



Coaches Corner

Robert Persechino &
Hélène Desmarais

The competitive season is now in full swing!

All our competitive gymnasts are competing all around town, the province, Canada and even the world...

Visit our website often to keep track of the results at www.panthersgymnastics.ca.

We would like to thank all our sponsors, our super volunteers, our great athletes and our fantastic coaches for a job extremely well done!!!

Particular thanks goes out to Dale Grevstad for volunteering his time for results...also for his contagious happy outlook on life. Thanks Bud!

Thanks to all of the businesses and the families who made our silent auction a big success. Including our board members who went out of their way to provide a wonderful setting for the competition along with goody bags and food.

Coming up...

We are hosting the Wendy's invitational 2004 on the week end of May 1st. We will need your support and help again so watch for volunteer opportunities.

Our Level 4 and National Stream athletes are heading for the Yukon in mid April.

Then in Early June our National Stream and High Performance athletes will be competing in Mississauga at the National Championships.

Good luck ladies.

On Thursday May 20th we will be hosting our annual in-house Junior Panthers competition. this competition helps to prepare our young athletes for future competitive events.

Finally, on June 13, we will present our Year End Display and wind up at the Rainbow stage. These displays provide a wonderful opportunities for our gymnasts to perform in front of a large crowd, leaving them with lifelong memories.

To make this event a success we will need your help so please watch for the volunteer sign up sheets.

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Quote of the Month:

***"FEAR... hides
opportunity"***



Leaps & Bounds

Coaches Corner (cont'd)

Desiree Loutit

Spring Break Camp was fantastic! We had a record number of kids and it was so fun, fun, fun! Thanks to the coaches for a great job.

Rainbow Stage is coming fast and we are off to a good start. Groups are Looking great. Color is our theme this year and we're all excited about it.

Even though the weather is still chilly, we are getting ready for our Super Summer Camps now!

I'm happy to inform you that camp will be running for a full 2 months this year. Keep checking our Website for any new classes that may be added.

Need more volunteer hours? Come and see me.

DON'T FORGET...

**SUMMER CAMP
IS COMING**

**SIGN UP NOW AND
GIVE YOUR CHILD
A GREAT
FUN-FILLED
SUMMER
EXPERIENCE**

See office for details

On The Road Again?

California Dreamin'

Seven of our athletes travelled to San Diego and Palm Springs for a big gymnastics competition. It was a great experience, one that none of us will forget! Here's what some of them had to say.

"The competition was a great experience and the people we were with couldn't have been better! Thank you for helping us follow our dreams and become what we are today."

Robyn Smith.

"Our trip to California was amazing! It was a challenge to compete with gymnasts that were Olympic material and gave us all motivation to see that we could all be at that level in the near future." **Stephanie Monkman.**

I would just like to thank everyone and anyone who bought silent auction tickets! The extra money helped us extremely and it means a lot to us. Thank you for everything we had a great trip partly because of you! We would also like to thank our chaperone Sandy Mulder and our great coach Robert Persechino! Sorry for all the driving! **Brooke Thomas**

Wild West...Been there done that!

Another group travelled to Edmonton; for some a first road trip:

"I thought it was a good experience because I got to see what it will be like at Westerns like how they judge in different provinces and how tough the competition is. Thank you for letting us go and I hope we can do it again." **Nikki Bewski.**

Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Wendy's Invitational	May 1 - 2	Panthers
Junior Panther Competition	May 20	Panthers
Provincial Stream Championship	May 22-23	Brandon Eagles
Victoria Day	May 24	NO GYM
Year end Windup & picnic	June 13	Rainbow Stage
Last day of Pre-Competitive classes	June 12	
Last day of Competitive classes	June 26	
Summer Camp	July 5 - August 27	Signup at gym



President's Report

Nicole Friesen

With the 2003/2004 season in full stride, I hope that everyone is achieving the goals they have set for themselves this year. Congratulations to all the Panthers who will be traveling to the Yukon for Western Canadian Championships in April, and to National Championships in Mississauga, Ontario in June.

Our Panthers team made history when they brought home the bronze medal from the Winter Canada Games in Bathurst, New Brunswick in March 2003, a first for women's gymnastics in the Manitoba. On April 16th Team Manitoba was recognized for their accomplishments at the "Night of Champions" as nominees for "Junior Team of the Year" put on by Sport Manitoba. Congratulations to our 5 Panthers Ashlee deLeeuw, Stephanie Friesen, Stephanie Monkman, Nicole Mulder, Alex Regier, as well Jenna Kirbis (Brandon) & Joanna Leung (Winnettes).

Thanks to everyone who helped put on the "Frontier Toyota" gymnastics competition March 27th & 28th. I am sure the "Wendy's Invitational" competition May 1st & 2nd will be as much fun. Check out our Website to see competition results. Thanks to our web master Robert for keeping it updated.

Hospitality & Vice-President Report

Jennifer Bewski

Thank you to all the Corporate Sponsors & Club volunteers who helped with the Frontier Toyota Invitational & Manitoba Open and to those who donated hospitality food and prizes for the Silent Auction. You all helped make the weekend a great success!

Watch the front lobby for sign up sheets as we will be providing hospitality once again at our next meet *The Wendy's Invitational* May 1 & 2nd.

Congratulations to all the girls who competed in California, Edmonton, Portage la Prairie and at the Frontier Toyota Invitational and Manitoba Open, once again a great job representing Panthers! A thank-you also to our entertainment, the JP 3&4s who did a great job with their Blue Suede Shoes routine.

Special thanks to the many individuals and businesses for their generous support:

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The Friesen Family
The Holt Family
The Mirecki Family
The Mulder Family
The Persechino & Desmarais
Family
Appologies if we missed anyone



The Sponsor

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Volunteer Report

Ruth Schappert

Thank you to the many volunteers who made the Manitoba Open and Toyota Invitational Gym Meets such a success. It is great to have so many dedicated parents involved who truly care about our gym.

Look for your next opportunity to volunteer on the window in side the foyer.

Fundraising Report

Joanne Holt

April fundraisers include Donelli frozen pizzas in various sizes as well as several different flavours of cookie dough and cheesecakes. Order forms to be sent home shortly.

The pickup date for Greenlea Greenhouse plants is Sunday, May 16th. Items *must* be picked up on that date.

Watch for a new and exciting Gym-A-Thon coming soon with awesome prizes.

As always, if anyone has any fundraising ideas, please contact me at 254-0474.

HUGE thanks to Midlance Appliance World for donating a much needed fridge for our gym.



Notice Board

CALL FOR ARTICLES....Tell us why you love Panthers and we'll include your story in the June issue. Contact Jennifer Bewski at 254-7739 for details and submission deadline.

There will be a **SILENT AUCTION** held in conjunction with the Wendy's Invitational meet on May 1 & 2. All donations of prizes are welcome and can be dropped off at the office by April 23. Donation request letters are available at the gym as well. Please ensure you leave a business card or family name attached so that we don't miss recognizing anyone. If you have any questions call or leave a message at 254-7739.

EMAIL ADDRESSES WANTED! To ensure you receive your copy of the newsletter and keep up to date with all the club events please provide Sandra with your email address.



Thanks to our great sponsors for their ongoing support.



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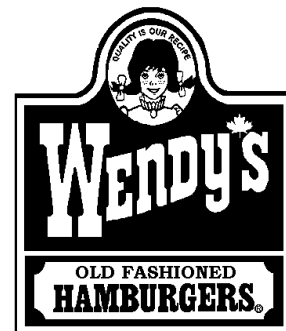
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