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THE OCPSA NEWSLETTER!



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The Newsletter Is Here!

The first 2006 OCPSA newsletter is finally here! Your one stop shop for information about the accomplishments of fellow OCPSA members. This newsletter will be put out to our members on a regular basis to celebrate success, inform, and spark excitement within our great organization.

Ontario Sport Awards

Clark Named Ontario Female Athlete of the Year with a Disability

23 year old Chelsea Clark of the Mississauga Cruisers was awarded the title on April 21, at the Ontario Sport Awards Ceremony. Chelsea had a superb season in 2005 winning four gold medals at the CP-ISRA World Championships in New London, Connecticut. Clark was surprised at being awarded the honour, stating "I haven't been competing for that long, there have to be more people out there who deserve it more than I do."



Chelsea at the Paralympic Games in Athens, 2004

Beyond the Athlete: Chelsea Clark

Age: 23

Club: Cruisers

Coach: Ken Thom

Greatest Moment as an athlete:

Participating in the 2004 Athens Paralympics

Ultimate Career Goal: Life is track at the moment, Chelsea refuses to look beyond her great experiences as an athlete

Hobbies: Horseback Riding, Athletics, Furthering Education

Advice for the beginner athlete:

"Give it your best shot!"

A new athlete will be profiled in every newsletter!

2006 Canadian Boccia Championships

The OCPSA Provincial Boccia team made the trek west to Vancouver to compete at the 2006 Canadian Boccia Championships from March 10-15. Competition was fierce and we had a number of excellent and surprising performances. Overall, three individual medals, a pairs, and a team medal were won. Gold medals were won by Tammy McLeod of London in the BC2 Class, and the OCPSA "Team O" BC1-BC2 team. Team O consisted of Tammy McLeod, Adam Dukovich (London), Angi Wong-Lamore (Sudbury) and Brock Richardson (Brampton). The lone silver came from Josh Vander Vies of Sarnia in the BC4 Class. Bronze went to Brock Richardson who was reclassified as a BC1, and the BC3 Pairs team of Denise McDonald and Joey Spittal both from London. Head coach Michelle Worsfold was pleased with the overall performance of the team.

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Quest for Gold!!

OCPSA athletes are benefiting from 2005 the sales of the Quest for Gold Lottery Tickets. Receiving training assistance are the following athletes.

Provincial support

Athletics:

Rachael Burrows
Christy Campbell
Meghan O'Brien
Barry Phelan
Andy Shaw
Jodie St. John

Boccia:

Tammy McLeod
Brock Richardson
Josh Vander Vies
Angi Wong-Lamore

National Support

All national team carded athletes are also benefiting from the fund

Athletics:

Chelsea Clark
Eric Flemming
Monique Hartin
Jason Lachance
Chelsea Lariviere
Dean Newton
Kyle Pettey
Joe Radmore
Shane Risto
Jim Shaw
Katie Wallace

OCPSA would like to thank the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion for their initiative in this funding.

Buy your tickets today!

Presidents Message –A Quote from Kathy

On behalf of the OCPSA Board of Directors, welcome to our newly created Newsletter. It is anticipated that the Newsletter will help to keep all of you as members, up to speed on what your Board is doing to work for you and with you.

We have recently hired Dave Greig as Development Coordinator for OCPSA. Many of you already know Dave, for those that don't he comes to us well qualified and anxious to develop grassroots athletes and coaches with new programs directed at getting as many involved as possible and building our organization from the ground up. I hope all of you will join me in welcoming him aboard.

Our 2006 season is well on its way and as President I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our athletes well in reaching their goals in all of our various disciplines and to thank our coaches and volunteers for the many long hours they devote to our athletes.

Important Dates to Know:

August 25 to 27:	Boccia Sportsfest, BC
September 2-10:	IPC Athletics World Champs, Netherlands
October 3-15:	Boccia World Championships, Brasil
October 27 to 28:	Boccia Blast, London
November 18:	Paralympics Ontario Awards Banquet

From the Office –Our Super Summer Students!

OCPSA had the opportunity to hire five summer students to work on various projects. Four at our Ottawa office, and One in Windsor.

They were:

Alex Kirvan, Megan Muscat, Ashley Robinson, Keri-Lyn Robinson and Karley Wong

They all helped in the smooth operation of OCPSA and their research projects are all great resources to OCPSA. Thank you, and good luck at school in September.

We want your pictures!!!

Help us create a database of great pics for the newsletter and other OCPSA projects. Send any competition, practice, and training camp pictures to Dave at d_a_greig@sympatico.ca Be sure to include a who, what, and where with each picture.

Story Ideas? Send them too!!!

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In the Trenches –Development Dave

Out here on the front lines of OCPSA development I have been working tirelessly getting to know how this ship floats. Amanda has been awesome at providing me with a wealth of information, and I am excited to work with each and every one of you to enhance your OCPSA experience. I challenge you to help me take up the charge to a better OCPSA. As I cannot be everywhere to everyone, I can be a resource to all. If you know of a person, organization, or business that can help us out, would like more information, or wants to become a member, send me their information and I will see what I can do to bring them on board. My virtual door is always open.

