

## BC MEN'S TEAM THREE-PEATS AT THE NATIONALS



Team BC

(Montreal, QC) – BC won their third straight wheelchair basketball *National Championships* Sunday in Montréal, defeating Québec 74-68 Sunday at the Collège Édouard-Montpetit sport centre. Along with their gold medals, BC captured the Robert W. Jackson Trophy as top team in the country while Team Ontario took third place.

Led by Richard Peter (Team Canada Men) with 24 points, BC captured and held the lead for almost the entire game. Peter showed his veteran grit in the paint where he earned most of his baskets. Peter was also money from the free-throw line going 6-for-8. Bo Hedges (Team Canada Men) was another catalyst for BC. He finished his day with 16 points and 5 rebounds.

Top scorer of the game honours go to Québec's Maxime Poulin (Team Canada Juniors) who amassed 30 points and 7 rebounds for the hometown team. David Eng (Team Canada Men) was the game's top player on the glass with 12 rebounds to match his game-high 12 assists Poulin and Peter found themselves at the center of attention early on as Poulin set the pace with 13 points in the first half. But it was his speed at both ends of the court that kept the game so close.

He and Eng controlled the breakouts, and setup the offense for Québec, however it was a number of big defensive blocks that helped steal the momentum for the local team prior to the break. Peter was alone on his way to the hoop and it looked like he was going to sink the uncontested basket when a streaking Eng seemingly appeared out of nowhere to get his hand on the ball. That got the crowd, outfitted with thunder-sticks, really going. Peter, who had 11 first half points of his own at half, didn't miss much else. Fellow Team Canada Men teammates Jaimie Borisoff and Bo Hedges dished the ball out on offense, while Erik Hagreen and Ross MacDonald combined for eight rebounds at halftime. BC led by a single point after two quarters 33 - 32.

BC's defense went to work in the second half, but a pair of timely three-pointers by Poulin and Eng brought the game back into reach. Eng put in an easy two points off the glass late in the 4th quarter to give Québec their only lead of the game with only 2:43 remaining on the clock.

BC's Erik Hagreen responded immediately to put BC back on top. Then a huge second effort steal by Hedges ultimately led to easy points for BC and ultimately put the icing on the cake. (*Wheelchair Basketball Canada website.*)

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## BCWBS MEMBERS WIN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL CANADA ANNUAL AWARDS

Congratulations to Patrick Anderson and Marni-Abbott Peter winners of the Wheelchair Basketball Canada 2009 annual awards at the *National Championships* in Montreal, QC.

### Male Athlete of the Year

Patrick Anderson was named *Male Athlete of the Year*, after playing an integral role in Team Canada's Silver Medal at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games in which he led in nearly every statistical category. A true force on the court Anderson has the ability to change a game and is often touted as the "best player in the world". He was also a member of the BC Cable Cars, the first Canadian team to ever claim the NWBA Division 1 Championship. The championship game saw Anderson leading the team in points and claim the tournament MVP honours. The MVP honours did not end there as the Douglas College Royals triumphed at the CWBL Open and again Anderson was named Tournament MVP.

### Coach of the Year

Marni Abbott-Peter, the proud owner of three World Championships gold medals, three Paralympic gold medals and one Paralympic bronze is well known for her accomplishments on the basketball court, but she has also demonstrated excellence in the coaching arena. As the most recent inductee into the Wheelchair Basketball Canada Hall of Fame, it is fair to assume she would have a lot of information to share with upcoming athletes. Throughout the 2008-09 season, Abbott-Peter's coaching focus was as the Head Coach of the BC Women's Provincial Team and the BC Breakers of the Women's CWBL. With a mix of veterans and new players, these teams prospered under Marni's leadership having received silver at the Women's CWBL Championships and winning gold at the 2008 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships. In addition, three female athletes from BC were named to the Canadian National team and 3 others received developmental carding status under Marni's training, preparation, coaching and leadership.

For more detail on the awards and other winners, go to [wheelchairbasketball.ca](http://wheelchairbasketball.ca)

## BCWBS ACCEPTS ATHLETE APPLICATIONS FOR DIVISION 1 DRAFT

BCWBS has finalized the BC-CWBL Division 1 plan for 2009-2010 season. We would like to thank all of those who have given us feedbacks on the proposal. Please submit your application to BCWBS by email, fax, or mail along with the performance bond by September 11, 2009 should you wish to play in Division 1 this season.

