

**INFO.E-MAIL LES NOUVELLES/NEWS le 29 octobre / October 29, 2004**

**Greetings/Bonjour:**

The Cowichan Valley on Vancouver Island has won the right to play host to the 2008 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG). The Indigenous Games will showcase more than 7,000 athletes competing in 16 sports. More than 2,000 volunteers will be needed to deliver the games that are expected to attract more than 20,000 spectators in August.

The NAA of the USA announced that the 2005, 2006 and 2007 National Target Championships will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The 2005 Nationals will take place July 30 - August 5.

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**1. New Canadian open record- Nouveaux records canadiens ouverts**

Master man BH unlimited - Maitre Chasseur d'arc illimité: David Cornish, Corman Park, SK in a CDN FITA II with a score of 595. 2004-09-15

Senior woman recurve - Sénior femme recourbé: Marie-Pier Beaudet, Lévis QC, lors d'une FITA STAR 1440 avec un score de 334 à 60m. 2004-07-28

Junior woman recurve - Junior femme recourbé: Marie-Pier Beaudet, Lévis QC, lors d'une FITA STAR 1440 avec un score de 334 à 60m. 2004-07-28

Félicitations à tous - Congratulations to all

Christiane Murphy

Gestionnaire des records canadiens / Canadian records co-ordinator

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## 2. Bravo, Canada!

This week's special biography features Ryan Flannigan, Prince Albert SK.



These are some of my accomplishments from the past two years:

2003

- International FITA Star Award
- Canada Cup – Gold
- 7 Canadian Junior Men's Division Records
- 1 Canadian Senior Men's Division Record

2004

- Junior World's Archery Championship – Team Event – Gold
- Championships of the Americas – Junior Division – Gold
- Indoor Canadian Nationals – Gold
- World Record – 25 meter indoor
- Canada Cup – Bronze

The 2004 Junior World Archery Championships was an extremely enjoyable and valuable experience. The international experience has provided a solid mental base for future competition. The coaches and managers did an excellent job of providing a positive and productive atmosphere for the competitors to succeed. I believe Canada is making positive progress in the archery world, as seen with the well-rounded performance of our team, and is constantly learning how to improve our programs and shooters. Personally, being a member of a gold-medal team was absolutely priceless. It has given me a taste of accomplishing a result-based goal, and has motivated me even more to accomplish other goals, which are momentarily out of reach. However, this experience has also reinforced the importance of concentrating on the process of the shot, and preparing every aspect of my technique, mental game and equipment.

After competing at the Junior Worlds and then traveling to the 2004 Olympics in Athens where I represented Canada at the Youth Camp, my future plans include striving for excellence in the recurve division where I intend to focus my training in hopes of representing Canada at future international events.

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### **3. Information for FITA Indoor World Championships 2005**

Those interested so far in competing at the indoor worlds include:

Kevin Brayford

Allan Gunter

Mike Hornsberger

Greg Maund

Kris Maier

Kristin Niles

Jeannot Robitaille

Caitlyn Schleppe

Thomas Scully

Ashley Wallace

Rob Wardlaw

<http://www.fca.ca/ex/2005/05JulWorldIndoor.htm>

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### **4. FITA Indoor World Championships 2005 - Last Call for coach, team leader and support staff**

The FCA is calling for Team Leader, Coach and support staff to accompany the Canadian team to the World indoor Championship in Aalborg, DEN, March 23-27, 2005. The team will comprise a maximum of 18 archers, male and female, compound and recurve, junior and senior. Under FITA rules, a maximum of 4 staff are permitted to accompany a team. The team selection criteria can be seen on the FCA web site in the Excellence section.

The Team Leader is responsible for the smooth administration of the team including assisting with travel arrangements, accommodation, entry fees and on site management. He/she works with the coach to ensure the smooth operation of the team both on and off the field. Both bilingualism and coaching certification would be assets but are not mandatory. In some case, the team coach and the team leader may be the same person.

The additional support staff will work with the Team Leader and Coach to assist with team management and to assist the archers in any way on the field of play during the competition. Some time will be required to work with the individual archers to determine how best to assist them. This is an opportunity for people with an interest in working with National Teams to gain the experience necessary to be a Team Leader and/or Coach for future teams. Both bilingualism and coaching certification would be assets.

It is probable that the FCA will not cover your travel costs with the team.

