



ABTA TWIRLING TIMES

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Alberta Baton Twirling Association

Message from the Chair

Well here we are again in full swing of another twirling season. ABTA held our Annual Awards Banquet in the fall and everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner. I wish to welcome aboard April Jemieff who was elected as Vice Chair of ABTA at our last AGM. Many thanks go to Debra Dearing who has put in countless hours of her time in helping our organization in all of our programs. Our Fall Training Workshop was well received by all athletes that attended.

The office has been very busy with membership the last couple of months but now that this huge task is mostly done, Shari is working on all the details of Alberta hosting the 2009 Nationals in Edmonton. Committees will be set up for various jobs that need to be done during the event and we are going to need many volunteers to make the Nationals run smoothly so watch for updates as to what you can volunteer for.

It was announced at the CBTF meetings that there will be no Qualifier for International Cup as originally thought for athletes planning on attending Worlds next summer in Australia. Since Worlds this year will only be International Cup, it was decided to have at Nationals Free Style and Compulsories/Short Program as separate events. Athletes can enter both or just one of the events and scores will not be combined as they would be in a regular Team Trial year. Provinces are able to decide whether they want to leave their own Team Trials as before or if they wish to split the events as will be at Nationals. The decision will be announced shortly after the new year to all ABTA members. It was also brought up that provinces must be diligent in the fact that there can not be Level I Coaches coaching in the gym on their own.

Provincials will be held on the weekend of May 1 to 3 at Mount Royal College in Calgary. This year the format will be different with Compulsories and Preliminary Rounds of Freestyle being held on the Friday and Final Rounds being held on the Saturday after Open Teams. Our freestyle athletes train very hard all year and was thought that it would be very nice for these athletes to have more of an audience to perform to rather than just their parents who are usually the only ones there on the Friday. It also gives our upcoming athletes something to watch to set their own goals toward maybe working on a Free Style of their own.

We are looking forward to a busy year and I hope you all had a happy holiday season. I wish you the best in 2009!

Bonnie Brinker
ABTA Chairperson



2009 ABTA Calendar of Events

January

- ◆ Chinook Championships—Calgary— January 17, 2009

February

- ◆ Northern Region Valentine Competition—Leduc—February 7, 2009

March

- ◆ Central Region Wild West Competition—Calgary—March 7, 2009
- ◆ Pre Event Challenge—Spruce Grove—March 21, 2009
- ◆ Module 2 Judges Course—Red Deer—March 13-15, 2009

April

- ◆ Parkland Region Sweet Pea Competition—Red Deer—April 18, 2009

May

- ◆ Provincials—Calgary—May 1-3, 2009

June

- ◆ Canadian Championships—Edmonton—June 27-July 3, 2009 (dates are subject to change)

July

- ◆ Canadian Championships—Edmonton—June 27-July 3, 2009 (dates are subject to change)

August

- ◆ International Cup—Sydney, Australia—August 6-9, 2009



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2008-09 Twirling Season

ABTA Executive

Bonnie Brinker – Chairperson
April Jemieff – Vice Chairperson
Christina Caskey – Secretary
Inga Mclean – Treasurer
Kim Johnson – Technical Chair

ABTA Board of Directors:

Dave Foster – Northern Region Chair
Sherry Gole – Parkland Region Chair
Candy Tedford – Central Region Chair

ABTA Technical Commitee:

Tina Larson—Judges Advisor
Coaches Rep—Vacant
Candace Korsa — Athletes Rep
Group Rep—Vacant
Skills Development Officer —Vacant

ABTA Club Presidents

Airdrie Sky High Twirlers— Debbie Mancini
Aspire Baton & Dance Co.—Kim Korsa
Baton Connection—Shari Foster
Geronimo Twirling Co.—April Jemieff
New Heights Baton Club—Nola Sarro
Parkland Region Baton Club—Sherry Gole
Reunited Baton Club—Nancy Jones
Southside Baton Club—Marlene Moar
Star Baton & Dance Co.—Mandy Yip
Supernova—TJ Aneca
The Baton Crew—Christina Caskey
Twirl Co.—Sherri Haynes
Uniquely Yours— Karen Dangschat

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CBTF Board of Directors

Jeff Johnson— President
Joanne Moser—1st Vice President
Sandi Watt—2nd Vice President
Gail Ashcroft—Past President
Karen Gratton— Technical Chair
Michelle Bretherick—Treasurer
Charlene Priel—Secretary
Ron Kopas— Judges Representative
Kristen Macaraeg— Coaches Representative
Kyla Wilson—Athletes Representative
Brenda Bennett—Group Representative
Denise DeWolffe— BTABC Provincial Chair
Bonnie Brinker— ABTA Provincial Chair
Lisa Wilde— SBTA Provincial Chair
Lynn Opperman—MBSTA Provincial Chair
Sylvia Kernohan—OBTA Provincial President
Lucie Chevrier— QBTA Provincial Chair
Solange St. Coeurs—BNB Provincial Chair
Sylvia Kernohan—Sanction Officer
Denise Johnston—Skills Development Program Officer
Kim Johnson—Manual Coordinator
Rachel Bower—Tapes Coordinator