Name-The-Newsletter-Contest

This is the first edition of the new look OCPSA newsletter, what a boring name! THUS "The OCPSA Name-The-Newsletter contest." The Winner gets an OCPSA prize pack. All you have to do is submit your proposed "newsletter name", and a brief explanation as to why it should be called that to d_a_greig@sympatico.ca with the subject heading of "newsletter name." All OCPSA members (excluding Board of Directors) are invited to submit one entry. The finalists will be voted on at the next OCPSA board meeting. Not only will you receive a great prize, but you will have the honour of seeing your suggested name at the top of each and every OCPSA newsletter!

Quest for Gold Update

We are still awaiting ministry approval of our next round of Quest For Gold criteria.

Once we receive it, it will be posted on the website and you will be notified.

**The Website has been
updated!**

**Renew your membership
online!
Use SPORG to register
today**

Canadian Volunteer Week

was April 24-30, OCPSA would like
to thank all of our volunteers!

THANK YOU!!!!

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OCPSA Member Birthdays!!!

OCPSA would like to say Happy Birthday to the following Members who have a birthday in August & September:

August:

John Gerrard
Monique Hartin
Rob Janoska
Barry Phelan
Samantha Sweet
Shawn
Thompson
Dean Worsfold

September:

Tara DiMuzio
Jesse Dupuis
Caren Fair
Ben Guerin
Gilles Lafrance
Virginia
McLachlan
Fraser O'Brien
Wayne Rawson
Ed Richardson
Charles Rookley
Ken Thom
Walter Zutell

If you were missed, sorry, we do not have your birthdate on file!



Four OCPSA Boccia Athletes Named to CCPSA Teams

Tammy McLeod, Adam Dukovich of London, and Josh Vander Vies of Sarnia were all named to the 2006 CCPSA national Boccia team. The crew were named following the CCPSA selection camp held in Montreal. The major competition for the national team this year is the Boccia World Championships held in Rio De Janerio, Brazil. The competition is October 3-15. The team is coached by Mario Delisle of Montreal, and Monique Camirand of Ottawa.

Named to the CCPSA national Espoir team is Angi Wong-Lamore of Sudbury. The Espoir team is the national shadow team for athletes on cusp of the national roster, these up and coming athletes are coached by Ontario's Cherie Cunningham of London and Rob Janoska of Sarnia.

Congratulations to all of the OCPSA athletes and Coaches who were invited to the CCPSA selection camp. The level of Boccia competition in Canada is getting tougher every year, and Ontario is well represented at the national level.

Good luck to Tammy, Adam, Josh and Angi, wear the CCPSA uniform proudly!



Up to something? Coaches Cherie Cunningham and Michelle Worsfold barely keep it together at the Oshawa Regional Games.

Defi Sportif Boccia Results

A number of OCPSA athletes participated in the international Defi Sportif Boccia Competition. Competition was tough and Adam Dukovich was the lone Ontario Medalist with a bronze medal.

Vander Vies Gold in Croatia

Congratulations to Josh Vander Vies of Sarnia, who won a gold medal at the Croatian Boccia Open. Josh and pairs partner Jonathan Poulin from Quebec took the BC4 Gold in an 8-4 win.

Did you know?

At the 2006 Canadian Boccia Championships, CCPSA announced that 8 of the 10 national boccia team members will receive Sport Canada Athlete Assistance Funding!

For more information visit the CCPSA website
www.ccpa.ca



Boccia Team Selection

2006 Team selection has been delayed and will be announced by September 15th.

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Equipment

Do you have any used racing chairs, throwing chairs, boccia ramps or the like?

Someone out there may be looking for it. Let Dave know and we'll see what we can do.

No equipment is too old or in too bad of shape.

Your old stuff may give someone new a chance to try out your sport!

Athletes

Do you know of any athlete, parent, coach or volunteer who may be interested in OCPSA?

Drop Dave a line and he'll see what we can do.

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So, do you like what you see? Let Dave know.

Twelve OCPSA Athletes Named to IPC World Championships Team



Upon completion of the Canadian Paralympic Track and Field Championships in London. Athletics Canada released its final team roster. These athletes will attend the IPC World Championship held in Assen, Netherlands September 2-10. 2006.

OCPSA Members named to the team include:

Chelsea Clark
Monique Hartin
Chelsea Lariviere
Megan Muscat
Katie Wallace

Eric Flemming
Robert Hughes
Kyle Pettey
Barry Phelan
Shane Risto
Andy Shaw
James Shaw

Coaches
Amanda Fader
David Greig
Bob Schrader

Good luck to all!



Happy with their performances, or just happy to be finished? Megan Muscat, Leah Robinson, Virginia McLachlan and Meghan O'Brien were all smiles at the OPSC in London.

OCPSA Athletics Records

Keep your eye on our website for the posting of our updated records list. Congratulations to all athletes who set OCPSA records this past year. Keep up the hard work and achieve new levels of performance!

OPSC Results Online

Results from the Ontario Paralympic Summer Championships can be found online at the Championships website.

www.london.ca/2006OPSC/

Congratulations to all athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers who represented OCPSA at the Championships.

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