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## RUGBY GOLD FOR BC!

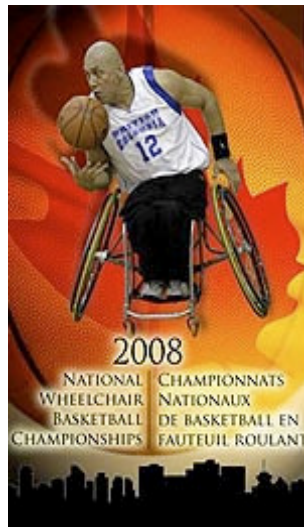
Canadian National Wheelchair Rugby Championships were held June 9th to 11th, 2008 at Humber College in Toronto. BC sent two teams, one each in Division 1 and Division 2. Our Division 1 team went undefeated and won the Campbell Cup beating Ontario by 4 in the final. Trevor Hirshfield was chosen as the best 1-point player and Ian Chan was selected as the Most Valuable Player. The BC Division 2 team did very

well. They were extremely competitive in most of their games and placed 4th in Division 2. Rod Bitz was selected as the best 3 point player in Division 2. All in all it was a great tournament. Many thanks to the excellent team staff who support both of our teams throughout the year. Game results are posted on the Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association website at [www.cwsa.ca](http://www.cwsa.ca)



The 2008 Canada Cup Wheelchair Rugby Tournament will be held June 27-29th at Bonsor Recreation Centre in Burnaby. This years list of teams will be identical to those competing in the wheelchair rugby competition at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Summer Games and will include; Canada, USA, Great Britain, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and China. A full schedule is available at [www.bcwheelchairsports.com](http://www.bcwheelchairsports.com)

## TEAM BC TAKES BASKETBALL GOLD!



Wheelchair Basketball Nationals were held in BC May 16 - 18th, 2008. Team BC had a successful day on the court, winning double gold medals. The men's team successfully defended their National Championship title with a 67-62 win over Team Quebec.

The tournament All Star team featured BC's own Jamie Borisoff,

and Paralympian Richard Peter (Pictured left), captured the title of tournament MVP.

The BC Breakers women's team also beat Team Quebec 59-52 To Win 2008 National Women's Championship.

The women's team maintained their perfect record, and captured gold, with a 59-52 win against Team Quebec. BC's high scorer, and tournament MVP, Misty Thomas led the way with 24 points and 12 rebounds, while Elisha Williams was a key player offensively and contributed 12 points of her own. Four time Paralympic medalist, Chantal Benoit demonstrated her leadership on the court and scored 14 points, while teammates Gabriel Côté and Cindy Ouellet had 14 and 12 points respectively.

"After 25 years, we're proud to bring the national title home to BC," said Marni Abbott-Peter, head coach of Team BC. "The team is made up of a mix of veterans and rookies that really worked hard and deserved to win."

## CANADA CUP'S INTERNET MEDIA COVERAGE

This year's Canada Cup will be webcast by xABLE. Media persons will be on hand filming and providing commentary for selected games. To tune in visit our website at

[www.bcwheelchairsports.com](http://www.bcwheelchairsports.com) during the tournament!



## A BIG THANK YOU TO LINDA LEE!

BC Wheelchair Sports would like to extend a big Thank You to Linda Lee who retired last month after 17 years of dedicated service at BC Wheelchair Sports. Happy Retirement - Enjoy it!

## ATHLETICS

This year's race season has begun and is off to a great start.



**2008 Pre Season Clinic in April; (L-R) Nathan, Alvin, Leo and Jen**

Champions Camp was held in April in Georgia with coach James Hustvedt and Nathan DeWitt attending.

The Athletics Pre-season Clinic was held April 12-13, 2008 with fantastic spring weather and great participation. The sessions included one-on-one nutrition and dartfish sessions, practical strength/stretching sessions and on-track sports psychology.

Thanks Jenn, Teri, Alvin, Lou, Jess,

Nathan, Brad, returning folks; Joe and Bob, and "newbies"; Angela, Tre, Kasper, Tory and Leo. Thank you to Volunteers: Peter, Amira, Lara and Brad.

There was a good turnout for the wheelchair portion of this years Sun Run April 20 with Vancouver's Scott Patterson winning the open men's division (32:17), James Hustvedt winning the men's quad division (43:56) and Jessica DesMazes winning the open women's division (46:06).

Dogwood Track Meet was held May 9-11, 2008 in Victoria. The wheelchair division saw athletes from both BC and Saskatchewan compete.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

**Road night**—Mondays at Iona Beach, Richmond

**Track night**—Thursdays at 5:30 at Eric Hamber Track (33rd and Oak St.), Vancouver

### UPCOMING BC EVENTS

**June 14-15** - Langley Track Meet, Langley

**June 22** - Scotiabank Half Marathon, Vancouver (\*Trial event)

**July 6** - Mid-Summer 8K, Kelowna

**July 11-13** - BC Track Championships, Kamloops

**August 3** - Squamish Days 10 K, Squamish

**August 10** - Delta Half Marathon, Delta

**August 17** - Richmond Flatland 10K, Richmond

**For Information on Athletics contact James Hustvedt at james@bcwheelchairsports.com Or 604-616-7106**

For WC Race Series Information visit [www.wcraceseries.com](http://www.wcraceseries.com) or e-mail [info@wcraceseries.com](mailto:info@wcraceseries.com).

## RUGBY

The Provincial wheelchair rugby team tryouts were held March 14-15, 2008 with the BC-A and B teams being selected. Good work everyone. The Vancouver Invitational Tournament was held on March 28-30, 2008 and was another great success. Ten teams participated with Portland coming away as the A Division winners and Seattle the B Division winners. BC's Ian Chan was awarded the tournament MVP.

The league finished up in March with

great with regular participation from the lower mainland and Victoria. Thanks to all the volunteers who make the league possible.

Also in March, the National team tryouts were held with 5 BC players named to the program. BCWSA hosted an informal rugby training session in the Okanagan April 19-20th - the response was great. Thanks everyone who participated! The lower mainland team is looking forward to playing you all in the league next season!

Rugby's National championships were held in Toronto May 9-11, 2008 (See page 1 for details).

Weekly lower mainland practices will begin again in October.

### UPCOMING BC EVENTS

#### 2008 Canada Cup

Bonsor Recreation Complex, Burnaby  
June 25-29, 2008

#### 2009 National Championships

Richmond Oval, Richmond  
May 7-10, 2009

**For more information on rugby-contact: Adam Frost at 604-333-3526 or 778-772-9492 or adam@bcwheelchairsports.com**

## BASKETBALL

On March 1st & 2nd 2008, the BC CWBL Finals took place at Douglas College. After a number of thrilling round robin and exciting playoff games, it was the Douglas College Royals who won the Division 1 Championship and the Kamloops Bull-Dawgs who took home the Division 2 title.

On March 28-30, 8 of BC's best Wheelchair Basketball players competed in the Western Junior Nationals in Winnipeg. BC fin-

ished with a 3-2 record losing only to the Quebec team and came home with a silver medal.

The British Columbia Cable Cars squeaked out a 74-66 nail-biting win over the back-to-back-to-back champion Dallas Mavericks to win the 2008 National Wheelchair Basketball Association Division 1 Championships April 4&5.

Saskatchewan Wheelchair Sports played host to the 2008 CWBL Finals April 11-13 in Regina with 7 club teams from across Canada vying for the title.

The Douglas College Royals beat the Montreal Gladiators to take the title. 2008 National Wheelchair Basketball Championships were held in May 16-18, 2008 (See Page 1 for details).

**For more information contact: BC Wheelchair Basketball at 604-333-3532 or info@bcwbs.ca or check out their website at [www.bcwbs.ca](http://www.bcwbs.ca)**



# TENNIS

Provincial Wheelchair Tennis Team tryout were held at the Delta Town and Country Tennis Club on March 30th. The league will run May-June-July.

Congratulations to Yuka Chokyu for finishing the Atlanta Open with a semi-final loss to #2 seed, Kaitlyn Verfueth (USA). She also had a finals loss to the #1 seed in doubles with partner Chiyoko Ohmae (JPN). Chokyu also competed in the Japan Open where she was seeded second and achieved a finals win over the #1 seeded Yuko Okabe (JPN) in the

women's singles consolation draw. The Provincial Wheelchair Tennis Team Regrouping Dates are; June 29, Aug 24, Sep 28 and Nov 2 (based on court availability and are subject to change). Times and Locations TBD.

### UPCOMING BC EVENTS

**Stanley Park Open** July 18-20, 2008  
Contact Ann at 604-333-3523 or ann@bcwheelchairsports.com

**BC International Tennis Festival** July 25-27, 2008 Coquitlam Tennis Festival  
Contact Jerome: jerome@pocomo.org

### ONGOING PROGRAMS

**Richmond**—YY Tennis Club - Tuesdays and Sundays. Contact: Steve at themanleys@shaw.ca or Teri at tforester@dccnet.com

**North Van**—Grant Connell - Thursdays. Contact Uros (info below)

**Vernon** - Vernon Tennis Club—Contact Randy at rischell@shaw.ca

**Kelowna**—Parkinson Rec Centre - Contact Louis at lroberts@city,kelowna.bc.ca

**Victoria** - Cedar Hill Rec Centre

**For more information on tennis in the lower mainland contact: Uros Budimac at uros@bcwheelchairsports.com**

**Or 604-616-0495**

**For tennis in other areas contact: Kevin Bowie at 604-333-3524 or kevin@bcwheelchairsports.com**

## Junior Wheelchair Sport Summer Camps!!

**Sign Up Now!**

Lower Mainland - Pinetree Community Centre  
**COQUITLAM August 5- 8, 2008**

Okanagan - Raymer Elementary School  
**KELOWNA August 11-15, 2008**

Contact Jackie to register or for more info:  
jackie@bcwheelchairsports or 604-333-3525

Or join our two camps with the Easter Seals Society (and new this year - Sportability!)

