



EVENTS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 24

DJ Julio (John Ferarri opens)

SUNDAY, MAY 25

DJ Nick Johnson

MONDAY, MAY 26

MEMORIAL DAY

DJ Rikky Rivera

SATURDAY, MAY 31

delayed start - 3:30pm

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

Skating Day - DJ TBA

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Skating Day - DJ TBA

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

NO SKATING -

Puerto Rican Day Parade

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Skating Day - DJ TBA

SUNDAY, JUNE 15

FATHER'S DAY

Skating Day - DJ TBA

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

Skating Day - DJ TBA

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

Skating Day - DJ TBA

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Skating Day - DJ TBA

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

Skating Day - DJ TBA

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

Bill Levy

Muhammed Abdul-Aziz

Alonzo Jones

Calvin Coleman

Carol Spalding

Steve Heurung

Steven Myrick

A Familiar Tune

by Lezly Ziering (CPDSA chairman)

Sorry to have to come to you with this same old song, but there has never been a more crucial time in our 8 year history. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!! I am certain that it is not news to you that everything in life is costing more and that it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain the status quo in today's society, so encumbered by inflation.

As most of you know, last year was a horror for those of us who must physically pack up, move and unload our equipment. It drained our energies and pushed us to the brink of *giving it all up*. So few people expended so much effort to move all of our equipment back and forth from Skaters' Road to the storage room on 58th St. and 11th Ave. every weekend. We had to travel so far because

the concessionaire at Mineral Springs reneged on the agreement we had since 1995 for a small storage space there. We knew then that there was no way we could do that for another season and fortunately the new management of Mineral Springs renewed our agreement but with the provision that we use a smaller space than we did before. That meant a redesign of our storage system, requiring the purchase of a new storage box for security, and it also necessitates the redesign of our cumbersome sound system to a compact rack system that we have dreamed about for years. Till now that has been just that, a dream, now it is a necessity.

In past years our skating community has always come

through in a crises and I am sure we can count on you again. We need your donations and your memberships more now than ever before. We also need volunteers to help in the work the Skate Circle requires - there are too few people doing too much. The more of you that give us some time & energy, the easier it becomes for us all.

Please be generous with your dollars and energy. Your help will keep alive this unique Skate Circle that we all love and take for granted. 'Nuff said.

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CPDSA skaters work it day and night. (left) Annette and Muhammed feel the music (right) Steve and a friend dance-skate to the beat

Invisible enlightenment

by Bladie Flowness

We have all, at different points in our lives, either read or heard about great enlightened writers like Socrates, Plato, Freud, Nostradamus, Solomon and Confucius. The thread that links great thinkers like these is their collective observations about the consciousness and nature of human beings on our earth. One of the main themes they communicate is that we don't always see and value the good things that are all around us until after they are gone.

In my opinion, we, all of the skaters in Central Park, are truly the first reality show. Every week, we take out our wheels and we come to a specific place in Central Park where there will be smiling, dancing people from every culture, of every color, every sex, every religion, having fun together.

Once we put on our wheels, we have the biggest international

audience standing there, waiting to watch us. We have the ultimate reality show and every person who steps into our Circle is a performer in that show. Some of us are totally aware of our circle as reality-performance space, and prepare in every little way possible to be an interesting character when we appear on the dance-skate circle/stage. And some of us just come to skate and never consciously think about it on this level until waking up one morning and seeing a newspaper article or a TV show about us.

So, at the beginning of spring and summer of 2003, I say to everybody; whether you want to accept it or not, we are truly the first reality show and we should enjoy each other as we experience it each week, and we should enjoy ourselves in the most positive ways possible.



Dancers take over the center of the circle and show off their moves.

