



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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To: All BC Racquetball Members

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Subject: August News

Believe it or not, the September 17-19 season opener SplatFest is full, and it's still a month away! Congrats to Al Cuttriss and his committee for maintaining such a great tournament. There are over 60 people from all parts of BC, and some players from Alberta and Saskatchewan too. It'll be the usual great time – I hope you have your hotel room booked!

Team Canada is heading to Korea for the World Championships starting this week. If you want to send them an email of encouragement, please do so – you can send it care of Team Coach Ron Brown, at rbcanda@mts.net. The players always love to hear from home, to know that the Canadian racquetball community is cheering them on. You can also follow the results at <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=7256>. Coquitlam resident Cal Smith is attending as Canada's Chief Referee.

I was fortunate to be asked to help select the new Racquetball Canada Executive Director. Winnipeg native Cheryl Adlard has accepted the position, starting September 1st. I'm very excited by her leadership and energy – I think she will bring a new level of professionalism to our sport, and will help to lead our sport forward.

The BC Open will take place at Newlands on October 7-10. The R2 site is <http://www.r2sports.com/tourney/home.asp?TID=7380> and will accept your registrations now.

This month, Sebastien Boissonneault is heading to Ontario to take part in a coach/athlete training camp, led by some of the best in Canada and the US. For the coming season, Sebastien is our lead person for Junior Development, and I'm sure he'll come home with some great ideas and energy to help fuel his work with our Juniors.

Sebastien has also set up a think tank for Sunday August 15th, to talk about the future of racquetball. We want to put together a long term development plan for the sport.

Government funding is about to completely dry up for us. Effective next year, the government will only assist sports that have 1500 or more paid members. For this year, we have met the current requirements to receive a little bit of funding to help our developing athletes, and some funding to help implement the Long Term Athlete Development model. Separate from these we have also secured some Gaming funds to help with junior and disabled player programs, and some Coaching funds to help with coach training.

The 2011 Junior Nationals will be hosted at REVS. Dorys Boissonneault and Sebastien Boissonneault are leading the organizing team for that event. We'll be looking for volunteers with food and driving and who knows what else, so please keep the last week of April 2011 for us.

Please take a moment to copy this newsletter and post it at your club. And if there is anything going on at your club that you would like to share, let me know, at bcracquetball@hotmail.com

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