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## THE GLACIER BEARS (WGB) HELD OUR AGM

and I would like to introduce our new board  
**Pat Duncan** President  
**Peter Cassidy** Vice-President  
**Mike MacArthur and  
Andy Beiltz** Co-Treasurers  
**Janine Fedoriak** Secretary  
**Tammy Pasloski** Director  
**Chrissy Campbell** Director  
**Stella Leslie** Director  
and introducing **Brenda Petriw** as our  
new club administrator.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Recap '07/'08

2007/2008 was a year of transition for the Whitehorse glacier Bears Swim Club. Brian Edelman slowed his "race pace" as President and adopted more of a "trainers pace" as he moved into the position of Past President of the club. Brian had led the club very successfully for a number of years and his strong corporate knowledge was a tremendous asset to the new board. Thank you Brian for the untold volunteer hours you have dedicated to the Glacier Bears Swimmers and their organization.

The number of volunteer hours committed to individual swimmers by registrar Val Holmes must also be recognized. Thanks to Val's years of service and her dedication the transition as Registrar to Kandice Braga was accomplished seamlessly. Vice President Peter Cassidy, Treasurer Mike McArthur, Secretary Janine Fedoriak and Administrator Marie Gagnon continued to guide the Glacier Bears and I would also like to express my thanks to them for the strong executive support. My personal thanks to the balance of the Glacier Bears Board, directors Chrissy

Campbell, Stella Leslie, and Benita Parkari who managed the clothing, and Tammie Pasloski who maintained the WGB liaison with Swim Yukon and the officiating volunteers. The success of the Glacier Bears as a competitive swim club is in part due to the volunteer commitment, strength and community leadership by these individuals. Thank You.

A competitive swim club would not exist without the swimmers and their individual success. Whitehorse Glacier Bears swimmers Alexander Gabor and Bronwyn Pasloski competed in the Olympic trials. It has been some time since Glacier Bears dove into the open water swim meet as part of the AAA Long Course Championship, we especially appreciate Tanner Cassidy, Hailey Beiltz and Isabel Parkkari for taking the plunge. Yukon and The Bears sent the largest and strongest contingent in club history with five swimmers competing in the National Championships in July. Josh Kelly representing Yukon and the Bears won five gold medals and one silver at the North American Indigenous Games. There are many, many more individual highlights and personal best times that highlighted the 2007/2008 swim year and each and every swimmer should be congratulated on their commitment to the sport and pride with which they wear their Glacier Bear suits.

The credit for their efforts belong to the strong club that serves as a base of support, each swimmer, and to all our coaching staff. Head Coach Marek Poplawski's efforts in guiding our swimmers were recognized by Swim BC with the award of Youth Coach

of the year. Kelly Patrick and Dean Nakamura provide their enthusiastic encouragement of the Teddy Bears, our youngest swimmers. Vanessa and Mike continued encouraging swimmers as they coached the Cubs group. Olwyn Bruce and Kathy Zrum's efforts on the techniques of the progressing swimmers and Jim Thompson's willingness to step in and lend a hand when required has all led to support of our swimmers.

Your success as coaches, swimmers and board members is the success of the Whitehorse Glacier Bears swim club in 2007/2008. Thank you to each and every individual for your effort.

*Pat Duncan, President*



**Bronwyn Pasloski, 16, and Alexandra Gabor, 15,** both had spectacular seasons in 07/08 representing the Whitehorse Glacier Bears all over the world. Their talents took them to the Olympic trials in Montreal in April. Alexandra finished 9<sup>th</sup> and qualified for the *Junior World Championship and Tri Nation Cup*. Bronwyn finished 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the 100 and 200 Breast respectively and recently became a carded athlete. Well done girls, we're all very proud of you!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Time Trial

December 20th, 7-9:30am

*This is not a ribbon event.*

### 2008 Christmas Swim Camp

Saturday December 27<sup>th</sup> 9-11 am

Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup> 9-11am and 4-6pm

Monday December 29<sup>th</sup> 9-11am

Swim Yukon invites you to participate in the 2008 Christmas Swim Camp. This camp will be coached by Corey Bradbury. Corey comes to us from Nova Scotia where he was the Head Coach and is presently coaching for the Glacier Bears Swim Club.

This camp will be focusing on technique. All Polar Bear, Black Bear and Cubs swimmers are welcome to register. The camp registration fee of \$40.00 will include a Swim Yukon cap and a Pizza Lunch. You can make cheques payable to Swim Yukon. The **registration deadline is December 19<sup>th</sup>**, you can mail the registration form and **payment to Jim Thompson, 48 Klondike Rd, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 3M1.**

Come out to perfect those swimming strokes, meet new swimmers and have FUN!!!

