

Whistler Adaptive Sports Program Society: November 13th 2009 Newsletter

Upcoming CADS (Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing) Courses

- Level 1: 4-6 Dec 2009
- Level 1: 8-10 Jan 2010
- Level 2&2a: 23-24 Jan 2010
- Level 1: 16-18 Feb 2010
- Level 2&2a: 10-11 Apr 2010

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The WASP website has an events calendar and news blog on the homepage - keep checking www.whistleradaptive.com for up-to-date information.

Whistler Adaptive Ski and Learn to Ride Orientation

When: Sat Nov 14 6pm – Sat Nov 14 8pm

Where: GLC

Description:

- Meet the new Guy
- Seasonal update
- Goals and seasonal plan
- Presentation on Applied Behavioral Analysis presented by Dr. Gail Krivel-Zacks
- Followed by Disorientation at Blacks Pub, Drink and appy specials

Contact John Brown at 604-905-2071 with any questions or email wbadaptive@inrawest.com

BC WINTER GAMES, Terrace, BC 2010

Age range for skiers with a disability: 13 to 40 years

Number of skiers: 24. Skiers may reside in any region of BC.

The cross-country ski events for skiers with a disability will include:

- Standing and Sit Ski Categories.
- Individual Start - Both Medium and Distance Races.

These are events are new to the BC Winter Games. You can find general information about cross-country skiing and the Games by visiting the CCBC website at: <http://www.crosscountrybc.ca/main.asp?cmd=doc&ID=2634>. Information specific to events for skiers with a disability will be added at a later date.

Whistler Adaptive Sports Program – Annual General Meeting

The minutes from the meeting are online at <http://www.whistleradaptive.com/2009AGM.ubr>

Note that the 2009 AGM minutes are a draft and to be approved at the 2010 AGM. Please send any amendments to info@whistleradaptive.com.

We would like to welcome the following individuals to serve on the Board of Directors:

Donovan Tildesley, James Peters, Jennifer Erickson

The new Board of Directors now comprises:

WASP President: Ed Lee

WASP Vice President: Sarah MacLeod

WASP Treasurer: John Walker

WASP Secretary: Bianca Matheson
Director: Steve Bayly
Director: James Peters
Director: Donovan Tildesley
Director: Jennifer Erickson
Director (Whistler-Blackcomb): Rob McSkimming
Director: Valerie Plourde, PFP

To learn more about the Board visit: <http://www.whistleradaptive.com/BoardofDirectors.ubr>

Heidi Rode named Whistler Adaptive Sports Program's Representative to DSABC

We would like to thank Heidi Rode for stepping forward to being nominated as the Zone Representative to the Disabled Skier's Association of BC. She holds a voting position on the Board of Directors of DSABC and will be a great representative of the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program's two Programs that link to DSABC as a Provincial Sport Organization (Whistler Adaptive Ski and Snowboarding Program and Adaptive Alpine Race Development Program). Welcome Aboard Heidi!

Volunteer Opportunity in Hawaii

Anya, one of our members, is planning for a trip to Oahu, Hawaii this December and is looking for a female volunteer to join her. Tentative dates are from Dec. 14 to early January 2010. About 2-3 weeks. You and Anya will stay with her family friend when touring around Honolulu. The rest of the time will be camping with a tent or occasionally Youth Hostel/motel.

Anya is looking for a female who is a non-smoker, loves to travel, sensitive to needs of people with physical disability and willing to assist with physical work, can travel with low budget, enjoy nature and water sports, especially snorkeling and ocean kayak.

Anya will fund a return flight for the volunteer and pay the full expense of car rental and gas. The rental car has already been reserved to be picked up from Honolulu Airport but has no hand control so she won't be able to drive it.

The volunteer will be responsible for her own expenses of food, travel insurance, half of accommodation cost etc. Please email Anya directly at AAndante@shaw.ca if you are interested in applying.

Whistler Adaptive Ski and Snowboard Program Supervisor Announced

We would like to welcome John Brown as the new Supervisor of the Whistler Adaptive Ski and Snowboarding Program. John has previously been Supervisor of Ski Esprit and Base Pod for the Whistler-Blackcomb Ski School. We anticipate another great season in this program and would like to thank Carol Maclaine for all of her hard work and dedication over the last three years.