Applications should be sent to the FCA office by email or regular mail and must be received by Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

E-mail: [Information@FCA.ca](mailto:Information@FCA.ca)

Please note that FITA has published revised dates for the Aalborg, DEN championship as March 23-27, 2005. For further information on the world indoor championship, a web site has been posted at: [www.archeryindoor2005.com](http://www.archeryindoor2005.com).

### 5. 2005 FCA target/field/3D Championship Schedule

The Organising Committee has changed its original dates in order to avoid a conflict with the Québec Summer Games and the NAA National Championships. Unfortunately, when the dates were changed, there were problems obtaining access to both sites. Here is the schedule (meetings to be added later).

Schedule		
<b>2005 Canadian Target/Field/3D</b>		
Fri. July 22 juillet	12:00 - 17:00	Target Practice / pratique sur cible fixe
	18:00 PM	Welcome BBQ d' accueil
Sat. July 23 juillet	08:00 - 11:00	Official Practice / pratique officielle
	12:00	FITA 1 Long Distances longues
Sun. July 24 juillet	10:00	FITA 1 Short Distances courtes
Mon. July 25 juillet	10:00	FITA 2 Long Distances longues
	15:00	Coupe Fred Usher Cup
Tue. July 26 juillet	10:00	FITA 2 Short Distances courtes
	18:00	FITA Awards Banquet de Reconnaissance
Wed. July 27 juillet	09:00	FCA Open / Cadet Shoot-off (?)
	12:00 - 17:00	Field Practice / pratique en campagne
Thr. July 28 juillet	09:00	Field Practice / pratique en campagne
	13:00	Field 24 targets / 24 cible en campagne
Fri. July 29 juillet	09:00	Field 24 targets / 24 cible en campagne
	13:00 – 17:00	3D Practice / pratique sur cible animalière
	18:00	Welcome BBQ d' accueil 3D
		Field Awards/ Rémise des médailles
Sat. July 30 juillet	09:00	3D practice / pratique sur cible animalière
	13:00	course #1 20 targets / cibles du parcours #1
	18:00	3D banquet sur cible animalière
Sun. July 31 juillet	09:00	course #2 20 targets / cibles du parcours #2
	13:00	course #3 20 targets / cibles du parcours #3
Mon. Aug. 1 août	09:00	course #4 20 targets / cibles du parcours #4
	13:00	Grand Prix
	15:00	3D awards / Rémise des médailles 3D

## **6. Canada Cup 2005 - Last Call**

The FCA Executive is calling for official bids to host the 2005 Canada Cup. Clubs from the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba may submit bids for this major tournament.

Please send all official bids to the FCA national office before October 30, 2004.

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## **7. FITA**

The October FITA INFO has just been published on its website.

<http://www.archery.org/clients/fita/web/website.nsf>

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## **8. COC**

Let me begin by expressing my respect for the Canadian team and all those associated with it during the Games. Our athletes conducted themselves with the pride, enthusiasm and first class comportment which has become a Canadian trademark. Special kudos go to our mission staff, who, as usual, set the "gold" standard for village and Games operations. Dave Bedford and Nathalie Lambert, Chef and Assistant Chef de Mission, provided outstanding leadership and support throughout the Games and in the months leading up to Athens. On behalf of the entire membership of the COC, I'd like to thank them for their efforts and the personal sacrifices they made to support our team.

The Canadian team ended the 28th Olympic Games with a total of 12 medals - three gold, six silver and three bronze - placing Canada 19th in the overall medal count by country. Canadian athletes achieved the highest success rate ever in terms of top 12 finishes, with 79 per cent of Canadian athletes placing in the Top 12 in their event in Athens.

While proud of the efforts and accomplishments of our athletes, we must now reflect on what can be done to support them in their focus to achieve better results. Following are some thoughts on the challenges we face, what the COC is and could be doing, and what needs to be done in the larger sport system in Canada to effect the changes necessary and facilitate a higher level of medal achievement. I invite your observations and input.

As we know, Canadians have been historically conflicted on the issue of participation vs. competition at the Olympic Games. All Canadians are supportive of sending athletes who are good ambassadors for the country and who return as fine role models in their communities. Yet the country has stayed away from establishing objectives and providing support which would see these athletes maximize their potential and achieve podium success.

The controversy that accrued to the "Top 12" standard used for team selection in Athens was informative. I received hundreds of e-mails leading up to the Games on the subject.

