



Northwest Territories **SOCCER ASSOCIATION**

The Kicker – NWTSA's Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of **The Kicker, NWTSA's Newsletter** where we will profile our athletes, remind you of upcoming events, post announcements, and tout our sponsors. We will highlight everything from Grassroots to High Performance programs, and invite you to participate in making sure we keep the ball rolling.



For more information about NWT Soccer Association and our affiliates, or to contact us, please visit our website at www.nwtkicks.ca where you can peruse the many pages of info and photos.

Do you have a soccer or sport-specific injury?

If so, NWT Soccer would like to introduce Angela Pace. Angela works as a physiotherapist in Yellowknife. She has extensive experience working with soccer injuries in the UK, having worked as the physiotherapist for the Bristol City Football Club in the English championship league. She treated several international players, has worked within the academy with players aging 8-18. Angela is interested in being involved with soccer in the NWT and has volunteered to lend her expertise to help our northern soccer teams. She specializes in fitness testing, rehabilitation and injury prevention and is available to answer any related questions you may have. If you're an injured player and you're wondering what kind of fitness and skill development to do to stay in shape and maintain you're training, please contact Angela by e-mail (see link at: <http://www.nwtkicks.ca/resources/players>)

CSG Training:

The next training camp is scheduled for July 10-14, 2009 in Saskatoon, where the final squads will be determined. CSG athletes should continuously undergo a minimum of three (3) intense aerobic training sessions a week, each being uninterrupted thirty to forty-five (30-45) minutes long.

All CSG athletes are welcome to attend the weekly training sessions in Yellowknife. Athletes outside Yellowknife are encouraged to contact their regional trainers to assist with fitness and training development.

See http://www.nwtkicks.ca/high_performance/canada_summer_games



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Ever since I can remember, soccer has played a large role in my life, shaping who I am today. Not only has it allowed me to maintain a healthy lifestyle, it has opened doors to my future.

Going to school at the Centennial Collegiate Soccer Academy in Saskatoon, I am currently training with the University of Saskatchewan Huskies Women's Soccer Team, and have hopes for some scholarship bursaries for the upcoming year.

Through this sport I have made so many friends that I otherwise would not have met, and done so much travel to play not just for fun but in competition too.

I am looking forward to playing in the 2009 Canada Summer Games for Team NWT, an opportunity of a lifetime, joining my team mates in PEI. Wish us the best of luck!

- Sarah Cannell



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RESULTS – Connie Loutit Tournament – Fort Simpson, March 27-29, 2009

Nahanni Butte attend the tournament for the very first time. They had a team in the 14 boys division, as well 3 girls played on the Cambridge Bay Team that won the 14 U ladies and 3 ladies played on the 12 & under TSS (Simpson) team that won the 12 & under girls division.

12 & Under Boys:

1st – CJBS (Behchoko), 2nd – Bompas (Simpson), 3rd – EMES (Behchoko) and 4th – Fort Liard.
5 - 2 final

12 & Under Girls:

1st – TSS (Simpson), 2nd – EMES (Behcho Ko), 3rd – Jr. Drillers (YK) and 4th – Bompas (Simpson).
5 - 1 final.

14 & Under Boys:

1st – Simpson, 2nd – Fort Smith, 3rd – DJSS Blue (Hay River), and 4th – Fort Resolution.
6 - 5 - final goal scored with about thirty seconds left in the game.

14 & Under Girls:

1st – Cambridge Bay, 2nd – DJSS Purple (Hay River), 3rd – DJSS (White), and 4th – DJSS (Blue).
5 - 2 final.

16 & Under Boys:

1st – Fort Smith, 2nd – Behchoko, 3rd – Fort Liard and 4th – DJSS.
3 - 2, final goal scored with about thirty seconds left in the game.

19 & Under Ladies:

1st – Pulsars (Simpson), 2nd – Blue Drillers (Yellowknife), 3rd – Fort Smith, 4th – Lime Drillers (Yk).
2 - 1 final.