You can find the draft plan and application form on BCWBS website ([www.bcwbs.ca](http://www.bcwbs.ca)) or please email BCWBS at [makiko@bcwbs.ca](mailto:makiko@bcwbs.ca) to ask for the application form.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us in writing (email, mail, or fax.) We will get back to you as soon as we can. We are looking forward to the new season!

# DEFI SPORTIF MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RESULT

## Men's Report

The BC Men's Provincial Wheelchair Basketball team traveled to Montreal, Quebec to compete in the prestigious *Defi Sportif* Wheelchair Basketball Tournament. After finishing first in their division, Team BC took on the Fredericton All Courts in their semi final game. The All Courts are lead by Canadian Men's National Team veteran, Dave Durepos. Team BC controlled the flow of their game with their full court press. This press was effective against the All Courts. BC held leads of 20–10 at quarter time, 36–18 at half time, and 56–34 at the end of three quarters. All team members were able to get on the court and play and BC continued their dominance to eventually win the game 66–46.

Up next was the game labeled as the Super Final against home team, Team Quebec. The *Defi Sportif* organizing committee did a wonderful job in promoting the final game. There were at least 1000 people in attendance which included many dignitaries and pre, halftime and end of game festivities. As expected the entire crowd was supporting Team Quebec. This atmosphere provided Team BC with a great pressure-like atmosphere to get themselves ready for the upcoming Canadian Nationals. The first quarter was played at a fast and furious pace and saw Team Quebec take a narrow 22–18 lead. The second quarter saw Quebec have more success on the offensive end and allowed them to extend their lead to 12 points, 40–28. During the third, Team BC was able to cut the lead to 4 points 38–42, but from there, Quebec was able to maintain their scoring rate to end the quarter with a comfortable 57–42 lead. The fourth quarter saw BC try hard again to cut into Quebec's lead but they continued to make tough shots and were able to maintain their lead. At the conclusion of the game, Team Quebec ran out winners 77–60.

## SPORT WHEELCHAIR RENTALS

BCWBS has a limited number of sport wheelchairs available for rental through the Wheelchair Loan Program. The program requires you to sign a loan agreement one-year in length and submit a \$100/year or \$10/month rental fee. If you are interested please read our policy and fill out a wheelchair loan application form on-line at [www.bcwbs.ca](http://www.bcwbs.ca) and click **for athletes** and then **wheelchair loan program**.



BC Breakers

## Women's Report

The BC Breakers along with Men's teams visited Montreal to compete in 'The Best Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in North America', the revered *Defi Sportif*. For the women, it represented CWBL Women's Nationals, and the four best teams from around the country were in attendance: the Breakers, Calgary Rollers, Edmonton Inferno and the Quebec provincial team. The Breakers were looking to avenge their loss last year in the final to the Inferno.

The Breakers fought off the jet lag valiantly on their first day of competition, but shot poorly inside in their first round robin game against Quebec. It ended in the wrong side of a 56–53 score. Early the next day, they met the Calgary Rollers, and played their way to a 59–51 win. The last round robin game was against the rival Inferno. In a tough, transition based game, the Breakers came out on top by a score of 69–59. This set up a rematch with Quebec in the semis.

The semi-final was another up and down game, with Quebec employing the full-court press the entire time. First year player Steph Park, already tired from 40 minutes per game in each of the round robin games, once again put in for full-time pay and set many picks in transition to open up lanes for Janet McLachlan (27 points), Misty Thomas (16 points), Elisha Williams (10 points) and Nancy LaFleche (8 points). In a full team effort, with every one of the Breakers hitting the floor (sometimes literally), the team was successful in avenging the earlier round robin loss, beating Quebec by a score of 67–55. In the Gold Medal highlight match, the Breakers were matched up with Coach Corrigan's old club team, and BC rival, the Edmonton Inferno. The semi-final proved to be a good practice ground, as the Inferno pressed from the opening tap until the final buzzer. Alas, this time the Breakers were not able to overcome the adversity, losing a great game 58–44.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST 2009

24-29 America's Cup (World Championship America Zone Qualifier), Richmond, BC

### SEPTEMBER 2009

9 Tim Frick Fall City League (9 weeks)  
Canada Game ID Camp

TBA Regional Programs Resume

### OCTOBER 2009

1 BCWBS Fall Grant Applications Deadline

TBA Regional Programs Resume

### NOVEMBER 2009

7-8 High Performance Camp

14-15 Junior Challenge Tournament

Please check our website for the calendar update for more events.



## SUPPORT BCWBS AT CANADA HELPS

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society is a non-profit organization and registered charity. To that extent many of our services are made possible only by the generosity of individuals who donate to our cause. If you would like to make a one time donation or sign up for a monthly giving program to BCWBS visit Canada Helps at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org). Thank you for your support.

