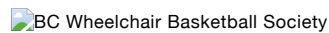




The NETWORK - Spring 2012 Newsletter



In this edition, you will find stories about the BC-CWBL Finals, BCWBS Annual Awards, Tim Frick Winter City League, Junior Challenge, upcoming events, and more! Find out what has been happening during the winter and early spring!

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society Honours its Best and Brightest at Annual Awards Night

SURREY, BC -- The BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (BCWBS) honoured the accomplishments of its members at our annual awards night, which took place Saturday, March 3rd, at the banquet for the BC Wheelchair Basketball League finals. Athletes, coaches, officials and partners from around the province were in attendance. read more... (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/03-06-2012/bc-wheelchair-basketball-society-honours-its-best-and-brightest-annual-awards-night>)



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Victoria and Royals Claim 2012 BC Championship Titles

Teams from across BC and our friends from Tacoma, came together for the 2012 BC-CWBL Finals at Douglas College in Coquitlam, BC on March 2-4. With a combination of tough competition between all D2 teams in their games and the intense battle of Douglas College's D1 Lions and Royals, the tournament was a great success. All teams showed great heart and determination throughout the competition. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-07-2012/victoria-and-royals-claim-2012-bc-championship-titles>)



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BCWBS has Moved!

The BC Wheelchair Basketball Society office has moved and our new contact information is as follows:

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More Stories:

Regionals

- **Fan 'FRICKin' tastic! - 2012 Tim Frick City League Wrap Up** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-12-2012/fan-frickin-tastic-2012-tim-frick-city-league-wrap>)
- **Regional Coach Visits Comox and Powell River Programs** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-09-2012/regional-coach-visits-comox-and-powell-river-programs>)
- **2012 Wheelchair Basketball Jam - April 14 and 15, 2012** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/02-01-2012/2012-wheelchair-basketball-jam-april-14-and-15-2012>)

High Performance

- **BC Junior and Men's Provincial Teams Announced for 2012** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/03-07-2012/bc-junior-and-mens-provincial-teams-announced-2012>)
- **2012 National Wheelchair Basketball Teams Named** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/01-17-2012/2012-national-wheelchair-basketball-teams-named>)
- **Intense Training at High Performance Camp** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/01-11-2012/intense-training-high-performance-camp>)

Juniors

- **Gold Rush and Royals Claim Titles at the 12th Junior Challenge** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/12-15-2011/gold-rush-and-royals-claim-top-spots-12th-junior-challenge>)



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- **Junior Players had a Blast at the First Game Night** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/12-06-2011/junior-players-had-blast-first-game-night>)
- **Langley Gold Rush Update by Coach Nathan** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-03-2011/langley-gold-rush-update-coach-nathan>)
* Surrey and Chilliwack Junior programs also continued to grow by welcoming many new players this year!
- **Let's Play Day will be held on Sunday April 22 in Abbotsford. Stay tuned!**

Other News

- **Rick Hansen Celebration 25: Exclusive Pre-sale Offer for BCWBS Members and Subscribers** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/03-16-2012/rick-hansen-celebration-25-exclusive-pre-sale-offer-bcwbs-members-and-subscribers>)
- **Support our Hoopfest 2012 on April 14** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/about-us/hoopfest>)
* You can support us by sending a team and/or donating to BCWBS!



- **Richard Peter Receives National Aboriginal Achievement Award** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-24-2011/richard-peter-receives-national-aboriginal-achievement-award>)
- **BCWBS & BCWSA Members Honoured at the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association Awards** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/11-25-2011/bcwbs-bcwsa-members-honoured-canadian-wheelchair-sports-association-awards-night>)
- **BCWBS Official Dean MacKinnon Named Basketball BC Hall of Fame Inductee** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/02-03-2012/bcwbs-official-dean-mackinnon-named-basketball-bc-hall-fame-inductee>)
- **Sport BC Honours BC Wheelchair Sports Association Executive Director for Lifetime Achievement** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/02-14-2012/sport-bc-honours-bc-wheelchair-sports-association-executive-director-lifetime-achiev>)

Volunteers

- **Difference Makers Wanted! - Volunteer at the 2012 National Championships** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/03-19-2012/difference-makers-wanted-volunteer-2012-national-championships-may>)

Coaches

- **BCWBS Welcomes Matt Buchi to the Position of Regional Development Coach** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/02-01-2012/bc-wheelchair-basketball-society-welcomes-matt-buchi-position-regional-development-c>)
- **From Provincial Coach, Joe Higgins - March 2012** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/03-14-2012/provincial-coach-joe-higgins-march-2012>)
- **From Regional Coach, Matt Buchi - March 2012** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/03-14-2012/regional-coach-matt-buchi-march-2012>)

Upcoming Events

March 24-25: Western Junior Regionals (Regina, SK)
March 31 - April 1: Steve Nash Youth Challenge (Langley, BC)
March 31 - April 1: Calgary Rollers Tournament - Women (Calgary, AB)
April 6-8: CWBL Open Finals - Douglas College Royals to represent BC (PEI)
April 14: Hoopfest (Richmond, BC)
April 14-15: Kelowna Jamboree (Kelowna, BC)
April 22: Let's Play Day (Abbotsford, BC)
April 27-29: Defi Sportif - Men (Montreal, QC)
May 5-6: Be Squad Invitational (Richmond, BC)
May 18-20: Men's Nationals & Women's CWBL Finals (Richmond, BC)

Thank-You

Big thanks to our sponsors and partner organizations:



Wheelchair Basketball Canada, Douglas College, Rick Hansen Foundation, Rick Hansen Institute, Panago Pizza, Trinity Western University, Basketball BC, Tim Hortons

BCWBS also would like to thank **all the volunteers** that supported us in various areas this winter.

BC SCI Community Services Network

The BC SCI Community Services Network is comprised of five community focused organizations dedicated to improving the lives of over 12,000 British Columbian's with spinal cord injury (or related disability). These organizations work in unison to provide the best and most essential community services throughout the province.

BC Paraplegic Association (<http://bcpara.org/>)

BCPA helps people with SCI (or related physical disability) and their families adjust, adapt and thrive in their new lives.

BC Wheelchair Sports Association (<http://www.bcwheelchairsports.com/>)

Provides opportunities for athletes with physical disabilities, and promotes wheelchair sports within the community.

Neil Squire Society (<http://www.neilsquire.ca/>)

Uses technology, knowledge and passion to empower Canadians with physical disabilities.

Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation (<http://www.reachdisability.org/>)

Provides opportunities for people with disabilities. Promotes the capabilities and talents of people with physical challenges.

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/>)

Provides people with physical disabilities in BC the opportunity to participate in wheelchair basketball programs.

BCWBS will highlights each organization's programs and opportunities on our website and newsletters. Stay tuned!

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