



July 2004 Athlete Development Report

Our athletes have had a very good year this past winter and with luck and some hard work we have seen some great results.

The BC Summer Games sport Chair started a letter writing campaign that brought out 62 archers to trials. After 12 hours of sorting and placing according to percentages I managed to select 38 athletes to attend the games. The most unfortunate issue here is that the percentage issue has always been there in the rulebook, we in the past have not had to adhere to it. This year it did become an issue and I was not able to use all of the 12 wild card spots on the boys, several were withheld in order to ensure that spots would be available in the future for girls. This ties into our equity issues for sport gender equality.

Once the athletes were selected the major task then became providing coaches and chaperones for these athletes. Only one zone supplied all this info with the original papers. The difficult one has been zone 3 as we are finding that nearly all our pool of coaches and support volunteers are already involved with the games, ie judges or Games volunteers.

6 letters to initiate gym memberships have been issued. These letters went out to our athletes that are have joined the Excellence program and declared intentions to try for the National team for 2004 World events. They were initiated primarily for the compound shooters who cannot gain access to the Pacific Sport Group Bronze program because of the sport specific discipline. Of the 6 only 3 have had replies. Cameron McNeil has processed a membership with the Hyde Creek recreation center. Brittany McMillan had a gym contact me but the still have not completed any distribution of information. Wayne Fleet is in the process of negotiating and it looks like he will go on in the fall. Leaving Thomas Scully, Megan Kennedy and Lillian Meehan. Now that we are into the summer season delivery of any further letters will wait until August and the membership value will not be lost due to shooters being outside practicing and not available to us the pass.

Our High Performance is coming along very well. In the past year we have double our number of athletes on the National Excellence program, up to 22. We had 9 athletes declare intentions to an International team, 7 of which were juniors and or cadets. Of these 9 candidates, 5 completed criteria to qualify for teams. Hugh MacDonald, and Heather Kennedy qualified for the Pan American Championships. Brittany McMillan, Emerald Lemke, and Megan Kennedy qualified for the World Junior Championships. Unfortunately by the time Heather finishes paying for Megan's trip to England she could not manage her trip and had to withdraw her name from the team.

The Provincial government indicating that the application that was made on behalf of our athletes last fall has been approved to ensure that External School credits are awarded to our cadets and juniors participating in Multi Sport Games for Archery, Ie BC Summer Games, Western Canada Games and Pan Am.

Provincial Indoor ranking has been established and is ready for posting on the web site and will be printed in the Archer.

The Team Selection Criteria for the Canada Winter Games 2007 in Whitehorse has been written and with consultation by Charles Land some alterations have been made. I would like to recommend that we post the job description for a Level 3 coach for this event and start looking for candidates that would be willing to complete the level 3 certification to ensure that we do not leave this until the very last minute.

I traveled to the Ontario Spring Classic to support 7 of our provincial shooters who attended this Major event. This event for 6 of them was the last major available to them before the team selection for National teams closed. I had some conversations with a couple of our National level 3 coaches and Joan McDonald our level 4/5 coach. This is a great opportunity for our coaches to interact at the level of a major. The quality of shooters attending this event was higher than that of the Nationals. With 97 athletes attending, and several working for the 2 Olympic spots that Canada has, this was good experience. I would like to recommend to the board that we use this event in association to the Nationals to send support staff to assist our archers achieve the next step in their shooting careers. Our coaches could benefit from the learning experience.

The new Team Selection Chair will be Tracy Klat. I will be meeting with her this weekend to discuss details of the job and her willingness to take on the chair.

I have applied to the National Coaching Institute for August start of my level 4/5 Coaching certification. This program is a 28 month course that will hopefully continue to contribute to our pool of knowledge to help continue supporting our athletes in the province.

I have started to plan a shooting camp primarily for recurve shooters. It is my intent to bring identified shooters and their coaches in from around the province for a potential 5 day camp. With the opportunity for work on planning, form technique and support networking to help improve our pool for the 2007 Canada Winter Games. The decision on indoor or outdoor will depend on timing and availability of our resources, such as Hugh MacDonald, Charles Land etc.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan