



Rhonda Dale
Commissioner

A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

On behalf of B.C. School Sports I would like to extend a sincere welcome to all gymnasts, coaches, officials, and spectators to the 2009 B.C. School Sports Provincial Gymnastics Championships. This is a wonderful opportunity for each of you to experience the excitement and camaraderie of athletes like yourself from all over the province. You have all worked hard to be here and I commend each of you for your dedication and commitment to gymnastics and your team.

A very special thank you to the Windsor organizing committee; Nicky Carroll, Jane Tilton and to all their volunteers for their enthusiasm, time and expertise which have ensured that these Championships are the best experience ever. My advice to the athletes: Do your best, meet new friends and have fun! You are creating memories that will last a lifetime.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR



Nicky Carroll
Tournament Coordinator

Welcome to the 2009 B.C. Secondary Schools Gymnastics Championships and Welcome to Windsor.

The Windsor Gymnastic Team, Parents and Organizing Committee are prepared and ready for you to participate and enjoy the Gymnastic Competition. Strive to do your best, create team spirit and meet new friends from around the province.

I want to thank many people for their hours of organization for our Championship, a celebration of years of gymnastics.

Your Organizing Committee;

- Jane Tilton for organizing all of us.
- Diana Wilson for donations, t-shirts and being our "what to do binder".
- Mary Cardle, Anne Davis, Will Erichson, Kat VanBalkom for every thing they do.
- Julie and Bill Erichson, banquet and program.
- Merilee Killough and Patti Davis for Hospitality
- George Carroll and Lui Buffone - Equipment
- Rhiannon Wellbelove - The Dance
- Alison Dunlop - PAC donation and Concession
- Bev Lund "Pizza Lady" and Concession
- Gymnastic Parent Volunteers
- P.E. 11 & 12 Volunteers, Gymnast Volunteers
- Mr. Lewis' Home Ec classes for baking
- Art 9/10 decorations
- Ms. McDonnell and the Windsor Jazz Band
- Mr. Irwin and the Windsor Concert Choir
- Vancouver Circus School
- Sue in the Office
- Windsor Staff and Administration
- Linda Johnstone and Terry Andrew for keeping score once again

Windsor looks forward to this opportunity to have the Provincial Championships in our school, for us to see and enjoy your competition.

GOOD LUCK TO EACH OF YOU!

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EVENT YEAR & VENUE

1982	Lambrick Park , Victoria
1983	Richmond
1984	D.W. Poppy, Langley
1985	W.L. Seaton, Vernon
1986	Handsworth, North Vancouver
1987	Fort St. John
1988	Guildford Park, Surrey / Britannia, Vancouver
1989	Lambrick Park, Victoria
1990	J.L. Crowe, Trail
1991	Kwalikum, Qualicum Beach
1992	Frank Hurt, Surrey
1993	W.L. Seaton, Vernon
1994	Fort St. John
1995	Lambrick Park, Victoria
1996	Handsworth, North Vancouver
1997	Lambrick Park, Victoria
1998	W.L. Seaton, Vernon
1999	Quamichan Middle, Duncan
2000	Windsor, North Vancouver
2001	Penticton
2002	Abbotsford Christian, Abbotsford
2003	Seycove, North Vancouver
2004	Centennial, Coquitlam
2005	Quamichan Middle, Duncan
2006	Lambrick Park, Victoria
2007	Seycove, North Vancouver
2008	Brooks, Powell River
2009	Windsor, North Vancouver

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Alpha	North Island
Argyle	Oceanview
Brooks	Pine Tree
Burnaby North	Port Moody
Cariboo Hill	Quamichan
Centennial	Queen of Angels
Correlieu,	Quesnel
Cowichan	Rossland
Delta	Semiahmoo
Dr. Charles Best	Seycove
Handsworth	Smithers
Heritage Woods	South Delta
J.L. Crowe	St. Thomas Aquinas
King David	Stanley Humphries
Kitsilano	Sutherland
Langley	Whistler
Moscrop	Windsor

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Good luck to all the participants!!!!



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2008 B.C. SECONDARY SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

BROOKS SECONDARY, POWELL RIVER

COMBINED SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

- 1st:** WINDSOR SECONDARY, NORTH VANCOUVER
- 2nd:** DELTA SECONDARY, DELTA
- 3rd:** SEYCOVE SECONDARY, NORTH VANCOUVER
- 4th:** SOUTH DELTA SECONDARY, DELTA
- 5th:** ARGYLE SECONDARY, NORTH VANCOUVER
- 6th:** BROOKS SECONDARY, POWELL RIVER

GIRLS CHAMPIONS

- 1st:** Windsor Secondary, North Vancouver
- 2nd:** South Delta Secondary, Delta
- 3rd:** Brooks Secondary, Powell River
- 4th:** Delta Secondary, Delta
- 5th:** Seycove Secondary, North Vancouver
- 6th:** Ocean View Jr. Secondary, Powell River

BOYS CHAMPIONS

- 1st:** Windsor Secondary, North Vancouver
- 2nd:** Delta Secondary, Delta
- 3rd:** Seycove Secondary, North Vancouver
- 4th:** Argyle Secondary, North Vancouver
- 5th:** South Delta Secondary, Delta
- 6th:** North Island Secondary, Port Hardy

