucks. Or looking at it another way - your \$15 membership comes to 20 cents a day over the course of the season.

Everyone who joins and is a member in good standing will be able to pick up your card in

the Skate Circle. We will offer our members discounts at various skate shops and restaurants upon presenting your membership card.

The last appeal I am going to make to our highly diverse group, the demographics of which never cease to amaze me, is for your talents and abilities. GET INVOLVED - we need you. People with computer skills, people with businesses that can help in any way - by offering discounts to members, by donating services, ideas etc. People that can serve on our subcommittees. If you have writing skills, bookkeeping skills, technical know-how, help us produce and circulate our newsletter (another \$500 last year, just the printing cost), sign makers are needed and as always people to aid with our set up, cleanup and breakdown. There are so many ways you can be of assistance. Got an idea how you can help? Please let us know!!

With that said - let me and the rest of the CPDSA staff, welcome you all back for our 2005 season. We along with our superb DJ pool are ready for a harmonious, stress free, music filled Spring, Summer And Fall at the Skate Circle on Skaters Road. Love, Peace and Brotherhood.

Lezly Ziering - Chairman  
CPDSA



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## WANTED: members, supporters, volunteers!

To perpetuate this highly valued and much loved source of recreation, relaxation and spiritual sustenance, we need your backing and your assistance, we cannot continue without your help!

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 bargain at \$15 for the entire season. For \$25 you can get a membership

and one of our CPDSA t-shirts. We will have t-shirts on sale at the Circle this Memorial Day weekend. Membership checks will also be accepted at the fundraising table at the south end of the circle.

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.

**The CPDSA  
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to thank**



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generous  
support.**



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# The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

Our new season is off to a solid start. More DJs have volunteered to play music for us than ever before and as they rotate through our schedule we will have a broad scope of musical styles, a mix of old and new which will keep the music fresh and interesting. We have added three new members to our Board of Directors: Gwen White, Daniel Guzman and Rebecca Guzman; who have already proven their commitment by taking on a great deal of responsibility for the planning and operation of the Circle. Our audio equipment is working well and the sound is better than ever. We have good relationships with the city agencies that issue permits for our activities; so, we can all relax and enjoy the season, right?

I wish it were that simple.

Yes, we are doing well, but there are major problems looming before us if we don't get a lot of help from you - the skaters. Money is always a problem. We are running dangerously low on funds to pay for our permits and other operating expenses. Running the Skate Circle costs money and as an independent community organization we must depend on you to renew our membership and to support us by buying T-shirts at our fund raisers. It is expensive for us to bring out the music and we need your participation to keep us rolling smoothly.

The crazy thing about the Skate Circle is that it doesn't follow any coherent business plan, we are not there to make money, we are there for the skating. We don't charge admission and we don't take donations. We don't pay anyone to do the work and yet, for four and a half hours every Saturday and Sunday afternoon we take an empty stretch of roadway and turn it into a skating rink, a place for skaters to dance to music. The only explanation I can give, is that it is a labor of love.

There is a lot of work that goes into the daily grind of setting up

the rink and we need your help to keep the Circle rolling. Dragging out barricades and putting them in place at the ends of the area. Setting up the DJ booth, sweeping the grounds and connecting the audio equipment are just a part of what the CPDSA does. There are a lot of essential jobs that must be done before we finish the day, our cleanup crew can always use an extra hand making sure that we leave our area at least as clean as we found it. Pushing the battery cart and the big green storage box up the hill is the most labor intensive part of our breakdown, four to six people can do it easily in less than five minutes, but when the time comes for that final task we always have to search and beg for help.

