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Rugby in Alberta news....

Rugby Alberta Special Meeting

Special points of interest:

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On March 28, 2009 Rugby Alberta hosted a Special Meeting to discuss some outstanding issues from our AGM that had been held February 1.

The most important issue was the outstanding rules and regulations. From the meeting it was determined that the document was still incomplete and clubs were asked to submit any final issues to the Rules and Regulations Committee By April 6. The Board of Directors will listen to the recommendations of the R&R Committee and produce the final 2009 document by May 1.

Sandy Nesbitt, Treasurer of Rugby Alberta updated all the members present as to the

state of the Financials. At this time we have no pending financial issues that need to be dealt with and believe that with the continued support of the Finance Committee, and all our member organizations Rugby will get back on track financially.

The final issue was the election of a President. The election was held and Rugby Alberta is pleased to announce our new President—Mr. John Seaman. John has been a member of the Rugby Alberta Board of Directors since December 2000 when he held the position of Vice Rugby Development. Later John moved in the position of VP Competitions—managing RA Rep Teams. John has re-

mained in that position over the years until he was nominated and subsequently was appointed the President of Rugby Alberta March 28, 2009. We, at Rugby Alberta, look forward to working closely with John as we move Rugby forward in Alberta.

Congratulations John!



GRANTS AVAILABLE TO ATHLETES

The **KidSport™ Alberta** Elite Performance Grant (EPG) will support up to 12 Alberta athletes that have been recognized at a provincial team level. Eligible athletes will receive up to \$500 to help support the additional fees associated with their involvement with their elite performance. For further information go to: www.kidsport.ab.ca

The **♀Take the Lead Grant** has been created to help Albertan girls and women become experienced leaders in the sport and recreation fields. Grant monies could be used for training, course fees, professional development, professional certification, clinics, equipment, travel, lodging, meals, and other training related activities.

InMotion Network will provide 5 grants of up to \$1,000 per individual and/or \$3,000 per organization to girls and women working or volunteering in the sport or active living communities, recreation field or school system who are working towards increasing their leadership capacity. For more information. Application Deadline - April 30, 2009. For further information to to: <http://inmotionnetwork.org/index.php?p=48>

Southern Alberta High School Rugby League pioneers to be inducted into Lethbridge Sports Hall of Fame

Southern Alberta has become a hotbed of rugby, particularly at the women's level where talented players and national-caliber teams are being consistently produced.

The sport, which was originally introduced to Lethbridge way back in 1891, gained new impetus in the 1980s and 1990s with the formation of the Southern Alberta High School Rugby League thanks to the league's far-sighted pioneers.

With the support of the Lethbridge Rugby Club, several boys' high school teams blossomed in spring 1984 when the league was officially established.

Girls' rugby came on the scene in 1990 when Andrew Walmsley started a team at

F.P. Walshe High School in Fort Macleod which competed in tournaments wherever they could be found.

In 1995, the girls' game became a part of the Southern Alberta High School Rugby League, which today features 11 boys' teams and 16 girls' squads.

Eventually, a rugby program was formed at the University of Lethbridge in 1999 and it has grown to become one of the powers of women's rugby in Canada, winning two national titles and four national medals in total.

The team's success has been built on the strength of players from the Southern Alberta High School Rugby League and

several of those players have gone on to play for the women's national squad.

The original movers and shakers of the SAHSRL include:

Craig Patton, Bernie Ontkean, Charlie Barton, Charles Anstey,

Seamus Skelly, Rich Cuthbertson, Andrew Walmsley, John Seaman

Toby Boulet and Joey Shackelford.

The Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place May 2, 6:00pm at the Sandman Inn, Lethbridge Alberta

Tickets are available at the Yates or Enmax Ticket Outlets at a cost of \$35.00 per person or \$245.00 for a table of 8

Sharks Club Silent Auction

Next month, Saturday, May 30th the Rugby Alberta Match Officials Association (RAMOA) and Rugby Alberta will host a silent auction to raise funds that will amongst other things, help facilitate travel and education for referees throughout the province. The auction will take place at the **Shark Club - 17328 Stony Plain Road, Edmonton**



Fundraiser



Rugby Alberta has received notification of their upcoming Casino. The date will be August 13 & 14, 2009 and the venue will be Century Casino in Edmonton. As many of you know we will need numerous volunteers to assist us. As this is taking place in the summer months it may be especially difficult to find those people. If you can donate some time, please call Debby and/or Matt at the Rugby Alberta office to receive a volunteer application form.

Rugby Alberta Rep Team Schedule

Rugby Alberta is pleased to announce its 2009 representative age grade ID camp schedule.

The Under 16 Boys, Under 17 Girls and the Under 19 Girls will be going to the Rugby Canada National Festival in Toronto from the 6th – 12th August 2009.

The Under 18 Boys will be traveling to the Canada Summer Games in PEI from the 15th – 22nd Aug 2009

Players should show up to the venues listed no later than 45min before scheduled start time to sign in and register for the camp. There is a \$30 try out fee to all players taking part in Rugby Alberta Camps. Players are permitted to attend more than one camp if they wish.

Please refer to our website (www.rugbyalberta.com) for periodic updates or further information.

For complete schedule see page 4.



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

May 1 & 2—Ross Shep HS Tourney

May 1 & 2—County Central HS Tourney—Vulcan

May 1—Pirates HS Sevens Tourney

May 2—AJRA—Mini Festival

May 3—U19 Girls Tryout—CRU

May 10—U16 Boys Tryout—CRU

May 10—U18 Boys (Canada Games) Tryout

May 16—Edmonton Rugby Fest

May 16—U 17 Girls Tryouts—CRP

May 17—Edmonton Rugby Fest

May 17—U17 Girls Tryouts—St. Albert

May 23—CANADA VS IRELAND

May 23—U17 Women Tryout—Red Deer

May 24—U16 Men Tryout—ERP

May 24—U 18 Men Tryout—ERP

May 24—U 19 Women Tryout—Red Deer

May 25—U18 Men Tryout—Lethbridge

May 26—U 16 Men Tryout—Lethbridge

May 29—Notre Dame Classic—Red Deer

May 30—Notre Dame Classic

May 30—CANADA VS WALES

May 30—RAMOA./RA Silent Auction—Edmonton

May 31—U19 Women Tryout—Red Deer

May 31—U 16 Men Tryout—Red Deer



2009 Rep Team Coaching Staff Announced

Rugby Alberta is pleased to announce the 2009 Coaching staff for Team Alberta Rep Program.

Alberta Under 18 Boys

Head Coach – Mike Hoang

Mike was given the post of Alberta U16s Head coach back in 2007 for the National Festival in Newfoundland. Mike as proved to be a strong age grade coach which has seen him being retained at Under 18s Alberta Coach to take the team to the 2009 Canada Games in PEI

Assistant Coach – Jason Isaacs
Manager - Jim Brophy

Alberta Under 16 Boys

Head Coach - Dan Meikle

Dan who is originally from New Zealand and has strong background in Rugby and is now a Canadian resident based in Red Deer Alberta. He had been retained as Alberta Under 16 Coach for 2009 after his great efforts and leadership at the 2008 National Festival in Ottawa.

Assistant Coach - Preston Wiley
Manager – Rob Andrews

Alberta Under 14 boys

Head Coach - Cam Wilton

Cam has been involved in coaching a number of Alberta programs over the last 10 years. In 2008 Cam was named as head coach of the 1st ever U14 Alberta Tour team that traveled to Victoria and Vancouver. Cam has been retained for 2009 for the teams tour to Toronto to take on BC, Ontario and possibly Newfoundland.

