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Working at the Car Wash

Summer car wash raised a whopping \$825.00

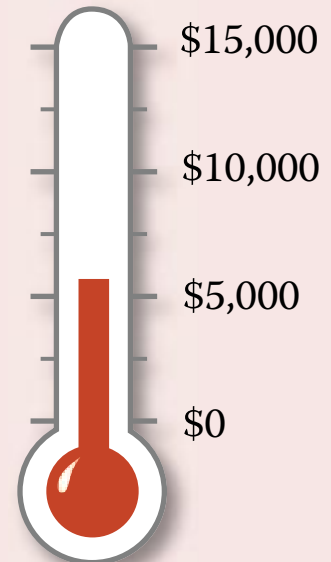
September 1st, 2007 – With the sun shining on a warm summer day, the SOBC Burnaby team of athletes and volunteers got down to business – washing cars.

The morning started off quickly with many dirty cars pulling into the car wash. As the event progressed, the afternoon turned out to be the slower half of the day. Nevertheless, the car wash team beat their expectations and raised a grand total of eight hundred and twenty-five dollars. This money will be put towards funding the numerous programs running at Special Olympics Burnaby. To get a sense of how this money can be used, the amount raised is enough to pay for the rental fees for Swanguard Stadium, the new track and field facility.

A special thanks to Brian Leslie, who was the catalyst for this fundraiser and his friends Mike B., Mike H., Tony and Fred from the Men's Stirling Organization. And of course, a big *Thank You* to all the volunteers and athletes who came out and made the car wash a success! Way to go!

There are more pictures of the event available on the SOBC Burnaby website, www.sobcburnaby.com. Also, be sure to check the website for updates on the next car wash, which will hopefully be held in the spring of 2008.

Fundraising Progress



Current Total: \$5,600.00
Our Goal: \$15,000.00

Check out the thermometer – we are already one-third of the way towards our fundraising goal!

A special thanks to those individuals who have donated to SOBC Burnaby: McKinnon's Bakery, Peter Bartakovich, TELUS, and Debra Colvin. And we can't forget the fundraising events that have also contributed to our progress – the September Car Wash, Comedy Night at Yuk Yuk's and the BC Liquor Store Can Drive.

Visit our website for more information on the contents of this newsletter

www.sobcburnaby.com

The 2007 Snowshoeing Team Sends Teammate to the National Winter Games

At the beginning of this year, athletes competed in the SOBC Provincial Winter Games in Kelowna. The games were held from February 15th–18th and included Floor Hockey, Alpine Skiing, Snowshoeing, Curling, and Speed Skating. The results from these games determined which athletes were selected to represent Team BC in the 2008 National Winter Games held in Quebec City.



The 2007 Snowshoeing Team – From left to right: (top row) Christina Tomingas, Lindsay Aarstad and Coach Josie Di Tomaso; (bottom row) Bridget Colvin and Katie Little.

After a phenomenal athletic performance in Kelowna, Bridget Colvin of the Burnaby SOBC local was selected to be a member of Team BC. At the Provincial Games, Bridget competed in four events where she won two Gold medals, one Silver and one Bronze for a total of 34 points. She averaged 8.5 points per event; the highest of all female competitors attending the Games.



Bridget Colvin with her medals from the Provincial Winter Games.

On March 19th Team BC was announced. Bridget has been selected to compete in the sport of snowshoeing. She will be representing the

Burnaby local alongside Matthew Lai of the Richmond local, who will be competing in figure skating.

The 2008 National Winter Games will be held in Quebec City from February 25th to March 2nd. Congratulations and Good Luck, Bridget!

Did you know?
Bridget will be featured in the Burnaby NOW in early November. Be sure to check out the sports section in the next month!



SARA TURNER Athlete Profile

This edition's athlete profile focuses on Sara Turner. Sara is a member of the Aquatics, Track & Field, Fitness, Soccer, and Bowling programs. She was nominated not only for her skills as an athlete, but also for her excellent attitude and willingness to learn. Sara has shown great improvement in all her sports activities throughout the year. This was especially evident on the soccer field where she impressed many people at the "Chicks that Kick" tournament and at our weekly practices. Her hustle and outstanding effort is a great example to everyone on the team; she is very eager to participate in all activities and brings a positive attitude each day. In addition, Sara also helps out with many of our fundraising efforts such as the Can Drive, and works at the SOBC provincial office in Burnaby. It is a pleasure to coach Sara and have her as part of our Burnaby Local!



