


JANUARY NEWSLETTER



 **Thank you** to Sandra, all volunteers and a special thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule, the kids had fun.



More photos of the Skate with Santa on PGRA's website.

President's Report



On behalf of the Prince George Ringette Board, I would like to review some of the work that your Board has been doing during the 2008/2009 season.

- Back in the summer of 2008 we adopted the on-line registration program to allow registration on-line for those wanting this service.
- Our registration numbers are up 29 players over last year. We are at 155 players! Thank you to all parents and players helping to promote our sport!
- We were successful in obtaining Gaming Funds in August 2008 to assist with the operation of our annual programs.
- The Westerns Host Committee have now closed their books. A surplus of over \$13,000 has been returned to the PGRA General Account! Thank you to the Westerns Host Committee and all volunteers for hosting this successful event.
- In September we held coaching and officiating clinics. Stay tuned as there will be more clinics planned for this spring and fall.
- The Board completed and adopted a Team Selection Policy in September 2008 (see PGRA website under the Administration tab). This is one of four local policies we have developed to help guide our association.
- For the first time in 28 years, PGRA forms an Open Team. Many past players have returned to Ringette now that we have this team in place.

- We have started work on setting up a University Ringette team. University Ringette is expanding rapidly in Canada allowing players to carry on playing Ringette while getting their post-secondary education. Although we were not successful in getting this team set up for 2008/09, we hope to have a team in place for the 2009/10 season.
- We held a Bring a Friend event during October on a school Pro-D day. This turned out to be very successful in getting players out with friends. We also saw many first-time players attend through seeing the event advertised locally. We were successful in getting 1 new registration. We will have one more session in March prior to the end of the season.
- The Joy Hoffman Ringette Tournament was a success. Thank you to all volunteers who helped run this tournament. Tim Horton's donated participation medals to the Bunny Division while PGRA purchased participation medals for the Novice Division.
- Santa Skate was a success. Thank you to all volunteers especially Santa.
- We have 5 teams committed and payment has been made by PGRA for attendance at this year's BC Provincial Championships. Petite A (pending retreat acceptance to 'B' level), Tween B, Junior A, Belle A, and Open A. We also have the Juniors, Belles, and Open committed to attend the Western Canadian Ringette Championships if they are successful in the Provincial Championships.

Northern League Tournaments (Terrace, Prince George, Quesnel, Houston). It is important that all teams support these tournaments. These games essentially form our "league games" and their results are used to determine which teams are eligible to attend the Provincial Championships. The results are also used to assess if a team should be granted a retreat to a lower level.

Over the next few weeks we will be preparing for the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The AGM will be Monday March 30th at the Coliseum. Pizza, pop, and skating. Positions available on the Board will be posted soon.

Thank you and enjoy the remainder of the season.
Rick Girard
President PGRA

Registrar Report:

- Registration Deadline was January 15th.
- By January 4, 2009 everyone should have received their PGRA's tax receipt. Please contact Karen karennicklen@shaw.ca if you have any questions.
- please let the Registrar know if you have a change of address, phone # or email.
- there are a total of 155 skaters for the 2008/09 season!



Come Try Ringette – A FREE Event.
@ the Coliseum
March 6th – Pro D Day
10:15am – 12:15pm
Open to Girls and Boys of all ages.
FREE Pizza and Pop

To Register call 250-562-9691

- Bring your own helmets and Ringette stick
- We will have a few sticks for your friends to borrow
- If you have extra sticks, gloves or helmets please bring them
- **For every friend you bring your name will be entered into a draw for a free Ringjet Stick**

Treasure Report:

James Beasley had to resign as treasurer as he has been working out of town. **Thank you** James for all your help! Rick, Kim and Karen are sharing the Treasurer's duties. If you have some financial experience and would like to take over the Treasure's duties please contact Rick.



The January, February and March's ice schedules are now available

<http://www.pgringette.ca/ringette/32/ice+schedule>

Quesnel's Gold Pan Ringette Tournament on Jan 2, 3, & 4th was a lot of fun! Thank you to all the parents and players who attended this tournament!

Good luck to the Bunny, Novice and Petite teams at the Houston Ringette Tournament on Feb 21st and 22nd.

FROM: BC Ringette Association

TO: Leagues/Associations:

BC Ringette's policy has been revised to implement a new mandatory helmet policy. Complete details, including policy wording and explanation are posted on the website.

We would appreciate your ensuring that this new rule is brought to your membership's attention so they are fully aware.



The new mandatory helmet policy takes effect on February 15th, 2009.

Thanks,
Wayne Leslie, Executive Director
BC Ringette Association

On March 30, 2009

Year End Party

Coliseum - Free Skate

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Free Pizza, Pop

All family members are invited – remember your helmet.



AND

Annual General Meeting

Coliseum Meeting Room - 6:15 pm

Free Draw for One Registration for 09/10

As per the [By-Laws](#) of the Prince George Ringette Association [Voting Members](#) are hereby invited to attend the [Annual General Meeting](#) of the Association.

Members interested to become a "Director" of the Association should review "[Part - 7 Duties of Officers](#)"

Please call Rick Girard for additional directions phone: 964-3111 or email: rgirard@dwbforestry.com



Lisa Brown Ringette Retreat has confirmed a ringette camp this 2009 summer for Westbank, BC. Camp dates are August 17th to the 20th at our Mount Boucherie Complex (Royal LePage Place and Jim Lind Arena)

Please visit Lisa Brown's website for further information. It will be the "[Kelowna](#)" link. Registration will be online with Lisa Brown's website. <http://www.ringetteretreat.com/>