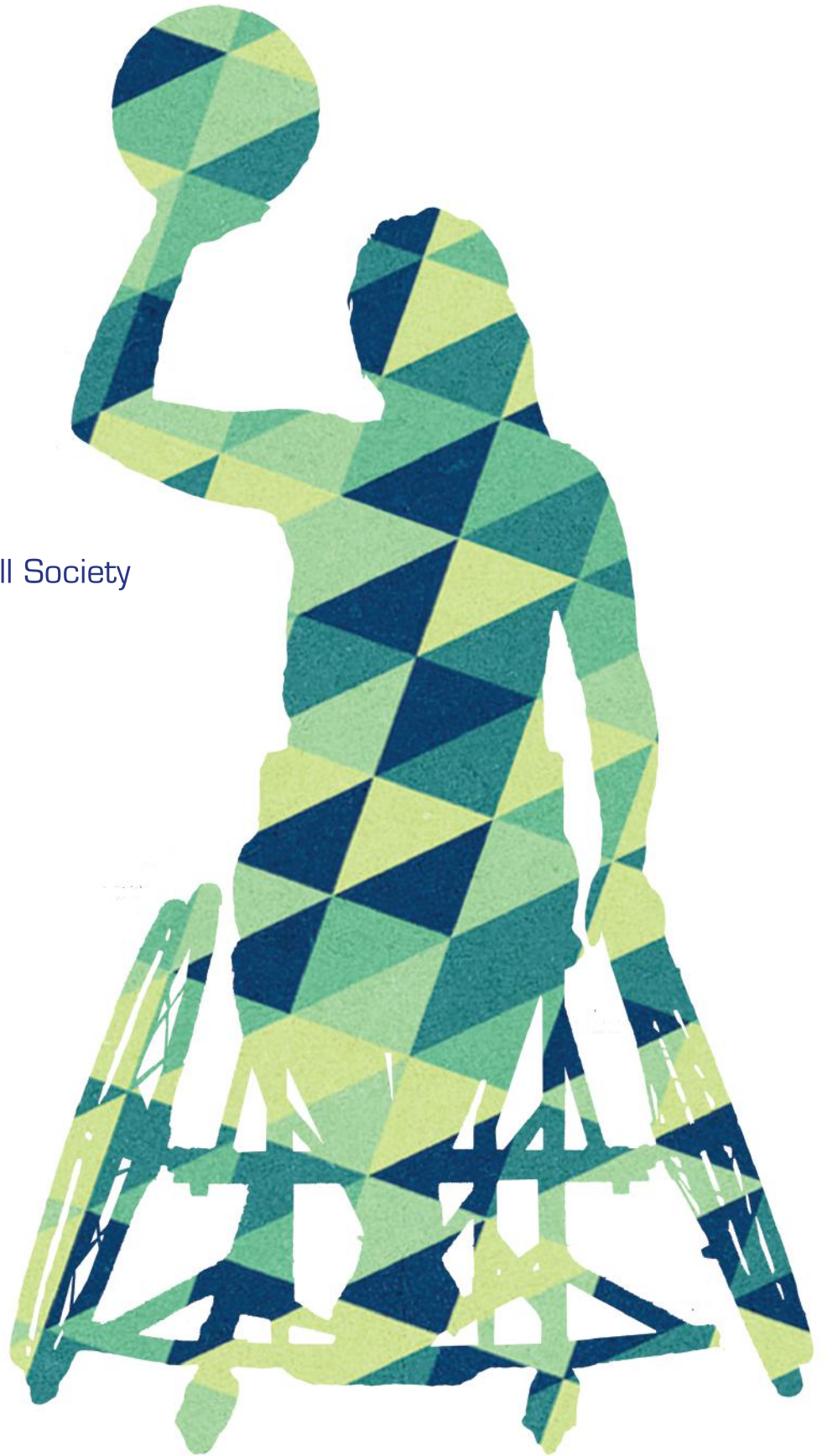




BC Wheelchair Basketball Society  
2015 - 2016  
Annual Report



## A Message from the Executive Director

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From seeing our littlest Let's Play kids try a sports wheelchair for the first time to cheering on Bo, Deion and Janet at the Toronto 2015 Parapan Am Games, it was an exciting year for all of us at BC Wheelchair Basketball Society. The rest of this report will detail the amazing work our coaches, athletes, staff and volunteers are doing across the province, but I wanted to share with you a few of my personal highlights.

In February, I attended the 2016 BC Winter Games in Penticton. Between the famous BC Games dances and Coach Brad's elaborate challenges involving tennis balls, paper airplanes and cookies on people's foreheads, the athletes made just as many memories off the court as they did on it. A special congratulations goes to Ben Hagkull and Sarah Friedman, who were selected out of 100 applicants to win a BC Games scholarship. The future of wheelchair basketball in BC is bright!



