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Olympian Dionne Shares Story of Perseverance and Glory at Conference

by Barinder Chauhan

On March 8th, the 2nd annual Women in Sport Conference was held in Vancouver, showcasing Olympian Deidra Dionne, current City Manager Judy Rogers and a refreshingly candid panel of women sport leaders.

Dr. Sheila Wynn, Deputy Minister of Community Services and the Ministry responsible for Seniors' and Women's issues brought greetings from Minister Ida Chong and presented the ProMOTION Plus Leadership awards to Judy Shanley and Gillian Thomson for their dedication to sport and physical activity programming for girls and women in BC.

Keynote speaker Deidra Dionne gave a moving presentation. Her story of perseverance and determination left the attendees inspired and awed by this 25-year-old Olympian. The Olympic bronze medal freestyle aerialist spoke of her arduous journey to the top of her sport and how in a matter of seconds, it all came crashing down.

The 2000 FIS rookie of the year recalled how she inched closer to her dream of reaching the Olympics, a dream she has held since attending the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary. "Everyday that I woke up, my life had to be dedicated to the Olympics," Dionne recollected. She went on to qualify for the 2002 Salt Lake City games and grabbed the bronze medal in her event.

However, after the glory of the Olympics, Dionne had a major setback en route to qualifying for her second Olympic Games. During a training session in Australia,

Deidra Dionne

Dionne failed to land a routine practise jump and broke her neck. A seven hour surgery to repair the damage followed, leaving her with a titanium metal plate and screws in her neck.

This setback was not going stand in the way of her participating at the 2006 Winter Olympics and Dionne worked hard to come back from the injury and be ready for 2006. She was successful in her training and was able to compete at the Torino Games and while she did not reach the podium, she came to realize "that there was glory in last place."

Dionne's story is compelling not only because it is about a dream fulfilled, but because it teaches us that we learn a great deal from all of our experiences. This confident 25 year old is secure in the knowledge that her journey has shown her what she is capable of and what the essence of sport truly is. "I've realized it's not always the medals, but the journey that is important."

The Women in Sport conference, presented by 2010 Legacies Now in partnership with UBC REC, ProMOTION Plus, the Province of BC and CTV included speaker Judy Rogers, Vancouver City Manager; the first woman to ever be appointed to this position. Her message of always being inquisitive, working collaboratively and taking measured risks resonated with the audience.

An all-female panel followed, focussing on each speaker's unique contribution to sport in Canada. Panellists included Carla Qualtrough, former Paralympian and Director of Sport Tourism and Inclusion Initiatives with 2010 Legacies Now, Sally Bell, Canadian Women's Field Hockey coach, Debbie Butt, Executive Director for the Canucks for Kids Fund and Kathy Kovacs, CTV sportscaster. The refreshingly candid and honest discussion gave the attendees an unabashed view into the lives of these strong and inspirational women.

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Our Vision

All girls and women in the province of British Columbia will participate in and have access to a complete range of opportunities, choices and resources for positive experiences in physical activity and competitive and recreational sport and have equity as participants and leaders

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Message from the Chair

Many people comment on how quickly time seems to pass . . . and for ProMOTION Plus that is so very true as well. Coming off the excitement and busy-ness of the fall, with the launch of the *In Her Footsteps* exhibit at BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, we have had a very full first three months of 2007. We continue to develop, nurture, and support partnerships within the sport and recreation system to ensure women and girls have access to resources and opportunities.

In February, the Honourable Gordon Hogg, Minister of State for ActNow BC announced the application process for the Coaching Mentor/Apprenticeship Program for the 2008 BC Winter Games. This program, developed by ProMOTION Plus in partnership with the Coaches Association of BC and the BC Games Society, will also be open to summer sports in conjunction with the 2008 BC Summer Games. Applications will be distributed in late spring. On March 8th ProMOTION Plus together with 2010 Legacies Now and UBC Rec celebrated International Women's Day with the second annual Women in Sport conference in Vancouver. At this event, and a week later at the Sport BC Presidents' Awards ProMOTION Plus acknowledged the leadership, dedication and commitment of six women through the Leadership Awards, the Bobbie Steen Awards, and the Presidents' Award. The opportunity to congratulate these women for their efforts, to thank them for their commitment of time and energy, and to hold them up as role models for others means a great deal to ProMOTION Plus. These women are well deserving of recognition and offer great inspiration — you will find their stories throughout this edition of the newsletter.

