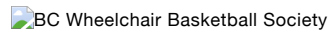




The NETWORK - Spring 2011 Newsletter (Revised Issue)



* Please disregard the original issue that was posted/sent on May 19 as there were some technical issues.

In this edition, you will find stories about the 2011 National Championships, Tim Frick Winter City League, Canada Games, BC-CWBL Finals, CWBL Open Finals, Hoopfest, and more! Find out what was happening in this busy 2010-11 season.

BC Men National Champs 5 Years in a Row

The BC Men's Provincial Team captured their fifth consecutive national title with a 58-53 win over Ontario at the 2011 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships in Longueuil, Quebec. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-18-2011/bc-men-nationals-champs-5-years-row>)



BC Breakers Finish 4th at 2011 Women's CWBL Finals

The BC Breakers went into 2011 Women's CWBL Finals held on May 13-15 in Longueuil, Quebec as defending national champions. Although the team fought hard, they struggled throughout the weekend and finished 4th. Find out more about the tournament's results here (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-18-2011/bc-breakers-finish-4th-2011-womens-cwbl-finals>) .

2010's Brightest in BC Wheelchair Basketball Honoured at Annual Awards

BURNABY, BC – Outstanding contributions and achievements in the sport of wheelchair basketball in British Columbia were recognized at the BC Division of the Canadian Wheelchair Basketball League (CWBL) Awards Banquet on March 5. In attendance at the banquet, were over 75 members of the BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (BCWBS) including players, officials and partners. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-07-2011/2010%E2%80%99s-brightest-bc-wheelchair-basketball-honoured-annual-awards>)



Janet, Ross, and Joe Win WBC Annual Awards

Wheelchair Basketball Canada Announces 2011 Major Award Winners & Hall of Fame Inductees

(Longueuil, QC) – Wheelchair Basketball Canada proudly announced the names of its major award winners and Hall of Fame inductees Saturday evening at its 2011 annual awards banquet as part of the festivities of the 2011 National Championship in Longueuil, QC. read more...

(<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-16-2011/janet-ross-and-joe-win-wbc-annual-awards>)

Victoria Takes Division 2 Provincial Title

In the spirit of March Madness, wheelchair basketball players from across BC took to the courts at Douglas College to participate in the BC Provincial Wheelchair Basketball Championships. BC Wheelchair Basketball is very appreciative of the support from the Province of BC - Hosting BC program, Douglas College, Subway, Panago Pizza and Advanced Mobility for their contribution to the hosting of this event. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-11-2011/victoria-take-division-2-provincial-title>)



Douglas College Lions Win Silver at 2011 CWBL Open Finals

(Surrey, BC) – After three days of intense wheelchair basketball action at the South Surrey Recreational Centre, Variety Village was crowned the 2011 CWBL Open Division Champions on Sunday, April 10 defeating the defending-champion Douglas College Lions by a score of 67-49. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/04-12-2011/douglas-college-lions-win-silver-2011-cwbl-open-finals>)



Tim Frick City League Winter Session Wrap Up

The Winter Tim Frick City League showcased another great season of wheelchair basketball at Douglas College.

Continuing off a strong Fall season, 27 participants took to the court to develop their game experience, learned new skills, and built camaraderie with their teammates. Our new league leader Holly Tawse pulled off a successful season with her enthusiasm and big smile. [read more...](http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-23-2011/tim-frick-city-league-winter-session-wrap) (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-23-2011/tim-frick-city-league-winter-session-wrap>)



Canada Games Team Wraps Up Their Season

This year's BC Provincial Junior team finished up their competitive season on the weekend of March 5 & 7 & 8 with a sixth place finish at the BC-CWBL Division Two Finals. This finish followed closely on the heels of a great seventh place finish at the Canada Winter Games in Halifax in February. [read more...](http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-11-2011/canada-games-team-wraps-their-season)

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Victoria Hosts Great Basketball Weekend

Over 40 participants enjoyed two days of wheelchair basketball at the PISE in Victoria. Representatives from the BC Breakers, the Be Squad, Nanaimo, and the Fraser Valley all came to the Island to take part in mixture of skills and games led by Joe Higgins and guest coaches from Seattle. [read more...](http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-11-2011/victoria-hosts-great-basketball-weekend)

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All-Comers Basketball Festival Report