**SHAWNIGAN LAKE - July 8-14, 2008**  
**SQUAMISH - July 29 - August 3, 2008**

To sign up for these camps visit  
www.lionsbc.ca/programs/camps

## Bridging the Gap

### What is BTG?

Bridging the Gap aims to help individuals with a disability become reintegrated into the community and regain their motivation, inspiration, independence, and confidence through physical activity.

Is your community interested in hosting a HAVE A GO day?

Do you have a group of interested people? If so - Contact Jackie at jackie@bcwheelchairsports.com or 604-333-3525

### What does BTG Do?

**Weekly Introduction to Wheelchair Sports**  
GF Strong Gymnasium  
4255 Laurel St., Vancouver  
Tuesdays 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Sport Specific Clinics and HAVE A GO days are organized on an as needed basis. Contact us if your community is in need of one.

### BC's Bridging the Gap Coordinators:

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Or 604-333-3525

Kevin Bowie  
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Or 604-333-3524

### GF Strong HAVE A GO Days

3:00 - 5:00 pm  
(in the gymnasium)  
June 17, 2008  
September 16, 2008  
October 14, 2008  
December 9, 2008

### Fraser Valley Junior Wheelchair Sports Club

(Athletics and Tennis)  
Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:30 pm  
Holy Cross School (on the track) 160th and 88th, Surrey



## BALL HOCKEY

Wheelchair ball hockey has begun for the summer. Games are Sundays at Riley Park Area (50 East 30th Ave, Vancouver) from 12:00 - 2:00pm until August. Come out and cross-train, learn some skills and have fun!

**For more information contact Hilary Brown at hjbrown@shaw.ca or 604-323-7944.**

## TARGET SPORTS

The International Hessian Trophy was held in Badorb, Germany in May. BC's Chris Trifonidis scored 598/600 qualifying him for one of only two Canadian spots for the 2008 Beijing Paralympics. Congratulations!

*For more information on Target Sports contact: Chris Trifonidis at 604-876-9932 or [triffs@shaw.ca](mailto:triffs@shaw.ca)*

## CURLING

Curling continues to grow around the province. For more information on programs that may be happening in your area contact Lynne Jambor at: memberservices@curlbc.ca or 604-333-3616 or on the island Melissa Solgo at islandcoach@curlbc.ca or 250-812-6457.





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Please note our new address -  
We have moved to Richmond!

Check out our website:  
[www.bcwheelchairsports.com](http://www.bcwheelchairsports.com)

BCWSA would like to welcome aboard Ann McLeish as our new Office/Events Coordinator. Welcome Ann!

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## Opportunities with other Organizations...

- **Scuba Diving:** Marc Palay has been trained by H.S.A [Handicap Scuba Association] and has been teaching for over 10 years. Please feel free to contact him for more information at marcsimport@hotmail.com
- **Vernon Rowing and Paddling Centre:** The centre is entering their third year of adaptive rowing program and are excited to expand. Please contact June Hawkins at sunandsnow@shaw.ca
- **Summer Sports Festival:** Adapted golf, waterski, kayak, trailrider, dragonboat, canoe, outrigger and sailing. For more information, contact Bonnie Friesen at (604) 257-8500 or bonnie.friesen@vancouver.ca
- **Adapted Golf - Abbotsford/Chilliwack:** Jim Miller can be contacted for information at 604-799-2028. For information in other areas of the Lower Mainland contact Bonnie at 604-257-8500 or Jan at 604-737-6266

## BCWSA WHEELCHAIR LOAN PROGRAM

Want to try one of our sports but don't have the equipment? We do! BCWSA offers the wheelchair loan program which allows you to rent a chair for a nominal fee and try the sport of your choice. The cost for the rental is \$10 per month or \$100 dollars for the year. Bursaries are available for those in need. If you're interested in trying one of our chairs

please feel free to check out our web site at  
[www.bcwheelchairsports.com](http://www.bcwheelchairsports.com) or  
Contact: *Kevin Bowie* at 604-333-3524 or  
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**HAVE AN OLD SPORTS CHAIR... Not sure what to do with it?**  
**Donate it back to BCWSA for someone else to rent and use. You can be provided with a tax receipt—just let us know. Contact Kevin.**

### BCWSA wishes to thank the following for their support...

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