LEVEL 1 GIRLS - Windsor, North Vancouver
LEVEL 2 GIRLS - Windsor, North Vancouver
LEVEL 3 GIRLS - Rossland Secondary, Rossland
LEVEL 4 GIRLS - Delta Secondary, Delta
LEVEL 5 GIRLS - Brooks Secondary, Powell River

LEVEL 1 BOYS - Seycove Sec., North Vancouver
LEVEL 2 BOYS - Seycove Sec., North Vancouver
LEVEL 3 BOYS - Argyle Sec., North Vancouver
LEVEL 4 BOYS - South Delta, Delta
LEVEL 5 BOYS - Delta Sec., Delta

GIRLS ALL AROUND CHAMPIONS

Level 1- 1st- Katie Neal, Windsor; 2nd- Nerissa Karmali, Windsor; 3rd- Karla Salgado, Windsor
Level 2- 1st- Holly Morgan, Seycove; 2nd- Icy Henderson, J.L. Crowe, Trail; 3rd- Michelle Ross, Seycove
Level 3- 1st- Teresa Lauerbach, Delta; 2nd- Emily Kandburg, Rossland; 3rd- Emma Johnson, Rossland
Level 4- 1st- Tracy Murray, South Delta; 2nd- Ashton Ellis, Delta; 3rd- Lindsay Bevan, Semiahmoo, Delta.
Level 5- 1st- Stephanie Bishop, Heritage Woods, Coq.; 2nd- Kayla Raimondo, Brooks; Amie Chartier, Handsworth, N.V.

BOYS ALL AROUND CHAMPIONS

Level 1- 1st- Josh Schmitz, Windsor; 2nd- Adam Burdett, Seycove; 3rd- Adam Christensen, Seycove
Level 2- 1st- Brent Hussey, Argyle; 2nd- Jackson White, Windsor; 3rd- Sean Brown, Seycove
Level 3- 1st- Jamie Bruswick, Argyle; 2nd- Justin Kenning, Seycove; 3rd- David Fryer, Windsor
Level 4- 1st- Andrew Roach, South Delta, 2nd- Chris Sinclair, Windsor; 3rd- Mack Peters, Delta
Level 5- 1st- Austin Teschner, Delta; 2nd- Jackson Ross, Delta; 3rd- Cameron Lawrie, South Delta

2009 PROVINCIAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

T. EATON AGGREGATE TROPY "AAA" SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	School	City
1949	Kitsilano	-Vancouver
1950	St. Mary's	-Vancouver
1951	Kitsilano	-Vancouver
1952	Kitsilano	-Vancouver
1953	Our Lady of Lourdes	-Maillardville
1954	Our Lady of Lourdes	-Maillardville
1955	Our Lady of Lourdes	-Maillardville
1956	Our Lady of Lourdes	-Maillardville
1957	Our Lady of Lourdes	-Maillardville
1958	Como Lake	-Coquitlam
1960	Richmond	
1961	Delbrook	-N. Vancouver
1963	Nelson	
1965	JL Crowe	
1966	Delbrook	-N. Vancouver
1982	Mission	
1983	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1984	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1985	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1986	JL Crowe	-Trail
1987	Guildford Park	-Surrey
1988	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1989	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1990	JL Crowe	-Trail
1991	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1992	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1993	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1994	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1995	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1996	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1997	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1998	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1999	WL Seaton	-Vernon
2000	North Island	-Port McNeill
2001	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
2002	Delta	
2003	Seycove	-N. Vancouver
2004	Windsor	-N. Vancouver
2005	Windsor	-N. Vancouver
2006	Delta	
2007	Windsor	-N. Vancouver
2008	Windsor	-N. Vancouver

GEORGE SPARLING TROPHY Boys

Year	School	City
1966	Victoria	
1967	JL Crowe	-Trail
1968	JL Crowe	-Trail
1982	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1983	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1984	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1985	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1986	JL Crowe	-Trail
1987	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1988	JL Crowe	-Trail
1989	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1990	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1991	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1992	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1993	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1994	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1995	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1996	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1997	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1998	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1999	WL Seaton	-Vernon
2000	North Island	-Port McNeill
2001	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
2002	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
2003	Seycove	-N. Vancouver
2004	Seycove	-N. Vancouver
2005	Windsor	-N. Vancouver
2006	Delta	-Delta
2007	Seycove	-N. Vancouver
2008	Windsor	-N. Vancouver

CHAMPION SPORTS TROPHY GIRLS

Year	School	City
1982	Hugh Boyd	-Richmond
1983	Hugh Boyd	-Richmond
1984	Moscrop	-Burnaby
1985	Hillside	-W. Vancouver
1986	Hillside	-W. Vancouver
1987	Guildford Park	-Surrey
1988	Windsor	-N. Vancouver
1989	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1990	WJ Mouat	-Abbotsford
1991	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1992	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1993	WL Seaton	-Vernon
1994	Frank Hurt	-Surrey
1995	Handsworth	-N. Vancouver
1996	Handsworth	-N. Vancouver
1997	South Delta	
1998	South Delta	
1999	South Delta	
2000	South Delta	
2001	Handsworth	-N. Vancouver
2002	South Delta	
2003	Windsor	-N. Vancouver
2004	Argyle	-N. Vancouver
2005	South Delta	
2006	Delta	
2007	South Delta	
2008	Windsor	-N. Vancouver