Our Board undertook a review of our strategic plan in late 2006. We are in the final stages of this process which will update the strategic plan so that our efforts for the next few years are targeted and focused. As we look ahead to the spring and summer we anticipate the completion of this review and are eager to celebrate the accomplishments of a successful and busy year at our Annual General Meeting on June 20th — hope to see you there!

Irene Schell
ProMOTION Plus Chair

OLYMPIAN DIONNE *(con't from page 1)*

Panelists Carla Qualtrough, Sally Bell and Debbie Butt

This conference, in keeping with International Women's Day served to celebrate and inspire women and help them understand how their lives and work do make a difference. While there is still much left to do be done, as confirmed by the various speakers, we can relish in the fact that women have come a long way and have helped forge a path for future generations. As Deidra Dionne reminded everyone, "through sport, we (as women) have the power to (determine) where our lives go."

Recognition is Cause for Pause and Celebration!

by Beverley Siver, Executive Director

Since the beginning of the New Year ProMOTION Plus has focused on recognizing women whose lives are an inspiration. These are phenomenal individuals who are doing outstanding work and whose contributions are sometimes taken for granted. Often when you do something really well, people believe that you not only love doing it, but that it comes naturally to you. While you may love it, what may not be considered here are the years of dedication and training needed to accomplish it with some sense of ease and satisfaction.

In this issue of the Network News, we salute individuals who have worked hard to attain a high level of skill and who should be recognized as leaders and role models.

These are the people who make a difference in our lives. They change the course of the future without even knowing the profound affect they have on their families, co-workers and community. And sometimes, just every now and again one of these individuals gets public recognition for their skill and the hours of dedication and training they commit to these tasks which are sometimes taken for granted.

So, take a moment and reflect on your contribution and pat yourself on the back for what you do daily . . . weekly . . . monthly . . . yearly. It is a privilege to have sport, physical activity and recreation in our lives. You are an essential part of creating a society that is healthier and happier in our lifetime.

Thank you for being an inspiration to those around you.

ProMOTION Plus recognizes and honours the accomplishments of the 2007 Bobbie Steen, Leadership and Presidents' Award recipients. We congratulate you all and ask that we all be on the look out for those in our community that are leaders and role models for girls and women of BC.

Come experience BC's finest athletes, coaches and leaders, hear their stories as they talk about their journey to the top at the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, see the *In Her Footstep . . . Celebrating BC Women in Sport* exhibit.

In October, come celebrate Women's History Month when we announce the 2007 Honourees at the *In Her Footsteps . . . Celebrating BC Women in Sport* exhibit.

Bryna Kopelow Receives 2007 Sport BC Presidents' Award

Since 1990, Bryna has been involved with ProMOTION Plus in numerous capacities. As one of the founding Mothers, Bryna's support has been integral to establishing this organization's credibility, and thereby helping to secure our funding as a Multi-Sport Organization. Her belief in ProMOTION Plus, her knowledge of the sport and recreation system, her ability to synthesize information and creatively problem solve have made her an invaluable member of the organization. Bryna's accomplishments and passion make her an incredible role model and strong advocate for girls and women in sport and recreation.

Bryna Kopelow was presented with this award by ProMOTION Plus Chair, Irene Schell at the Presidents' Awards Ceremony on March 14th, 2007.

PHOTO: PATRICIA SAYER

2007 Bobbie Steen Awards

On March 14th, ProMOTION Plus honoured 3 women at the annual Bobbie Steen Awards ceremony in conjunction with the Sport BC Presidents' Awards at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver.

The Bobbie Steen Legacy Foundation Award ($1,000) is awarded to an Emerging Leader to further their education or to support programming which champions women in sport and physical activity.

2007 Emerging Leader: Emily Schultz
This honour roll student has demonstrated a passion and dedication to the sport of gymnastics by investing in 22 hours of training per week and by volunteering with younger athletes at the Kamloops Artistic Trampoline and Tumbling School which she joined in 1999. In 2005 Emily received an all-around bronze medal at the BC Championships and qualified for the Western Championships, finishing 9th overall and 6th in the Beam. Emily will be starting university next year and is working toward becoming a member of the National Gymnastics team. Unfortunately Emily was unable to attend the awards ceremony on March 14th. Legacy Foundation trustee Sally Samler accepted the award on her behalf.

Irene Schell, Lisa Davison, Sally Samler, Allison McNeil and Jennifer Fenton.

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Leadership Awards Recipients Honoured On International Women's Day

ProMOTION Plus Leadership Award recipients **Judy Shanley** and **Gillian Thomson** were honoured on March 8th, 2007 at the Women in Sport conference sponsored by 2010 Legacies Now, UBC Rec, ProMOTION Plus, the Province of BC and CTV.

Judy Shanley was recognized for her contribution to the Outward Bound Urban Women of Courage program benefiting women in the 19 and over age category. Judy developed this unique program while still a student at Langara College in the recreation program. She first worked with Outward Bound as an intern and has since developed the Urban Women of Courage program and brought it to fruition. This is the first urban-focused program for Outward Bound and it has been so successful that they are examining its potential as a national program.

The Urban Women of Courage program targets women who have been disempowered through violence and abuse. Designed to enhance self-esteem and develop skills through participation in physical activity and sport, the program has since grown to include leadership training and health and lifestyle components. Some of the women have not participated in sport or been physically active prior to becoming involved in the program.

Judy Shanley and Gillian Thomson

Gillian Thomson was recognized for her commitment to leadership in the sport of sailing as an athlete and volunteer whose work benefits girls and women in the under 19 age category.

Gillian Thomson's sailing career spans 22 years. She has been successful as an athlete both provincially and internationally. Gillian has been named one of the most influential people in BC sailing by Pacific Yachting Magazine, a local Sport Hero by Sport Kelowna and Canada's 2006 Sailor of the Year by the Canadian Model Boat Association.

Gillian played a pivotal role in the development of the International Trapseat 16 catamaran class for disabled athletes and has worked tirelessly to ensure access and opportunity for those in Kelowna and surrounding area who want to learn the sport of sailing.

Through her effort, the "Learn to Sail" program of the Central Okanagan Sailing Association has expanded from 60 to a record 2000 students in 2006. It is the largest and most successful program of its kind in Canada and is unequalled in the North America.

Congratulations to Judy and Gillian!

Focus on Women in BC

Featuring Anne Peabody, President of the BC Golf Association

As President of the BC Golf Association, Anne Peabody is the first women ever to head the board of the governing body for amateur golf in the province.

"I started to play golf because of encouragement from a friend who was passionate about the game and also because my husband was an occasional golfer. I soon became an ardent golfer, achieved a moderate level of expertise and reaped much benefit from the sport. When I was approached to help out, first at the club level and later the zone and provincial level, I became involved because I wanted to give back to the sport that had given so much to me."

Peabody has spent more than thirty years dedicated to amateur golf and supporting golf for girls and women. From 1994 to 2000, she served as the Provincial Course Rating/Handicap Director and achieved Master Course Rater status. She was Vice-president of the BC Ladies' Golf Association from 2001 to 2002 and President from 2003-2004. As the BCLGA President, she also sat as chair of the Finance and Human Resources Committees.

On a national level, Peabody served on the Canadian Ladies' Golf Association (CLGA) Board of Directors and chaired the CLGA Nominating Committee, By-law Committee and Membership Sub-committee. From 2002-2004 she represented both the BCLGA and the BCGA on the Golf Canada Council.

"As President of the British Columbia Golf Association, I hope more women will be encouraged to volunteer and take a leading role in advancing sport development. Some of the benefits of girls and women getting involved in golf are to have fun, make new friends and exercise/walking. Participants develop sportsmanship, courtesy and consideration for others, a sense of accomplishment, self control and self discipline. Golf can be a life long sport and it is the only sport where a player can compete with others of all skill levels."

Report from Victoria

Laura Bridgewater, PhD student at the University of Victoria was recently invited to join the ProMOTION Plus Victoria Steering Committee. With her expertise in physical activity and healthy eating, the team was delighted to welcome Laura aboard.

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ProMOTION Plus Victoria is developing new awards this year, **Proud to Play Like a Girl** and **Play it Forward**. Two **Proud to Play Like a Girl** awards will be given to a young athlete (in a junior and senior category) for her dedication, demonstration of fair play and determination. The award of $500 will be used to attend a training clinic, camp or other form of athletic or leadership training. **Play It Forward** will provide a $1000 grant for new girls only programs or to increase the number of female participants in an existing co-ed program.

Deadline for applications is June 1st, 2007

For more information please contact Patti Hunter at: patti_hunter@telus.net

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Greater Victoria will be hosting a Women & Leadership **Work/Life Balance** workshop on Wednesday, April 25, 2007, 6:30 pm at University of Victoria, McKinnon Building, Room 0025.

Join facilitators, Dr. Karen Strange and Meghan Day, Registered Dietitian, to discuss strategies for improving balance in your life by setting up support systems, being physically active and utilizing time management skills, organization and delegating. Using practical methods for handling various situations, the workshops participants will deal with specific examples, have an opportunity to examine personal approaches to situations and share hot tips and success stories.

FEE: $10.00

For more information contact: nlaframboise@2010legaciesnow.com Phone: 250 472-0107, Ext. 0.

For more information about ProMOTION Plus Victoria contact: patti_hunter@telus.net

Girls Only Incentive Program Success Stories

The missing photo: Grades 6 and 7 Girls' Basketball Camp 2006.

Correction

In the Fall 2006 edition of the Network News we reported on the success of the Strathcona Community Centre's Girls' Basketball camp. Two photos of the same team were mistakenly printed. We apologize for the error. We are happy to report that the Grade 7s, half of whom were part of last summer's camp won the city championships. Go team!

Women's Wheelchair Basketball City League

In early 2007, the BC Wheelchair Basketball Society created the first ever Women's Wheelchair Basketball City League in partnership with ProMOTION Plus and Douglas College. 28 women completed the program with more than half trying the sport for the first time. Participant feedback ranged from enthusiastic to, "I can't wait for the next one!" The league plans to continue in the future, so be on the look-out for the next registration date. Congratulations to the BCWBS for its terrific program!

Courtesy of Marni Abbott-Peter

Judo student throws instructor Aline Strasdin

Girls Only! Prince George

Prince George Family YMCA was hopping this winter as 25 mothers and daughters attended 8 weeks of classes as part of Girls Only! Prince George. The group enjoyed a sport sampler of activities including: badminton, judo, boxing, Nia, curling, cross-country skiing, gymnastics and kayaking. The program is designed to allow girls and women to try a variety of activities in a supportive environment and increase their confidence to carry on in a new sport.

Thanks to our partners 2010 Legacies Now and BCRPA for their commitment to the Girls Only Incentive Program.

For more information on the Girls Only Incentive program please visit: www.promotionplus.org

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BECOME A NEW MEMBER OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO ProMOTION Plus!

ProMOTION Plus needs your support to continue working in the creation, implementation and promotion of viable opportunities for girls and women in sport and physical activity. We invite you to become a member of ProMOTION Plus and help to fulfill the organization's commitment to girls and women!
**Our membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st.*

Although membership in ProMOTION Plus is primarily motivated by support of the ProMOTION Plus vision, there are benefits associated with membership. Membership benefits include a subscription to our newsletter, the ProMOTION Plus Network News, access to the ProMOTION Plus resource library and membership rates at ProMOTION Plus events. As well, all ProMOTION Plus members will receive 25% off a FlexiPass at any Vancouver Parks Board operated Fitness Centre or Swimming Pool.

