

'RENNES SUR ROULETTES' IS CHANGING GEAR & GAINING HEIGHT!

On 14 May & 15 May will be held the the 29th 'Rennes sur Roulettes'

Organised by the Cercle Paul Bert in collaboration with Rennes City Council, 'Rennes sur Roulettes' weekend celebrates all forms of roller skating in the city centre. Races, street skates, roller acrobatics, & other activities are on a programme where anybody and everybody will be able to begin skating, assess their proficiency, and admire the expertise of others during this free annual sporting event.

'Rennes sur Roulettes' is once again evolving and opening up to a still wider public with arrival of the bicycle, whether this be urban, cyclo, or BMX, on our very first street ride, Les Roues Libres (Freewheels), on Saturday 14 May from 6p.m. to 9p.m. This will be a ride of discovery to see some unusual places in Rennes!

Launched in 2010, the **S'MI Roller** half-marathon, a really great 'fun run', is back again. This timed challenge can be taken up between friends, between colleagues, alone, or in teams on **Sunday 15 May from 9a.m. to 10.30a.m.** Among everything else that is happening, there will be a more family-based event, the **Rando'Pop street skate**, the landmark event of 'Rennes sur Roulettes', which invites everyone in Rennes to roller-skate for the sheer pleasure of it for 2 hours on **Sunday 15 May from 11a.m. to 1p.m**.

On **Sunday 15 May,** serious competition takes place with the **National Masters Marathon** at 1.30p.m., followed at 4p.m. by the **Senior International Marathon**, which counts towards the **World Inline Cup**.

The **Esplanade Général de Gaulle** gets into the **urban street sport** scene with the hosting of the **FISE Expérience 2011**, a 100% freestyle tour where Roller/BMX amateurs and professionals will be wheeling about on a 1,200m²-skatepark. For the more reckless, a **big air bag** will be installed in the Village. Not to be forgotten is the **very first scooter** (not the motorised kind!) **race on Saturday 14 May from 3p.m. to 5p.m.**, which is open to participants from Rennes Métropole's primary and middle/junior high schools.

The **Night Session** returns on **Saturday 14 May from 8p.m. onwards**. On the programme: High Air Contest & Best Tricks at the skatepark, followed by a Roller Disco to close this **Saturday Night Roller**.

As we are concerned about looking after **the urban sports scene**, the spotlight will be on two activities of our 'environmentally-friendly citizen' campaign 2011: the presence of **selective waste sorting ambassadors** at the Village, and the special opening on **Sunday 15 May** of the 'park and ride' site at La Poterie on the outskirts of Rennes, to give a greener look to the event.

So get your skates on and get on your bikes! But then again you may be waiting for the advice of our instructors who will be there to help you on the beginners' roller & BMX areas!

As a region of so many treasures, Brittany will be celebrated, as is right and proper, with the appearance of the one and only roller jazz band, the Roller Brass Band, of the Bagad Kadoudal (traditional Breton music) from Vern-sur-Seiche, and, on a more electro note, of Stereophonk!

The new version of this Cercle Paul Bert-organised event, which aims to be original, convivial, and festive, will be under the patronage of Taig Khris, a living legend in the world of extreme sports, who will make a special appearance on Sunday 15 May.

Who said that 'Rennes sur Roulettes' was freewheeling?

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