WINDSOR PAC

Welcomes you and
wishes you the
best of luck at your
championships

Nicky

"AA" SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Year	School	City
1989	Dr. Kearney	-Fort St. John
1990	North Island	-Port McNeill
1991	North Island	-Port McNeill
1992	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1993	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1994	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1995	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1996	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1997	Lambrick Park	-Victoria
1998	North Island	-Port McNeill
1999	Quamichan Middle	-Duncan

Louise's Legacy - December 10, 1945 - September 5, 2001

Louise (Parker) Chesley began her gymnastics career at Delbrook High School (N.Van.) in 1958. In a meteoric rise, she quickly became B.C. Champion, then in 1960 was a Canadian Olympian in Rome. 1962 saw her as a silver medallist at the Pan-Am Games in Texas. Following this, she founded the Flicka Gymnastics Club. After her 1965 U.B.C. graduation as Valedictorian of her class, Louise immediately took up P.E. Department Head duties at A.C.S.S. - a position she maintained until her retirement in 1999. In the early years, after running a recreational gymnastics and trampoline club, Louise's athletes began open competition achieving regional, Western Canadian and National results. When Charlie Nash restored B.C. high school meets in 1981, Louise again took up the challenge. She annually organized the Langley District, Upper Fraser Valley and, on occasion, the Fraser Valley meets. Each year thereafter, the Aldergrove teams, both girls' and boys', qualified for the B.C. Finals and proved to be strong contenders many times winning the Level 1 and 2 Girls' championships and having the added distinction of several individual medal winners. Louise was also a long-standing member of the B.C.S.S.G.A. Board of Directors, as well as on the Fraser Valley Executive. Most recently, she was acknowledged as one of the first recipients of the B.C. Sports "Life Achievement Sports Award". The achievement, however, that she most cherished was the naming of the A.C.S.S. gymnastics gym in her honour, where a plaque today recognizes her 33 years of dedication to her athletes. Apart from all the awards and accolades, Louise's philosophy never wavered. Winning was good, but personal achievement of the athletes was paramount. She never turned away an enthusiast, no matter how challenged, and she always encouraged each individual to be the best that she or he could be - athletically, academically and, more importantly, in a pursuit of a positive lifestyle that many had never before envisioned. Because of her legacy, Aldergrove gymnasts have become productive members of society and a tribute to her complete coaching-mentoring system. They will remember her and she will be missed. The scholarship in her name is a wonderful memorial to the epitome of gymnastics excellence. To all destined to emulate Louise Chesley's example: "Follow you dreams". To the B.C.S.S.G.A.: "Thank you".

Louise Chesley Memorial Bursary

2002	Paula Munro - Princess Margaret Kandace Ypma - Abbotsford Christian	2006	Brittany Hawkins, North Delta Cody Forbes, Delta
2003	Christine Elliott - Seycove R.D. Nasir - Windsor	2007	Iana Baiman , Windsor Rebecca Brunswick-Werner, Argyle
2004	Bryce Monroe - Penticton Meghan Porter - Rossland	2008	Courtney Craigen, Powell River Emily Kandborg, Rossland
2005	Marissa Antoniazzi - Argyle Jenny Bulmer - Handsworth Michelle Cuthbert - Handsworth David Currie - Seycove		

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Back row, L to R: Heather VanBalkom, Katie Neal, Caitlyn Bairstow, Kiersten Mort, Yuri Oh, Laura Cho, Theresa Riley, Alisha Davis, Michelle Martin, Alix Dunlop, Lyndsey Gavin, Sadaf Salehi, Kat VanBalkom
Second row: Mrs. Carroll, Leah Jamieson, Karla Salgado, May Kikuchi, Reilly Deas, Robyn Dunlop, Emily Akin, Renee Killough, Megan Ritchie, Mallory Johnson, Kyla Jeffrey, Nerissa Karmali, Barbara Wang, Mrs. Davis, Will Erichson
First row: James Kanegae, David Fryer, Kendrick Lim, David Lund, Kelly McCabe, Steve Kamyszek, Cam Underhill, Tim YaLung, Joshua Schmitz, Mrs. Tilton

SEYCOVE, North Vancouver



Back Row, L to R: Rhiannon Wellbelove (coach), Riley Kenning, Thad Bailey-Mai, Ryan Weafer, Blake Van Blerk, Brent Kirchner, Sean Brown, Lucas Wilson, Myles Galvin (coach)
Second row: Nicole Harvey, Holly Morgan, Michela Phillips, Daryl Kerrey, Rachel Warwick, Shay Gavina, Scott Morgan (coach), Lui Buffone (coach)
First row: Heather Murray, Kelsey Lamare, Charley Ramer, Zoe Goode, Sara McKenzie, Brooke Thomson
Floor (lying): Kayla Stefaniuk, Allegra Friesen

NORTH ISLAND, Port McNeill



L to R: Dexter Neilson, Karina Cann, Teuvo Harkonen, Kim Cardwell, Carter Neilson, Alisha Brednow, Brock Brednow, Kaitlyn Joseph & Brody Low

