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2010 Olympic Torch Relay

This January, SOBC athletes, coaches, and LETR members experienced the amazing opportunity of running in the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. Over 30 people helped to carry the torch during its final leg from the borders of Alberta to the site of the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver and Whistler.

We are very proud of the Torch Relay participants who represented SOBC incredibly well as they ran their section, stood in front of crowds on stages and lit the cauldrons during their community's festivities.

The citizens in Cranbrook, Golden, Kamloops, Kelowna, Penticton, South Okanagan, Surrey, Trail and Vernon seemed delighted to live vicariously through such well chosen runners.

Lisa, Delta (right)



Kelly, Vernon (top right); Toni, South Okanagan (top center); Matt & Arnold, Vancouver (top left); Special Olympics Torch Relay Team in Vernon (bottom)

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SPORT START BASKETBALL



Walking into Garibaldi Secondary School gymnasium at 11:25am is like stepping into organized chaos, with basketballs and athletes everywhere. With 21 athletes between the ages of 11 and 19 years, the Sport Start Basketball program is off to a flying start in the Ridge Meadows Local. Coach Grant Frend has been running the extra-curricular sport program since January 2010 and is having tremendous success. The program is aimed at students from middle to secondary school, and is meant to give young athletes their first taste of organized sport training. Most of the athletes in the Ridge Meadows program are new to Special Olympics but are well on their way to becoming great basketball players. Among their peers in the hour long program, the basketball players work on increasing their fitness, practise their motor and movement skills, learn and

develop sport specific skills and build friendships that will help transform the group into a basketball team. Coach Frend has already discussed plans for another 12 week program to run next fall. SOBC is thrilled with the Ridge Meadows' Sport Start Basketball Program and is looking forward to offering more Sport Start programs to these keen young athletes. Way to go Ridge Meadows!!!

Ridge Meadows Sport Start Basketball



THANK YOU! Grants and Foundations Update

Special Olympics BC thanks the following foundations, service clubs and corporations for their generous grants to assist us in supporting BC's Special Olympics athletes.

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COACH PROFILE

Jon Wolbers

Local: Abbotsford
Years Involved: 27
Role: Powerlifting Head Coach



Jon Wolbers is a new coach in the Abbotsford Local, but his involvement goes back to the beginnings of SOBC – Williams Lake. Jon became involved with Special Olympics BC while working for Community Living Williams Lake in 1983. At that time, the group wanted to provide some sporting opportunities for the people they supported in the community so they got together, did some research, and found out about Special Olympics BC. Jon got his start as Local Coordinator and was an instrumental part of the team that started SOBC – Williams Lake. He recalls, "I went to my first meeting. We started floor hockey, soccer, and eventually evolved!" Recently, Jon moved from Williams Lake to Abbotsford and made sure to get involved with Special Olympics programs in the area.

While Jon has coached just about every sport he has two favourites. As a previous Floor Hockey coach he fondly remembers a time he travelled to Toronto for the Little Stanley Cup as a part of Team BC. His other passion is powerlifting. Not only does he coach Special Olympic athletes in the sport, Jon is also an active participant in competitive powerlifting. In 2009 he came back from the World Association of Benchers and Powerlifters World Championships with a gold medal for the deadlift and a bronze for the bench press in his age and weight class in Reno, Nevada. Jon's favourite part of coaching is being around Special Olympics athletes. "They have a great energy towards sports and don't compare to athletes I've coached in generic programs. They're so refreshing and a lot of fun to be around!"

Thank you Jon for sharing your knowledge and passion for sports with athletes and fellow coaches.

Okanagan Spring Brewery's Continued Support

One of BC's original craft breweries, Okanagan Spring Brewery has been a fan of Special Olympics BC since 2005. Okanagan Spring Brewery provides beer for the majority of Special Olympics BC's fundraising events including motionball, the Final Fore Golf Tournament, and the Sports Celebrities Festival.

In September, Okanagan Spring Brewery ran their annual fundraising campaign and donated over \$13,000 to Special Olympics BC—\$1 for every twelve-pack of bottles sold. SOBC would like to thank Okanagan Spring Brewery for their generous support over the years.



2009 Canada Games

Special Olympics BC was proud to send eight athletes and two coaches to the 2009 Canada Summer Games in Prince Edward Island for swimming and track and field. The entire team including swimmers Domenik Folchi, Adam Rahier, Kelsey Wyse, and Nicole Lowery, and track athletes Glen and Andrew McIntyre, Mandy Manzardo, and Kara

Williams performed extremely well. Combined the athletes brought home an outstanding 14 medals! Congratulations to each of the athletes and a huge thank-you to Swim Coach Susan Storry and Track and Field Coach Randy James for their amazing performance and commitment to Special Olympics BC.

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The Annual New Car Dealers Silent Auction is launching on May 31st 2010! For ten days bidding takes place on over 200 items including: 5 vehicles, 2 bicycles, net-books, spa packages and a host of other treats.



THANKS TO THOSE DEALERS WHO SUPPORTED THE 2009 AUCTION WITH A CASH PLEDGE OR BY DONATING AUCTION ITEMS



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Thanks to New Car Dealers of BC, Toyota Canada and the Toyota BC Dealers, The BC Honda Dealers Association, BC Ford Dealers, Volkswagen Canada and the BC Volkswagen Dealers, and Chevrolet and Buick GMC Dealers of BC for their generous donations. All proceeds go directly to Special Olympics BC.

New Car Dealers of BC Continue Their Support

The New Car Dealers Association of BC, through the New Car Dealers Foundation of BC, is a long-term supporter of Special Olympics BC. The New Car Dealers Association speaks on behalf of British Columbia's new car industry to the public, media, and government, and deals primarily with the legal, environmental, and consumer issues relating primarily to new vehicle sales in British Columbia. And when they are not doing that, they are raising funds and awareness for Special Olympics BC.