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- **1 draw for a gift bag from LadySport**
  LadySport provides active women with the most complete selection of athletic wear and shoes anywhere in Canada. Visit them at 3545 West 4th Avenue in Vancouver or visit: www.ladysport.ca.
- **3 draws for gift certificates to the Cactus Club restaurant** (valued at $25 each)
  Visit www.cactusclubcafe.com for menus and restaurant locations in BC.
- **3 draws for women's golf shirts from Cracked Wheat & Cross sportswear**
  Visit www.crackedwheat.com for their full catalogue of sportswear.

The winning names will be drawn at our Annual General Meeting, Wednesday June 20th, 2007 at 6:30pm — 1367 West Broadway, Rm 106.

See the membership application on the back.

YWCA of Vancouver · LadySport · CACTUS CLUB CAFE GLOBAL DINING LOUNGE · CW GOLF

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Your annual membership of $35 for Adults, $20 for Students/Seniors/Underemployed or $75 for Organizations enables ProMOTION Plus to continue working in the creation, implementation and promotion of viable opportunities for girls and women in sport and physical activity.

Our membership year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Membership benefits include a vote at the ProMOTION Plus AGM, a subscription to our newsletter, the ProMOTION Plus Network News, access to the ProMOTION Plus resource library, membership rates at ProMOTION Plus events, and discounts with ProMOTION Plus partners such as 25% off a FlexiPass at any Vancouver Parks Board operated Fitness Centre or Swimming Pool.

Simply fill out this membership form and mail or fax to ProMOTION Plus with your payment.

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In the News

Allison Mailer, Minister Ida Chong, Sue Griffiths, MLA Lorne Mayencourt and Beverley Siver.

February 6th, 2007

ProMOTION Plus and the BC Sports Hall of Fame and Museum received funding of $15,000 from the BC Ministry of Community Services to complete the *In Her Footsteps . . . Celebrating BC Women in Sport* exhibit. Community Services Minister Ida Chong and Vancouver-Burrard MLA Lorne Mayencourt presented the cheque.

February 9th, 2007

Minister Gordon Hogg announced the call for applications for the Coaching Mentor/Apprenticeship Program at the Northern BC Winter Games in Fort St. John. Applications for mentors and apprentices for sports eligible for the BC Summer Games will be available late May/ early June.

Beverley Siver, Minister Gordon Hogg, Minister Richard Neufeld and Kelly Mann

Facilitator Jennifer Fenton (standing) with workshop participants

March 8th, 2007

As part of the International Women's Day Women in Sport Conference, ProMOTION Plus hosted a **Creating Work/Life Balance** workshop at the Century Plaza Hotel in Vancouver. 35 women attended the workshop facilitated by Jennifer Fenton and Sydney Millar.

For more information on the **Women in Leadership** workshop series, or to arrange a workshop in your community, visit: www.promotionplus.org.

Getting Girls Out on the Green

The CN Future Links Girls' Club (GC) is a developmental golf program designed for girls 7-18 years of age. As participants, young girls will develop the skills, attitudes and positive images of themselves as athletes on the golf course, encouraging both self-esteem and a life-long love of the sport.

The Girls' Club was developed by the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) to address the huge discrepancy between the numbers of young girls playing golf compared to the number of young boys. It aims not merely to attract girls to the game but also to help retain them longer.

The CN Future Links Girls' Club program is based on the premise that we can encourage more young girls to experience all of the positives the game of golf has to offer through the delivery of fun golf activities and learning environments in a "girls only" setting. The Girls' Club focuses on introducing girls to social competition, learning how to compete and develop friendships. Many will be happy to remain playing at this level while others will progress to compete on a more challenging level. The important point is the Girls' Club program offers that choice.

Activities are provided for a range of levels, with players being encouraged to improve and progress. Clubs meet regularly — usually once a month and events range from clinics to play days and fun days. Tournaments are mostly team events including Scrambles and Best Ball competitions, which take the pressure off head-to-head competition and place more emphasis on fun and enjoyment.