19 & under Men:

1st – Yellowknife, 2nd – Behchoko, 3rd – YK Fury and 4th – DJSS Purple (Hay River).
3 - 2 - final goal scored with about two minutes left in the game.

Open Ladies:

1st – Pulsars (Simpson) and 2nd – Fort Smith. 2 - 1 final

Open Men:

1st – Simpson, 2nd – Behchoko, and 3rd – DJSS (Hay River). 3 - 2 (Shoot out)

Overall there were 4 teams in 9 divisions. Six of the nine finals saw the games decided by one goal. The open men's saw the game decided by a shoot out. It was some amazing soccer.

As well, the rules were changed to what we do at the tournaments down south - players were allowed in the creases and the goalies were able to kick or throw the balls the length of the gym. This made the game much more faster and made marking your man that much more important.

The organizers would like to thank our major sponsors - Connie Loutit's family, PR Contracting, Village of Fort Simpson, Thomas Simpson School, Bompas Elementary School, Northern Store and NWT Soccer. Their support has been a great asset to ensure we have a successful tournament.

As well, we would like to thank all the out of town teams that attended. This was our third largest tournament in the seven years that we have been hosting it.

- Shane Thompson.



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Super Soccer is a school tournament and is the largest soccer event within the Northwest Territories with more than 25 schools and 100 hundred teams from around the territory participating each year.

For the 2009 tournament, Super Soccer will take place over two weekends on April 22-25th and April 30th - May 3rd. This will allow an opportunity for the junior teams to experience playing indoor soccer in the large gyms and the senior soccer enthusiasts to help coach and referee. The senior teams will benefit from more fans at their games and all of the experienced certified referees from the NWT and Alberta can help ensure an intense level of competition. See links on our website http://www.nwtkicks.ca/grass_roots/super_soccer for contact information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City of Yellowknife Summer Soccer Camps - Summer Job Opportunity

Each summer, the NWT Soccer Association hosts six (6) week-long, half-day camps for youth aged 6-8 and 9-11. Registration is through the City of Yellowknife's "Community Services" department and can be contacted at 867-920-5600.

These camps are run by experienced athletes who go through an application process to earn the Head Instructor and Assistant Instructor positions. This is one of many ways our knowledgeable athletes can give back to their community and get the hands-on experience and perspective of being a coach. The positions pay a generous wage to assist our athletes in their educational and athletic endeavours.

Students interested in applying for this exciting summer position should **apply by MAY 31, 2009**. Criteria for selecting the appropriate instructors and the requirements expected of each candidate will be made available. It is expected the Head Instructor will use the guidance document created by the NWT Soccer Association outlining considerations necessary to run an effective program.

Please contact **Ms. Vivian Hansen at 867-873-2270** to apply as an Instructor, or for more information about the City of Yellowknife / NWTSA Summer Soccer Program.

CSG 2009 Tickets Available NOW

Parents and supporters wishing to travel to the 2009 Canada Summer Games in Prince Edward Island can order their tickets now. If you ordered tickets for the soccer games, they'll be mailed out in March. Tickets for the opening ceremony will be going on sale on April 1st and will probably be sold out that day, so make sure to order right away!!!!





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OBJECTIVES OF NWT SOCCER ASSOCIATION:

- to promote, develop, organize and regulate indoor and outdoor soccer in the Northwest Territories;
- to coordinate the training of players, coaches and officials;
- to facilitate instructional soccer programs at the school, community, regional and territorial levels;
- to organize tournaments for junior and adult players;
- to facilitate high performance programs for junior players;
- to represent the NWT Soccer Association with the Sport North Federation, the Canadian Soccer Association and other territorial and national bodies.

NWT Soccer Association's Vision is to be a respected leader in soccer development in the Northwest Territories, providing its members with all of the services necessary to develop a strong foundation of committed coaches, officials and programs; focusing on both the grassroots and high performance levels.

NWT Soccer Association would like to thank its generous sponsors:



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