Kamloops Adaptive Sports Association (KASA) did an amazing job putting on the 2016 CWBL National Championship. Many of the organizing committee members even pulled double duty playing for the Kamloops Bulldawgs, winning a Division 2 bronze medal on home soil. I know that the legacy of this event will impact adaptive sports in the Okanagan for years to come. Thank you KASA!

HOOPFEST was also a highlight for me. Some organizations have attended the event since its inception, others are brand new. Either way, seeing all of the participants battling in fierce (yet friendly!) competition demonstrates what this sport is all about. Wheelchair basketball has always been about the people, and I'm so grateful to the athletes, coaches, family members, support staff, volunteers, donors and sponsors who make BCWBS so unique. It is a privilege to work with every one of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sian Blyth". The signature is stylized, with a large, looping "S" and "B".

Sian Blyth

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# Overview

This year was certainly one for the record books. We cheered on Janet McLachlan, Bo Hedges and Deion Green as the Parapan Am Games took place in Canada. We brought stakeholders and community champions from across the province together in our first ever Let's Play summit, where we worked to determine the future of the program. We also saw a national championship hosted in BC outside of the Lower Mainland for the first time, as the Kamloops Adaptive Sports Association put on the 2016 CWBL National Championship.

One thing, however, has not changed: the pride we feel for the amazing work done by our athletes, coaches, volunteers, family members and supporters. This year, we've seen Let's Play kids take that first push in a sports wheelchair; junior athletes emerge as leaders; and retired athletes give back as mentors. We've seen a million small personal milestones, whether it's someone's first basket, their first time at Hoopfest, or their first win as a coach.

We look forward to the many milestones to follow the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. We know there are many communities and sports that you could be a part of, and we're grateful that you chose BC Wheelchair Basketball Society. The rest of this report will show you some of this amazing work.

## Success Stories

### **Let's Play : Megan's Story**

In 2012, Megan received a Let's Play sports wheelchair. She soon improved her skills enough to graduate into an adult-sized wheelchair which was loaned to her by BC Wheelchair Basketball Society. Today, this talented multi-sport athlete is having success in both wheelchair basketball and wheelchair tennis. In February, she competed in wheelchair basketball at the BC Winter Games. She's also been selected to compete at the 2016 Birmingham Canadian Wheelchair Tennis Championships, which will be held at UBC from Oct. 27-30. The sky's the limit for this talented teen!

### **Small Island, Big Wheelchair Basketball Dreams!**

A tiny island with a population of just 2,250 seems like an unusual place for a wheelchair basketball program. But with legendary coach Tim Frick around, wheelchair basketball is bound to follow! Tim moved to Pender Island in 2010 and quickly set up a wheelchair basketball program in the local school. Last year, a group of five teenagers started training regularly, hoping to make the BC Games team. All of them did, and Jeffrey Gray was even selected to play with Team BC at the Junior Regionals in Saskatchewan. Today, a core group of athletes is training hard to make the next Canada Games team.

Tim also recruited another Pender Islander: Kady Dandenau, whose able-bodied varsity career was ended by a knee injury. Kady has risen quickly in wheelchair basketball and recently moved to Toronto to train full-time at the National Wheelchair Basketball Academy.

It's all proof that when you take one great coach and add a supportive community, amazing things can happen!

BC Wheelchair  
Basketball  
Society

237  
athletes

Finances

Let's  
Play

12  
clubs

\$60,257  
raised through  
fundraising &  
donations

8500  
kids reached

16  
coaches

30  
school visits

80%  
of funds go to  
programming  
& development

17  
hosted events

12  
Let's Play events

14  
referees

60  
kids with Let's Play  
chairs

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

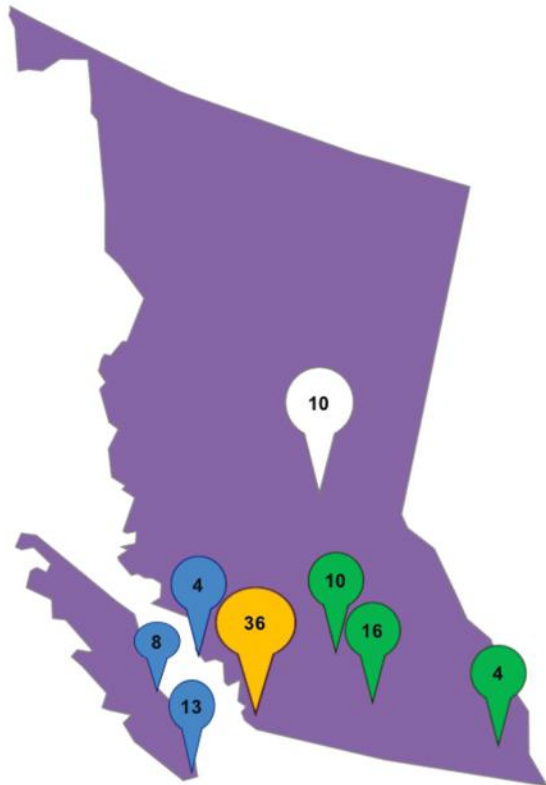
For the year ended May 31, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Revenues</b>		
Grants	333,477	346,165
Gaming	75,052	76,773
Donations and fundraising	60,257	56,527
Membership, registration and other	65,527	59,526
	<u>534,313</u>	<u>538,991</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Amortization	23,038	61,219
Coaching and development (Note 6)	108,946	108,114
Fundraising	37,487	23,657
General and administration (Note 6)	98,329	74,902
Program and games (Note 6)	286,263	278,585
	<u>554,063</u>	<u>546,477</u>
<b>Deficiency of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(19,750)</b>	<b>(7,486)</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

