

Manitoba Aboriginal Sport & Recreation Council Update - November 2005

NEW STAFF MEMBER

The MASRC welcomes Michael Olynick to our team. Michael's position with the MASRC is Team Manitoba Manager. Michael has an extensive background in competitive athletics in a variety of disciplines including track and field, basketball and swimming. Michael has experience both as a coach and player at the regional, national and international level in the sport of Basketball. Most recently Michael lived in China where he was a guest coach at the sports university in southern China. He has a solid background in sports and event management and is of Metis heritage.

Michael will coordinate the preparation of Team Manitoba to attend the 2006 North American Indigenous Games. He will be working out of the MASRC Winnipeg office in Sport Manitoba, 404-200 Main Street. Feel free to contact Michael at 925-5608 or email him at michaelolynick@sport.mb.ca

Michael has also been officially named Team Manitoba's Chef de Mission for the 2006 NAIG. Michael will be assisted by the Assistant Chef de Mission, Michael Sutherland of Peguis First Nation, who is also a member of the MASRC Board of Directors.

2006 MANITOBA INDIGENOUS WINTER GAMES

The 2006 MIWG is scheduled to take place starting March 24, 2006 until March 31, 2006. Peguis First Nation and Fisher River Cree Nation joined forces as the 2-Nations Sports Committee and are committed to running a successful event and playing host to athletes from different parts of the Province. There have been meetings held to inform communities how to participate in the 2006 MIWG. We encourage all First Nation and Metis communities to inquire about and send representation to these meetings to ensure your athletes get every opportunity to participate in their chosen sport. The sports are basketball*, volleyball*, badminton*, curling, table tennis, glow bowling, and hockey. The demonstration sport is 9-ball billiards. In order to participate in the 2006 MIWG, athletes must qualify within their region. To inquire about your region, please contact our Sport Development staff, your regional Chef de Mission or Aboriginal Sport Association:

Winnipeg Aboriginal Sport & Recreation Association

Phone: 589-2772 Email: kchief@wasac.ca

Winnipeg/MMF Winnipeg

Garry Houle, MASRC Sport Development

Phone: 925-5614 Email: ghoule@sport.mb.ca

Winnipeg/MMF Winnipeg, SERDC/MMF Southeast, DOTC/MMF Southwest, IRTC/MMF Interlake, WRTC/MMF Northwest Consultant

Darryl Bauer, MASRC Sport Development

Phone: 677-0326 Email: aboriginalsportcouncil@hotmail.com

SCTC/MMF The Pas, KTC/MMF Thompson, ILTC/MMF Thompson Consultant

Charles Harper, ILTC

Phone: 947-2397 Email: c_harper@mts.net

Carl Young, KTC

Phone: 484-2341 Email: cyoung72@yahoo.com

If you would like to be a contact for your region, contact the MASRC office for more information.

**Badminton, Basketball and Volleyball will be identification events for the 2006 North American Indigenous Games.*

TEAM MANITOBA/2006 NAIG

July 2-9, 2006 in Denver/Colorado Springs, Colorado USA

Qualifiers Update

Archery qualifiers were held in conjunction with sanctioned ABAM events through 2005 and more will be held early in 2006. The team will be selected through the average scores of two (2) of these events. **Canoe identifiers** were held in Peguis First Nation on October 8-9, 2005. Another identification event will be held in spring of 2006. **Athletics qualifiers** will to be held in Winnipeg at the University of Manitoba (Pan Am Stadium) on May 19-21, 2006. **Badminton, Basketball and Volleyball identifiers** will be held at the 2006 MIWG. These athletes will then be invited to a final selection camp that will take place in spring 2006. **Other sports' identification and selection events** are being finalized by the Team Manitoba Committee and will be distributed in the near future. These sports include Baseball, Golf, Lacrosse, Swimming, Softball and Soccer. Information on all remaining identification and qualifying events will be sent out and posted on the website as soon as it comes available.

We are still accepting applications for volunteer coaches for the 2006 North American Indigenous Games. Application forms are available by contacting the MASRC or visiting the website.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Calling all Families, Friends, Teammates, Athletes & Coaches!

Do you know of an Aboriginal Athlete or Coach who has made a difference in their sport or community? Take a moment to nominate them for the **2005 Tom Longboat Awards** or **2005 National Aboriginal Coaching Awards**. It gives them a chance to be selected as the Aboriginal Male/Female Athlete of Coach of the Year for your Province or Territory. If they win at the regional level, they will automatically serve as a nominee for the national selection process that will determine Canada's Aboriginal Athlete & Coach of the Year.

There are a number of ways to nominate someone:

1. The NEW online nomination form can be found at www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca
2. Email the ASC for a downloadable copy of the brochure/nomination forms.
3. Email the ASC for a hard copy of the Brochure/Posters/nomination form for your office/organization.

Aboriginal Sport Circle

Phone (613) 938-9181 Email gdoxtator@aboriginalsportcircle.ca

The deadline for nominations is January 16, 2006...That's only 2 months away! Please feel free to distribute this call for nomination through your networks.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

All the listed meetings are for the specified region to promote participation in the 2006 Manitoba Indigenous Winter Games and 2006 North American Indigenous Games. Recreation Directors, administrators, coaches and athletes are welcome.

SCTC/The Pas MMF

Opaskwayak Education Authority, Otineka Mall, OCN

Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Chef De Mission – Vacant, Contact: Darryl Bauer 677-0326

WRTC/MMF Northwest

Dauphin, Monday, November 21, 2005, 10:00 am

Chef de Mission - Vacant, Contact: Stu Sabiston 622-2148

IRTC/MMF Interlake

Ericksdale, Tuesday, November 22, 2005, 10:00 am

Chef De Mission – Vacant , Contact: Garry Houle 925-5614

DOTC/MMF Southwest

Long Plain First Nation, Wednesday, November 23, 2005

Chef De Mission – Vacant, Contact: Garry Houle 925-5614

SERDC/MMF Southeast

SERDC Office (Winnipeg), Thursday, November 24, 2005

No Chef, Contact: Garry Houle 925-5614