



**2012-2013**

**YEAR IN REVIEW**

*the purpose*



opportunity

development

preparation



achievement

competition

participation

“ To provide an **opportunity** for the development of **athletes**, coaches, and officials in preparation for higher levels of **competition** in a multi-sport event which promotes interest and **participation** in sport and sporting activities, individual achievement, and community **development**. ”





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Seeing sport as an investment and not as an expense was an underlying theme when Canada's National Sport Policy was first being planned in 2006. That adage speaks to the importance of the BC Summer Games as a vehicle which has the ability to leverage financial and human resources, while leaving behind legacies of growth, confidence, and future opportunity.

To illustrate the point, the Surrey 2012 BC Summer Games received their operating grant of \$600,000 through the Society from the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and quickly brought in \$477,000 in additional value from the City of Surrey, Coast Capital Savings, Save-On-Foods, and many other local contributors. With this collective investment, Surrey was able to host 2301 athletes, 474 coaches/managers, and 304 officials for four days in July 2012. 2850 volunteers, many of whom learned new skills and confidences, ensured these participants were fed and transported, treated and accommodated, and entertained and celebrated.

Drawing on the many neighbourhood and ethnic communities that make up the City of Surrey, President Bill McNamara's Board of Directors created magic from the Opening Ceremony to the extinguishing of the torch by reaching out to the talents and diversity of the city. Fusion Festival, a Surrey tradition of culture and music, lent itself to producing a memorable Opening Ceremony, complete with music's version of rising stars entertaining their counterparts in sport.

The size of that ceremony, with over 10,000 people in attendance, was one indication of the scale and scope of these BC Summer Games. Over the weekend, 32,000 meals were prepared, and over 60,000 passenger bus trips took place, making the BC Summer Games transportation system the fourth largest system in BC, behind Vancouver, Victoria, and Kelowna. With 2301 athletes competing at twenty-one venues, the planning was significant, and on target.

With the torch now extinguished, Surrey can look ahead knowing they can create new sport opportunities based upon their success in July 2012. While the exact amount is still unknown, legacy dollars will be invested in support of sport and community, while those 2850 volunteers are there, just waiting to again give of their time and use their skills, in the name of sport, of community, and of success.



Cathy Priestner Allinger  
Chair, BC Games Society



Kelly Mann  
President and CEO



*overview of the year*

# WE'RE GAME!

## *surrey 2012 bc summer games*

The City of Surrey played host to the 2012 BC Summer Games, July 17-20. As BC's second largest city, participants experienced high quality facilities for sport, accommodations, and special events. There was a tremendous presence and energy throughout the large geographic area of Surrey and citizens were caught up in the action of BC's best young athletes competing for their golden moment.

Volunteers enthusiastically signed up and the recruiting efforts were completed weeks before the Games. First-time volunteers worked side by side with Surrey's many experienced volunteers to plan and stage a first-rate event. The legacy of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games was clear as former VANOC staff and volunteers eagerly applied their expertise to another large-scale multi-sport event.

Highlights of the weekend included the Opening and Closing Ceremonies at Holland Park, which were coordinated with the annual Fusion Festival bringing economies of scale for the staging, equipment, and entertainment and attracting thousands of fans and supporters.



Photo credits left to right: Joy Penpenia, Joanne Wong, Teresa Lam, Bini Ball



"This is a very special event in British Columbia. For young BC athletes, it serves as an important **developmental** milestone. Athletes, you are the up and comers of sport in this province. You are here because you're good and you have already **achieved** so much."

*Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development*

"The Games created important social, economic, and sport legacies for Surrey. Our **amazing** volunteers and partners helped us host a world-class event that created life-long **memories** for the athletes and our community. We witnessed tremendous athletic talent and competitive spirit, and it was a **rewarding** experience for everyone involved,"

*Dianne Watts, Mayor, City of Surrey*

"Our **community** came together led by our team of Directors, the City of Surrey, School District #36, and local business partners. The volunteers were tremendous, **dedicating** hours of service and contributing to building a lasting positive **energy** in our community."