The New Car Dealers of BC host the annual Vancouver International Auto Show and invite Special Olympics BC to be a part of this show. Held March 30 – April 4, 2010, the show is Canada's third largest Auto Show, and one of Western North America's premier automotive exhibition events. Kicking off the show is the Association's VIP Charity Preview Night. For \$150 per person, those attending enjoy a luxurious night out with elegant, modern cars, entertainment, food and

beverage, sales awards, and draws for diamond earrings.

Tickets could also have been purchased throughout the Auto Show for their Dream Car Lottery. Ever picture yourself driving a Porsche? For \$15 or 4 tickets for \$45 you could have entered to win a 2010 Porsche 911 Carrera 4 Cabriolet. As part of the Lottery, Special Olympics BC, which has been supported by the New Car Dealers Association of BC for more than 26 years, will receive a vehicle to assist with our ongoing work.

New Car Dealers are great friends of Special Olympics. Be it through the annual auction, the Vancouver International Auto Show, or the new Dream Car Lottery, the New Car Dealers are always looking for ways to assist us. Our thanks are extended to all New Car Dealer Association of BC members for continuing to provide support to Special Olympics BC for over 26 years.

motionball

motionball is a charitable organization that is mandated to introduce a new generation of supporters, sponsors and volunteers to the Special Olympics movement through integrated sporting and social events. Since its first event in 2002, *motionball* has raised over one million dollars for Special Olympics Canada through their series of annual events.

Hockey fans Stand on Guard for Special Olympics BC

Rather than hold their annual Six Degrees of Separation event, *motionball* took advantage of the unique opportunity to join in the excitement of the 2010 Olympic Games and held the Stand on Guard event. On February 21, 2010 over 500 hockey fans filled stylish downtown Vancouver theatre, District 319, to cheer on Team Canada as they took on the USA in men's Olympic hockey. But it wasn't all about hockey; they were also there to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics.

As guests entered the exclusive venue they were treated to a red carpet entrance into a silent auction room full of unique items including a wide selection of rare sports memorabilia. From there they moved into the theatre where the game was projected in High Definition on a 37 by 17 foot screen. Guests sipped on Okanagan Spring beer and Barefoot wine as individual portions of macaroni and cheese, chicken wings, and hot dogs were passed around to complete the true hockey game experience.



Photos: Dustin Wood

Matthew Williams with David Rae, Director, motionball Vancouver (top); Matthew Williams, James Newman, Theoren Fleury (former NHL player), Amanda Manzardo (center); Canada Scores! (bottom)

As the game was set to begin, guests were surprised by hockey great, Theoren Fleury, who fired them up by leading a lively "Go Canada Go!" chant. During the first intermission, Special Olympics Global Messenger, Matthew Williams, spoke to the crowd about his inspiring journey, and lead the crowd into a highly successful live auction. Although Canada did not win that night, Special Olympics did. *motionball* once again hosted an incredible event that raised nearly \$30,000 for the Special Olympics Foundation. Special Olympics BC would like to thank *motionball* for their continued support.

The Six Degrees gala will return in February 2011.

Marathon of Sport: Do Something Special on the Playing Field

On Saturday, June 5, 2010 Marathon of Sport will be held at the Electronic Arts Sports Complex in Burnaby, BC. Special Olympics BC athletes will join teams of young professionals for a fun and intense day of athletic competition.

With a focus on sportsmanship and fair play, teams will compete in basketball, beach volleyball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee and bocce. Prizes will be awarded for the team with the most points, the team that collected the most pledges, along with other categories.

Prince George gets busy with some Fall and Winter fundraising!

Fundraising Coordinator, Debbie Whelan, organized highway clean-up with Special Olympics athletes and caregivers (including some coaches) collecting garbage along the provincial highway on two Saturdays in September. This was in collaboration with Yellowhead Road and Bridge in Prince George. Yellowhead Road and Bridge provided the athletes with well-marked orange vests, garbage bags, gloves, and equipment to pick up garbage.

Prince George also teamed up with BC candle makers 'Scent With Love'. Special Olympics athletes and family members collected orders for scented candles made out of soy wax.

The Van Hage family and Art Knapps Plantland in Prince George dedicated an evening to Special Olympics BC around Christmas time. Twenty percent of any sales that night were donated to Special Olympics, Prince George. Art Knapps Plantland provided some draws donated by local merchants for this special evening.



Pictured in the photo from left to right are Calvin Dyck, Florence MacArthur, Josh Pudney, Diana Bramble, Danna Dyck, Danny Lafreniere, Theresa Bramble, Brian Whitfield and Ralph Bramble.

2010 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games

On July 12, 2010, the 237 members that make up Team BC will arrive in London, Ontario for the National Summer Games. Here the athletes will showcase their skills and abilities in 5 and 10 Pin Bowling, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Swimming, Powerlifting, and Rhythmic Gymnastics. Aside from training 3 times per week in preparation for the games, all the athletes and coaches will be attending an official Team BC training camp in an effort to ensure BC's best are prepared to perform at the top their game against other athletes from across Canada.



The 2010 Special Olympics Canada National Summer Games will be taking place from July 13-17 at the University of Western Ontario. The Games will see over 1400 participants from around Canada converge on the university campus for sport, fun, and the opportunity to be selected to Team Canada which will travel to Athens, Greece for the Special Olympics World Summer Games in 2011.

For more information on the 2010 Special Olympics National Summer Games or to register as a "Fan Club Member" visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca.

BC North Winter Games

The Prince George local sent some athletes to attend the BC Northern Winter Games recently held in Prince Rupert on February 5-6, 2010.

Athletes participating in the curling events included Darcie Muzychka, Michael Harris, Robbie Breckon, Nikki George and Jed Zeimer. The curling team came home with a bronze medal.