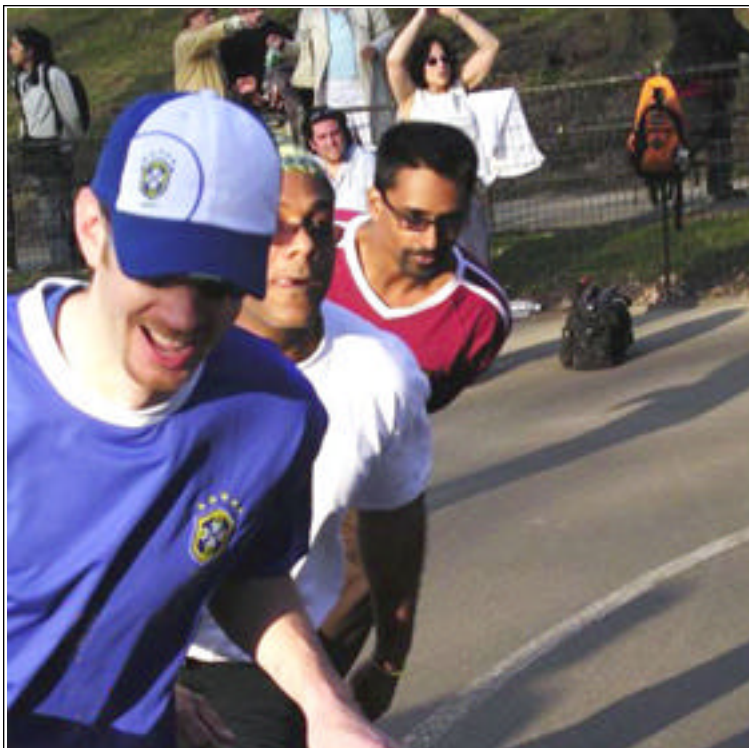
Come on guys! Give us a hand!

There are also cracks in the pavement to be repaired and big chunks missing around the manhole cover in the middle of the rink. The rink guidelines need to be repainted this season or they will fade away completely. There is plenty more to be done and not enough people who have come forward to do it. We have a website, newsletter and an e-mail contact list that we produce to keep you informed. Somewhere along the line there is something you can do to help keep the Circle rolling the way you want it to.

How many times can you catch a free ride before the bus runs out of gas and the driver is so exhausted that he no longer has the strength to pull it out of the garage?

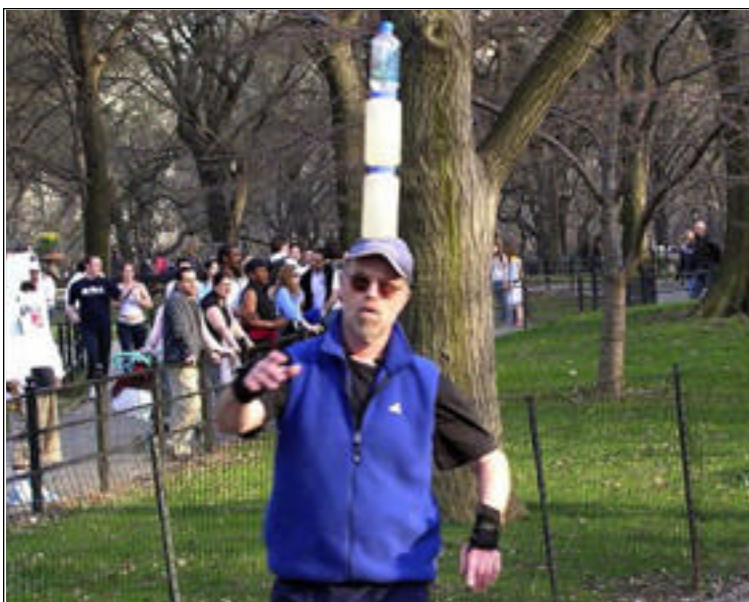
We haven't reached the point where we can't keep the circle running, but we are operating with far too few people doing all the work and we can't keep it up forever. If you are not already a part of the organization, become a member. If you love the Skate Circle and want to keep it going, please think about how you can help. We need your help. You won't regret it.

The Skate Circle Lives!



Kevin, Aristidez and Manil speed through the Circle

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When will Bob step it up to 4 bottles???

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### Contribution:

\$15     \$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 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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