The majority favoured a lower standard and a greater focus on participation. Many people writing from that perspective were often not informed on how the Board of Directors established the standard in 2002, its intent, and the existence of the previous Top 16, Top half standard, which had been in place since 1980. The underlying message seemed to be... "these athletes have worked hard and getting there is good enough". There were certainly those supporters who favoured a higher standard and a focus on competing and winning. However, as soon as the Games began, it was clear just getting there was not good enough. When the Games began it was as though a filter had been placed on my computer. The universal message was, "Why aren't our athletes winning and what are you going to do about it?" This was also the message delivered by the media at the Games... "What needs to be done to enhance Canada's performance and what is the COC going to do about it?" To the point, the very public outcry is what is needed so that Canadian athletes will win more medals, many more medals.

If we are going to improve our performance at Games, and win more medals, the following steps will help.

First, we have to make a commitment to winning. We have to establish objectives in support of that commitment. Our best sport programs in Canada already do this and it is reflected in a high level of medal achievement. This doesn't mean that national support for participation and development aren't important. Participation and winning are not mutually exclusive... they are reciprocally supportive.

The Olympic Games are, on the field, a celebration of excellence. We need to state that winning is a noble objective and we need to do more to help our athletes believe they can win. Bob Nicholson, President of Hockey Canada, made the following observation at a breakfast I shared with him last week. "Hockey Canada has a responsibility to help build and support the Game of hockey at all levels. However, at the top end, when you cross a certain line and it's 'best against best', winning is what counts." This attitude is reflected throughout his organization today and is indicative of Hockey Canada's approach to success at the Games.

Second, the COC has to continue to redefine its role in providing more strategic support to our athletes, coaches and NSF's while taking a leadership position in advocating for positive changes in the Canadian sport system. To date, we've started many new initiatives:

- In 2002, we established the Sport Review Process to help identify our best programs and direct funds to those that have the best chance for podium success. We are now integrating this process with Sport Canada and other funding partners as an effective means of establishing performance benchmarks, evaluating progress and achievement, focusing on future potential, and targeting support.
- The COC Excellence Fund now directs our funding dollars into the programs identified by the SRP as demonstrating the highest probability of future podium and Top 8 results at the Olympic Games and World Championships.
- The Own The Podium (OTP) program, developed in collaboration with the winter sports and other funding partners (CODA, Sport Canada, CPC and VANOC) has built a plan to see Canada be first in medal count in Vancouver.
- The Torino Excellence Series, led by Chris Farstad and Claire Carver-Dias, identified many of our best medal potentials for the 2006 Winter Games and took them on a

retreat with former medal winners and sport psychologists to discuss what it takes to win... athlete to athlete.

- We have hired Brian Richardson, one of the most respected high performance leaders in Canada, as Director, International Performance to work with all NSF's to enhance their high performance programs.
- We continue to increase our advocacy efforts at all government levels and in partnership with other leaders in the sport community to develop a consistent message, frequently delivered, focused on the need for increased support for high performance sport.
- We have completely revamped our Athlete Council to enhance and strengthen its role in bringing the Olympic athletes perspective and technical assessment to the major decisions we make. The recent election for Summer Olympic athlete representatives has resulted in the new additions of some of Canada's greatest athletes including: Nicolas Gill, Daniel Igali, David Ford, Anne Montminy, Sherraine Mackay, and Iain Brambell.

These initiatives are a good start and we will continue with others... working with summer sport on a program similar to OTP, bringing in more technical experts to help all sport in Canada, more research in support of the NSF's high performance goals, and working on new funding initiatives to get more money into the system.

However, if we are going to significantly enhance the potential for Canadian athletes to win more medals in the future, other changes must occur that are profound and systemic. The Federal government needs to be committed to the following three steps:

#### 1. Funding

Of the current Sport Canada budget, approximately \$65 million is earmarked for high performance support (i.e. funding directly to athletes, coaches, the NSF's and the Canadian Sport Centres). Assuming that this funding is maintained in budgets going forward, an extra \$60 million annually directed to the above will have a profound impact on our high performance programs and subsequent medal count, particularly that of Vancouver 2010 where our objective is to be number one in the world. This would require 35 medals.

