



Canadian Olympic Committee

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## A Word from the President

Dear Olympians,

Welcome to the first issue of the Olympians Canada Newsletter! Four times a year this newsletter will help you keep up to date with news that is relevant and of interest to Canadian Olympians, the Olympians Chapters' upcoming events, exciting Olympians Canada initiatives, and information on how you can get involved.



Olympians Canada's mission is to educate Canadian Olympians and Paralympians on their role as role models in society, while promoting Olympism, building a spirit of fraternity amongst Athletes, and contributing to sport and the community.

Now is the time to get involved in the Olympians Canada Chapter nearest you. I sincerely hope that this marks the beginning of a new era in Canadian sport where more Olympians from the past will step forward to positively impact Canadian sport.

Enjoy!

Charmaine Crooks  
Olympians Canada President  
World Olympians Association Board Member

### VORC Athens 2004 News Flash

The World Olympians Association and VISA International invite you to the, "Most Exclusive Club in Town" when the world comes to Athens this summer. The historic Athens Tennis Club, which was the site of the 1896 games and is located next to the ancient Temple of Zeus, provides a spectacular setting for Olympians and their guests. You can pre-register for the VISA Olympians Reunion Center through the World Olympians Association website, [www.woolympians.com](http://www.woolympians.com), or contact Dimitris Gargalianos +30-697-438-3971, [dimitris\\_gargalianos@hotmail.com](mailto:dimitris_gargalianos@hotmail.com).

### ZEUS: Coming Soon

The Canadian Olympic Committee recently launched ZEUS, an easy-to-use web-based system that permits potential 2004 Canadian Olympic team members to enter and update all their required Games information including clothing sizes and biographical, medical and accreditation information.

The ZEUS system, which is accessible with an Internet connection and web browser, will provide Athens team members with an unprecedented amount of information regarding the Athens environment and Games preparations.

Soon this great new system will be available to all Olympians, past and present, direct from the COC site. You will be able to log on, enter and update your own profile and contact information. In the meanwhile, you can update your information by sending your name, sport, Olympic year, mailing address and contact information to [update@olympic.ca](mailto:update@olympic.ca).

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**Get Involved Today!**

## OLYMPIANS CHAPTERS

**Olympians BC** [ contact: [olympiansbc@hotmail.com](mailto:olympiansbc@hotmail.com) ]

### Olympians BC: Who We Are

Olympians BC, the Alumni Chapter for Olympians and Paralympians living in the Province of British Columbia, has been in existence for over five years. Their mandate is simple: to unite the fraternity of Olympians within the Province of British Columbia and to promote Olympic ideals.

In an effort to unite and connect Olympians, the organization hosts an annual Olympic Day Social in June of each year and distributes a fall and spring newsletter. "This year's Social is an event where Olympians can enjoy a glass of wine with old friends, meet new friends, hear about opportunities for involvement in the Olympic movement, and learn how "to support the upcoming 2010 Winter Olympics," said Katherina Taylor, member of the Olympic Day Social Committee. This year's event will be hosted by New Westminster's Spirit of 2010 Community Committee at

the Fraser River Discovery Centre. The Centre is located on the Fraser River and this year's attendees will be able to arrive by car, sky-train or even by water taxi!

The Olympians BC Board of Directors have mapped out and begun executing their priorities for the coming year. And they are always looking for help!

### Upcoming Events

- **Olympians BC Annual Olympic Day Social:** June 19, Fraser River Discovery Centre  
To register: [olympiansbc@hotmail.com](mailto:olympiansbc@hotmail.com)
- **Row Gold:** July 18, Vancouver Rowing Club  
For information: Frank Dembicki, 604-981-6655, [fdembicki2258@shaw.ca](mailto:fdembicki2258@shaw.ca)
- **Golden Gala:** October 14, Westin Bayshore Ballroom  
For information: Misty Thomas, 604-737-3114

**Olympians Alberta** [ contact: [cfarstad@olympic.ca](mailto:cfarstad@olympic.ca) ]

### Olympians Alberta Plans to Rejuvenate

Historically, Olympians Alberta has regularly organized successful events such as an annual Spruce Meadows Dinner, Olympic Send-Off Celebrations and participation in the Calgary Stampede Parade. With the help of the COC, Olympians Alberta plans to rejuvenate itself and regain its status as one of Canada's strongest Olympians Chapters.

### Upcoming Events

- **Olympic Academy of Canada:** July 3-8, University of Calgary  
For information: Paulette Minard, 416-324-4139

**Olympians Quebec** [ contact: [apelletier@olympic.ca](mailto:apelletier@olympic.ca) ]

### Olympians Quebec Congratulates Olympic Hall of Fame Inductees

The Olympians Quebec Chapter congratulates Quebec Olympians Myriam Bédard, Bruny Surin, Marc Gagnon, François Drolet and Éric Bédard on their induction into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame. On April 16 these Olympians will be honoured at a lavish dinner event at Montreal's historic Windsor Station.

### Upcoming Events

- **COC Congress:** April 16-18, Montreal  
For information: Deanna Slapack, 416-324-4134
- **Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame Dinner:** April 16, Montreal  
For information: Sharon Bollenbach, 416-324-4130
- **Olympic Torch Relay:** June 20, Montreal  
For information: Annie Pelletier, 514-861-3371 ext.228
- **COC Golf Tournament:** September 20, Montreal  
For information: Sharon Bollenbach, 416-324-4130

**Olympians Ontario** [ contact: [cdias@olympic.ca](mailto:cdias@olympic.ca) ]

### Olympic Spirit Toronto Offers Jobs for Athletes

Opening August 2004 in Toronto's vibrant downtown core, adjacent to the new Yonge-Dundas Square, Olympic Spirit Toronto is poised to become one of the city's most popular attraction destinations.

*Citius, Altius, Fortius* is the motto for the Olympic Games, but Olympic Spirit Toronto has its own three-word motto: **Inspire, Educate** and **Entertain**. Visitors will be able to see, feel, hear, and touch the Games as they never have before, absorbed in an atmosphere charged by state-of-the-art interactive displays and virtual competitions.

Olympic Spirit Toronto wants to be sure that it takes care of the Olympians of the future, so it will give a portion of its profits to the COC's Excellence Fund. Furthermore, they intend to provide athletes with part-time and full-time jobs.

"The Olympic Spirit Toronto jobs will offer athletes the flexibility that they need," said McBean. We hope that these jobs will be filled by as many Olympians and aspiring Olympians as possible!"

Check out the Olympic Spirit Toronto jobs at:  
[http://www.olympic.ca/EN/athletes/services/tc\\_index.shtml](http://www.olympic.ca/EN/athletes/services/tc_index.shtml)

### Sites to Visit

- Canadian Olympic Committee: [www.olympic.ca](http://www.olympic.ca). Click on the Team Canada banner to check out the new athlete programs!
- International Olympic Committee: [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org)
- World Olympians Association: [www.woaolympians.com](http://www.woaolympians.com)
- Vancouver 2010: [www.winter2010.com](http://www.winter2010.com)