## VANCOUVER DUECK POWERGLIDES INDUCTED INTO BC SPORTS HALL OF FAME



Vancouver Dueck Powerglides

BC Wheelchair Basketball is thrilled to announce that the Vancouver Dueck Powerglides Wheelchair Basketball Team has been inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame in the Pioneer category. The induction ceremony was held on May 13th, 2009 at the new Vancouver Convention Centre.

A strong argument can be made that the remarkable international success of Canada's men's and women's wheelchair basketball teams in recent years has its roots in BC with the Vancouver Dueck Powerglides. Wheelchair basketball was established in scattered pockets of the US, but was largely unknown in BC prior to 1950 when Doug Mowat, Stan Stronge, Jim Mackie, and Walter Schmidt formed the Powerglides to give people with disabilities an opportunity to play the game here.

The early years were as much about building a sturdy foundation of players as educating the rest of the province about the game. One of only two Canadian wheelchair basketball teams at the time, the Powerglides toured the province playing teams of able-bodied players and amassed a record of 74 wins and one loss over a period of four seasons and also entered the NWBA league competing against teams in the Pacific Northwest Conference. In 1970, the team evolved into the Vancouver Cable Cars where legendary players Eugene Reimer, Peter Colistro, and Rick Hansen had the opportunity to leave their marks on the game.

## EIGHT NATIONALS TEAMS TO COMPETE AT AMERICA'S CUP IN RICHMOND OLYMPIC OVAL



Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) and BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (BCWBS) are pleased to be hosting the *2009 Americas Cup* from August 24 – 29, 2009 at the Richmond Olympic Oval. The America's Cup is a Men's America Zone qualification tournament for World Championships in 2010 (Birmingham, England.) The countries competing for the three qualifying spots are; Canada, the United States, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Jamaica, Mexico and Venezuela.

The games start 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, and 7pm everyday from August 24 -28. Saturday, August 29th will feature the Bronze medal game at 1pm, followed by the Gold medal game at 3pm. The complete schedule can be found at Wheelchair Basketball Canada website at <http://wheelchairbasketball.ca/en/tournament.aspx?id=1017>.

British Columbia athletes Bo Hedges, Ross MacDonald, Pat Anderson and Richard Peter, Paralympic Silver medalists in Beijing, will be representing Canada. Please bring your friends and family to experience this exciting event and cheer Bo, Ross, Pat, Richard, and team Canada.

For more information, please go to Wheelchair Basketball Canada website at <http://wheelchairbasketball.ca/en/content.aspx?id=1028> or contact the BCWBS office at: 604.333.3530.



## HOOPFEST 2009 RAISES OVER \$10K

*Hoopfest 2009* was held on Saturday April 25th at Cambie Secondary School in Richmond and was a great success, raising over \$10,000 to support wheelchair basketball programs across BC.

Firefighters from municipalities across the Lower Mainland once again were the primary participants in Hoopfest. Teams representing Burnaby Firefighters, Surrey Firefighters, Delta Firefighters, Vancouver Firefighters, Coquitlam Firefighters, Richmond Firefighters and Team Ate (local team of community players) battled throughout the day.

After a great day of games, fabulous food and prizes, the Burnaby Firefighters were the overall champions of our 16th annual event. The day also included a fantastic silent auction and a Charity Stripe Challenge where all participants tried to out score each other in the number of shots made in a row.

We would like to thank all the sponsors and the participants for their generous support. We would also like to thank provincial team members who provided the officiating and coaching skills, other BCWBS members as well as community volunteers including students from Cambie secondary school and Marpole Community Center.

### Thank you for your support of Hoopfest 2009:

Bosa Foods, Cambie Secondary School, Canadian Freestyle Ski Association, Canadian Soccer Association, The Vancouver Canadians, The Vancouver Canucks, Costco, Canadian Paralympic Committee, The Vancouver Giants, The BC Lions, Panago Pizza, Phoenix Gymnastics, The PNE, Sequoia Restaurants, Shell Canada, Starbucks, The Fish House in Stanley Park, Theatre Under the Stars, The Vancouver Aquarium, The Vancouver Curling Club, The Vancouver Zoo, Vanessa Lambert, The Vancouver Whitecaps, Kyna Fletcher, Joe Higgins, Misty Thomas.

## REGIONAL REPORTS



### INAUGURAL JAMBOREE

The first annual *Kelowna Jamboree* saw players arrive from all over Western Canada and the Pacific Northwest on April 18. There were over 60 players who participated in a variety of themed games where the players were divided into two levels, each group having the opportunity to have new team mates, opponents, and coaches.

