

Thank You 2019 CPDSA New and Renewing Members

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Danuta



Cowboy Sid

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DJ SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

5/25	SATURDAY NO SKATING
5/26	SUNDAY DJ Q
5/27	MONDAY DJ Frankie D
6/1	SATURDAY DJ
6/2	SUNDAY DJ Rob Scott
6/8	SATURDAY DJ
6/9	SUNDAY DJ Duce Martinez
6/15	SATURDAY NO SKATING —>Adventure in NY
6/16	SUNDAY DJ
6/22	SATURDAY DJ
6/23	SUNDAY DJ
6/29	SATURDAY DJ
6/30	SUNDAY NO SKATING —>Gay Pride Event
7/4	THURSDAY INDEPENDENCE DAY DJ Arson

THE CENTRAL PARK SKATE CIRCLE

takes place most Saturdays, Sundays and major holidays in 2019 from April 13th through October 27th. The music plays from 2:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

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Looking for a Home

This year the CPDSA is facing a difficult situation. We have lost our long time storage space in the park, due to building renovations. We no longer have a space inside the park where we can keep our audio gear, our infrastructure and — most important — a place where we can charge the heavy duty auto batteries we use to power the music.

The Conservancy has promised us some small relief with a small "Job Box" where the heaviest and least valuable gear can be kept in the park. That box was delivered just before Memorial Day weekend. We haven't been able to use it yet, but we are very hopeful. Any space in the park has got to be better than trucking everything from our storage room in Midtown to the Tavern on the Green parking lot and then unloading it onto hand trucks

and pushing it the last few hundred yards down to the Skate Circle.

Finding a secure dry spot where we can charge our batteries and store our audio equipment somewhere inside or close to the park has proven to be an elusive goal. We need help from any of you who can get us access to a small basement room or closet near the 67th or 72nd street entrances to the park where we can safely store and recharge our gear between skating sessions. We do not need a lot of space just a secure spot with an electric outlet.

Call or e-mail info@cpdsa.org if you have an idea or a solution. We are spending much more money than usual for storage and trucking this season, so another way you can help is to join the CPDSA and donate what you can, to keep the Skate Circle rolling.



Skate Family Spring 2019

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CPDSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



JOIN US!

Name _____ Date ____/____/____ Member # _____

Work or Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Contribution:

\$25 \$50 \$100 Other _____

New Member Renewal

Please make a copy of 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, just west of the bandshell. To find us, enter Central Park at East or West 72nd street on weekend days between 3 and 7 PM and walk along Terrace Drive toward the center of the park. Listen for our dance music, you'll find us.

Central Park DANCE SKATERS ASSOCIATION
c/o Bob Nichols

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Tanya



Chris



Ileana

SKATERS, DO YOU HAVE SKILLS THAT COULD HELP THE SKATE CIRCLE?

...Or just someone genuinely willing to be a part of the group that keeps the skate circle rolling? Would you like to contribute stories or photos for consideration in our next newsletter?

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Line Dancers



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The View from Skaters Road

by Bob Nichols, President, CPDSA

Every year at the Skate Circle is a little different. This year was envisioned as a celebration of us entering into our Twenty-Fifth season; a time for a victory lap around the Circle. What we have instead is a challenge to survive.

This will not be the first time we have found ourselves without a storage space in the park. In late 2001 and early in 2002 a dispute between the management of the Snack Bar at Mineral Springs and the Parks Department Revenue office, closed us out of that facility after almost seven years of residency there.

Luckily, the leadership of the Central Park Conservancy honored their promise to find us a storage space inside the park near the Skate Circle. The solution was a small room in the back of the Bandshell, which we have been using ever since — until this year.

To be fair, the bandshell has been deteriorating for years. Leaks in a skylight were the first symptom of cracks and leaks spreading through the whole structure. Last season was a damp, fungus filled nightmare. Some of our volunteers could not go into the back room without wheezing, coughing and suffering other breathing problems. All of us had to get out as quickly as possible. Still, it was a home for our gear and a safe place for us to charge our batteries. However bad it was, we miss it this year.

We are hoping that the new "Job Box" provided to us by the Conservancy will lighten the burden we are faced with. We will know more when we see how much of our gear can fit inside. However much it holds, that box still does not offer us a place where we can charge our batteries, which is our most immediate problem.

So far this season the only way we have been able to charge our batteries is for two hours at a time at our storage facility. It takes from four to six hours to get them fully charged, so it is a logistical problem. The only other solution open to us, is to lug the

batteries, charger and the hand truck system up two sets of stairs into my apartment; which is very inconvenient for me personally.

We are hoping for some other solution to present itself. We have to pay for a man with a van to take us from our storage room and then back again at the end of the day. This is not cheap and with round trips each day we operate, the bills add up quickly.

The one thing we need most are volunteers who can help us move, set-up and break down the gear that makes the Circle a safe, secure place to skate. It's not complicated; sweeping the grounds, placing barricades and delineators, ropes, signs, moving the benches into the center, creating a DJ Booth, baggage area and seating for the skaters. It just takes a few minutes if the work is shared.

Right now the most difficult thing is bringing traffic delineators and bases, ropes, sound cables, the sound system and batteries from our storage facility. Once we can keep some of it in the "Job Box" in the park, that work will be greatly reduced. We have already stopped using the heavier mixer box and CD player that we have depended on for 15 years and are using smaller more portable equipment this year. We have not been using our full audio system the amplifier and FM transmitter and the larger speakers, yet.

Our plan is to start small and gradually build back up to our full system with the larger speakers and the FM transmitter; which will allow us to put the dance area sound system back in operation. We have been allowing a few dancers to stay in the center next to the booth if they promise to respect the skaters. The trouble is that the same old problems keep cropping up. We must reinstate the dance area at the bottom of the hill. We just don't know exactly when, but we will get back to the new rules that worked so well for us last year.

The Skate Circle Lives!



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DJ Devo & DJ Dracula—Photo by Bob Dea