

ALUMNI & MEMBER NEWSLETTER



NEWS FROM AROUND THE CLUB

WOMENS UPDATE - AMY BROOKS, Chair Women's League

Despite some of the usual weather challenges, our women's teams had a successful women's league season. Our registration numbers increased to the point where for the 2018/2019 season we anticipate entering an additional women's team into the league bringing our total number of teams to 9, making us the largest club in the league. The results this season reflected the talent, hard work and commitment of all of our great players and coaches. Five of our 8 teams made the playoffs and 3 of those teams (WV Premier, WV1 and WV2) reached their respective finals, each finishing second.

Congratulations to everyone on a successful 2017/2018 season and we are looking forward to another fantastic one for 2018/2019! Registration is now open at www.wvfhc.com

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MENS UPDATE - CHRIS BAGGOTT, Chair Men's League

"Our Men's Division had another great season with 90 players serving on our five teams, spanning in age from 14-75! Our top three teams all qualified for playoffs, with our 'Millionaires' (Prem team) repeating last year's feat by winning both the Playoff and Season titles!

With a great mix of adult and junior players coming up the ranks, the future looks bright for our program. Next season, we look not only to improve on this year's results, but also to increase our inter-division support through additional 'Hype' games.

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JUNIOR UPDATE - MARGI SPOONER + ISLA DRUMMOND, Chair Junior League

Our Junior Programs are going from strength to strength. We have year round programs for all ages. This fall we are launching "Hockey 5's" which is a fast paced format and will be featured in this year's Youth Olympic Games. We have a large number of athletes represented in regional, provincial and national programs as well as a strong junior coach and umpire group in the club. We have benefited from strengthened links with our women's and men's divisions allowing for our junior members to continue on in the club as they get older.

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CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AWARD

In March, we were the proud recipient of the Contribution to Sport Award at the North Shore Sport Awards. We were given the award for hosting the FIH World League 2 tournament in April 2017 which featured 7 international women's teams including Canada. With over 100 volunteers involved, our club pulled off this 10 day event, showing what a club can achieve with hard work and endless enthusiasm.

WVFHC IS A "SPORT FOR LIFE" COMMUNITY!



This Spring League we are working with Sport for Life Canada to promote being active for life to our young players. Our Spring League players, coaches and parents have been receiving different forms of communication about age-appropriate development, our club's values, and keeping kids in sport. These include:

- Welcome packs for parents and coaches, including key information about Spring League
- Player Development Matrices featuring key skills and areas of development for each age group
- My Player Pathway - a 10 week series of challenges and postcards for players to learn about sport for life
- Field posters showcasing the skills that our players aged 6-10 years will be learning
- Seminars on parenting in sport, and on player pathways through our sport
- Social media campaign on learning to be active for life and featuring a "Team of the Week"



WVFHC MEMBER NEWS



WVFHC's very own Margaux Brand was selected as an umpire for the upcoming 2018 Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires, Argentina (Oct 6-18). She is the only Canadian official and will join the Canadian U18 Men's national Team. Margaux is our Umpire Coordinator and leads our training, mentoring and recruitment of club umpires.



Field Hockey Canada announced the roster for the Masters and the Grand Masters in April. Big congrats to our members who made the cut! The teams will travel and play in Spain this summer from July 27 - August 5.

Bill Purcell
Anne Wallis
Ian Baggott
Jo-Ann Smith

Alan Drummond
Colin Schmutter
Paula Pappajohn

WVFHC IS THE OFFICIAL HOME OF THE MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM



The Canadian men's national field hockey program will officially call WVFHC turf its training home. The official announcement took place at the Men's Field Hockey Showcase on Saturday, May 12th at Rutledge Field.

Field Hockey Canada has trained and competed at Rutledge Field in the past and this announcement formalizes an agreement. According to Paul Bundy, head coach of the Men's National Team, the partnership with WVFHC is about connecting the community and those who play Field Hockey in the region.

"It's a world-class facility. Our guys love training there," Bundy said. "We love being a part of a hockey-playing community. Not all training facilities can offer that." Both organizations share a common passion for high performance and community building. As a result, the national team will engage the community and offer clinics, workshops and showcase games at Rutledge Field.