Some of the highlights of the weekend included the hosting team, Okanagan Thunder, and some valuable recruits, winning the signature game at the buzzer. The City League division (recreational players) mixed playing and skill development. Many of the players were in one of two categories: first time players, or players who had been playing for a number of years and whose primary goal is to enjoy playing the game. Many juniors were excited when in one of the games, they got to play with national and international caliber players.

After the games were completed on Saturday, all players, referees, and organizers congregated for an entertaining banquet, featuring awards, the “Feed the Future” initiative, some great local wine, and players going from table to table mingling with all their new teammates.

The tournament concluded Sunday with many innovative games where we played open-point, women’s only, and “jambalaya” which consisted of high performance players and city leaguers mixing to form teams and playing in a fast-moving round robin.

The Jamboree was a resounding success, in no small part because of the enthusiasm and effort of many partners working together: the City of Kelowna, BC Wheelchair Basketball, local Kelowna players, Pacific Sport, Calgary Grizzlies and Rollers, our friends from Seattle, our officials, and all our participants. Parker, Wendy, Bryan and Joe would like to thank everyone for pitching in. People are already planning for the next Jamboree. It had a great recipe of off-court and on-court unique experiences. And I am sure the next jamboree will be bigger and better.

### GIVE IT A GO CAMP A GREAT SUCCESS

Douglas College hosted the *Give It a Go Camp* on June 5th and 6th. The objective for the weekend was to give the camp experience to new recruits to the sport and to those who don’t regularly get an opportunity to take part in a skill developmental camp.

Friday night was highlighted by Dave Munro, a renowned stand-up coach coaching wheelchair basketball for the first time. Dave did a marvelous job showing us some new drills and sharing his knowledge of basketball. Elisha Williams contributed to the success of the evening by helping the talent of the future learn some tricks of the trade. The evening concluded with some fun games and many participants receiving information about upcoming programs.

Saturday, the fun continued with a mixture of individual and team skill development. Our Society coaches and veteran athletes, lead by Patrick Anderson, the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Athlete of the Year, brought enthusiasm and experience to those just beginning their journey in wheelchair basketball. The weekend concluded with some fun games and a lot of smiling faces.

We look forward to seeing some of these new players in the Tim Frick City League starting in September and our junior programs that begin in the fall. If you know of anyone who missed this camp, and might enjoy playing wheelchair basketball, please don’t hesitate to give us a call. Thanks to all in the Society who encouraged over 25 players to “Give it a Go”.

### COMOX VALLEY WHEELCHAIR SPORTS GOOD FUN FOR EVERYONE

It took four years to gel, and now wheelchair basketball is roaring in the gym at the Comox Recreation Centre.

Building on the exhilaration of the Nanaimo camp in February of this year a group of friends carried forward the determination to have wheelchair sports in Comox Valley. With a generous temporary loan of equipment from the Nanaimo Wheelchair Basketball club, and space from the Comox Recreation Centre the sport is thriving.

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In the first month, each week saw the core group expanding with drop-in participants who thrilled at being active and gleefully looked forward to the next week. Players ranged in age from late twenties to sixty something with the mean age hovering around 50.

Basketball games run Friday nights from 7pm until about 8:30 pm. With the emphasis on having fun and learning new skills, everyone leaves the games quite charged and empowered. What a great way to end a week!

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## REGIONAL PROGRAMS RESUME THIS FALL

Regional programs will start the new season this fall. Please contact the program representative in your region for the details.

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Comox	Recreational Karin Kratz wheelsailor@yahoo.ca
Kamloops	Adult Program Tyler Tingle 250-579-5700
Kelowna	Recreational/Competitive Bryan Shore bshore@shaw.ca
Langley	BCWBS 604-333-3532
Maple Ridge	Junior Program BCWBS 604-333-3530
New Westminster	High Performance/Drop-in Cheryl Corrigan 604-333-3532
Nanaimo	Junior/Adult Program Bert Abbott 250-741-9889
Prince George	Junior/Mini/Recreational Pat Harris 250-563-6942
Richmond	All levels Joe Higgins 604-940-7719
Surrey	TBD
Vanderhoof	TBD
Victoria	Adult Program/Drop-in Tony Golston 250-893-8969 / ttop69@shaw.ca

## DEAN BROKOP PRESENTED WITH PRESIDENTS' AWARDS

We are pleased to announce that the former BCWBS board Dean Brokop was presented with Presidents' Awards at the Sport BC's annual ceremony on March 24, 2009.