Athletes participating in swimming events included David Dunn, Greg Cole, Samuel Russell, Tegan Raines, Jasmyne Morgan and Carla Caputo. David Dunn received 3 gold medals - 1st place in the 100 meter Backstroke, 100 meter Freestyle and 50 meter Freestyle. David received a bronze medal and 3rd place in the 50 meter Backstroke. Greg Cole received 1 gold medal - 1st place in the 50 meter Backstroke and 1 silver medal - 2nd place in the 50 meter Freestyle.

Carla Caputo received 3 bronze medals - 3rd place in the 100 meter Freestyle, 50 meter Freestyle, and 50 meter Breaststroke.

Congratulations to all the Special Olympics athletes and coaches supporting them for their excellent sportsmanship at this prestigious sports event. All the athletes and coaches enjoyed their time in the city of Prince Rupert.

BC Summer Games

Special Olympics BC will once again be sending a full complement of athletes and coaches to the 2010 BC Summer Games. From July 22-25 in the township of Langley, 16 athletics and 24 swimming athletes will test their skills against competitors from around the province.

Special Olympics BC have been sending athletes to the BC Games for a number of years and are proud of the continued opportunity to showcase some of the province's best. For more information on the BC Games please visit www.bcgames.org.

Invermere – They're a TEN!

Region One is growing yet again and will soon add the tenth community in the East & West Kootenays. SOBC – Invermere will become the 55th Local to provide sporting programs for people with an intellectual disability in BC.

This energetic group of self starters has Regional Field Manager Leslie Thornley running to keep up with the flow of information needed as they move forward finding willing coaches, facilities and fundraising opportunities.

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ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS

The Final Fore Golf Tournament - Presented by Goldcorp

The 2010 Final Fore Golf Tournament will take place on June 22nd at Northview Golf & Country Club. It will again have two separate tournaments on the same day, the Scramble Division, with fun games and prizes, a relaxed atmosphere, and access for players of all abilities. The Tournament side (formerly called Elite) will give golfers the chance to feel like a PGA Tour player! Teams play their own ball, complete with leader boards.

To find out how you can get involved, as a sponsor, auction donor, or golfer, contact Christina Hadley.



The 2009 Final Fore Golf Tournament, presented by Goldcorp, raised over \$72,000 for Special Olympics BC! Set at the beautiful Northview Golf & Country Club, participants had the option of playing in either the Final Fore Fun or the Elite side.

Special Olympics BC would like to thank the following committee members and sponsors for their support.

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Canada Cup Women's International Slow-pitch Tournament – Special Olympics Friendship Division

In January, the Canada Cup Committee Chairs Glen Todd and Greg Timm announced they would need to cancel the 2010 Canada Cup due to scheduling difficulties. Since the introduction of Special Olympics to the tournament in 1996, teams from across Canada and the western United States have enjoyed this integrative opportunity and chance to play in a tournament with spectators from around the world! We look forward to the announcement of the tournament dates for 2011 when once again we hope to participate in this world class event!

Celebrate 40 years of Special Olympics in Canada with this beautiful 160-page book. Contents include profiles on all of the provincial programs as well as a look at the many aspects of how Special Olympics has touched people across the nation. Hundreds of full-color pictures and contributors that include Wayne Gretzky and Frank Selke Jr. make this essential reading for all fans of Special Olympics.

To order, please visit www.specialolympics.bc.ca where you can download an order form or call 604.737.3078.

BC Food & Drug Industry Charity Golf Classic

The 22nd annual BC Food & Drug Industry Charity Golf Classic was held on August 12th at Hazelmere Golf and Tennis Club in Surrey. Thanks to the continued support of the BC Food & Drug Industry, and the Nicoll family, the event raised \$10,000 for Special Olympics BC! A donation was also given to the Vancouver Community College Foundation.

The 2010 Golf Classic will once again be held at Hazelmere on August 11th. The tournament will host over 200 participants for a fun-filled day of sun-soaked golf followed by a fabulous dinner reception, featuring an exciting raffle and prize giveaways.

Thank-you to Lucy Komori of Vancouver Community College, and the entire organizing committee for the opportunity to participate! For more information, please visit www.vcc.ca/golf.

Sports Celebrities Festival

Presented by Rogers Video, Silver Wheaton, Genuity Capital Markets, and BCLC benefiting the Canucks for Kids Fund and Special Olympics BC



On October 14th, the 2009 Sports Celebrities Festival was held at the Vancouver Convention Centre, for the benefit of two very worthy charities, the Canucks for Kids Fund and Special Olympics BC.

The Sports Celebrities Festival was a magical evening saluting the power of the human spirit. Players, alumni and management from the Vancouver Canucks, and local sports celebrities shared an evening with Vancouver's business elite, and Special Olympics BC athletes. Over 620 guests were in attendance this year.

The evening began with the guests given the opportunity to challenge their favourite Canuck in a variety of games, including table hockey, and Nintendo Wii skiing! Guests were also given the opportunity to have their photo taken next



to their favourite Canuck, and bid on a variety of exclusive silent auction items.