May 31, 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	218,632	144,077
Receivables	49,726	30,706
Prepaid expenses	4,750	4,750
	<u>273,108</u>	<u>179,533</u>
Investments (Note 2)	61,378	-
Property and equipment (Note 3)	111,346	51,096
	<u>445,832</u>	<u>230,629</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Payables and accruals	104,263	16,782
Deferred revenue (Note 4)	84,412	7,400
	<u>188,675</u>	<u>24,182</u>
Deferred capital contributions (Note 5)	113,364	42,904
	<u>302,039</u>	<u>67,086</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>		
Unrestricted	32,447	112,447
Invested in property and equipment	111,346	51,096
	<u>143,793</u>	<u>163,543</u>
	<u>445,832</u>	<u>230,629</u>



## Community Chair Champions Location of Let's Play Chairs

Northern  
Prince George (10)

Vancouver Island  
Powell River (4)  
Nanimo (4)  
Victoria (13)

Lower Mainland  
Vancouver (13)  
Surrey (3)  
Chilliwack (12)  
Langley (8)



Interior  
Kamloops (10)  
Kelowna (16)  
Cranbrook (4)



## Community Chair Champions Location of Let's Play Children

Northern  
Prince George (3)  
Fort St John (3)  
Charlie Lake (1)  
150 Mile House (1)  
100 Mile House (1)

Vancouver Island  
Powell River (1)  
Courtney (1)  
Nanimo (1)  
Victoria (3)  
Qualicum Beach (1)

Lower Mainland  
Vancouver (3)  
Burnaby (1)  
Coquitlam (1)  
Surrey (9)  
Delta (5)  
Chilliwack (5)  
Langley (5)  
Mission (1)  
Abbotsford (1)  
Hope (1)

Interior  
Kelowna (1)  
Penticton (1)  
Edgewater (1)  
Cranbrook (3)

# Highlights

We hosted our first ever Let's Play summit, which brought together 20 stakeholders from community groups and advocates across BC.

BCWBS and the Kamloops Adapted Sports Association (KASA) hosted the 2016 CWBL National Championships in Kamloops. Thank you to KASA and the organizing committee for all their hard work, and congratulations to the Kamloops BullDawgs for winning a bronze medal in Division 2.

39 athletes from six zones competed in the 2015 BC Winter Games in Penticton.

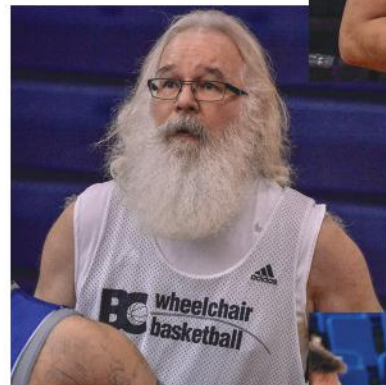
We hosted our annual awards in Kamloops. Congratulations to Joel Ewert (Junior Athlete of the Year), Amanda Yan (Female Athlete of the Year), Alphonsus To (Male Athlete of the Year), Makiko Harada (Coach of the Year), Tracy Hoot (Official of the Year), Fannie Smith (Volunteer of the Year), Ben Hamilton (Kenny Hall Spirit Award) and Ryleigh Bissenden (MJ Boudreault True Sport Award)

Marni Abbott-Peter was inducted into the Canadian Paralympic Committee Hall of Fame.

Deion Green, Bo Hedges and Janet McLachlan competed at the Toronto 2015 Parapan American Games. Both the men's and women's teams won silver.

We hosted our first program in Fort St. John.

Eight teams of community supporters battled it out at our HOOPFEST event, raising \$16,500 to help support athletes with a disability across the province.





## Sponsors and Supporters

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Wheelchair Basketball Canada  
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COBS Bread  
Advanced Mobility  
The Original Cakerie  
Tim Horton's  
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Save on Foods  
Safeway  
Bosa Foods  
Blasted Church Winery  
YVR  
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6Pack Indoor Beach  
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Temple  
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O Café  
Zone Bowling  
ORIGINS  
Temple Protein

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