



BC SPECIAL OLYMPICS NANAIMO



Newsletter March 2012-03-21

This newsletter contains some information that was in the last newsletter. Some athletes and volunteers did not receive it because there was a glitch in the computer system when we were sending it out.

VOLUNTEERS & COACHES

We are all about protecting our athletes while they take part in our programs. The executive has finally decided that **ALL** volunteers and coaches are to have a criminal record check. To get a volunteer rate of cost, a form from Special Olympics is to be filled out.

****We** are starting with the volunteers who have joined us after 2008. All these volunteers will be contacted and reminded of their start date, and asked to get this check.

We have designed a program to keep track of everyone who has done the check. Included in this spread sheet is information on the NCCP courses, and any other courses that would help in our programs, such as First Aid and Sport specific. Help by keeping us informed of any courses: we would reimburse you of any approved ones.

FREE TICKETS

Every once in awhile we get free tickets to events, the last one being the Old Timers hockey game. These are supplied to by a company who phones around and asks for a donation of the price of tickets. If you are one of the donors, we thank you. Our athletes always enjoy the events.

If you are one of the volunteers or athletes who went out to the events, would you please phone Sylvia and let her know if you enjoyed it. It is passed onto the company.

GAMES YEAR

This is the year for the National Games which Dennis Lynch competed in Cross Country ski, bringing home a GOLD in the 100 meter, a BRONZE in the 1 km. and 4th in the 5 km. Our Floor Hockey team, the TIGERS came home with the GOLD in their division, losing only one game.

This is also the year of the qualifying summer events at the **Regional** games held on the Island. NANAIMO is hosting both of the **Bowling** events. Of course we need a LOT of help at the lanes. The 5 pin bowling is April 15th and the 10 pin is April 21st.

SOFTBALL ATHLETES-we need at least 14 players in order to attend the Regional qualifier, bring your friends.

VOLUNTEERS/COACHES

We are able to get our volunteers who help coach the athletes, certified in the **National Certification Coaches Course**. If a coach would like to attend any Competition past Regionals, with their athletes, it is required to have this course. Don't miss the thrill of these events. Contact Sylvia, 758-0630.

HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY TO SOBC NANAIMO

We have come a long way in what seems like a short period of time. I guess when you are having fun, time flies.

Most of you will remember the 20th anniversary at the Moose Hall with all the fabulous decorations. It is now time to celebrate our 25th anniversary!! The executive is running on empty for ideas and energy so is asking for help on this. Let me know your ideas and offer your help.

Phone or email Sylvia 758-0630, sylvia-miller@shaw.ca.

SPRING SPORT PROGRAMS.

TRACK AND FIELD	MON. APRIL 16	5:45-6:45
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No bathrooms available. PROPER athletic wear mandatory!

SOCCER	TUE. APRIL 17	6:30-7:30
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BOCCE	TUES. MAY 15	6:00-7:00
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SOFTBALL	WED. APRIL 11	7:00-8:30
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T-BALL	WED. APRIL 11	6:00-7:00
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PROPER CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ARE TO BE WORN FOR ALL SPORTS.

WATER BOTTLES ARE ALWAYS NESSESARY.

Remember that this is a qualifying year for all summer sports so team sports need the required amount of players to go to competitions.

Remember also the ruling we have of 80% attendance to attend competitions.