ARGYLE, North Vancouver



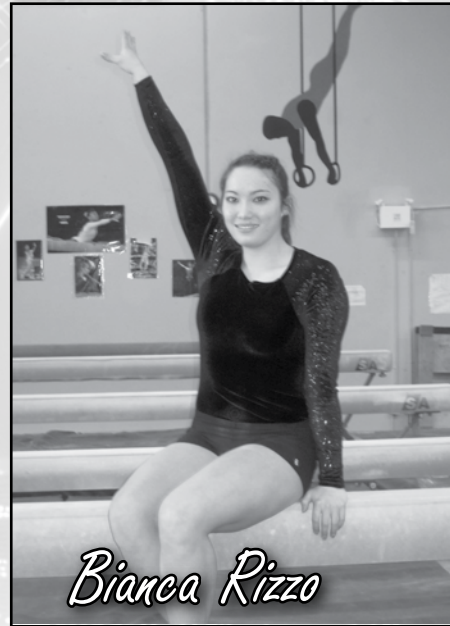
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First row: Jamie (coach), Carly (coach), Savannah, Alejandro, Justine, Sylvia, Vikki, Lauren, Nicole
Missing: Ashley, Sophie, Meghan

2009 PROVINCIAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALPHA, Burnaby



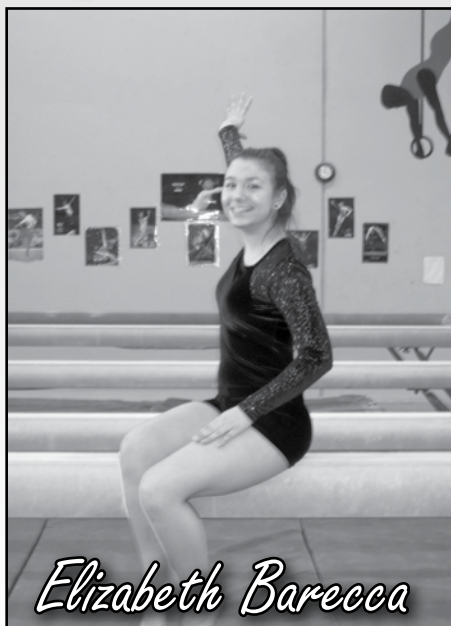
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CENTENNIAL, Coquitlam



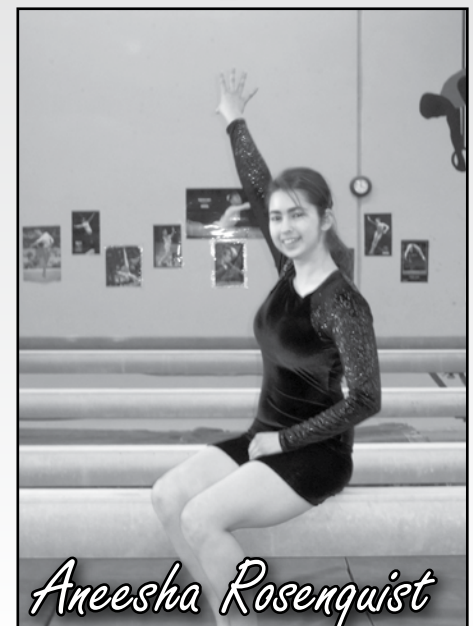
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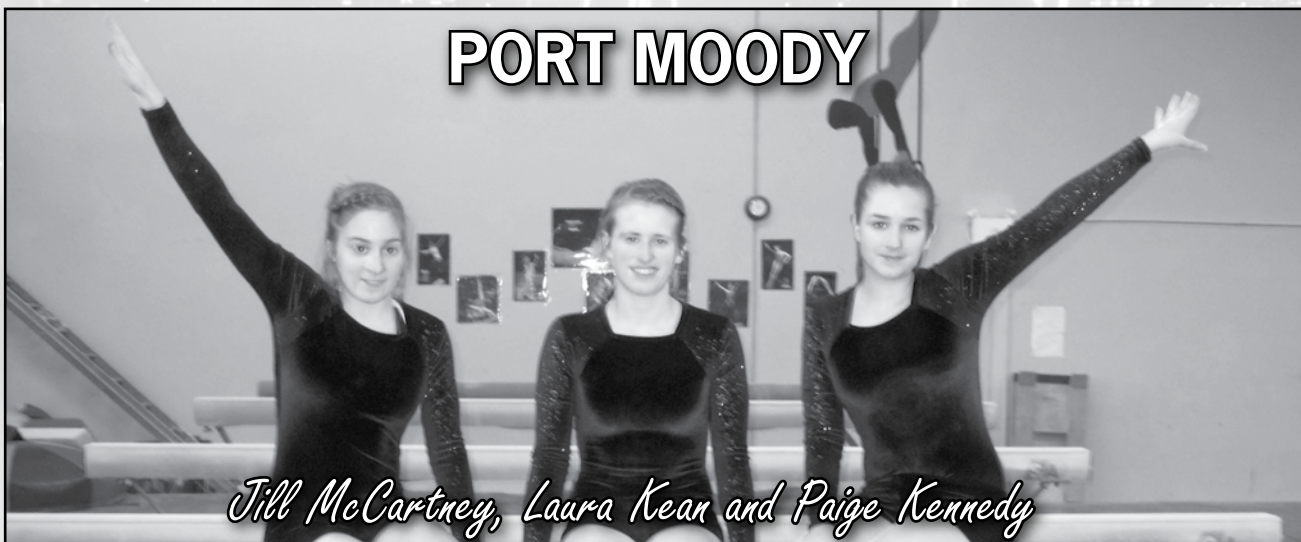
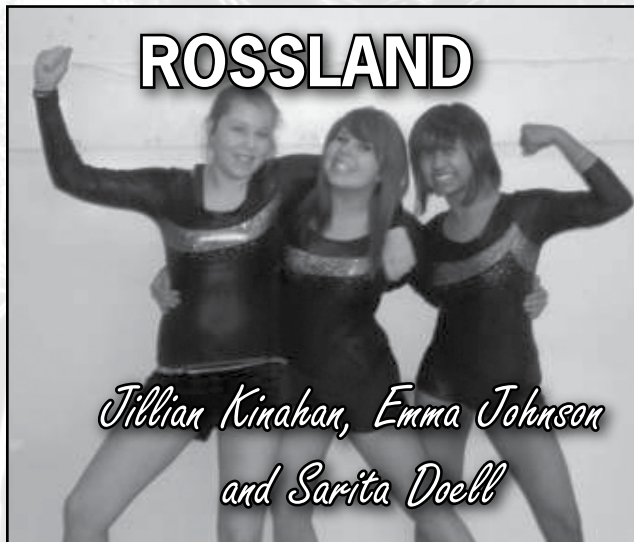