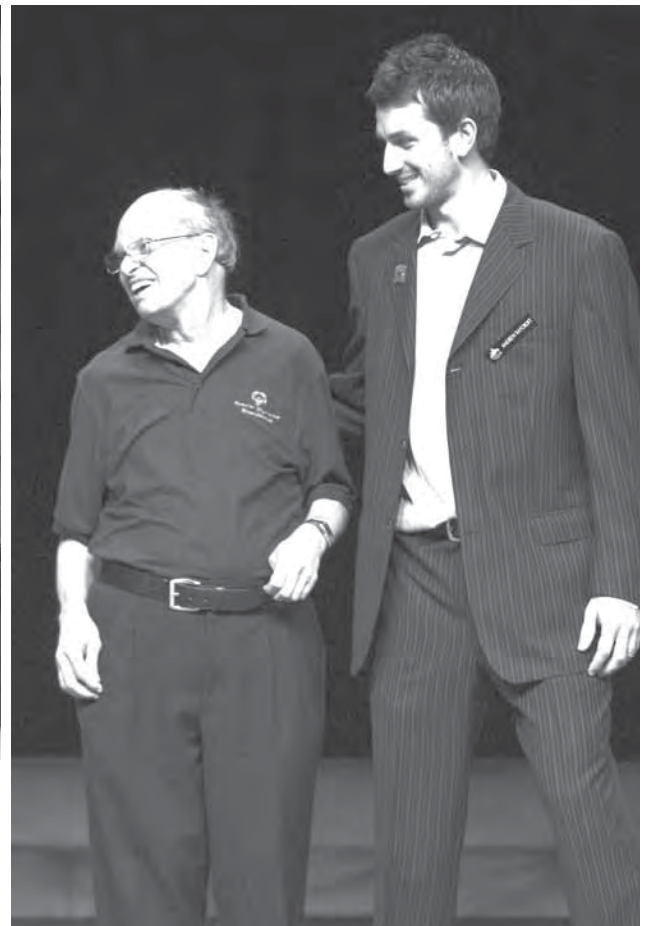
After a fantastic dinner, Ryan Kesler took to the stage and introduced SOBC – Coquitlam athlete Adam Advocaat. Adam spoke to the crowd about how Special Olympics has impacted his life and received a standing ovation for his moving speech. Finally, to top off the night, guests were treated to an Olympic panel featuring Brent Butt, Ryan Kesler, Greg Westlake, and Beckie Scott.

Special Olympics BC would like to thank the evening's volunteers as well as emcees John Shorthouse and Tamara Taggart.

The Vancouver Canucks have been an invaluable partner to Special Olympics BC, and we are sincerely grateful for their support.



Vancouver Canuck Ryan Kesler with CTV star Brent Butt



SOBC Athlete Peter Gilpin with Vancouver Canuck Andrew Raycroft



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VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Julie McIntyre

Local: Kelowna
Years Involved: 8
Role(s): Program
 Coordinator,
 Registration
 Coordinator



Julie McIntyre first encountered Special Olympics eight years ago after her family's move from Nanaimo to Kelowna. She became involved when her sons began cross-country skiing with SOBC – Kelowna. Her first role with the organization was as a Sub-committee Member for the Executive Committee, but later stepped into the Local Coordinator position in the fall of 2002. Julie also added the role of Program Coordinator to her responsibilities before finally settling in as the Program Coordinator for SOBC – Kelowna.

Julie explains that she chose to remain in the position of Program Coordinator because, "I just enjoy the closer relationship with what is happening in our programs and being able to look at how we deliver our services, how we coach our athletes, and how our athletes do in our programs." She also believes that coaches and volunteers work better in teams, supporting each other and she enjoys facilitating those partnerships.

Julie also loves to see Special Olympic athletes gain a sense of self and a sense of belonging to the community and being involved in this community and likes being part of an organization that offers athletes the opportunities to be successful and build confidence. According to Local Coordinator, Barry Meckler, Julie undertakes a "workload that is second to none". However, when she isn't occupied with Special Olympics responsibilities Julie indicates that you'll likely find her knitting, sewing, reading, working out, going to the movies or doing something creative.

Thank you Julie for your hard work in the Special Olympics BC organization!

2011 Provincial Winter Games

With all of the excitement of the Olympic Games, it is hard to focus on next year but focus we must! Due to several factors, we will be looking to host three separate Sport Championships in 2011, rather than one larger event. Our snow sports, alpine skiing, snowshoeing and cross country skiing will be hosted together, as will the ice sports, figure skating, speed skating and curling. Floor hockey will be a standalone event! Once we have established the locations and dates for these three Championships, we will post them on our website so stay tuned for more information on Winter 2011!!

8th STAPLES Softball Tournament - Another Home Run

On June 13, 2009, STAPLES Business Depot held the eighth annual SOBC–Staples Softball tournament. Teams comprised of STAPLES employees and Special Olympics athletes competed in a friendly day-long tournament at the Riverway Sports



Complex in Burnaby. Awards were given out not only to the top team, but also to the teams with the most spirit and sportsmanship. Thanks to STAPLES Business Depot and all of the employees who came out and participated in this inspiring day. The 2010 tournament will take place on June 12.

The 2009 STAPLES 'Give a Dollar. Share a Dream' campaign, which ran from November 4-17, was a huge success raising over \$318,000 across Canada! The campaign offered supporters the opportunity to 'Be a Fan' of Special Olympics athletes by writing personal messages on postcards that were then pinned on a poster of stadium seats. This year's campaign also introduced online donation capability, and also matched a Special Olympics athlete with each store to really connect STAPLES staff and customers to the cause. SOBC sends a great big thank you to all the STAPLES stores and staff in British Columbia for their amazing efforts! Thanks also goes to the athletes and volunteers who supported the campaign.



Team BC Fan Club!

In July, 237 members of Team BC will head to London, Ontario for the 2010 National Summer Games and we want to fill the stands with fans! If you are planning on traveling to London to watch the athletes compete, please join the Team BC Fan Club!

We will be using the Delta London Armouries Hotel as the Fan Club Headquarters and will be block booking rooms for Team BC fans. If you would like to book a room at the Delta London Armouries click on the link below and you will be directed to the Team BC's room allocation. <http://www.deltalondonarmouries.com/gjspbc> Alternatively, you can call 1-800-668-9999 and tell them you are with Team BC.

When we receive the families and supporters registration package from the London organizing committee we will post it on our website, along with a Team BC Fan Club registration form, so check the website for more information on London 2010!