Dean joined the Board of the BC Wheelchair Basketball Society in 1997, shortly after coordinating the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Championships that took place in Vancouver. In 2004, Dean acted as co-chair of the Canadian National Wheelchair Basketball Championships and CWBL Finals for Women that were hosted by BC. During his 11 years with BC Wheelchair Basketball Dean remained committed to stimulating the growth and development of wheelchair basketball in BC seeing the organization through both challenging and very successful times culminating in the 25th Anniversary of BCWBC and our most successful year to date as an organization both on and off the court.

"Presidents' Awards are presented annually to volunteers from Sport BC member organizations who represent the spirit of volunteerism, and whose dedication, energy, and commitment contribute to development of their sport or organization. Sport BC member organizations are eligible to recognize one volunteer per year." (*Sport BC Website*)

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## THE LANGLEY GOLD RUSH HAS BEGUN

The BC Wheelchair Basketball Society hosted a game night August 10. Thanks to the hard work of Jack and Mitch, our local wheelchair basketball enthusiasts, it was a great success. Over 15 participants, along with BC Wheelchair Basketball staff attended this event, many trying wheelchair basketball for the first time. Wow, did they catch on quickly, learning tips on pushing, passing and shooting.

One of the highlights of the evening was watching everyone race up and down the court laughing and giggling and encouraging each other to score the next hoop. It was great to see so many parents getting involved, whether it was cheering them on from the sidelines or taking part in some shooting and passing games. This successful games night has demonstrated that Langley Gold Rush is well on its way to being the next wheelchair basketball program in the Fraser Valley.

Thanks to the staff at the new Langley Events Center for your time and effort and John and Karen for all your help behind the scenes. Wheelchair Basketball supports further development of the Langley Gold Rush program. If you're interested in getting involved, please give the office a call.

# COACHES CORNER



## BCWBS Coach Updates

### Provincial Coach - Cheryl Corrigan

Hello all! Welcome to the summer coach's report. It was a busy summer for me, travelling with our Junior National Team in preparation and for IWBF Junior World Championships. On the Junior National team were BC athletes Matthew Ficocelli and Deion Green, and travelling to Paris with the team in the Manager spot was BCWBS Program Coordinator Makiko Harada.

The summer started out with a camp out at Brock University, where we split the gym with our senior men's team, and played the Netherlands Senior Men's team. It was a great complex to train in, and the team played some tough games against the Dutch and some of the locals.

The next week I spent down in Champaign-Urbana, Illinois at the University of Illinois' Elite Camp, learning from Illinois Head Coaches Mike Frogley and Patricia Cisneros. It was a great week of learning and coaching, and a great wheelchair basketball environment.

After that, I re-joined the Junior team in Toronto to head off to a week in Heidelberg, Germany for staging. We were hosted by the German U23 National team, and they were wonderful. We practiced every day, and were lucky enough to play the Germans in three exhibition games. It was great preparation for Worlds, and on July 5th, we got on a short flight to Paris.

Junior Worlds was an amazing experience. The top twelve teams from around the world were there to compete. We were in a pool with Japan, Turkey, Mexico, Sweden, and the

hosts, France. Pool play was tough, as this was the first international competition for all of the Canadians except for one. We ended pool play at 2-3, earning a spot in the quarterfinals and the right to play the eventual champions, the United States.

We finished the tournament in eighth place, and a great experience was had by all.

## Regional Coach – Joe Higgins

### *A Checklist for a Successful Season*

Complete and update your membership information, i.e.

- BCWBS
- Canadian Sports Pacific
- Wheelchair Loan Program
- Funding Opportunities

Be aware of deadlines to register for program and league events

- Local Programs such as City League/practice nights
- Provincial Leagues such as Division I or II
- Program teams i.e.; Breakers, Men's Provincial Team, Canada games

Evaluate and/or re-stock your game Survival Kit, i.e.

- Wheelchair parts
- Wheelchair repairs or modifications (snowboard bindings, etc)
- Water bottle
- Athletic tape
- Nutritional snacks
- Reversible jersey
- Player's diary

Review your calendar of events and update your agenda

- Check out what's on the webpage
- Identify and record your major events this year
- practice times/nights

Set some goals for the season, document your achievements

- Individual (physical, mental, tactical)
- Team (improve on out of bound plays)
- Practice (goal to attend % of practices, or work a % of effort, or complete a target drill)
- Games
- Set up a time to meet with your coach
- Seek out an individual player for mentorship