STANLEY HUMPHRIES, Coquitlam



HERITAGE WOODS, Port Moody





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George BONNER, Mill Bay



Back, L to R: Katrina Fenn, Avery Gamble, Melissa Lewis

CORRELIEU, Quesnel



L to R: Natalie McIver, Shelby Gurney, Carly Smith, Jordan Lange-Smith, Abby Blezard, Vanessa VanAert

J.L. CROWE, Trail



Back, L to R: Natalie Plett, Autumn Beattie, Icy Henderson,
Centre: Morgan Bayley **Front:** Hayley Hutchison, Anna Cook

SMITHERS



L to R: Mikayla Moore, Shawni Hayhurst, Mikayla Levy and Lauren Allen

COWICHAN, Duncan



Back, L to R: Mariel Rotherham, Ellie Schlosser, Kainan Duggan, Justin Hall, Laran Drouillard, Lisa Galbraith,
Front: Kerri Crocker, Meara Mullholand

QUAMICHAN, Duncan



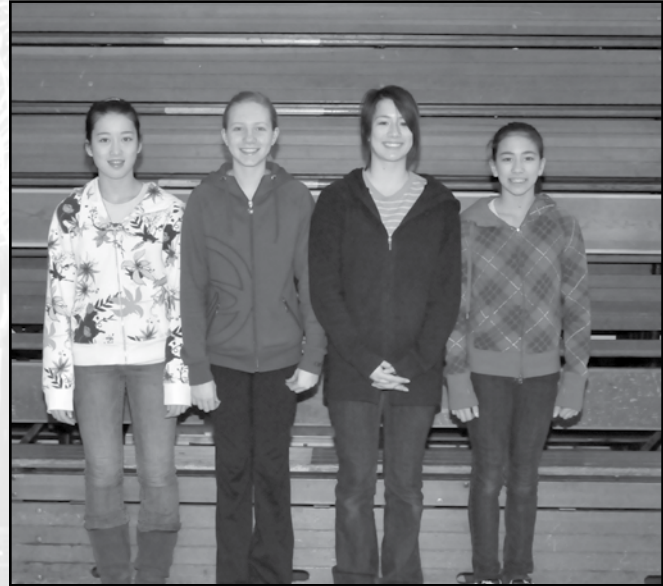
Back, L to R: Danielle Henderson, Nikole Simons, Elise Parker
Front: Amanda Dale, Nathan Duggan, Kaitlyn McLaren

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Frances **KELSEY**, Mill Bay **KITSILANO**, Vancouver



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2009 PROVINCIAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



March 5 – 7th, 2009 Windsor Secondary School

Schedule of Events

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2009

Set up after school.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2009

8:00 – 8:45 a.m. Registration – pick up package, return trophies to Registration Desk

8:30 a.m. Assemble for March-In

9:00 a.m. March-In and Opening Ceremonies

9:45 a.m. Boys all levels Warm-up for Floor, Vault, High Bar & Low Bar

10:15 a.m. Boys all levels Competition

Awards following (event ribbons; stay in competitive attire)

12:15 p.m. Girls Level 4/5 Warm-up

1:15 p.m. Girls Level 4/5 Competition

Awards following (event ribbons; stay in competitive attire)

12:45 p.m. Boys all levels Warm-up for Rings, Parallel Bars, Pommel Horse

1:15 p.m. Boys all levels Competition

Awards following (event ribbons; stay in competitive attire)

2009 PROVINCIAL GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

MOSCROP, Burnaby



Back row, L to R: Coach Wong, Kendra Christensen, Sarah Vuong, Alyssa Pellichero, Ashleigh Kerkovius, Mara Mennicken, Jessica Berneiser, Miriam Schartner, Aleta Dengler, Natasha Bhaskar, Vanessa Yip, Beth Bowers, Jodie Lee, Astrid Herrera, Alicia Tchaikoun, Kristine Richter

Second row: Rachel Ng, Kalin Thomson, Sewen Chan, Ruphen Shaw, Jenni Chor, Coach Lucinda Donaldson