MONEY TALKS

Trading Contest

Do you have what it takes to win big? *Money Talks*, in is running a trading contest – with all proceeds going directly to Special Olympics BC!*

Money Talks is a trading and investment website that gives you live updates on open stock-markets, as well as commentary and opinion on what's happening on the markets, right now.

So, whether you're a budding investor interested in learning some tips from experts, or you've simply got your eye on that luxury fishing trip prize, it's sure to be a great contest. All you need to do to get started is log-in to www.moneytalks.net and click on the Trading Contest link.

While no real money is traded, there are some great prizes to be won:

- 5-Day Luxury Fishing Trip worth \$12,000 (courtesy of westcoastfishingclub.com)
- 3-Day Live Trading Class with Tyler Bollhorn worth \$3,995
- 1 oz Gold Maple Leaf Coins (courtesy of Boulder Gold)
- A bag of 75 1 oz Silver Coins (courtesy of Endeavour Silver)
- 1.2 Carat Emerald (courtesy of Indicator Mineral)

It's all about timing. So sign up today!

*All registration fees go directly to Special Olympics BC.

Families Living with Disabilities Campaign



On March 28 Safeway stores across Western Canada launched the Families Living with Disabilities campaign benefiting Easter Seals & Special Olympics. Many stores across BC hosted BBQ's, bake sales and in-store raffles to raise money for Special Olympics BC.

Safeway stores hosted our designated SOBC day on Saturday April 24th. Special Olympics BC Locals worked hard and were able to allocate athletes in almost every store across the province as well as many volunteers. All were out in full force chatting with customers while collecting donations and creating awareness about Special Olympics BC.

Special Olympics BC is proud to be a recipient of the funds raised through this campaign throughout the month of April, and look forward to continuing our relationship with Safeway.

ATHLETE PROFILE

Susan Anthony



Local: Victoria
Years involved: 15
Sports: 5-pin bowling
Former Sports: Swimming and Rhythmic Gymnastics

Susan is described by her coach as "cheerful, kind, patient, polite, and understanding". These traits have helped Susan to become an excellent leader in the Victoria Local. She has been an Athlete Representative in her Local for the past two years, an Athlete Speaker at several speaking engagements, and has even successfully completed the Athlete Speakers' Bureau Level Two. Susan really enjoys meeting and talking to new people, sharing her Special Olympics experiences, and of course, recruiting new volunteers.

When asked how she became involved with Special Olympics Susan answered, "I knew someone in Special Olympics doing the sports I love to do and I decided to do it as well. I love sports. That was what really drew me in." Since getting involved fourteen years ago Susan has made friends with athletes and coaches alike and this is largely why she finds Special Olympics so enjoyable.

In the past, Susan has been a swimmer and rhythmic gymnast. However, lately Susan has been very busy working five days a week and has had to cut back on the number of sports she competes in. Susan now only participates in 5-pin bowling but has made it her personal goal to also train at home on the stationary bike, do exercises like sit-ups and calf raises, and go on plenty of walks. She is committed to living a healthy lifestyle that includes good nutrition and lots of exercise.

Thank you Susan for being a dedicated and hard working athlete! Keep it up!

Youth Programs Continue to Flourish in BC

Two years ago Special Olympics BC launched the Active Start and FUNdamentals programs in the communities of Coquitlam and North Vancouver. The programs were introduced in an effort to provide children between the ages of 2-11 years with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to develop, practice, and showcase basic motor and sport skills in a fun and safe environment. Since the original programs debuted, Special Olympics BC has watched the participation numbers grow and now offers the Active Start and FUNdamentals programs in over 20 communities throughout BC with the most recent programs starting in Surrey, Mission, and Cranbrook.

For more information about the Active Start and FUNdamentals programs please contact Shawn Fevens at 604-737-3055 or e-mail sfevens@specialolympics.bc.ca.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

The BC Law Enforcement Torch Run had a fantastic 2009 with fundraising events and public awareness campaigns held across the province.

Free the Fuzz

We have had another great year of roof sits across BC! From September 11-12, members of the Kamloops RCMP raised over \$31,000.00 in their annual Free the Fuzz event! The event was an amazing team effort involving RCMP members, Kamloops SOBC athletes and volunteers, Kamloops Regional Correctional Centre officers, BC Ambulance Service, and many more generous community partners. The event featured police and ambulance vehicle displays, live dance performances, silent auction, raffle, pancake breakfast courtesy of the Valleyview Overlander Lions Club, and much more!

Other notable Free the Fuzz events that took place throughout the year include:

- Free the Fuzz Nanaimo, with thanks to RCMP Nanaimo.
- Free the Fuzz Kelowna, with thanks to RCMP Kelowna.
- Free the Fuzz Comox Valley, with thanks to RCMP Comox Valley and Canadian Military Police.
- Free the Fuzz Guildford, with thanks to CN Police.
- Free the Fuzz Langley, with thanks to CN Police

Lower Mainland Final Leg

From June 22–25, law enforcement members from throughout the Lower Mainland took to the streets in the 2009 Lower Mainland Final Leg to raise funds and

awareness for Special Olympics BC. Participating agencies in the Lower Mainland included the Abbotsford Police Department, Canadian Border Services Agency, CN Police, Delta Police Department, New Westminster Police Services, Port Moody Police Department, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Vancouver Police Department

Canuel Golf Tournament

On September 10, the annual Chief R.J. Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Newlands Golf & Country Club in Langley, BC. The tournament held in memory of Chief R.J. Canuel, a longtime member of the Vancouver Police Department donated a portion of the proceeds to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics BC.

Teams participated in a fun-filled day on the course, including a putting contest with SOBC athlete Karl Anderson from Coquitlam. This year's event had record-high attendance and everyone was in great spirits!

Special thanks to Brian and Glenn Canuel for their continued support and dedication to this fantastic tournament and Special Olympics BC!



