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# Gymnastics *monthly*

BOWEN ISLAND GYMNASTICS CLUBS  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

Bowen Island Gymnastics Club will be hosting a Wine and Cheese Fundraiser on November 14th at Artisan Eats restaurant in Artisan Square. The event will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and the evening will include wine and cheese, a slide show presentation and silent auction.

Raffle – Drop by the Bowen Beer and Wine Store to buy a bottle of wine and donate \$5 to the club to add to the wine cache. The winner of the bundle of bottles will be announced at the fundraiser.

The Bowen Island Senior Competitive Gymnastics team has the opportunity to perform a group gymnastics routine at the National Gymnaestrada event in Winnipeg on June 28 – July 2<sup>nd</sup> as a pre-requisite to attending the World Gymnaestrada Event in Switzerland in July 2011. The proceeds from our Silent Auction event will help finance this once in a lifetime opportunity for our teen gymnasts to travel to Nationals in 2010 and World's in 2011.

## BIGC Website

It seems that our website is being well used, which is great. If you haven't done so yet, check it out at [www.bowenislandgymnastics.com](http://www.bowenislandgymnastics.com) to find out about programs, coaches, calendar updates and more.

**Welcome to Bowen Island Gymnastics Club!**

Bowen Island Gymnastics Club provides the community with recreation and competitive programs for children ages 14 months to 15 years. The role of the program in the community includes not only acting as a focus for gymnastics but operating as a support mechanism for other sports and arts organizations.

Gymnastics provides children with skills such as physical strength, agility and coordination which creates a strong foundation for all other sports. The programs that Bowen Island Gymnastics Club (BIGC) offers encourage the progression of participant's individual skills while at the same time providing opportunities to engage in team building and cooperative exercises. BIGC believes in fostering mentorship between gymnasts of all levels and ages and encouraging the development of skills, which will benefit the participants both inside and outside the gymnasium.

**WHAT'S NEW**

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We welcome your feedback. Please e-mail [info@bowenislandgymnastics.com](mailto:info@bowenislandgymnastics.com) with your comments.

# President's Message

Hello gym parents!

## **New Board Members**

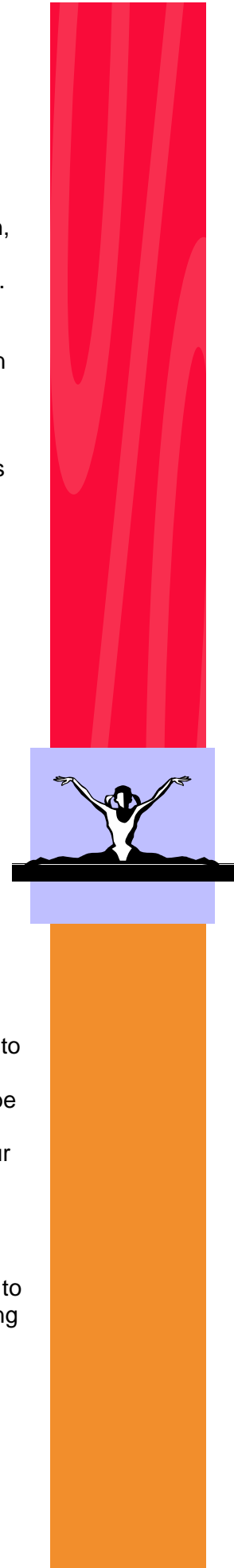
It was great to see so many of you out at our AGM at the end of Sept. We said a big thank you and good-bye to Diane Murphy, our past treasurer and voted in and welcomed Dwayne Derban, our new treasurer, and Stacey Leigh, our new secretary. Larissa Stefani volunteered her services a week later, so we are very happy to have a full and active board to help run our club. Continuing members are Heather Hodson who is our grant writer and past secretary, Mike Lightbody, future facility, and Karen Shea, volunteer co-ordinator, and me, Suzanne Allan, president. Diane has taken on co-ordinating fund raising for the senior girls to go to Winnipeg in late June to participate in National Gymnaestrada. Please support these efforts!

## **Facing our Financial Challenge**

If you weren't at the AGM meeting, you may not know about our financial challenges. BIGC has not received the Direct Access gaming grant, which has been cut. This is a provincial grant on which we have relied annually for operating costs and usually ranges from \$15,000- \$25,000. Also, we started paying rent to the school district as of last May for the use of the gym, and are told that this rent will increase.

## **Allan Financial and Dundee Wealth: Helping to Meet our Challenge**

Obviously, it couldn't have come at a better time--we are pleased to announce that Ross Allan, of Allan Financial, and Dundee Wealth have come forward to sponsor our gymnastics club, committing \$10,000 to deliver a perfect '10' to our budget. This infusion covers a significant portion of what we had hoped for in government funding, and means that our club can and will bring your family another fun-filled season of gymnastics!

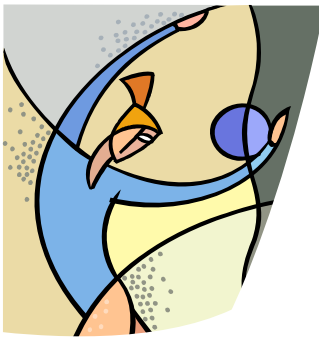


## **A New Legacy Partnership Program**

As a parent of three BIGC members (and now coaches), Ross Allan knows first-hand the positive impact our fantastic programs and athletic training have for the children and youth of Bowen Island. Because of his experience with our program over the years, Ross is committed to building a sustainable plan to secure funds for our club's future. Therefore, Allan Financial will soon offer a Legacy Partnership Program to parents of BIGC members. Following shortly will be all the details of how you will be able to protect your assets through Allan Financial AND build toward a sustainable future for the Bowen Gymnastics Club. We'll also post the program on our website as will be on the Allan Financial site. Please stay tuned...

## **Future Facility**

In keeping with one of our long-term goals, and motivated by our rental situation, BIGC is actively pursuing a new facility. Mike Lightbody, Lisa Brougham and I have been working hard to prepare presentations not only for the OCP review, but also for municipal council. We are hoping that they will give us land. We will keep you posted as to our progress and would really appreciate support, not only from parents, but also from gymnasts when we do present to council.



# November Gymnasts of the Month

**Recreation Gymnast  
Maesyn Hartwick**



**Competitive Gymnast  
Wynnie Tipton**



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