Main features of the program:

- Ability to deliver a program with limited environmental resources — you don't need to have access to a Golf Course to get started.
- The program is well resourced with equipment, instructional aids and activities.
- A safe fulfilling introduction to golf.
- Suitable for ages 7-18.
- Recognizes skill improvement.
- Girls will have the opportunity to learn to play golf, meet other girls their own age and experience healthy competition in a non-threatening environment.

How to start a Girls' Club program in your community:

Contact the British Columbia Golf Association (BCGA) at futurelinks@bcga.org or the Royal Canadian Golf Association: girlsclub@rcga.org or by calling 1 800.263-0009 ex. 388.

The BCGA will provide golf equipment and the CN Future Links Girls' Club Manual (cost $50.00) for FREE to groups that register as an official site in British Columbia.

BC Women Excel at the Canada Winter Games

The 40th Canada Winter Games were held in Whitehorse from February 24 to March 10, 2007, showcasing the largest event of its kind ever to be held north of the 60th parallel.

Overall, Team BC came away from the 2007 Canada Winter Games with 24 gold, 24 silver and 29 bronze medals, more than doubling their gold medal tally from the 2003 games.

The women's badminton team achieved a first by capturing the gold medal in team competition. In 2003, badminton finished in 4th place in the same competition. Women's curling won a bronze medal on the final day of week one, an improvement over their 6th place finish in 2003, women's squash moved from 4th place to 3rd; alpine skiing cracked the top 3 and women's freestyle finished 1st.

Gymnast Brittany Rogers was named Team BC Closing Ceremony Flag Bearer. She won a silver medal in the team competition, a silver medal in the all-around competition, a gold medal in the beam and a gold medal in the uneven bars.

ProMOTION Plus congratulates all the female athletes who competed at the Canada Winter Games as members of Team BC.

BC Women Medallists

GOLD

Ashley Bartlett — Judo Finals — Junior 70 kg

Alycia Chan — Artistic Gymnastics — Floor

Phyllis Chan, Sarah Kong, Melody Liang, Alice Man, Lyndsay Thomson and Charmagne Yeung — Badminton — Team Competition Gold/Silver

Peggy Hsien — Table Tennis U15

Peggy Hsien and Carmen Lee — Table Tennis — Team Gold & Bronze

Silvia Incrocci and Catherine Thwaites — Shooting Final — Team Air Pistol

Rauchelle Johnson — Shooting Final — Individual Air Rifle

Carmen Lee — Table Tennis — U18

Kiera Leung — Skiing — Freestyle

Melody Liang — Badminton — Mixed Doubles (finals)

Alysson Marshall — Cross Country Skiing Final — 10 KM

Rebecca Pretious — Judo Finals — Junior 78 kg

Brittany Rogers — Artistic Gymnastics — Beam

Brittany Rogers — Artistic Gymnastics — Uneven

Kelsey Serwa — Alpine Skiing — GS

Angela Shen and Joy Yiu — Table Tennis — Team Gold/Bronze

Catherine Thwaites — Shooting — Preliminary Women's Individual Air Pistol

SILVER

Alycia Chan, Jessica Hoedel, Melissa Mann, Nicole Pineau, Maria Roche, Brittany Rogers and Hannah Swift — Artistic Gymnastics — Teams Finals/Subdivision 1

Mackenzie Cupp — Judo Finals — Junior 57 kg

Nicole Edlund — Judo Finals — Junior 48 kg

Sarah Hogg — Skiing, Freestyle

Silvia Incrocci — Shooting — Preliminary Women's Individual Air Pistol

Rika Inoda — Figure Skating — Novice

Melody Liang and Alice Man — Badminton — Doubles (finals)

Cambria Little — Figure Skating Pre-Novice

Jessica Mah — Judo Preliminaries Junior 44 kg

Alysson Marshall — Cross Country Skiing Final — 7.5 KM

Brittany Rogers — Artistic Gymnastics — All Around Finals

Jessica Sedlock — Biathlon Final — Junior 7.5KM Sprint

Hannah Swift — Artistic Gymnastics — Vault

Charmagne Yeung — Badminton Mixed Doubles (finals)

