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Mt Wellington Artistic Club Report 2020

It feels like so long ago that skating existed in a different time, and I want to remember and celebrate our skaters' successes in the last half of 2019.

Mt Wellington Club Skaters at NZ Championships 2019

A smaller team competed in the NZ Championships in New Plymouth. We came home with 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Once again a Mt Wellington Skater, Anna Harris, returned to Auckland with the Oscar for her outstanding Free Dance performance. Anna was also the first recipient for the new Sportsmanship Award.

Mt Wellington Club International Representatives

Our Club had two in the NZ Team, Heath and Joanne, competing at the 2019 Oceania Championships along with Rachael as the NZ Team Coach and Leigh on the judging panel. Congratulations on your performances.

The World Roller Games were held in Barcelona and Macarena and Mercedes competed for New Zealand in the Senior and Junior Solo Dance events with Rachael once again the NZ Team Coach. Congratulations on your performances.

Mt Wellington Club Educationals

Rachael and Macarena also headed to Lisbon, Portugal to attend a WorldSkate Artistic Seminar and came back from that with WorldSkate Level 2 Dance and WorldSkate Level 1 Freeskating accreditations.

A number of our Coaches and Judges, and Trainees attended a 2020 SkateNZ Artistic Seminar in Wellington which covered RollArt and information brought back by the Coaches and Judges who attended the WorldSkate Artistic Seminar in Portugal.

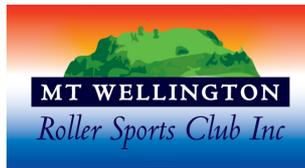
We had medal tests held during the year and all members are making their way up the ladder. Congratulations to those who passed and many thanks to the judges who made themselves available.

Club Committee Changes

A very big thank you to our long term Club Committee members who have stepped down after many years of service, President Beverley Cooper MNZM, Secretary Patricia Carrascosa, and Treasurer Clare Magnusson. You have been responsible for building our artistic club and maintaining its strength, and we are forever grateful for the time and skill and dedication you

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have given our club. The new committee has big shoes to fill! President Belinda Hope, Secretary Kathryn Foulkes-Baker, Treasurer Debby Skinner.

COVID

Our Covid response has been very good. Once groups of 10 were allowed, the Mt Wellington Club Trustees were very generous and opened up the rink bookings at no cost for club trainings only (no public bookings) so that club members could have the opportunity to train. We have been very lucky because many other team sports have not been able to train.

It has been important to keep our skaters engaged through online training videos during lockdown, and then with our small group sessions.

Unfortunately with so many competition cancellations, it has been difficult to maintain motivation, however Artistic is looking forward to the upcoming Area champs.

We need to keep working on our basics, dances and routines that we have to keep up our fitness and also perfect what we are doing. RollArt is very strict on things being correct, as we know. Three of our coaches have been running a group coaching session on Wednesday nights and that has been well supported.

Skating in general has picked up in worldwide popularity over lockdown as it was one of the few sports that was able to operate in some capacity, and availability of recreational roller skates has increased. Our Learn to Skate classes and public sessions have dramatically increased in numbers in the Level 1 period, as new casual skaters are keen to learn.

We are considering how to incorporate casual skaters into our club format, as this is now a giant new category of skaters that we should be taking care of.

We look forward to more competitive skating opportunities with our fellow clubs!

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