*Bill McNamara, President, Surrey 2012 BC Summer Games*



Local talent, 14-year-old Payton Rector was a hit with the athletes' as she sang the Games Song "Because We Dream" written by Doug Johnson of Loverboy fame and Surrey resident Don Wells.

*"Because we dream, because we dream,  
We'll go to where we've never been,  
And our hearts are open wide to every possibility.  
Because we dream because we dream,  
We'll see those places never seen,  
And we find that we are strong, because we dream."*



Every year, coaches from across the province lead young athletes to the experience of their lives at the BC Games. These vital leaders, the majority of whom are

## *kristine chambers - inspiring coach*

volunteers, ensure that athletes learn the necessary skills and strategies to perform against the best in the province and have a positive and inspiring experience along the way.

Many coaches return to the BC Games year after year. Kristine Chambers has coached at seven BC Games in the sport of Triathlon. Bringing her considerable expertise as a NCCP certified coach and Master Learning Facilitator, she has been a driving force behind the success of many athletes and the development of the sport of triathlon.

Kristine sees the BC Games as a benefit for athlete development. “For triathlon, the BC Games present the first provincial-wide competitive opportunity for young athletes. It offers an opportunity to experience the reality of high-level competition in settings that may be outside of an athlete’s comfort zone.”

But, the benefits of the Games extend well beyond the competition. “We do education around the philosophy of the sport, treating everyone fairly, and encouraging people regardless of their level and ability.” This approach is consistent with Kristine’s passion for teaching the benefits of lifelong involvement in sport and physical activity. She founded the Exceleration Triathlon and Multisport Club in East Vancouver which

provides youth a variety of opportunities to explore the sport and learn essential movement skills.

“My favorite part of the Games is watching the athletes meet other athletes and coaches from around the province. These important friendships will continue for years to come.”



Kristine celebrates at the 2012 BC Summer Games

Triathlon is a relatively small sport so the connections made at the Games have helped to further development areas such as coach education. “One of the Vancouver-Squamish (Zone 5) coaches at the 2012 BC Summer Games actually attended the Games in 2004 as an athlete. So we are now starting to see carry-over through generations – both athletes and coaches.”

Kristine Chambers is an inspiring coach who believes in the BC Games and the value of sport.





396 Certified Coaches

*coaches  
and  
officials*

39% of coaches  
were female

92% of Head Coaches achieved  
NCCP Level 2 Certification

80% of coaches were  
new to the Games

304 Officials

35% of officials were female

6 female apprentice coaches attended the 2012 BC Summer  
Games and learned new skills from Mentor Coaches

Natasha Cross  
**CanoeKayak**

Jennifer Neilson  
**Volleyball**

Lynda Magor  
**Triathlon**

Alexandra Siemens  
**Track & Field**

Jessica Tang  
**Wrestling**

Jessie de Boer  
**Soccer**



Credit: Cynthia Bourji



Credit: Steven Lowe

## 2012 BC Summer Games Provincial Sport Organizations

**BC Athletics**  
**BC Special Olympics**  
**Baseball BC**  
**Basketball BC**  
**Canoe Kayak BC**  
**BC Diving**  
**British Columbia Golf**  
**Horse Council BC**  
**BC Inline Hockey Association**  
**BC Lacrosse Association**  
**Rowing BC**

**BC Rugby Union**  
**BC Sailing Association**  
**Soccer BC**  
**Softball BC**  
**Swim BC**  
**Synchro Swim BC**  
**Triathlon BC**  
**Volleyball BC**  
**Waterski and Wakeboard BC**  
**BC Wrestling**

Provincial Sport Organizations are the foundation of a strong provincial sport system. These organizations provide the leadership and direction for development of their sport in the province and ensure that the BC Games are part of that development model.

**21** PSO Partners

**5** PSOs brought maximum number of athletes

**9** PSOs brought teams from at least 8 zones



Credit: Teresa Lam



Credit: Jen Sutherland



Provincial Sport Organizations that are part of the BC Games commit to making the Games an integral part of athlete, coach, and officials development. The British Columbia Golf Association has exceeded that commitment on every level.

Golf made its return to the BC Summer Games in 2004 with a new model to incorporate the Games as a part of the development of junior athletes. The initiative was embraced throughout the province and in 2010 and 2012, 90% of the available athlete positions were filled with representation from every zone in the province. The opportunity for coach and officials development has also been maximized and supported by a robust volunteer system and dedicated staff time and budget.

British Columbia Golf Coach Jody Jackson counts the 2008 BC Summer Games as a coaching career highlight. "It came early in my career with BC Golf and was my first time assisting in getting 60 kids from across the province registered, organized, and dressed for the occasion. On the first day 16-year-old Christine Wong broke the course record (64). It was one of the most beautiful rounds I have ever witnessed!" Since that time Jody has gone on to coach Team BC at the 2009 Canada Games and 2011 Western Canada Games.

After Christine Wong's course record, she finished with a silver medal behind Soo Bin Kim with Ancia Yoo earning the Bronze. All three athletes and many others have moved on to success at the amateur, college, and professional levels. Soo-Bin, Ancia and Christine's

sister Stephanie, who also competed at the 2008 Games, took time out of their busy summer schedules to visit the athletes at the 2012 BC Summer Games.

## *british columbia golf*

British Columbia Golf was chosen as the recipient of the Wendy Ladner-Beaudry Sport Achievement Award for 2012. This award was initiated following the sudden passing of our Co-Chair and speaks to Wendy's passion and commitment to sport by recognizing a Provincial Sport Organization which is progressive, dynamic, and professional in their approach to sport participation and development.



Keith Larson, President, British Columbia Golf accepts award from Kelly Mann, President and CEO, BC Games Society

"Golf is traditionally an individual sport so to have it included in a multi-sport Games like the BC Summer Games was an extremely eye-opening **experience** for our athletes. Their constant interaction and **support** for each other and for other athletes competing in their sports can only be considered positive for their **development** as well-rounded athletes and future adults."

*Kris Jonasson, Executive Director, British Columbia Golf*






# *Volunteers 2012*



2850 Volunteers

10-86 age range

35% under 19



*"I had a blast as a shuttle driver for the BC Summer Games this year. I met some awesome people and reconnected with others from the 2010 BC Games in Langley. I would do it again in a heartbeat!"*

*Nancy Powell Knight, Surrey Volunteer*

62% female

33 trained as WorldHost™  
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150 trained in  
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Coquitlam's Chanell Botsis made her mark at the 2012 BC Summer Games taking home gold medals in javelin, discus, and hammer and setting a new BC Games javelin record along the way.

### *Golden Throws - Chanell Botsis*

"When I competed and won medals in all of my events I felt so proud and excited to be in front of the huge crowd with my coach, family, and friends there for me."

The excitement did not end at the track as at the Closing Ceremony of the BC Summer Games, Chanell was chosen as the winner of the W.R. Bennett Award for Athletic Excellence which includes a \$2500 bursary. "I was speechless and I felt so lucky as I know I was surrounded by so many deserving athletes."

Chanell completed her 2012 season with a trip to the Legion Nationals in Prince Edward Island where she also medaled in each of her events and set a meet record in hammer.

Chanell started track and field when she was 10 years old through the Coquitlam Cheetas club. She remembers walking around the track at the beginning of the season and watching a group of kids throwing the javelin. "I was very curious, it looked like a lot of fun and very different than anything I had ever seen." She has taken to the three throwing disciplines and although she can't choose her favorite she likes hammer and javelin the best. "They are both technically different and I have been able to adjust and learn quickly how to throw these implements."

Chanell is eagerly awaiting the 2013 track season and is practicing regularly while also playing metro soccer, high school volleyball, and earning excellent grades in grade-nine french immersion at Dr. Charles Best Secondary.

She is hoping to improve her personal best distances in order to qualify for the BC Junior team next year. Her long-term goals are to compete internationally and qualify to represent Canada at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing China.



*"I had an awesome experience at the BC Summer Games and I wish I could do it again!"*





@katiesmiith: @BCSummerGames was amazing. Best experience I've ever had! #Thankyou

@Meg\_12345: I know I've tweeted about 100 times about #bcsummergames but I'm just so pumped!!! #teamisland

@oneputtmclellan: Big shout out to @BCGamesSociety and all volunteers for making this happen #doublesilvers #BCSummerGames

@chelsea\_ribeiro: Best experience of my life!!! #trackandfield #surrey2012 #bcsummergames



*bc games athletes*

2301  
athletes

14  
average  
age

42%  
female



Credit: Thomas Nelles

As the 2012 BC Summer Games were coming to a close, attention turned to the Canadian Team preparing for the London 2012 Olympic Games. 25 BC Games alumni competed for Canada and five brought home bronze medals including Brent Hayden, Richard Weinberger, Gillian Carleton, Karina LeBlanc, and Carol Huynh. Another 15 alumni competed at the Paralympic Games with six athletes earning medals for Canada.



## *london 2012 olympic and paralympic games*

### *alumni in the olympic games*

**Athletics** Dylan Armstrong | Cam Levins | Mike Mason | Jessica Smith **Badminton** Tobias Ng  
**Basketball** Teresa Gabriele | Kim Smith **Cycling** Geoff Kabush | Ryder Hesjedal | Gillian Carleton  
**Diving** Riley McCormick | Tommy McLeod (Coach) **Rowing** Michael Braithwaite | William Dean | Michael Wilkinson | Allison Dobb (Coach) **Sailing** Nikola Girke | Mike Leigh **Soccer** Karina LeBlanc  
**Swimming** Brent Hayden | Alec Paige | Richard Weinberger **Table Tennis** Andre Ho  
**Triathlon** Brent McMahon **Beach Volleyball** Martin Reader **Wrestling** Carol Huynh

### *alumni in the paralympic games*

**Athletics** Michelle Stilwell | Braedon Dolfo | Dustin Walsh **Goalball** Doug Ripley **Judo** Timothy Rees  
**Shooting** Chris Trifonidis **Swimming** Brian Hill | Nathan Stein | Adam Rahier | Donovan Tildesley  
**Wheelchair Basketball** Robert Hedges | Richard Peter | Elisha Williams  
**Wheelchair Rugby** Trevor Hirschfield | Ian Chan

*alumni*



*BC Games Alumnus and two-time Canadian Olympian, Gary Reed filmed a special message that was played for the athletes at the BC Summer Games Opening Ceremony.*

While at the 1996 BC Summer Games in Trail, Gary remembered being with his track team and following the action from the Olympic Games that were taking place in Atlanta at the same time. In the basement of the BC Games accommodation site, a TV had been set up and he and his team watched Donovan Bailey win gold for Canada in the 100 meters.

“It was intense but a great sense of pride for all of us being with the track team and at the BC Games.”

Gary is one of Canada’s most successful middle distance runners with multiple Canadian records, a silver medal from the 2007 World Championships, and a fourth place finish at the 2008 Olympics. Looking back on his success, it was all the experiences along the way that made the difference.

“My experience at the BC Summer Games was crucial and critical to performing well later at the Canada Games and then the Olympics. It was exciting and exhilarating and gave me a crazy boost of motivation to continue forward.”





As a valued Corporate Partner, Black Press and its network of community papers covers the stories of BC Games athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers from across the province. Each story provides a unique local perspective on the achievement of qualifying for and competing at the BC Games and the community support that is behind every participant.

Black Press journalists took part in a competition for the best story about the BC Games. Travis Paterson with the Victoria News was chosen as the winner for his article that showcased how the BC Games bring together the best athletes to compete for the right to represent their zone and how they are supported by dedicated community coaches.



*Travis Paterson, Sports Reporter, Victoria News accepting his award for the winning BC Games story from Kelly Mann, President and CEO, BC Games and Candy Hodson, VP Sales and Marketing, Black Press*



**Black Press**

## Friends become teammates at the BC Games *(excerpt)*

**Travis Paterson, Sports Reporter, Victoria News  
July 11, 2012**

At 5-foot-3, Asia Rattigan isn't worried about the added challenge her height, or lack thereof, brings on the volleyball court. Especially in the company of pal Nicole Bracewell, all six feet of her. The pair of 15 year olds are the South Island's only contribution to the Island and Coastal (Zone 6) 15-and-under volleyball team competing in the BC Summer Games in Surrey, July 19 to 22.