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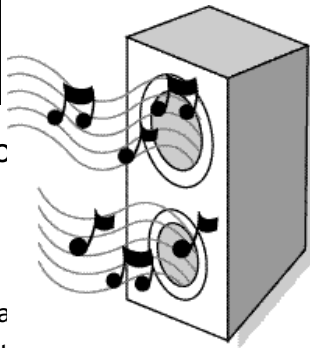
**Stuart
Pollack**
19XX - 2003



*Friend,
Brother,
Skater*

*Rest in peace,
Stu.
We miss you.*

The CPDSA would like to thank



for their generous donation of our new speakers for the 2003 season, and for their most recent contribution of new peripheral speakers that carry our music at the north and south ends of the Circle.



A skater gracefully comes out of a spin.

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



**SUPPORT THE CPDSA
THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!**

New T-shirts will be on sale at the south end of the circle. Dues for new memberships and renewals will be accepted as well.

The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols

No matter what I try to write here, I keep coming back to the same thought: our good friend Stu Pollack is gone. His death is still clouded in mystery and there is much we will never know. What is clear is that four years ago, Jerome - who we all know from the Roxy - convinced Stu to come along with him on a Wednesday night to try roller skating. Stu came, he saw and was conquered; he was bitten by the skate bug and he never looked back.

Soon, Stu had become a Roxy regular and a Central Park skater - one of us.

People tell me that what they remember most about Stu was his warm smile that always made you feel like a valued friend and his wry sense of humor that always seemed to put things into perspective. Stu's profession - he was a lawyer - put him in a position to help people and he gave legal counsel to all skaters who sought out his advice. He represented some of us in legal actions and helped many more to understand the intricacies of the justice system.

Stu also became a member of the CPDSA board of directors and acted as our legal advisor. Of course, being what he like to call "high-priced East Coast legal talent" didn't stop him from helping us pack up the sound equipment at the end of our sessions or keep him from helping us push the carts up the hill.

He rode with the most committed volunteers to our storage room, bouncing around in the back of Tariq's truck; he helped schlep heavy batteries and speakers and didn't complained any more than the rest of us about what a pain it was.

So many skaters have come up to me and told me about how much they liked Stu and how shocked and shaken they were about his death; the outpouring of sympathy and grief within our community was truly extraordinary. Stu seems to have been universally liked and respected within our group. For me, personally, his loss has been very difficult to deal with; we had become good friends, confidants, drinking buddies...always talking, trying to figure out the mysteries of life: politics, religion, philosophy, ethics and most unknowable of all -

what women really want. I'm smiling as I write these last words, because I know they would have gotten a laugh out of Stu.

Over the years we at the Skate Circle have often talked about the "skate family;" if we really are a family, then we have lost a brother, which hurts - a lot. If there is any comfort, I believe that it has to come from the knowledge that Stu really did feel the love of the skaters and the embrace of our community while he was alive and that he did what he could to return that love to us.

What is left for us to do is to keep on skating through our pain and to keep the Skate Circle alive.

The good news, as we head to the Memorial Day Weekend, is that we are working out the details of getting back storage space for our equipment in Mineral Springs. This will make it much easier for us to bring out the music every weekend and will allow us more flexibility on days when rain is threatening and when we have our hours shortened by other events in the park.

We had to order a new sealed plastic equipment box to meet with the requirements of the new proprietor of Mineral Springs and we're going to need your money - from renewed memberships and t-shirt sales - to meet our financial obligations. The first fundraiser of the year takes place Memorial Day weekend, so please be ready to give a little something to keep the organization running.

We're also working out the details of a "DJ report card" that will allow CPDSA members to vote in a poll rating the performance of the various DJs who play for us. The voting will be for current, dues paid members only, so you'll have to join or renew in order for your vote to be counted.

The Skate Circle Lives!



WANTED

Members **Supporters** **Contributors**
Donors **Commitment** **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.

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 would like to thank them for their cooperation in sharing their storage space with us this summer.



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

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Join us!

CPDSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Amount of Contribution

\$15 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

Check Cash Money Order

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.

Member # _____

Date _____



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