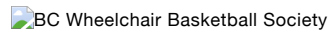




The NETWORK - December 2012 Newsletter



BCWBS wishes you all HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

BCWBS would like to thank everyone for their generous support this year whether as an athlete, coach, volunteer, official, sponsor, or partner! The year 2012 was a full of successful programs and events for BCWBS and its members. We wish you all happy holidays and enjoy the last newsletter of 2012!



In this edition, you will find the news and stories on events held from October through December 2012 including Jr. Challenge Festival, Tim Frick Fall City League, BC-CWBL Tournaments, and more!

Young Wheelchair Basketball Athletes Shine at Junior Challenge Festival

November 10/11 marked the 13th Annual Junior Challenge at McRoberts Secondary in Richmond. Junior athletes from all over BC came out to show their skills on the court. The format for the tournament was a little bit different this year in order to align our programming with the Long Term Athlete Development model. Still having the two divisions of 8 1/2 and 10ft we reduced the number of players on the court. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-16-2012/young-wheelchair-basketball-athletes-shine-junior-challenge-festival>)



League Award Winners Presented at Fall City League Final Night

Tim Frick Fall City League ended on November 25. Unfortunately we were missing a few players and regular coach Arley for this final night but the players in attendance had a blast playing some games thanks to our Provincial Coach Marni Abbott-Peter. read more... (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/11-28-2012/league-award-winners-presented-fall-city->

league-final-night)



Art Kelz of Kelowna Wins the Honda Mobility Dream Contest

From Honda Media Advisory:

BC Wheelchair Basketball and its volunteer, Art Kelz, have won \$20,000 to make a "mobility dream" come true in the Honda Mobility Dream contest. read more... (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/10-15-2012/art-kelz-kelowna-wins-honda-mobility-dream-contest>)



* Vernon 4-week pilot program was held November 13 - December 4 utilizing these donated sport wheelchairs and was a huge success. They are starting a winter session again in New Year. Stay tuned!

More Stories:

Competitions

- **Division 2 Kamloops Tournament Results** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-04-2012/division-2-kamloops-tournament-results>)
- **Division 1 & 2 Lower Mainland Tournament Results** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-28-2012/division-1-2-lower-mainland-tournament-results>)

Juniors

- **BC Games 2014 & Canada Games 2015 for BC Junior Athletes** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/12-11-2012/bc-games-2014-canada-games-2015-bc-junior-athletes>)
- **Centre for Performance Camp Led by Junior National Team Coach Steve Bialowas** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/12-13-2012/coach-steve-bialowas-led-intense-camp-bc-junior-athletes>)
- **Telus Vancouver Community Board Supports Let's Play While Santa Visits Sunny Hill**



(<http://bcwbs.ca/news/12-13-2012/telus-vancouver-community-board-supports-lets-play-while-santa-visits-sunny-hill>)

- **Junior Players Had a Blast at the Halloween Game Night** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/10-23-2012/junior-players-had-blast-halloween-game-night>)
- **Junior Programs Resume in Chilliwack, Langley, Surrey, Richmond, and Nanaimo - stay tuned on our website** (<http://bcwbs.ca/>) **for more info in New Year**

Awards

- **Nomination Accepted for BCWBS Annual Awards** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-29-2012/nominations-accepted-bcwbs-annual-awards>)
- **Wheelchair Basketball Canada Applauds 2012 CWSA Award Winners** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-28-2012/wheelchair-basketball-canada-applauds-2012-cwsa-award-winners>)
- **Dean Receives BCBOA Life Membership Award** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/10-17-2012/dean-receives-bcboa-life-membership-award>)

Volunteers

BCWBS is always looking for passionate and hardworking volunteers. In addition to regular program volunteers, we are currently looking for special event volunteers for:

- **BC-CWBL Provincial Finals in Coquitlam (March 1-3)** - scorekeeping, gym set-up/take down, game directors
- **Jr. West Regional Championships in Prince George (Marh 22-24)** - scorekeeping, gym set-up/take down, hospitality, transportation, etc.

Please contact BCWBS office at info@bcwbs.ca (<mailto:info@bcwbs.ca>) if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

- **Celebrate and Support the 20th Anniversary of Hoopfest** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/12-03-2012/celebrate-and-support-20th-anniversary-hoopfest>)



- **Winter Tim Frick City League Registration Open** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-28-2012/winter-tim-frick-city-league-registration-open>) - **Early Bird Registration Deadline January 4th**

To check out the events and programs in New Year, go to **our calendar** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/calendar>)

Office

- **Job Posting - Maternity Leave Position Available BCWBS Managing Director** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/11-28-2012/maternity-leave-position-available-bcwbs-managing-director>)
- **Holiday Office Closure** (<http://www.bcwbs.ca/news/12-10-2012/holiday-office-closure>)
- **From Provincial Coach Marni Abbott-Peter** (<http://bcwbs.ca/news/12-12-2012/provincial-coach-marni-abbott-peter-dec-2012>)
- **Regional Coach Joe Higgins Leaving BCWBS** - Regional Coach Joe Higgins is leaving BCWBS as of December 15. Joe has been a passionate coach, great leader, and friend to many of our members including athletes, fellow coaches, volunteers, and their families for many years. The influence Joe has made on our programs and the impact he made on many athletes from junior to Paralympic athletes are indescribable. Joe will still be around to help us as a skilled volunteer but he won't be working for us on a regular basis. BCWBS would like to thank Joe for his hard work and to wish him the best. **Thanks Joe!!**

BC SCI Community Services Network

- **SCI-BC Presents Accessible Travel Advice by Peers, for Peers** (<http://sci-bc.ca/travel/>)

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).

Spinal Cord Injury BC (<http://sci-bc.ca/>) 
BC Wheelchair Sports Association (<http://bcwheelchairsports.com/>) 

Neil Squire Disability Foundation (<http://www.neilsquire.ca/>) 
Sam Sullivan Disability Foundation (<http://disabilityfoundation.org/>) 

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

These organizations work in unison to provide the best and most essential community services throughout the province.

DONATE NOW

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 donation, visit **Canada Helps** (<http://www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s58523>) .



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK (<https://www.facebook.com/BCWBS>) & **FOLLOW US ON TWITTER**
 (<https://twitter.com/BCWBS>) **You will find more news and photos that you can't get on our website!**

BC Wheelchair Basketball - The NETWORK (</about-us/newsletter/bc-wheelchair-basketball-network>)