### Questions?

Please contact Jim Thompson **668-4023** or email [jim.thompson@northwestel.net](mailto:jim.thompson@northwestel.net)

Next WGB local racing opportunity

**Sat. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - Time trial 7-9:30 a.m.**

### Renewal and Membership

2008-2009 BC/Yukon Swim Officials Renewal and Membership Forms are available from the web site [www.bcsoa.ca](http://www.bcsoa.ca). For more info contact **Tammie Pasloski at 667-2917.**

### Important Info and Dates

One important fund raiser that the WGB does every year is our raffle draw. There is a raffle sign-up board at the pool entrance. We would really appreciate if parents would take the time to check it out and see what their responsibilities are as far as selling tickets. It is important to refer to the sign-up board to see how many times your group is expected to sell, then you choose which times are best for you. For example, parents with children in Kodiaks are expected to sell three times. The raffle runs from December to April, so there is lots of time to fit it in to busy schedules! Thanks for your support.

You can still sign up for bingos with **Alice Purser 667-2779**, if you haven't already done so.

**WGB clothing will be on sale at the pool on Saturday mornings from 7-9:30 am.**

### HEAD COACH REPORT

2007/2008 swimming season was very successful for all Glacier Bears swimmers. It was exceptional. Swimmers competed at many national and international arenas as well as at home pool with a high degree of success. We were very well represented at BC Provincial AA and AAA championships both short course and long course. Many swimmers swam in finals and came home with medals. Younger swimmers competed very well at local meets, time trials and in Haines, Alaska.

Nationally we had our representatives at Western Nationals, Senior Nationals, Age Group Nationals and again they stood at the medal podium at all of them. Internationally it is a long list. Our swimmers not only made a national team and competed but also came home with medals from every single international meet they attended. First was Paul Bergen International in Portland, Oregon, then Junior European tour in Geneva and Luxemburg, followed by World Junior Championship in Monterrey, Mexico. Next was Tri Nation Cup in Quebec City where the Canadian team (20 and under) competed against Great Britain and France. The final competition of the season was North American Cup in Edmonton where the national age group team competed against Mexico and California.

Results from the season qualified one swimmer for Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Guam, one for Youth Festival in Sydney Australia and one swimmer was carded for 2008/2009 season.

During the season, our swimmers broke BC age group records nine times, Canadian Age Group records four times and many more Whitehorse Glacier Bears Club records.

Congratulations to all swimmers. It was fantastic season. Special thanks to all assistant coaches involved in programs and all volunteer parents. You really made it happen.

**Marek, Head Coach**

### GOING TO A SWIM MEET OUTSIDE OF THE YUKON?

If you and or your swimmer are travelling to a meet outside of the Yukon please be reminded that the cost of an ambulance and or a medevac (air ambulance) flight is NOT a cost covered by Yukon Health Care. It is your responsibility. If an unfortunate situation occurred and your swimmer, or you!, required an ambulance from the pool to the hospital you will receive a bill from the provincial or state government.

Simply checking with your additional insurance plan (i.e. if you work for the Government of Yukon) or purchasing additional travel insurance will ensure you are covered for this sort of unplanned expense.

Remember when you are travelling to also carry your Yukon Health Care Card!

### OFFICIATING

A Big Thanks to Swim Yukon, and Paul Jenkins Level 5 Master Official that visited us from Comox B.C. Thanks also to all those parents that attended the B.C. Swim Officials clinics and took advantage of this training opportunity. Without local officials, WGB swim meets and time trials would not be possible. Next WGB local racing opportunity **Sat. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - Time trial 7-9:30 a.m.**

### WE NEED AN ACCOUNTANT!

If there are any parents out there who are accountants could you please email the Glacier Bears at [whseglacierbears@yahoo.ca](mailto:whseglacierbears@yahoo.ca), we have a couple of questions we would like some advice on. You can find his email address on our website.

### EXPENSE CLAIMS

Anyone claiming any kind of expenses re: bingo or travel all have to fill out expense claim forms. These forms can be found at the WGB website [whitehorseglacierbears.ca](http://whitehorseglacierbears.ca) they will have to be printed off, filled out with copies of the receipts attached. They can then be dropped off at the desk of the Sport Yukon building and will be put in the WGB mailbox.

### RYAN DOWNING SWIM MEET

WGB Board members and Ryan Downing Meet Management would like to acknowledge all the volunteers and officials that worked to make this event such a great success. We would especially like to thank Mike O'Connor for coming back and helping us in the timing booth. It was great to see some new faces on deck volunteering, more are always welcome!

The Ryan Downing had an energized feeling to it thanks to all of our swimmers for enthusiastically getting back in the water. Our teddy bears were a highlight to watch, we already have some talented up-and-comers. The enthusiasm of our masters swimmers was contagious, thanks so much for being so supportive of all the swimmers. You folks are a great addition to our club!

Thanks to **Mary Anne Myers of the Polar Swim Shop** in the Horwoods Mall for her gift to the Silver Tips of these awesome swim suits! Thanks also for the drag suits for the Kodiaks!

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