BRONZE

Rachel Au, Rebecca Fouchard, Kristen Iverson, Sarah Parsons and Nikki Sequeira — Squash Bronze Medal Match — BC vs. MB

Ashley Bartlett, Mackenzie Cupp, Nicole Edlund, Stefanie Hollo, Jessica Mah, Lisa Nakajima, Rebecca Pretious and Erica Sprott — Judo Team Finals

Simone Brosseau, Caitlin Davidson, Melissa Moen, Samantha Van Iperen — Curling Team — Final

Alycia Chan — Artistic Gymnastics — Vault

Phyllis Chan — Badminton Mixed Doubles (finals)

Erica Erasmus and Katharine Mankowske — Archery Final Team Compound

Elizabeth Hadwell — Figure Skating — Pre-Novice Dance

Ivana Hecimovic — Figure Skating — Novice Pair

Sarah Hogg — Skiing — Freestyle Moguls Finals

Rauchelle Johnson and Jessie Lublinkhof — Shooting Final Team Air Rifle

Nicole Pineau — Artistic Gymnastics — Floor

2007 BOBBIE STEEN AWARDS *(con't from page 4)*

Bobbie Steen Awards of Excellence:
The ***Career Achievement Award*** recognizes the achievements of an outstanding role model (individual or organization) who has, over the course of their career championed women or gender equity in the area of sport and physical activity.

2007 Career Achievement Award Recipient: Allison McNeil
Allison's accomplishments include: Head Coach 2002 – Canadian National Women's Basketball Team, Associate Head Coach 2001 — 2005 University of Oregon, Head Coach 1988 — 2001 SFU, Head Coach 1998 — 2000 Canadian Junior National Women's Team and Assistant Head Coach 2000 Olympics Canadian National Women's Team. Allison brings her talents to BC running basketball clinics for coaches and players in Quesnel, Prince George, Kelowna, Castlegar, Kamloops, New Aiyansh and Victoria, to mention a few. A phenomenal role model, Allison McNeill has the unique ability to combine her inexhaustible enthusiasm for basketball, her technical expertise and her understanding of youth to inspire players and coaches at all levels of competition.

The ***Development Award*** is given to an individual or organization to develop a new or enhance an existing program or to support professional development which champions women in sport and physical activity. $1500 is provided by BC Games Society, Sport BC and the BC Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts.

2007 Development Award Recipient: Lisa Davison
Lisa's accomplishments as a volunteer badminton coach include: mother/daughter sport program, College of New Caledonia Co-ed team, Kelly Road Secondary School Co-ed team, founder of the Badminton Academy of Prince George (dedicated to revitalizing badminton in Northern BC). In 2004 Lisa was honoured by Badminton BC with their Coach of the Year award. Lisa has been involved in badminton for 24 years and continues to find inspiration in Mariah Burton Nelson's words, ". . . what changes when a women becomes an athlete? Everything!"

On behalf of the BC Games Society, Sport BC, the Province of British Columbia, the Bobbie Steen Legacy Foundation and ProMOTION Plus, we would like to congratulate the recipients and thank the nominators and nominees for their involvement.

Mark your calendars.

The ProMOTION Plus Annual General Meeting will take place

Wednesday June 20th, 2007

From 6:30–8:00 pm
Room 106 – 1367 West Broadway in Vancouver.

There will be a special guest speaker, our membership raffle and updates on all our activities. Come out, network and enjoy an interesting and informative evening!

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Coaches Mentor/Apprentice Program

(FOR FEMALE APPRENTICES)

ProMOTION Plus, Coaches Association of BC and the BC Games Society have created a new Coach Mentor/Apprentice program which pairs up experienced coaches with women who are interested in pursuing a career in coaching or in developing their training to a higher level. The goal is to increase the number of qualified female coaches starting at the club and provincial level and moving toward the national and international level in the future.

Applications for mentors and apprentices for sports in competition at the 2008 BC Summer Games in Kelowna will be available in late May/early June.

For more information, visit:
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