LETR International Conference – Hartford, Connecticut

November 2009, Hartford Connecticut was host to the Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference. The annual conference provides an opportunity for Torch Run volunteers and Special Olympics staff to network, share and learn how to improve their local Torch Run programs. The actual LETR events and funds raised from them greatly increase public awareness about our organization and help to enhance the lives of Special Olympics athletes throughout the world. More than 1,000 attendees from nearly every state in the US, Canadian provinces and 10 other countries attend the Law Enforcement Torch Run International Conference each year and 2009 was no exception.

Ten delegates from across our province were present at the conference. They attended workshops, breakout sessions and shared fundraising best practices with other police officers from around the globe. Fun was had by all!

The next International Conference is scheduled to be held in Long Beach California from October 19th to 22nd 2010.

LETR events across BC:

- Free the Fuzz Weekend (right side);*
- Lower Mainland Final Leg 2009 (top left);*
- Matthew Williams &*
- Sky Hendsbee (bottom left)*



2009 SOBC AWA

The 2009 SOBC Awards were handed out in a special presentation as a part of the closing ceremonies at the 2009 SOBC Provincial Summer Games in Abbotsford in July. SOBC salutes all the award winners and nominees for their incredibly hard work and achievements!



Walter (left) and Danny (right) with their award at the closing ceremonies of the 2009 SOBC Provincial Summer Games.

SPIRIT OF SPORT AWARD

Hip-hip-hurray to Walter and Danny Dion of Campbell River for their longstanding dedication to sport as Special Olympics BC athletes! Walter and Danny have been involved in Special Olympics BC since the inception of the Campbell River Local in 1984. Over the years, the two of them have participated in floor hockey, swimming, track and field, and cross country skiing. Currently, they are both involved with 5-pin bowling, 10-pin bowling, and bocce.

Between the two of them, they have well over 100 medals ranging from local awards to a World Games medal! Their coaches say that these results have come from the 110% effort they give to every practice and competition. Most importantly, they support each other in sport regardless of whether only one of them moves on in competition or they're both in it together. Often the first athletes to offer handshakes after a race or game, they are frequently seen helping other athletes by sharing their experiences and leading by example. They are role models not just for other athletes in Campbell River, but for the residents there too. Walter and Danny are known for their respectful demeanor towards others and continual integrity no matter the setting. Thank you Walter and Danny for your commitment to training and for constantly demonstrating the spirit of what it means to be Special Olympics athletes!

Congratulations to nominees Susan Anthony, Barbie Conway, Charlene Gidora, Bryan Jorgensen, Bradley Laforce, Rebekah McGeer, Kerry McKenzie.

ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

High-five to Bridget Colvin of Burnaby for her outstanding achievement in sport! Bridget has been an athlete with Special Olympics BC – Burnaby for the past twelve years. A multi-sport athlete participating in aquatics, 10-pin bowling, curling, rhythmic gymnastics, snowshoeing, athletics, basketball, soccer, softball, and powerlifting, Bridget also finds time to add fitness specific training into her already very busy schedule. In fact, leading up to World Games Bridget managed to train five days a week while working part time. Being so active prepared Bridget for her trip to the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho where she returned from with a gold, silver, and bronze medal in snowshoeing!

Bridget is best described as enthusiastic, friendly, competitive, dedicated, and reliable. These traits allow her to quickly build relationships with athletes and volunteers anywhere she goes. She is known to help new athletes and volunteers in her Local feel especially welcome by sharing her knowledge about how to get to different programs using public transit and talking to new coaches about Special Olympics. As a trained Athlete Speaker, Bridget has used her speaking skills to help recruit new volunteers and share her experiences with others. Thank you Bridget for the effort you put into Special Olympics!

Congratulations to nominees Chrystal Bradley and Kara Williams.



Bridget accepting her award from Leadership Council Chair, Patty Wheeldon.

RD WINNERS

HOWARD CARTER AWARD



Three cheers for Nanci Martin from Vancouver! Nanci is an Assistant Coach for snowshoeing and athletics and specializes in coaching shot put. Her 18 years of experience with Special Olympics BC has taken her to numerous regional and provincial competitions, two SOC National Games and finally to the 2009 Special Olympics World Games in Boise, Idaho where she was a Team Canada coach for snowshoeing. This summer Nanci will be travelling with Team BC to the National Games in London, Ontario as a coach in athletics.

Ready to jump in wherever help is needed, Nanci has developed the reputation for being helpful, respectful, reliable and encouraging. She's also known to be tough and unwilling to leave anyone behind. She works hard to get to know everyone by name and establish a positive rapport with all her athletes. Putting the athletes first helps to ensure they always have a positive experience whether it is at practice or competition. Thank you for the dedication and care you've put into Special Olympics Nanci. Keep up the great work!

Congratulations to nominee Ben Jorgensen.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

A big round of applause to Marlene Davison of Surrey! Marlene has been involved with SOBC – Surrey for over 15 years and has been a key member of the Local in variety of positions including: 5-pin bowling Program Coordinator and volunteer; rhythmic gymnastics Program Volunteer; Registration Coordinator; Hospitality Committee Member; and Uniform Manager. Marlene takes care of the work 'behind the scenes' and ensures that all paperwork and procedures are in place for teams travelling to competitions so that coaches can maximize the time spent with their athletes at practice and competition.

Marlene is well respected by parents, caregivers, fellow volunteers, and athletes. She is often the person who brings a team together to get work done and makes sure everyone is having fun in the process. She goes above and beyond to make certain the athletes have programs to attend and the coaches have the tools required to do an excellent job. Thank you, Marlene, for your commitment and dedication to Special Olympics BC.

Congratulations to nominees Gloria Gagnon, Lori Holmgren, Jim LaCroix, Anne McCook, Julie McIntyre, Pat Shelton, and Karen Straith.



GRASSROOTS COACH AWARD



A big cheer to Michelle Cooper of Victoria! Michelle has been involved with Special Olympics BC – Victoria for 5 years as Head Coach for their Rhythmic Gymnastics Program. Michelle recently added the title of Public Relations Coordinator to her list of ongoing roles which also include May Day Parade Organizer and Education Coordinator. Michelle's creativity helps her to excel in these roles and as a coach for her athletes. She recognizes the athletes' individuality and works closely with each to help them set and achieve their personal goals ranging from learning new skills, managing stress and nutrition and fitness!

While recognizing each athlete as an individual, Michelle also succeeds in bringing them together as one single team regardless of level of ability. Drawing on the strengths of the athletes she has incorporated a dance component which involves all the athletes into training sessions as a way to build camaraderie and create feelings of togetherness. This technique has helped the athletes learn to trust each other and open the lines of communications on the team. Parents, caregivers, athletes, and coaches in the Local feel that Michelle is amazing, supportive, and very motivational. Thank you Michelle for the energy you provide to Special Olympics BC!

Congratulations to nominees Susan Batsch, Celia Grant, Irene Johnson, Debbie McCooey, Peter Saunderson, and Marlene Taylor.

Michelle (left) accepting her award from the Chair of the 2009 Games Organizing Committee, Rick Lucy.

Special Olympics BC Coach, Athlete, and Volunteer win Special Olympics Canada Awards!



SOC Award Winners Marc, Nanci, and Colin at the Special Olympics Canada Festival Gala.

We are happy to announce that Nanci Martin, Marc Theriault and Colin MacKinnon were all selected as Special Olympics Canada Award Winners! The three SOBC members were recognized at the Special Olympics Canada Festival held on December 15th, 2009 in Toronto, Ontario.

Nanci Martin, SOBC's 2009 Howard Carter Award winner was selected as Special Olympics Canada's Female Coach of the Year. Nanci was recognized for her leadership in high performance coaching at the local, regional, provincial and national levels, going above and beyond her coaching duties, and consistently seeking coaching development opportunities.

Marc Theriault, a SOBC Hall of Fame member was selected as Special Olympics Canada's Male Athlete of

the Year. Marc was recognized for his consistent high achievement in his sport as well as his personal development throughout his sport career. Marc is an exceptional athlete having won gold medals at five different World Games in three different sports.

Colin MacKinnon, a long time supporter of Special Olympics provincially and nationally, was selected to receive the prestigious Special Olympics Canada Harry Red Foster Award. This award, not always awarded annually, is presented to an individual who exemplifies the spirit, philosophy and goals of the Special Olympics movement through outstanding contribution to Special Olympics at the provincial and/or national level. Colin has been involved with Special Olympics since the early 1980's. He has been a key member of the Tiger Williams Golf Tournament Organizing Committee, a Special Olympics BC Board member since 1986, and a Special Olympics Canada Board member since 2001 where he has sat as Chairman since 2006. By helping to raise awareness about Special Olympics BC, providing expertise on financial and accounting practice, policies, and procedures, and implementing a strong strategic plan and Long Term Athlete Development plan for Special Olympics Canada, Colin has ensured that the choices made by the Special Olympics are those best for the athletes and the organization.



Special Olympics Inclusive School Program

In March 2010 SOBC will be launching the pilot program of our SO Inclusive school program in BC. Lord Byng Secondary School in Vancouver will be the first to run our new school initiative aimed at raising levels of awareness about intellectual disability and Special Olympics in a school setting. The SO Inclusive resource package is designed for teachers in middle, junior and senior secondary school and is meant to support teachers and students in their efforts to create inclusive learning environment.

The resource is a tool that helps get the message out about Special Olympics and its programs, as well as get more students involved in volunteering with and fundraising for the organization. Ms. Donna Webber and Mrs. Lisa Shopland-Black's involvement has been instrumental to this pilot and will be working on projects from the resource manual in their classrooms. SOBC is thrilled to be kicking off the program in such a great school and excited to present the program at this year's Student Leadership Conference in Prince George in October. Our hope is to get school around the province on board with being **Special Olympics Inclusive!**

If you work in or know of someone in a school setting who would be interested in more information about the SO Inclusive school program please contact the provincial office.

TABLE HOCKEY

On February 4, 2010 the lobby of the Metro Vancouver office transformed into an Olympic gold medal hockey game venue. Not ice hockey, but table hockey, which to this crowd, is just as intense. With Sweden and Hungary squaring off, many fans, colleagues, and fallen teams cheered as the game represented the culmination of their ten day Olympic-style tournament. After three exciting periods Sweden came out on top to take gold and bragging rights. Each team that was part of the tournament paid an entry fee to take part, and proceeds of \$1,050 were donated to Special Olympics BC. Thank you Metro Vancouver!



SPORT START - SOCCER



"Sport Start on three... 1, 2, 3... SPORT START!!!" This was the cheer heard vibrating up to the rafters of the Kamloops Dome at the end of the first ever SOBC youth soccer session in the province. Nine players came out to the first week of the Sport Start Soccer Program held in the indoor soccer facility in Kamloops this winter. The young athletes ranged in ages from 10 to 18 years and worked with four coaches who had all played soccer at the university in Kamloops on their sport skills, game play and fitness. The inaugural program ran for 4 weeks and grew in size from nine to twelve young athletes who showed enthusiasm, athleticism and good sportsmanship throughout the pilot program. Sport Start was developed especially for young athletes with intellectual disabilities who want to make the transition from basic motor skills to sport specific skills. It is the next step in the Youth Development programs offered by SOBC, following the highly successful Active Start and FUNdamentals programs that currently run across the province. The goal of the program is to give the athletes their first start in organized sport, provide them with the opportunity to build friendships with others in their age group and to offer them a positive organized sport experience. Due to the success of the initial pilot program, an official 12 week Sport Start Soccer Program is planned for Kamloops this spring and we hope this will be the first of many across BC.