"We have set up a great relationship that benefits both organizations," Bundy said. "We feel extremely valued here and we also feel the want and need to give back to the community. It's a perfect fit."

"West Vancouver Field Hockey Club has a long tradition of involvement with the Men's National Team," said Emma Gibbons, WVFHC Executive Director. "We are proud of our current and former players, many of whom are still very active in the club. This agreement with Field Hockey Canada will allow all our members to benefit from access to players, coaches, programs and hosting events here on the north shore. We are excited about the opportunities that this partnership has to bring value to our community and to inspire people to get involved in our sport"

Hold the Date! As part of our new partnership, we are hosting these games at Rutledge:
 June 27 & 30, 7pm: Canada vs. Pakistan
 July 4 & 5, 7pm: Canada vs. China
 July 8, 4pm: Canada vs. China

OTHER NEW PARTNERSHIPS

We have been working with many sport organisations on the North Shore to create programs and share best practice. Recent and upcoming partnerships include:

- WVFHC and West Vancouver Football Club are hosting a joint summer camp from 7-10 August. Join us for a morning of soccer and afternoon of field hockey! More info: www.wvfhc.com
- WVFHC is a proud partner in the Physical Literacy 4 You, a network of organisations dedicated to physical literacy in North Vancouver. Our recent "Supporting your child in sport" seminar was hosted in partnership with this network. We have also been invited to join a new West Vancouver physical literacy network. More info: www.pl4u.ca
- We started a West Vancouver Sport Leaders group with West Vancouver Football Club and West Vancouver Minor Hockey Association. These meetings allow us to share best practice and work together on common issues.

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MEET OUR TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

-GEOFF MATTHEWS



Geoff Matthews serves as WVFHC's Technical Director, overseeing all club coaches and programming.

As well as his role at WVFHC, Geoff is the Head Coach of Field Hockey BC's Academy program and has coached various provincial teams. He has strong ties with Field Hockey Canada and was the Assistant Coach of the Canadian Men's Jr. National Team who won the Pan-Am Silver Medal and competed at the 2016 Junior World Cup.

Geoff is the Head Coach for the U18 Men's National Team and will be leading the team at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

Geoff has played field hockey since he was 6-years old and went on to represent Western Province, South Africa from U16 through to the Senior Level. Geoff is also an accomplished athlete beyond field hockey as he has completed four ultra marathons, with courses ranging from 56km to 86km long.

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PLAYER PATHWAY SEMINAR

Player Pathways: Your Guide to Navigating Field Hockey at Club, Provincial & National Levels

Date: June 7, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: RYU Apparel, Park Royal South, Unit 120 -731 Main St., West Vancouver

Join us for an evening of dialogue about player pathways presented by WVFHC, Field Hockey BC and Field Hockey Canada. Learn about our programs, opportunities to participate, and how we inter-relate with each other at a club, provincial and national level. Each organisation will provide a short presentation on our player pathways and then you will have an opportunity to ask questions. This seminar is open to our youth and adult members. A must-attend for those looking to better understand how to navigate the world of field hockey!

We would like to thank RYU Park Royal for hosting this seminar. Everyone attending will receive a 20% off any purchases made in the store that evening.

Attendance is free but spaces are limited. Register at www.wvfhc.com



RESPECT YOUR UNIVERSE



WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?



We are excited to announce that we're hosting the 2019 Golden Oldies Field Hockey tournament. The tournament takes place Sept 15-22, 2019 using 6 fields at Ambleside and Rutledge for the games and festivities.

Registration for the tournament is at www.gohockeyvancouver.com We will also be seeking volunteers to help host the tournament. Email info@wvfhc.com for more information.

INTERESTED IN SENIORS FIELD HOCKEY?

We are interested in starting a senior's field hockey program! If you played before, or if you're interesting in starting a new sport, we would love to hear from you! We are currently exploring options for what this might look like and when it might take place. We would appreciate receiving your input. Email info@wvfhc.com to find out more.



KEEP IN CONTACT WITH US



We love keeping you in the loop! Follow us for regular updates on all our

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