CBTF Technical Committee

Karen Gratton—Technical Chair
Ron Kopas—Judges Rep
Kristin Macaraeg—Coaches Rep
Kyla Wilson—Athletes Rep
Brenda Bennett—Group Rep
Denise Johnston—SDP Officer
Sylvia Kernohan—Sanction Officer
Shannon Webster— BC Technical Chair
Kim Johnson—AB Technical Chair
Elan Paluck— SK Technical Chair
Dana Peteleski— MB Technical Chair
Vacant—ON Technical Chair
Luc Guay—QC Technical Chair
Brenda Arsenault -LeBlanc—NB Technical Chair

Technical News

- ◆ ABTA would like to promote our sport!! If you have ideas of how to do this, or events that we could participate in, please contact Kim Johnson, ABTA Technical Chair.
- ◆ All coaches and judges: Please submit documentation of your current coaching and/or judging level to the ABTA Office. This will allow ABTA to update our files and ensure the same information is recorded with CBTF.
- ◆ Parkland Region is holding a Module 2 Judging Course in Red Deer on the weekend of March 13, 14, 15. The brochure will be available soon.
- ◆ ABTA has given all Club Chairs a list of the CBTF membership numbers for their club's members. If you require your membership number, please contact your Club Chair.
- ◆ CBTF has made Pom Pom an official event! The Pom Pom event will now be offered at all competitions. There is a new 'Group' category listed on the membership form for athletes that compete only in group or pom pom.
- ◆ If you are interested in taking a Skills Development Program Adjudicator course, please contact the ABTA office. We would like to run a course in 2009 if there is enough interest. Our ideal goal is to have a designated 'badge test lane' at each competition, but we require more certified Adjudicator's before this would be possible.
- ◆ Updated versions of the International Cup Rules and Regulations are posted on both the ABTA website (www.albertabaton.com) and the CBTF website (www.cbtf.ca).
- ◆ The International Cup Qualifier that was scheduled for March 2009 in Ontario, has been cancelled due to a low number of entries.

Technical News

- ◆ If you are a registered technical member and are interested in a Technical Committee position, please contact Kim Johnson. Current vacant positions are: Coaches Rep, Group Rep and SDP Officer.
- ◆ ABTA is hosting the 2009 Canadian Championships this July in Edmonton. We are going to need lots of volunteers to make it a success! If you are interested in helping out or being on the 2009 Canadian Committee, please contact the ABTA Office or Bonnie Brinker.
- ◆ Does your club need used batons?? Jill Ford from Supernova Baton Club has a few extra batons that she would like to sell. Please contact her for sizes and prices: jill_ford@yahoo.com or (780) 436-1256
- ◆ For a complete list of Winter NCCP Courses, please use the link from the ABTA website or by visiting the ASRPWF website: www.tpr.alberta.ca/asrpwf/index.asp
- ◆ There are many grant opportunities available to competitive athletes. If you need more information about any of the grants mentioned in the newsletter, please contact the ABTA Office.
- ◆ Do you have any exciting news that you want to share with us?? ABTA is looking for announcements for our next newsletter. Submissions may be made to the ABTA Office at any time. Examples of news you might want to share: engagements, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, etc.
- ◆ Is there something you would like to see in the ABTA Newsletter or on the ABTA website?? We would love to hear your ideas!! Please send all ideas to: abta@telusplanet.net

ABTA Calendar

DO YOU WANT TO BE IN THE ABTA CALENDAR??

We are looking for the following photos:

- ◆ individual photos
- ◆ group/team photos
- ◆ club/region executive member photos
 - ◆ photos of coaches & judges
 - ◆ photos of club volunteers

Photos must be:

- ◆ labeled (who is in the photo, the club they belong to, event the picture was taken at)
 - ◆ no larger than 4MB
 - ◆ jpeg format

Please Note:

- ◆ photos selected for the calendar will be dependent on the number that are submitted
- ◆ anyone who submits a photo, must also have submitted a signed photography release form

**Please email all photos to: abta@telusplanet.net
by February 1st, 2009.**

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Photography Release Form

This document confirms the agreement between you and the Alberta Baton Twirling Association (ABTA) regarding your participation in approved ABTA activities and events in which you may be photographed or videotaped (the Property) from time to time.

For valuable consideration received, you hereby irrevocably grant to ABTA perpetually, exclusively, and for all media throughout the world (including print, film, slides, non-theatrical, home video, CD-ROM, internet and any other electronic medium presently in existence or invented in the future), the right to use and incorporate (alone or together with other materials), in whole or in part, photographs or video footage taken of you as a result of your participation in approved activities of ABTA.