#### 2. Sport Institutes

World-class athletes need to have access to facilities, research, sport science and technology in environments that foster excellence. This requires the development of a series of facilities-based institutes across the country that marry with the current services provided by the regional Canadian Sport Centres. The only model currently approaching this in Canada is the aggregation of activity in Calgary at Canada Olympic Park, the University of Calgary and CODA. We would propose a refining of this model and its replication in Montreal, Toronto (Downsview Park) and Vancouver/Victoria with smaller satellite centres in other regions.

#### 3. Central Leadership

There is currently no single organization that has responsibility for establishing a vision and direction for high performance sport in Canada while having the tools to implement specific targets and goals and subsequent accountability for performance. The COC has taken a lead position in this area and is working well with the sport community on the establishment of performance targets and a mutually agreeable approach to monitoring and accountability. However, we should not be doing this in isolation and we must all

consider the importance of incorporating all elements of athlete development in the Canadian sport system. We firmly believe that the Federal Government needs to take a strong stand in directing the establishment of an "agency", which is modeled after other successful Canadian government agencies, and is streamlined, efficient, and has the capacity to take an overall leadership role in implementing the Canadian sport policy. What is important is the leadership in focus, vision and accountability such an agency could provide while operating without the constraints currently placed on Sport Canada.

The commitment to future Canadian sport achievement must come from the top. We need, and have called on the Prime Minister to make a strong statement about the importance of supporting our high performance athletes. IOC President Jacques Rogge made similar comments about Canadian Olympic future performance at the end of the Athens Games and expressed his interest in meeting the Prime Minister on this subject, as we plan for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. Ultimately, we in Sport, realize our athletes can compete against any in the world, and they have continued to do so, unfortunately without the necessary levels of support enjoyed by their main competitors from other countries. The Government of Canada, through the Prime Minister, needs to take a stand and make a clear, unequivocal statement of direction and support for our athletes and coaches, and their efforts to achieve their optimum potential and succeed in international competition for Canada.

Chris Rutledge - COC

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## **9. CAAWS WISE Fund**

The Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS) announced today that it is offering twelve grants of \$850 to active girls and women and/or organizations offering sport programs targeted to girls and women. The WISE (Women in Sport Encouragement) Fund was developed in response to the ongoing financial need within the sport community and will help fund MSO-NSO-PSO sport initiatives in an effort to help financially assist members of the sport community in Canada. This fund is provided by CAAWS with support from Sport Canada.

National and Multi-Sport Organizations, as well as their provincial affiliates, are encouraged to apply. Individuals (such as athletes, coaches, officials) may also apply. Please feel free to forward this information within your community as you see fit. Note that details related to the WISE Fund criteria and application process are attached, however, a complete copy of the WISE Fund information (including the application form) can be found at [www.caaws.ca](http://www.caaws.ca).

Applications will be accepted between November 1 st , 2004 and December 3 rd , 2004 and an announcement regarding the successful recipients will be made on or before January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

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## **10. CAC**

Coaching Association of Canada announces its 2004 award winners

The Coaching Association of Canada announced that former diving coach Donald Dion of Montreal, Dana Dickinson of Tracey Mills, N.B., and the Canadian Canoe Association won its major awards for 2004. In addition, Canadian gymnastics coach Kelly Manjak of Calgary was announced as the recipient of the Jack Donohue "Coach of the Year" Award, which is presented annually by the Canadian Professional Coaches Association.

Dion was honoured with the Geoff Gowan Award for his lifetime contribution to coaching development.

Dickinson received the Investors Group National Volunteer Sport Administrator Award for his contribution as a volunteer to community sport programmes.

The Canadian Canoe Association is the first recipient of the Ignite™ "Outstanding National Team Performance" Award. It is awarded to a national sport federation in recognition for outstanding performances by its national team during the past year. Manjak coached Kyle Shewfelt to the Olympic gold medal on floor in men's artistic gymnastics this past summer in Athens as well as a fourth place finish on vault.

The Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Awards were also announced. They are presented to coaches whose athletes won medals over the past year at open world championships, Olympic Games, Special Olympics World Games, or Paralympic Games.

British Columbia, the winners are: bobsleigh coach Gerd Grimme and boccia coach Herb Torrance of Vancouver; rowing coach Mike Spracklen of Sidney; rowing coaches Howard Campbell, Pat Newman and Terry Paul, and Paralympic swimming coach Ron Jacks, all of Victoria; trampoline coach Rusty Pierce of Langley; wheelchair basketball coach Tim Frick of Port Coquitlam; Paralympic swimming coach Craig McCord of Richmond; Paralympic athletic coach Don Steen of Burnaby.