First row: Justin Chan, Michael Misfeldt, Jeremiah Oh, Nam Hoang, Albert Chui

Sleeping: Diego Salgado

Missing: Michael Sleeman, Nicole Chan, Michelle Chu, Cristina Serban, Zafreen Jaffer, Jeffrey Livelo, Diomel Livelo, Sonic Chang, Eric To

DELTA



April Doolan, Morgan Langford, Megan Loiacono, Emily Peters, Tamara Walton, Cassidy Ellis, Quin Ellis, Chloe Ganuelas, Claire Henderson, Kayla Marshall, Lauren Marshall, Leah Thornton, Charlotte Veerman, Ashton Ellis, Kendra Mack, Mike Field, Christian Field, Mack Peters, Jackson Ross, Austin Teschner



BROOKS, Powell River

Back (L to R): Haley Clarke, Hilary Gros, Julie McKenzie, Kyra Bolch, Robin Gordon, Bobby McLeod, Chelsea Fortin

Front (L to R): Kayla Raimondo, Kendra Vizzutti, Kierra Jones, Meaghan Muller, Terra Bereziak, Jolene Charters



OCEANVIEW, Powell River

Back (L to R): Stephanie Edwards, Danni-Lee McLeod, Kianna Thistlethwaite, Shanelle Fitzgibbons, Amanda Garvin

Front (L to R): Alisha Kennedy, Isabel Supina, Jessica Kenmuir, Ariel Atkinson, Shyanne Ashton-Hopkins



SOUTH DELTA

Rachel Brooks, Sarah Butterfield, Cassie Gullett, Sydney Brunick, Brittany Kaughman, Jaymie Johanson, Emily Mann, Tracy Murray, Kelsey Hindmarch, Tore Fischer, Andrew Roach

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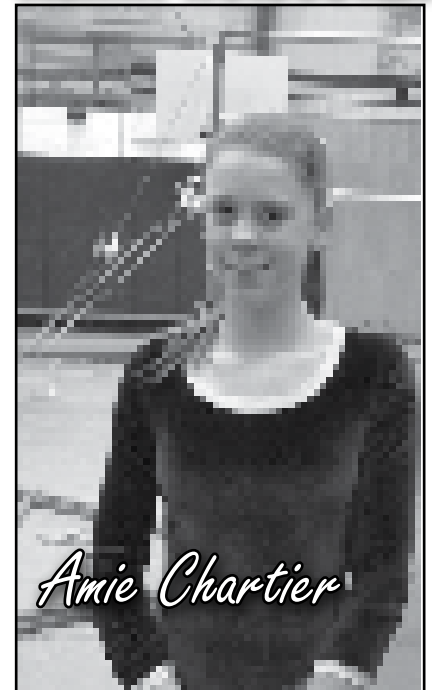
Kristina Lang

LANGLEY



Back, L to R: Sara Klootwyk, Amelia Copeland
Front: Kylie Macklin, Amy Macklin, Jennifer Cooper, Austin Beer **Coach:** Nicole Purney

HANDSWORTH NORTH VANCOUVER



Amie Chartier

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, North Vancouver



Back Row, L to R: Katrina Chin, Rochallene Lazaro, Samantha Curtiss, Bryce Charbonneau, Elliott Charbonneau, Maciej Siwocha, Emmanuel Jordan, Michelle Linhart, Sara Trujillo, Kristen Binnington

Third row: Arya Najian, Carmen Harrington, Brigette Landrey, Christelle Keong, Bailey Donas, Olivia Magee, Melissa Garcia, Domenic Taylor

Second row: Pam Mutsaerts, Karen Magee, Brittany Carniato, Alicia DeBenedetto, Irene Kim, Melanie Garcia, Sophia Otero, Christine Legge, Danielle DeBenedetto, Agata Kroondyk

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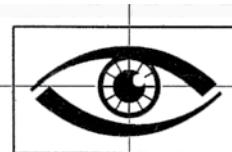
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Tournament History

The audit trail begins in 1949. It was this year that Kitsilano High School won its first Gymnastics Team and Individual All-Around Championships. Prior to 1949, if there was a High School Gymnastics Competition, it is assumed they were won by St. Mary's Mission Indian School under coach Tommy Reuben or the Kamloops Indian School under coach Johnny Henderson. Stated in another way, impressionistic evidence suggests that Kitsilano High School in 1949 may have been the first Non-Indian School to win a B.C. high School Championship. The Kitsilano School Annual mentions the fact that the school entered a team in the Provincial Gymnastics Championships against other schools. This suggests that the competition was likely an open Pro.-Rec. (Provincial/Recreation) Competition. Thus, the 1949 Championships were probably not an exclusive B.C. High School Gymnastics Competition, however, Kitsilano High School is the first recorded winner of the B.C. High School Division Gymnastic Championships. Ken Doolan of Kitsilano won the Individual All-Around and Mr. G.D. Gillespie was the coach.