Long Term ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Long-term athlete development is a concept that's at the heart of everything we do in SOBC. Whether it's introducing a new sport, giving nutritional advice or training for championships – developing an athlete's potential and keeping them healthy and active throughout their lives is very important to us.

All our programs start off with LTAD in mind. From our Active Start program, aimed at children aged from 2-6, to our Club Fit program that's open to all ages 8-88, we believe in the power of sport and activity to enrich the lives of people with intellectual disability. Here's a closer look at our programs and where they fit into athletes' life.

Active Start (Ages 2-6)	Teaching basic motor skills to young children.
FUNdamentals (Ages 7-12)	Teaching more advanced motor and sport skills to children.
Learning to Train (Ages 13-21)	SPORT START Teaching sport skills, competition and introducing training to children and teenagers.
Training to Train (Ages 13-21)	
Training to Compete	TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS All our sports fall under this category. Our traditional sport programs are for athletes of all ages and abilities.
Training to Win (Ages 15 & up)	
Active for Life	CLUB FIT While off-season, no longer in training, or for extra exercise - Club Fit is a fitness club that everyone can enjoy.

Draft an Athlete

DRAFT AN ATHLETE REGISTRATION FORM

CONTACT NAME _____

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Yes, I would like to participate in the 2010 National Games Draft.

- Individual Athlete = \$1000
- Individual Athletes = \$1000/athlete for a total of \$
- 5 Athletes = \$4,000
- I am unable to Draft an Athlete for \$1000, but I would like to donate \$

Payment Method

- Enclosed please find a cheque payable to Special Olympics BC
- Please invoice me at the above noted address
- Please bill my credit card:
 - Visa
 - MasterCard
 - Amount: \$

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRY DATE: _____

NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Please forward the completed form to:

Draft an Athlete
Special Olympics BC
210-3701 East Hastings Street
Burnaby, BC V5C 2H6

Questions? Please contact:

Courtenay Soanes
Manager, Fund Development
604-737-3131

Or fax / email the completed form to:
604-737-3080 / csoanes@specialolympics.bc.ca



From July 13-17, 2010, Special Olympics athletes from across the country will come together in London, Ontario for the Special Olympics Canada Summer Games. Imagine the thrill as over 1000 athletes – with over 2000 coaches, mission staff, friends and family – unite to celebrate their abilities and accomplishments. During this unforgettable event, athletes with intellectual disabilities will connect, compete, succeed, and inspire.

Representing the province at the 2010 National Summer Games is an incredible achievement. In order to celebrate this achievement and ensure Team BC athletes receive the full Games experience, we have developed the Draft an Athlete program, which allows individuals and organizations to join the team and share in the excitement. Drafting one or more of Team BC's 182 athletes is much more than a monetary contribution toward training, preparation, and travel. It is also a way to empower athletes to unlock their potential, become champions, and break down barriers.

Draft donors will receive:

- A letter or card from a sponsored athlete or team.
- Team BC updates and results by e-mail.
- A tax receipt for their contribution.
- The priceless gift of enhancing a life and making a dream come true.

Catch the spirit and keep the joy alive.

Simply clip out and complete the form, and Be A Fan of Special Olympics.

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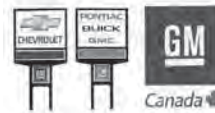
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Special Olympics BC is very proud and fortunate to have sponsors. Without the support of these companies, as well as a host of others, Special Olympics BC would not be able to provide the quality sport programs we do. Please support those who support us!

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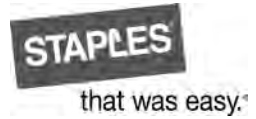
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Special Olympics BC is pleased to announce the arrival of three new managers.

Courtenay Soanes has joined Special Olympics BC provincial office as Fund Development Manager. Courtenay recently graduated from Simon Fraser University with a degree in Communication and has completed internships with the JUNO Awards host committee and the Vancouver Canucks.



Amy Pokoney has joined Special Olympics BC as Fund Development Manager. Amy has 4 years experience working in the non-profit sector in event management and fundraising. She has moved to Vancouver from Australia.

Kathy McHugh has joined Special Olympics BC provincial office as Communications Manager. Kathy has moved to Vancouver from Ireland where she worked as a copywriter and advertising manager with a special focus on social media. She has also worked as a marketing/branding consultant for several years.

Home Hardware — Osoyoos



SOBC – South Okanagan is very fortunate to call Frances Sologuk a resident. As the owner of Osoyoos Home Hardware, she takes the role of a Special Olympics BC (SOBC) sponsor to heart. For Frances, simply sponsoring the organization is not

enough; she takes every opportunity to include the Local and the athletes in the company's community events.

For the past 23 years Frances, her husband and their Home Hardware staff have held street dances for the city of Osoyoos during the summer months. Every year town folk and visitors alike have joined in the tradition and now our Local has found its place at this event by selling bottled water to thirsty dancers, as well as reclaiming the empties for their recycling fundraiser!

SOBC athletes are also present at Frances' holiday events. During the Christmas light-up, the athletes serve hot chocolate and cookies to winter weary customers while Frances and the Home Hardware staff keep the bright red donation pails for SOBC visible!

Frances even seems to have donation intuition. For example, just when the Local began to think about the cost of new bowling shirts...Frances arrived at the door with a donation cheque. The Local never knows when Frances will drop by, but when she does, be it in winter or summer, it's always in the spirit of giving!

Athlete Tony Batista has worked for Frances at the Home Hardware store for years and the staff supports his Special Olympic efforts. When Tony arrives back to work after competitions with his prized ribbons the whole store celebrates. The staff hangs banners announcing Tony's accomplishments to customers so that they too can share in his achievements. And now, with Frances' help, Tony has been featured on Home Hardware's "Top Prospects Segment" for SOBC that aired during hockey games featured on TSN.

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