Alberta: speed skating coaches Shawn Holman, Sean Ireland, Neal Marshall and Xiuli Wang, alpine ski coach Ozzie Sawicki and Paralympic swimming coach Scott Shelestynsky, all of Calgary; skeleton coach Teresa Schlachter of Canmore.

Saskatchewan: ice hockey coach Mike Babcock of Christopher Lake.

Ontario: wrestling coach Marty Calder and Paralympic swimming coach Peter Bradstreet of St. Catharines; sailing coach Ken Dool of Kingston; ice hockey coach Karen Hughes of Agincourt; trampoline coach David Ross of Thornhill; gymnastics coach Kelly Manjak and canoe coach Scott Oldershaw of Burlington; Paralympic swimming coach Andrew Craven of Ilderton and Paralympic athletics coaches Peter Eriksson and Ray Elrick of Ottawa.

Quebec: diving coaches César Henderson and Michel Larouche of Montreal; speed skating coach Guy Thibault of Le Gardeur; athletics coach Martin Goulet of Brossard; cycling coach Michel LeBlanc of St. Nicolas; cycling coach Eric Van Den Eynde of St. Bruno; canoe coach Frédéric Jobin of Quebec City; Paralympic swimming coach Benoît Lebrun of Pointe Claire; Paralympic athletics coach Jean Laroche of Sherbrooke; Paralympic athletics coach Pierre Pomerleau of Charlesbourg and Paralympic athletics coach Marc Desjardins of Longueuil.

Nova Scotia: curling coach Ken Bagnell of Halifax.

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## 11. FCA Regional Indoor Championships Information - Attention Clubs

The FCA Regional Indoor Championships will be held on March 5 and/or March 6, 2005. Unless your Provincial Organisation organizes hosting sites, any club may apply to host this event. It must be officiated by a Provincial level judge and must be run according to the official rules. Every effort is made to ensure that the Championship is held under similar conditions at all host sites.

In the past, a number of clubs have run the FCA Championship in conjunction with the COPANARCO indoor MICA event. You are strongly discouraged from doing this as these events run under different rules regarding ages, equipment divisions, scoring and target type/size. It is VERY difficult for archers, judges and the DOS to run either event properly with all of these differences.

A web site will be running soon with all the details and a registration form, but you can make plans now to host this important Championship. Last year 700 archers competed at 28 sites across the country.

Greg Durward

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## 12. In Brief

- 5<sup>th</sup> Korean International - accommodation & meals covered by OC May 16-20, 2005  
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- FCA outdoor championships rotation schedule is available at: <http://www.fca.ca/policy/champrotation.html>
- The Face 2 Face Tournament 9 - 12 December in Amsterdam, the Netherlands [www.face2face-archery.org](http://www.face2face-archery.org) email [info@face2face-archery.org](mailto:info@face2face-archery.org).
- FITA Star award application procedure <http://www.fca.ca/fitastars/fitastarpage.html>.
- FCA Privacy Policy <http://www.fca.ca/policy/Privacy.html>
- New generic scorecards at: <http://www.fca.ca/forms/formspage.html>
- Qualification process for 2005 World Target Team – Madrid, ESP
  - Three scores are required, with one major event.
  - The effective dates will be Jan 01, 2004 to May 16, 2005
  - In order to assure that Canada sends archers who are shooting international-level scores, 1 score must be shot in 2005.
- Anti-doping link at: <http://www.fca.ca/antidoping.html>
- 2005 Indoor 3D nationals February 19-20 Medicine Hat, AB [www.spitz3d.com](http://www.spitz3d.com)
- All background information, as well as the minutes, for the Presidents' Conference is listed at: <http://fca.ca/PRES%20CONF/presconfmain.html>
- Educating archers and coaches on abuse use: <http://www.fca.ca/policy/harassmentlinks.html>

- Championship results needed 3D 1996, indoor 1975, 1977, 1984, 1987. Contact Al Wills at: [alwills@shaw.ca](mailto:alwills@shaw.ca)

#### MEETINGS

Regina

04-12-03/05 Sport Officials of Canada / Officiels sportifs du Canada

Ottawa

05-01-29/30 Executive Committee / Comité exécutif 09:00

#### RÉUNIONS

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#### **In Closing**

The FCA national office will be open November 1-4 from 07:30 to 15:30 ET. See you next week!