Gymnastics competition was predominantly male oriented until the 1950's. The events were broken into two divisions; light and heavy apparatus including: spring-board tumbling, flying rings, tumbling, both long and cross vaulting, pyramid building, team calisthenics and of course the Olympic events. The All-Around winners prior to 1950, as indicated by the Pro-Rec "B" Class Challenge Trophy were probably as follows:

- 1946 - Paul Lulua (*Revelstoke*)
- 1947 - Herb Francis (*Mission*)
- 1948 - Ron Hiller (*Burnaby*)
- 1949 - Ken Doolan (*Kitsilano*)

1950

The Department of Education and the University of B.C. Took over the yearly sponsorship of the B.C. High School Championships. It is believed the meet this year was held on April 8, 1950 at New Westminster Junior Secondary School. St. Mary's School, Mission B.C. won the T. Eaton Aggregate team trophy. Don Spence of Kitsilano won the Individual All-Around Award.

1951

Kitsilano Junior Secondary High School won the T. Eaton Aggregate team trophy at the meet which was held at Kitsilano Community Center, Vancouver

1952

Again the meet was held at Kitsilano Community Center, Vancouver and Kitsilano High School won the T. Eaton Aggregate team trophy.

1953

This was the year the Government changed its approach to Provincial Recreation sponsorship, which in my view, did not help or encourage the development of gymnastics as it had in the past. As a result of this change a group of interested coaches and gymnasts from throughout the province were called together by Dr. H.D. Whittle (a professor at UBC who has always been very interested and instrumental in the development of gymnastics in the province of B.C.) in an attempt to organize and promote the development of gymnastics in the province. This was the beginning of the B.C. Gymnastics Association as we know it today. Included in the organization of course was the B.C. High School Gymnastics Championships. The meet was held at Kitsilano Community Center in Vancouver. Gilles Gagon, Our Lady of Lourdes High School of Maillardville was the All-Around winner and Mr. Don Cunnings was the coach.

1954

This was the year that marked the actual beginnings of the B.C. High School Gymnastics Championships as we know it today. If there were competitions for girls in the past, it was never recorded. For the first time this meet was restricted only to gymnasts attending high school and it included girls. Mr. Syd Greenwood became a Physical Education teacher at Richmond High School after the Government terminated his position as Senior Pro-Rec (Gymnastic) Instructor

for the Greater Vancouver area. He applied and was granted the opportunity to host the B.C. High School Championships. Specific rules and regulating such as the size of teams, Junior and Senior Divisions of boys and girls, all-around qualification, compulsories, application deadlines, etc. were established and recorded. The meet was held in Richmond Junior-Senior High School, Saturday, May 15, 1954. Our Lady of Lourdes High School won the Junior team Championship. Richmond High School won the Senior Boys' Team Championship. Our Lady of Lourdes High School won the T. Eaton Aggregate Award.

1955

On May 6, 1955 the High School Gymnastics Championships were held in the Gladstone High School, Vancouver. Our Lady of Lourdes School won the T. Eaton Aggregate Award. Como Lake High School team under coach Eric Dakin, captured the Senior Girls' Division title. Margaret Miller of Como Lake was the Senior Girls' All-Around. Joe Marchand of Our Lady of Lourdes High School won the Senior Boys' All-Around.

1956

When advertising the meet a grand total of 3 schools indicated a definite interest in competing with 4 others slightly interested. This meet was held in the UBC women's gym on March 17, 1956.

- Jr. Girls' Team Champions - Como Lake
- Jr. Boys' Team Champions - Como Lake
- Sr. Girls' Team Champions - Como Lake
- Jr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Diane Conboy, Como Lake
- Sr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Jean Burgette, Richmond
- Sr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Joe Marchand, Our Lady of Lourdes
- T. Eaton Aggregate Award - Como Lake (coached by Eric Dakin)

It is interesting to note this was Eric Dakin's last year as a teacher at Como Lake, however he continued to coach the team to 1957.

1957

The Annual Invitational B.C. High School Championships were held at UBC War Memorial Gymnasium on March 2, 1957. Thirteen schools took part.

- Jr. Girls' Team Champions - Como Lake
- Jr. Girls' Team All-Around Winner - Diane Conboy, Como Lake
- Sr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Jean Burgette, Richmond
- Sr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Joe Marchand, Our Lady of Lourdes
- T. Eaton Aggregate Award - Our Lady of Lourdes

1958

This meet was held at UBC War Memorial Gymnasium with 16 teams taking part.

- Jr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Donna Leyland, Como Lake
- Jr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Barry Johnson, Como Lake
- T. Eaton Team Aggregate Award - Como Lake

1955

Here the record becomes sketchy and vague. If I remember correctly the B.C.G.A. at this time seems to lose some real interest in the basic building program, such as the High School Championships, in the province. I believe this meet was held at the UBC War Memorial Gymnasium.

- Sr. Girls' Team Champions - Delbrook
- Sr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Rheel Finigan, Como Lake

1960

This is the last year the High School meet is sponsored by the Department of Education and the University of BC, held at UBC. The B.C.G.A. didn't lend any real support, other than to include the High School Championships on their roster of meets.

- Jr. Girls' Team Champions - Como Lake

Tournament History...continued

Jr. Boys' Team Champions - Como Lake
 Sr. Girls' Team Champions - Delbrook,
 John Hemmingway, coach
 Sr. Boys' Team Champions - Richmond,
 Syd Greenwood, coach
 Jr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Ron Godin, Como Lake
 Jr. Girls' All-Around Winner - CarlaByfield/Louise Parker,
 Delbrook
 Sr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Bob Jones, Richmond

1961

For the first time in a number of years the meet was held away from UBC. It was held at Delbrook High School in North Vancouver, with John Hemmingway being the coach at that time.