Nominated by Robert Agon, Soccer Coach & Volunteer Coordinator

Can Drive Raised Record Funds

Two months of preparation brings great rewards

September 21st / 22nd – After two months of organizing volunteers and athletes, the Can Drive went off without a hitch. Three locations of BC Liquor Stores participated this year, each receiving significant donations. Highgate topped the list, raising \$1,331 after two days and Old Orchard raised a steady \$1,007. The third location, Loughheed Centre, received \$857 after just one day of participation. In total, the Can Drive raised a staggering \$3,195!

Volunteers played a key role in making this event possible. There are many individuals who volunteer for the Can Drive every year and who sign up for multiple shifts whenever needed. Thank you to the many dedicated volunteers!

our teams

Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

■ Floor Hockey Team



The Floor Hockey Team is a very energetic group of athletes who are passionate about the sport. This season, their goals are to have fun, encourage teamwork and improve overall hockey skills. Keep up the hard work!

■ Floor Hockey Skills



The main characteristic that stands out about the Floor Hockey Skills Team is their overwhelming enthusiasm to play the game. Always arriving early to practice, the team maximizes their gym time and eagerly learns about the principles of hockey.

■ 5-Pin Bowling



■ 10-Pin Bowling



*Want to
become a volunteer
coach or member?*

It's Easy!

All you have to do is go to our website www.sobcburnaby.com and check out our teams. Then contact the Volunteer Coordinator and we'll place you in one of our great programs.

Volunteer Coordinator Contact:
Robert Agon
robert_agon@hotmail.com

*Still to
come in the
next edition:*

*Fitness, Power Lifting
& Basketball*

■ Aquatics



The Aquatics team practices once a week at the Bonsor Pool, meeting at 10:45 a.m. sharp on Saturdays. Despite the early start, they are ready to swim as soon as they arrive. This year the team is working on swimming form, effective kicking, and core strength.

Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night Fundraiser a Success

August 30th, 2007 – It was a night of great jokes and great company for SOBC Burnaby supporters, who gathered at Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club on Thursday night. A total of one hundred-and-three tickets were sold, which raised an encouraging \$580 for the Burnaby local. The performances were top-notch, including an appearance from Canada's number one ranked comedian. The response from people who attended the event was so positive that we plan to hold a similar evening function in November.

A special thanks to the New Westminster Rotaract Club, who organized the event and to all those who attended to support our programs.

Yes! I want to help Special Olympics BC, Burnaby Local

Enclosed is my donation for:

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Please send me information about:

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- Volunteering with *Special Olympics BC, Burnaby*
- Participating in *Special Olympics BC, Burnaby*
- Check here if you would like a tax receipt

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Burnaby

UPCOMING EVENTS

Halloween Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, October 27th, 2007
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Mountain Shadow Pub
7174 Barnet Hwy., Burnaby
Contact: Debra, Local Coordinator
localcoordinator@sobcburnaby.com
604.522.5300

Details: Get ready to hunt for clues and compete to earn the most points. Remember to wear black and orange clothing for bonus points. To sign your team of 4 participants up for this spooky challenge, please contact Debra – "Early Cat Entry" ends on October 20th, so let's get moving! All proceeds go to Special Olympics BC Burnaby.

Halloween 10-Pin Bowling Tournament

Date: Saturday, November 3rd, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Doors open at 9:30 a.m.
Location: Lucky Strike Lanes
1205 - 6th Avenue, New Westminster
Details: Wear your best Halloween costume to be eligible for prizes. Participants will play a total of 3 games. Lunch and drinks will be provided.

Plush Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, November 17th, 2007
Location: Plush Nightclub
Vancouver
Contact: Neal Shahidi
ncshahid@sfu.ca

2007 Christmas Dinner & Dance

Date: Friday, November 23rd, 2007
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Location: Christian Fellowship Hall
7200 Cariboo Road, Burnaby
Contact: Zee Simpson, Special Events
Tickets can be purchased through Zee at 5-Pin and 10-Pin Bowling practice.
Details: Bring your appetite to this Christmas Turkey Dinner. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by the appearance of a special guest for all who have been good this year. Music will be provided by "DAN the Music Man", so bring your dancing shoes. We hope to see everyone there!