

BC WHEELCHAIR SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Many thanks to all of the partners and supporters of the 2010 Paralympic Torch Relay for honouring members of the 'BCWSA Family' with the opportunity to carry the Paralympic Torch. Special thanks to Coca Cola, the Royal Bank of Canada, the Canadian Paralympic Committee, Act Now, the Provincial Government of British Columbia, the Federal Government of Canada, and the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games.



PROFILES

Wheelchair Athletics

KELLY SMITH

Kelly will also be in the Opening Ceremonies for the Paralympic Games

- 2004 Paralympic Silver Medalist, Marathon
- Canadian Record Holder, 5000m, 10,000m events
- Motivational Speaker "Attitude is Everything"
- 2004, 2005 BCWSA Athlete of the Year
- Board Member, BC Wheelchair Sports Association
- National Ambassador, Rick Hanson Foundation
- www.wheel-power.com

JAMES HUSTVEDT

Carrying the torch at the Robson Square Celebration Site, March 11th between 5pm and 630pm, and performing in the Opening Ceremonies

- Provincial Team Coach, Wheelchair Athletics
- Coach, Cross Country Skiing
- 2005 and 2009 Canada Games, 2003 and 2007 Western Canada Games Coach
- Twice awarded WC Race Series Peer Recognition Award
- Bridging the Gap Role Model & Mentor
- BC Athletics Award for Coach of the Year
- Provincial Advisor, BC Games & Western Canada Summer Games

STEVE MILUM

Carrying the torch at the Robson Square Celebration Site, March 12th between 12:00am and 1:30am

- Founder of the WC Race Series, introducing new participants to wheelchair track and road racing and providing peer support, financial and other assistance
 - www.wcraceseries.com
- Bridging the Gap Role Model and Mentor
- Owner of Chairstuff, sponsor of many wheelchair sports events, including wheelchair athletics & wheelchair rugby www.chairstuff.com

MICHELLE STILWELL

Paralympic Torch Bearer (location TBD)

- Paralympic Gold Medalist, Wheelchair Athletics, Beijing 2008
- World Record Holder, Wheelchair Athletics
- Paralympic Gold Medalist, Wheelchair Basketball, Sidney, 2000
- WC Race Series Board Member
- Ambassador for the Rick Hanson Foundation
- Ambassador for Act Now

PETER LAWLESS

Carrying the Torch in Victoria, March 6th

- Coach of Paralympians Michelle Stilwell (Beijing 2008), Karen March (Athens 2004), Teri Thorson (Athens 2004), Al Bergman (Athens 2004)
- Provincial Coach & Canada Games Coach 2001
- Western Canada Summer Games Coach 1999, 2003
- NCCP Course Conductor
- BCWSA Coach of the Year, 2002, 2004
- PacificSport Board Member
- Board Member, Coaches of Canada

Wheelchair Basketball

DEAN MCKINNON

- BCWSA Board Member for over 10 years
- Official, Wheelchair Basketball, National Level since 1982
- Allocator of officials in BC and active in Officials Training & Certification
- Official, Wheelchair Rugby, National Level
- Recipient of the BCWSA Builder Award at the Millennium Celebration
- BC Wheelchair Basketball Official of the Year
- BC Wheelchair Sports Volunteer of the Year

TIM FRICK

Carrying the torch at the Esquimalt celebration site (Archie Browning Sports Centre) 1151 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, March 06 2010, 10:00-11:00

- International Wheelchair Sports Coach of the Year
- Sport BC Coach of the Year
- BCWSA Coach of the Year
- CWSA Coach of the Year
- BC Wheelchair Basketball Coach of the Year
- Geoff Gowan Award Recipient for Lifetime contribution to Coaching

- Coach – Canadian Women’s Wheelchair Basketball Team, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006 World Champions, Paralympic Gold Medalists 1992, 1996, 2000, Bronze Medalists 2004
- Coaches Association Board of Directors
- Educator, Sport Science and Coaching at Douglas College
- National Coaching Certification Program Course Conductor & Master Course Conductor
- 7 time recipient, Petro-Canada Excellence Award
- Level 4 Certified Coach
- Coach, Rick Hansen, Athletics; Part of the Man in Motion World Tour support staff

JENNIFER KREMPIAN

- Paralympic Gold Medalist, 1992, 1996, 2000, Bronze Medalist 2004
- World Champion, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006
- Numerous All Star Awards Nationally & Internationally
- 2008 CWBA Female Athlete of the Year
- 2008 CWSA Stan Stronge Award
- National Champion 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004
- Flag Bearer for Canada at the 2007 ParaPan American Games
- Nutritionist working with high performance athletes & National Team Programs in Wheelchair Rugby, Wheelchair Basketball, and Provincial team programs in a number of sports
- Clinical Pediatric Dietitian, BC Children’s Hospital