The inaugural All-Comers Wheelchair Basketball Festival was held on Saturday, March 11, 2011 with over 24 participants attending the afternoon event at Douglas College. A mix of both veteran and new athletes came out to the event which saw seven first time participants to the sport of wheelchair basketball. [read more...](http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-22-2011/all-comers-basketball-festival-report)

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Another Great Weekend at Third Annual Kelowna Jamboree

On March 19 and 20th, Kelowna held it's 3rd annual Jamboree! This year we had 44 athletes plus coaches and fans attend from Vancouver, Kamloops, Kelowna, Calgary, and Spokane which was a new addition this year! [read more...](http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-28-2011/another-great-weekend-third-annual-kelowna-jamboree)

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Mini Players Impress Spectators at Steve Nash Youth Basketball Challenge

13 junior players joined in the Mini Basketball Festival on the weekend of April 2 & 3. This year's festival had an unique opportunity to participate in the Steve Nash Youth Basketball Challenge hosted by Basketball BC at a beautiful venue the Langley Event Centre. [read more...](http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/04-13-2011/mini-players-impress-spectators-steve-nash-youth-basketball-challenge) (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/04-13-2011/mini-players-impress-spectators-steve-nash-youth-basketball-challenge>)



Burnaby Fire Fighters Defend Title at the 18th Annual Hoopfest - \$8,500 Raised

The 18th annual Hoopfest was held at the Cambie Secondary School on April 16 and was a huge success! Thank-you to everyone who supported the event this year! read more...

(<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/04-21-2011/burnaby-fire-fighters-defend-title-18th-annual-hoopfest-8500-raised>)

Who Is the WestJet Raffle Lucky Winner?

At noon on Wednesday May 19, the draw for WestJet Raffle tickets was completed. The lucky winner was... read more

(<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-19-2011/who-westjet-affle-lucky-winner>)

Competitive Games Played at Breakers and Be Squad Invitational

On the May 7/8 weekend, BCWBS in conjunction with Trinity Western University hosted an exhibition tournament. This tournament consisted of two parts: BC Breakers tournament and Be Squad tournament. read more...

(<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-18-2011/competitive-games-played-breakers-and-be-squad-invitational>)

Let's Play Spring Report

Let's Play sports chairs are in full action!

In Prince George alone, over 1000 kids have had a chance to play in them thanks to the efforts of the Nancy and Avril Harris. read more...

(<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-03-2011/lets-play-spring-report>)

Jessica V. Wins the Women in Sports Award

Congratulations to Jessica Vliegthart, BC Provincial team and Canadian national team athlete, for winning the athlete of the year at the 2011 Celebration of Women in Sport (WinS) event at PISE. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-17-2011/jessica-v-wins-women-sports-award>)

Wheelchair Basketball Excitement in Powell River

Joe brought team Higgins to Powell River on the weekend of December 10/11 for his first-ever visit to the newly-formed wheelchair basketball club, the Powell River Ravens. In February 2010, the Powell River Disability Sport Club redirected their efforts exclusively on creating a recreational community team. read more...

(<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/01-07-2011/wheelchair-basketball-excitement-powell-river>)

Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary Relay Endurance Program Information Released

Letter from Rick Hansen

"It has been 25 years since my journey to make the world more accessible and inclusive and find a cure for spinal cord injury travelled around the globe as the Man in Motion World Tour (MIMWT). For 26 months my team and I wheeled more than 40,000 km through 34 countries, raising awareness of the potential of people with disabilities. The Tour raised \$26M which has grown over the past 25 years to over \$245M towards my dream. Now, I'm excited to announce we'll be commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the MIMWT with a national, nine-month relay commencing in August 2011. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-29-2011/rick-hansen-25th-anniversary-relay-endurance-program-information-released>)

Upcoming Events

June 25-16 Hoopfest Spokane - Spokane, WA, USA

July 15-21 U25 Junior Women's World Championships - Brock University, ON

August 20-21 NBA Jam Session - Downtown Vancouver, BC

August 27-28 BCWBS Junior Sumer Camp - Douglas College, New Westminster

September 11-12 West Coast Classic - Richmond, BC

Stay tuned on Calendar of Events (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/calendar>) for more events during the summer

Coaches Corner

From Provincial Coach Cheryl Corrigan - May 2011 (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-18-2011/provincial-coach-cheryl-corrigan-may-2011>)

From Regional Coach Joe Higgins - May 2011 (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/05-18-2011/regional-coach-joe-higgins-may-2011>)