Assistant Coach – TBA
Manager - TBA

Alberta Under 19 Girls

Head Coach - Bill Bowd

Bill Bowd comes with extensive knowledge of rugby in Alberta both as a player and a coach. He has been with the Alberta U17s program as head coach since Newfoundland in 2007 and now progresses to the Under 19 program for the 2009 National Festival.

Assistant Coach – TBA
Manager: Rob Reger

Alberta Under 17 Girls

Head Coach - Liam Hutchinson

Liam entered the Alberta representative program in 2008 as the assistant coach with Bill Bowd and showed great coaching skills and leadership qualities. With Bill moving up to the Under 19 program Liam has been elevated to Head Coach for this age group for 2009 for the National Festival.

Assistant Coach – Aaron Takel
Manager - Deb Orr

Senior Women-

Head Coach: Brent Gallagher has been selected as the head coach of the Alberta Senior Women's Team. He brings years of experience and enthusiasm to the program. All female players registered in Alberta over the age of 19 are invited out to the trainings – Red Deer Titans fields starting at 10AM.

Team Manager: Jo Reinbold

2009 Rugby Alberta Age Grade Representative ID Camp Schedule

ALBERTA UNDER 17 GIRLS

DATE	START TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION/VENUE
SAT 18TH APRIL 2009	10.00AM - 1.00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#1)	LETHBRIDGE RUGBY CLUB
SAT 16th MAY 2009	1PM - 4PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#2)	CALGARY RUGBY UNION
SUN 17TH MAY 2009	10.00AM-1.00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#3)	ST ALBERT RUGBY CLUB
SAT 23TH May 2009	10.00AM - 1.00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#4)	RED DEER TITANS RUGBY CLUB
Head Coach	Liam Hutchinson	liamrh@shaw.ca	

ALBERTA UNDER 19 GIRLS

DATE	START TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION/VENUE
SAT 18TH APRIL 2009	1.00PM-4.00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#1)	LETHBRIDGE RUGBY CLUB
SUN 3RD MAY 2009	2.30PM-5.30PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#2)	CALGARY RUGBY UNION
SUN 24TH MAY 2009	2.00PM-5.00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#3)	EDMONTON (ELLERSLIE RUGBY PARK)
Head Coach	Bill Bowd	billybowd@hotmail.com	

ALBERTA UNDER 18 BOYS

DATE	START TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION/VENUE
SUN 10TH MAY 2009	2.30PM-5.30PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#1)	CALGARY RUGBY UNION
SUN 24TH MAY 2009	2.00PM-5.30PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#2)	EDMONTON (ELLERSLIE RUGBY PARK)
Mon 25TH MAY 2009	7.00PM-9.00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#3)	LETHBRIDGE RUGBY CLUB
Head Coach	Mike Hoang	mhoang9@hotmail.com	

ALBERTA UNDER 16 BOYS

DATE	START TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION/VENUE
SUN 10TH MAY 2009	2.30PM-5.00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#1)	CALGARY RUGBY UNION
SUN 24TH MAY	2:00PM-5:00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#4)	EDMONTON (ELLERSLIE RUGBY PARK)
TUES 26TH MAY 2009	7:00PM-9:00PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#2)	LETHBRIDGE (TBA)
SUN 31ST MAY 2009	2:30PM-5:30PM	OPEN IDENTIFICATION CAMP (#3)	RED DEER TITANS RUGBY CLUB
Head Coach	Dan Meikle	danmeikle@hotmail.com	

For information on facility locations and updates on practice schedules please visit www.rugbyalberta.com

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ALBERTA SENIOR WOMEN

All female players registered in Alberta over the age of 19 are invited out to the trainings

DATE	START TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION/VENUE
Sunday, May 3	10:00 a.m.	Training	Red Deer
Sunday, May 10		Training	
Saturday, May 23		Game	In Vancouver
Sunday, May 31		Training	
Saturday, June 14		Training	
Sunday, June 21		Training	
Sunday, June 28		Training	
Sunday, July 5		Training	
July 8—10		NWL Finals	Ellerslie Rugby Park

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