Donation and Sponsor News

At our recent Annual General Meeting, Scotiabank contributed \$7,500 for a total of \$32,500 to the Jeff Harbers Adaptive Sports Centre. The **Jeff Harbers Adaptive Sports Centre**, a new facility, to be located at Olympic Station on Whistler Mountain, will allow for the Whistler Adaptive Ski and Learn to Ride Program, Adaptive Alpine Race Development Program and our Alpine Hiking and Trail Rider Programs to thrive. We are continually grateful to the Harbers Family for helping to create this community legacy. The Whistler-Blackcomb Foundation, the American Friends of Whistler, Whistler-Blackcomb, Scotiabank, Borden Ladner and Gervais,

Andrew Terret Architecture, and First Canadian Development Corp. have all been instrumental in creating the foundation for this project.

The last week of October was a busy week for the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program. Between our Annual General Meeting, the Creekbread Fundraiser and the Lights Out Event we have many thank yous to pass on.

Firstly, thank you to the Delta Whistler Village Suites and Rowena McHugh for providing the space for our AGM and being great hosts. We would also like to thank our new Board of Directors for stepping up for another great year of adaptive sports in Whistler: Ed Lee, Sarah Macleod, John Walker, Steve Bayly, Bianca Matheson, Valerie Plourde and Rob McSkimming return for another year and we welcome Jennifer Erickson, James Peters and Donovan Tildesley to the Board. We would like to thank Carol Bayliss and James Hustvedt for serving over the last year (s).

We would like to thank Creekbread for hosting the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program as part of their Tuesday night charitable fundraisers and specifically Kim and Kara for all of their help. Everyone appreciated the great art work that was painted by Sarah and Katey for the event. A total of \$159.25 was raised on the sale of pizzas. Thank you to everyone who came out and attended this event.

Finally, a big thank you goes out to Andrea Mueller and Stan for hosting the great Lights Out Art Show at the Transition Art Space. We truly appreciate all of their support and funding to provide programs for individuals with vision loss. A total of \$325 was raised thanks to the support of the Art Community of Whistler and Nesters Market.

Lululemon held their annual Charitable Giving Day and once again selected the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program as one of their beneficiary. Lululemon selects organizations that provide healthy programming in Whistler and their \$900 donation this year brings their 4 year total to close to \$5,000.

We live in an amazing community and thank everyone who came out to support these four events!

Paralympic Games firsts - Did you know?

- VANOC is the first Organizing Committee to include Paralympic in its name: the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games?
- Vancouver and Whistler are the first Host Cities to fly both the Olympic and Paralympic flags side by side (they also fly side by side in Victoria, BC and on Parliament Hill)
- VANOC is the first Organizing Committee to have representation from the Host Country National Paralympic Committee on its Board of Directors.
- VANOC is the first Organizing Committee to include representation from a Paralympian on one of its subcommittees. Paul Gauthier sits on the Sustainability Advisory Committee of the Board of Directors.

- VANOC is the first Organizing Committee to include Paralympic (ice sledge hockey and wheelchair curling) sports as part of its commemorative circulation coins.
- Vancouver is the first Host City to have a countdown clock that includes a separate countdown to the Paralympic Games.

For more interesting facts see the WASP website:

<http://www.whistleradaptive.com/Blog.php/50>

Reconnecting with Canadian Paralympians

Hi

We are trying to track down as many Canadian Paralympians as possible to share in the excitement and opportunities that will accompany the 2010 Paralympic Games.

We have details for the majority of athletes who competed in Athens, Torino and Beijing, but we have lost touch with a lot of athletes who competed before then and need your help in finding them.

Attached is are letters [\[see the WASP website\]](#) (English and French) inviting retired Paralympians to send us their contact details. Can you please forward them to any athletes who you think are no longer in touch with us, or anyone you know who may know any athletes, who are no longer in touch with us.

And if you are not already, you can also stay in touch by becoming a fan on [Facebook](#), and by following us on Twitter, <http://twitter.com/CDNParalympics>.

Thanks

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Whistler Para-Alpine Ski Racers named to Canadian Team

We would like to congratulate Matt Hallat, Morgan Perrin and Sam Daniels (Development Team) on being named to the Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team. We are looking forward to seeing them all competing this year and wish them all the best of luck.

Matt, Morgan and Sam have all participated in either winter or summer programming with the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program and all give back through our fundraising events. We would like to thank them for their continued support.



Join the 'Whistler Adaptive Sports Program' Group in Facebook to stay up-to-date with new events and activities, [click here](#).