PATRICK ANDERSON

Carrying the torch in Whistler, March 8th in the afternoon, co-Mayor of the Paralympic Athletes Village in Whistler

- Paralympic Gold Medalist, Wheelchair Basketball, Sidney 2000, Athens 2004
- Multiple World Champion, Wheelchair Basketball
- Multiple MVP and All Star Awards
- Multiple National Championships with BC

Wheelchair Tennis

YUKA CHOKYU

Carrying the torch in Squamish, March 7th

- #1 Ranked Women’s Wheelchair Tennis Player in Canada
- 2001 and 2002 Female Player of the Year, Tennis Canada
- Twice named the CWSA Female Athlete of the Year
- Involved in Wheelchair Tennis for more than 15 years
- Multi-year National Champion in both singles and doubles – Silver or Gold Medalist since 1997
- Currently Ranked 19th in the World in Singles, 14th in Doubles
- Career High Singles ranking of #6 in Singles, #3 in Doubles
- BC Wheelchair Sports Association Athlete of the Year, 1998, 2001

SARAH HUNTER

Carrying the Torch in Hope, March 9th, Performing the Opening Ceremonies, March 12th

- Canadian Champion in the Quad Division for wheelchair tennis in both singles and doubles
- Top ranked international wheelchair tennis player (Currently #5 in the world)
- Bridging the Gap Role Model
- CWSA Female Athlete of the Year 2009

Wheelchair Rugby

DUNCAN CAMPBELL

Carrying the Torch at the Robson Celebration Site, March 12th between 10:00am and 11:30am

- One of the original founders of the Game of Wheelchair Rugby in 1977, now a Paralympic Sport and a designated Canadian Heritage Sport
- National Bridging the Gap Manager, under the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association
- CWSA Competitions Committee Chairperson, CWSA
- Canadian Wheelchair Rugby Management Committee Member, Development Portfolio
- Athlete role model and mentor, credited with recruiting and supporting 100's of new wheelchair sport participants
- CPC Hall of Fame Member
- CWSA Dr. Robert W. Jackson Award Recipient
- BCWSA Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient
- BCWSA Millennium Award Winner, Builders Category
- 2008 Beijing Paralympic Torch Bearer
- The Canadian Wheelchair Rugby Championship trophy is named the 'Campbell Cup' at the request of the players in the sport of wheelchair rugby
- BC Wheelchair Sports Association Volunteer of the Year, 1995
- Created the first Coaching Certification program for Wheelchair Rugby

GARRET HICKLING

Carrying the Torch in Hope, March 9th

- BC Wheelchair Sports Association Athlete of the Year, 2002
- National Team Member for more than 15 years
- 9 National Championships with the BC Team
- BC Premier's Athletic Award 1996
- 2002 BCWSA Athlete of the Year
- World Championship MVP in the first three World Championships for Wheelchair Rugby
- Certified Coach in Wheelchair Rugby
- Paralympian at the 2000, 2004, and 2008 Games
- Paralympic Silver Medalist, 2004, Bronze Medalist 2008
- World Champion 2002, Bronze Medal 2006

MULTISPORT

Rick Hansen, Rick Hansen Foundation

Carrying the Torch on March 6th in Victoria, Host of the CTV's the Difference Makers

Laurel Crosby, Chair 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships

Carrying the torch on March 12 between 10:00-11:30 at the Robson Square Celebration Site

Cathy Cadieux, Executive Director, CWSA

Carrying the torch near UBC, between 11:00am and 12:30pm on March 11th

Kathy Newman, Executive Director, BCWSA

Carrying the torch on March 9th at the celebration site in Hope in Memorial Park on Wallace Street, between 4pm and 6pm.

Sian Blyth, High Performance Director, Disabled Skiers Association (Former BCWSA BTG Staff Person)

Carrying the torch on March 8th in Whistler, and participating in the Opening Ceremonies

Gail Hamamoto, Director of Sport Development, BCWSA

Carrying the torch at the Robson Square Celebration Site, between 3:00pm and 4:30pm on March 11th

OPENING CEREMONIES PARTICIPANTS

Janet Petras, Director. Wheelchair Tennis, Tennis Canada

- BC Wheelchair Sports Association Coach of the Year, 2003
- Team Leader, Wheelchair Tennis, 2004 & 2008 Paralympic Games
- Responsible for all programs related to Wheelchair Tennis under Tennis Canada since 1996
- Member of the International Wheelchair Tennis Association Committee

OTHER COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Kristin McBride – Wheelchair Rugby

- Speaking at the community celebration in Squamish, Sunday March 7th from 1 – 3pm in the RBC Parking lot.

Marni Abbot – Wheelchair Basketball

- Paralympic Village Mayor, Whistler

IF YOU KNOW OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BCWSA FAMILY THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE LET US KNOW! EMAIL INFO@BCWHEELCHAIRSPORTS.COM