ABTA or its designee shall have complete ownership of the Property in which you appear, including copyright interests, and you acknowledge that you have no interest or ownership in the Property or its copyright. The Property will be provided to media outlets for their unrestricted use, indefinitely. ABTA does not have control of the material once it is disseminated. This grant includes the right to use the Property for promoting or publicizing any of the uses.

You hereby agree that you will not bring or consent to others bringing claim or action against ABTA on the grounds that anything contained in the Property, or in the advertising and publicity used in connection herewith, is defamatory, reflects adversely on you, violates any other right whatsoever, including, without limitation, rights of privacy and publicity. You hereby release ABTA, its directors, officers, successors and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, causes of actions, suits, costs, expenses, liabilities, and damages whatsoever that you may hereafter have against ABTA in connection with the Property.

This agreement shall not obligate ABTA to use the Property or to use any of the rights granted hereunder, or to prepare, produce, exhibit, distribute or exploit the Property.

Alberta Baton Twirling Association shall have the right to assign its rights hereunder, without your consent, in whole or in part, to any person, firm or corporation.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Print Name of Participant _____

Participant's Signature _____ Witness _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Witness _____

Telephone Number _____

REGION REPORTS

Central Region — submitted by **Candy Tedford (Central Region Chairperson)**

This year is one of change for our Region. I will start by introducing our new Executive: Marlene Moar (Southside Baton), has been elected as Vice Chair, and Brenda Krieger (Uniquely Yours), is our new Treasurer. Both Karen Dangschat and myself, are returning for another year.

With the closure of both of our bingo halls (one permanently and one temporarily), funding this year for those athletes going to Nationals in Edmonton, and those going on to compete at International Cup in Australia, has been greatly effected. Due to this, we have joined the Flames Concession Program, as another alternative to working bingos, for those who are interested.

On a positive note, our Region was able to pay registration costs for 37 of our athletes to attend the ABTA workshop which was held in Calgary, as well as paying Membership for our athletes and coaches, as well as our numerous volunteers. On November 23rd, we hosted our Annual Christmas Party, in which 85 people were in attendance, at which time we also had a special visit from Santa.

Athletes and coaches are getting ready for our first competition which will be held in January, and our Region has booked extra gym time over the holidays due to school closures. We will also be booking a bus to attend the Valentines competition, for anyone who doesn't want to worry about driving in bad weather.

Happy New Year!

Northern Region — submitted by **Dave Foster (Northern Region Chairperson)**

Northern Region would like to welcome a new club to our region. The Baton Crew is based out of Drayton Valley with Samantha Caskey as the head coach. Another club in our region, Supernova, continues to gain members in Spruce Grove and Edmonton. This is keeping Jill Ford very busy!

Northern Region held our 1st Annual 'Future Champs' Clinic in November and had over 50 athletes attend! Instructors who taught at the clinic were: Sheryl Holliday, Mandy Yip and Jill Ford. Athletes were encouraged to bring a friend to try baton for the day as well. This was a huge success!

We have confirmed our competition dates for the year. The Northern Region Valentine Competition will be held February 7, 2009 in Leduc, AB. Northern Region will also be hosting the Pre Event Challenge in March. Hopefully we will see you all there!

On behalf of all Northern Region members, we wish you all a Happy New Year!

CLUB REPORTS

Supernova Baton Club — submitted by Jill Ford (Coach/Director)

Supernova Baton Club based out of Edmonton and Spruce Grove has 36 members ranging in ages 4 to 17. We are in our 2nd season and have had a great start to our year. We hosted and organized the first annual Future Champs Clinic held in Spruce Grove. We were very fortunate to have Sheryl Holliday and Mandy Yip as our guest teachers and the clinic was a huge hit and success. We also just recently participated in the Edmonton Indoor Santa Claus Parade, which was a first for our club, and the girls had a blast! We are now busy trying to get ready for the upcoming competition season which is fast approaching!! We will see you all in the New Year....



Upcoming Deadlines

January 2009

- ◆ Valentine Competition Entry Form Deadline (January 26, 2009)

February 2009

- ◆ Submit photos for ABTA Calendar to the ABTA Office (February 1, 2009)

March 2009

- ◆ Receipts due to ABTA Treasurer for AADP recipients (March 1, 2009)
- ◆ ABTA Academic Scholarship Application Deadline (March 10, 2009)
- ◆ Receipts due to ABTA Treasurer for High Performance recipients (March 15, 2009)

April 2009

- ◆ 'Go Girl' Grant Deadline (April 1, 2009 for programs run between May and August)

May 2009

- ◆ ASRPWF Development Initiatives Grant Deadline (May 1, 2009)
- ◆ ASRPWF Canadian Sport For Life Grant Deadline (May 1, 2009)
- ◆ ASRPWF Coach & Official 'Above & Beyond' Grant Deadline (May 15, 2009)

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