Jr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Sandra Hartley, Delbrook
 Sr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Louise Parker (Chesley),
 Delbrook
 Sr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Gary Kijourki, Richmond
 Sr. Girls' Team Champions - North Vancouver High
 Sr. Boys' Team Champions - Delbrook
 Sr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Jean Burgette, Richmond
 Sr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Joe Marchand,
 Our Lady of Lourdes
 T. Eaton Aggregate Award - North Vancouver High

1962

The meet was held at the Vancouver Forum, by this time the interest in competitive high school gymnastics reached a real low, with only a few schools and gymnasts participating.

Jr. Girls' Team Champions - L.V. Rogers, Nelson
 Jr. Boys' Team Champions - Balmoral, North Vancouver
 Sr. Girls' Team Champions - West Vancouver High
 Sr. Boys' Team Champions - Delbrook, North Vancouver
 Sr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Lynne Wozniak, West
 Vancouver
 Sr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Keith Russell, Delbrook

1963

In an effort to continue the High School Gymnastic Championships, Alex Ross assumed the organizational role of the Chairman of the B.C. High School Gymnastics Association. In doing so the meet was held at L.V. Rogers School in Nelson, where he and his wife were gymnastics coaches.

Jr. Girls' Team Champions - Campbell River
 Jr. Boys' Team Champions - Castlegar
 Sr. Girls' Team Champions - Nelson
 Sr. Boys' Team Champions - Nelson
 Jr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Leslie Bird, Hamilton
 Jr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Doug Mason, Hamilton
 Sr. Girls' All-Around Winner - Lynne Wozniak, Delbrook
 Sr. Boys' All-Around Winner - Keith Russell, Delbrook
 T. Eaton Aggregate Award - L.V. Rogers, Nelson

1964

All that could be verified for this year is that the Sr. Girls' All-Around Winner was Leslie Bird of Hamilton High School.

1965

The B.C. High School Gymnastics meet was held in Kelowna, under the sponsorship of the Kelowna Recreation Commission. Jack Brow, who had always been a big promoter of gymnastics hosted the meet.

T. Eaton Team Aggregate Award - J.L. Crowe, Trail

1966

The meet was held at Delbrook.

Sr. Girls' Winner - Sandra Hartley (went on to compete at the Mexico Olympics)

1967

Mr. Bob Jefferys hosted the B.C. High School Championships at Kinnaird Jr. Secondary School, Castlegar, in March 1968

Jr. Boys' team Champions - Morrish Jr., Trail
 Sr. Boys' Team Champions - J.L. Crowe, Trail
 T. Eaton Team Aggregate Award - J.L. Crowe, Trail

Since 1964 the only teams that seemed interested and took part in competing in the B.C. High School Championships, were Kelowna, Castlegar, Trail and sometimes Kamloops. Of those mentioned, there were really only two school clubs as both Jack Brow and John Henderson were not in the school system. We were already heavily involved with the B.C.G.A. Age Group Development program at the time, and these same clubs were already meeting three and sometimes four times a year. By this time my thinking was that the High School meet had become nothing more than another Interior Age Group meet and was not my idea of a real Provincial High School Championship.

The preceding was written by Alex Ross. Alex taught at J.L. Crowe Secondary in Trail. He was a long time supporter of school gymnastics and on the Board of Directors since the beginning of the present secondary school gymnastics organization. Alex provided the school team champion trophy (dates to 1949), a junior boys' trophy, the judges' crests for 1967, and found the sponsorship for the boys' and girls' team champion trophies. Alex has since passed away.

At the fall meeting (1979) of the Men's Technical committee of the British Columbia Gymnastics Association, Charlie Nash was asked to investigate and stimulate boys' gymnastics in secondary schools. Later that same day the Combined Technical Committee (CTC) of the BCGA asked Charlie to look into both boys' and girls' competitions at the secondary school level. Later that fall at a CTC meeting, under the firm direction of Byron Barker (1979-80 President of the BCGA), a motion was approved that supported up to two meetings of secondary school coaches. The purpose of those meetings was to set down the organization of a provincial secondary school championship.

Throughout the winter of '79-80 names of school coaches were collected and letters were sent. From this work a meeting was scheduled for May 31, 1980 to set rules for a provincial championship to be held in the spring of 1981.

The meeting unanimously recommended Sue Clark for hosting the 1st annual provincial championship. Sue held the meet at Kelly Secondary School in Prince George. Three levels of girls' competition were reserved for compulsory exercises. The levels were called Novice, Junior and Senior. John Henderson was asked to construct the compulsory exercises as part of his duties as the Girls' Subcommittee Head. Soon John had completed the British Columbia Secondary School Compulsory Exercises for Women - 1981. The booklet contained text, pictures, and deduction to describe the routines. The boys did compulsory routines at all levels. The routines are part of CGF compulsory routines and programs (Provincial Stream) cadet, argo, tyro and novice.

In 1982-83 school registration increased further. At the Richmond AGM optional routines for girls and boys were adopted.

In addition to the people mentioned above, the athletic association reps, school coaches, gymnasts and the following people have greatly contributed to the success of the British Columbia Secondary School Gymnastics Association:

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