"I'm usually the small kid," said Rattigan, who's also a Saanich News carrier of seven years. "Pretty much always, actually." But don't be deceived, said Bracewell. "(Rattigan's) got hops. She's a great setter and she can get to almost any ball and will dive for anything." As added proof, Rattigan tied for first in the pole vault for bantam age girls at the track and field city championships.



The friends were born two days apart and are separated by nine inches in height, and are enjoying summer before Grade 10. Rattigan will return to Oak Bay High, while Bracewell is transferring to Belmont Secondary from Spencer Middle School.

On June 4, they were among 56 girls trying out for the Zone 6 team in Nanaimo. It was an all day process, with plenty of individual skills and drills. Since making the roster, the girls are training 10 to 11 hours per day in Campbell River, four days per week leading up to July 19.



Arranging transportation for over 3000 participants from every corner of the province is no easy feat. Participants travel to the BC Games on charter buses and Jazz Air flights. The Games bus contractor, CVS Charters, has featured the BC Games on the back of two of their buses. These buses were used at the 2012 BC Games but have also **travelled over 145,000 miles** throughout British Columbia and the Western United States.

Once in the community, participants travel by bus to and from accommodations, food services, special events, and sport venues. During the four days of the 2012 BC Summer Games, the internal transportation system completed over **60,000 passenger bus trips** and ranked as the **fourth largest transportation system** in the province behind Vancouver, Victoria, and Kelowna.







Credit: Richard Roberts



Credit: Jerald Walliser



Credit: James Adamson

A team of 44 volunteer photographers captured the action at the 2012 BC Summer Games. Volunteers took many of the images featured throughout this document. Each volunteer photograph is identified and credited by name.

Credit: Cameron Dueck



*Unleash your potential.*



Recruiting, training, and organizing thousands of volunteers is no easy feat. For the BC Games it is a behind-the-scenes army of people who dedicate hours of time to collect registrations, make phone calls, send

## *gold medal team*

emails, and assign volunteers. The most compelling part of the story is that these people are volunteers themselves.

During the 2012 BC Summer Games, a remarkable team was formed to organize the volunteers of the Registration and Results Directorate. Val Nielsen and Dan Carswell did not know each other before they took on these roles but, like any sports team training for the Games, they came together, learned each other's skills and values, and performed like a gold medal team.

After retiring from the City of Surrey Parks, Recreation and Culture, Val made a natural transition to volunteering for the City's many special events including the BC Games. "Surrey had a tremendous response from volunteers for the Games and I attribute this to the manner in which the City continuously recruits, trains, values, and recognizes volunteers."

Dan is a retired educator who has been involved with many events including the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and the Canadian Open. "I believe in giving something

back to society for all the benefits I've received. These volunteer experiences have all been fun and rewarding." Dan is no stranger to the BC Games as he was previously involved in the Burnaby 1997 BC Games where he volunteered along with his son.

Meeting all of the exceptional volunteers and making new friends along the way was the highlight for both Val and Dan.

*"It reaffirms your faith in people and especially reaffirms your belief that the youth of today are going to be fantastic leaders and contributors to society in the future."* - Dan Carswell

Their hard work came together over the Games weekend when their team of volunteers processed over 3000 athletes, coaches, and officials through the Accreditation Centre. "It was rewarding to see all the pieces come together and to see the excitement and enthusiasm of all the young athletes as they came in."

When asked what they would say to a volunteer who might be considering getting involved with the BC Games, both enthusiastically replied, "Go for it!"

It is people like Val and Dan and the countless others like them who make the BC Games what they are. A true gold medal volunteer performance!





*corporate partners*





Credit: Jerald Walliser



*The support from our partners is more than a financial commitment; it is a pledge to help realize the dreams of each BC Games athlete.*







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