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The NWABA Bulletin

Northwest Sports Update

USABA Sports Festival

Three athletes from NWABA will be attending the 2008 USABA National Sports Festival in Colorado Springs, Colorado on July 22nd—28th. These athletes will have the opportunity to train in the sport of their choice, and compete against other blind and sighted athletes. First, they are given the opportunity to train, then to compete in the State Games of the West—which is being held in conjunction with the National Festival.

We'd like to Wish all the Athletes the Best of Luck!

Check back in the September Issue to see how they all placed!

WABDL State Championships

We are pleased to announce that the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes (NWABA) Regional Powerlifting Team has just returned from the World Association for Benchers and Dead lifters Washington State Championships.

The team consisted of Billy Henry – Coach, Nick Wilks, Jesse Curtis, Rachel Talley, Jacquelyn Patching and Arlando Hicks. All of the lifters had a great showing breaking numerous records, as well as taking 12 individual first places and first place as a team.

This meet was the conclusion to our regular season, and first year of operation. In one year we have been able to send our team to six competitions, and provide over \$5,000 dollars in scholarship to athletes competing in various sports.

We would like to thank Crista Henry, Jennifer Talley, Kaeli Davidson and Pat Myers for volunteering as drivers and assisting at the meet. We couldn't make this happen without all of your financial and volunteer assistance.

Next up for the Nightmare is the USAPL YMCA Summer Classic on July 12th in Seattle Washington. Thank you once more for everyone's support of Northwest Blind Powerlifting.

Message from the Board President

Dear Supporters,

It has been a great few months with lots of competition, and an even better banquet, at which we grossed nearly \$800. Between our power lifting competitions in Pasco and Aberdeen, we took home a lot of trophies. We have also put in a lot of effort into fund raising. I want to thank everyone for their efforts and I must also say that although it may be hard, we must keep it going! We can not afford to give up as prices of competition continue to increase as the economy deteriorates. It becomes harder for supporters to contribute. When this happens, we must meet the challenge with the drive to succeed. Because without us, athletes would not be where they are today.

It is with this that I leave you and I again thank you for your efforts. I look forward to more competition, more recruitment and better fund raising. Congratulations, and keep it going!

Nicholas Wilks, President

P.s. Don't forget to check our website (www.nwaba.org) often for up-to-date information on our sporting activities!

Athlete Profile—Rachel Talley

Rachel Talley, 16 lives in Lynwood Washington; she currently competes in Goalball and Powerlifting. Rachel has attended the USABA Youth Nationals in Florida twice, as well as multiple Regional Powerlifting Competitions sponsored by the World Association of Benchers and Dead lifters. She loves to compete on an equal playing field with other athletes weather visually impaired or not. Her goals are to attend the USABA Sports Festival and WABDL World Championships. Rachel was named Female Athlete of the Year for her excellent accomplishments both in sports and her life. She is a true inspiration to other athletes that wish to excel in sports.

Athlete Profile—Jesse Curtis

Jesse Curtis, 18 lives in Vancouver, Washington, He currently trains in Goalball and Powerlifting. Jesse has a real passion for the sport of Goalball he has attended The Youth Nationals multiple times, and has hopes of going to the National level. He is always willing to teach and encourage others to get involved in athletics. In Powerlifting He has broken numerous Team, State, National, & World records. Jesse will be attending the WABDL World Bench Press and Deadlift Championships. Jesse was named Male Athlete of the Year for his excellent Sporting Accomplishments. We are sure that Jesse will succeed in what ever he tries to accomplish weather it be on the Goalball Court or just everyday life.

Openings on the NWABA Board

The following positions are open on the Board of Directors. Please consider supporting NWABA by Volunteering your time to govern the association:

- **Vice President**—Will assist the President in the general operations of the Association.
- **Media Relations Officer**-Will be in charge of the Public Relations for NWABA. The individual will be responsible for writing the press releases, and coordinating Press Coverage.
- **Legal Council**-Will act as legal representation for the Association.. This individual will only be required to attend every other meeting.
- **Director of Fundraising**-Will coordinate all the fundraising activities. This position demands at least 10 hours per week. The individual will work with the Programs Director and President.
- **Board Representatives**-These individuals will be responsible for representation of the Board throughout the Northwest.

Donation Options

Mail - Send a Check/Money to our PO Box

Phone - Call us on our Toll Free Number, and we will gladly process your credit card.

Online Donation - Visit us online, and you may donate, by selecting "Donate Now" on the left hand side.

Wish list - Donate an item on our Wish list, see website for more info

Fundraisers - Contribute to one of our team fundraisers, or attend an event.

"Enriching the lives of the blind though athletics"

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Sport: _____

NW Champions Fund

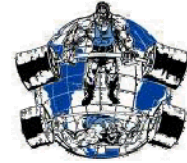
Athlete: _____

Visit www.nwaba.org for Credit Card Donations



1st Annual Sports Banquet & Fundraiser

On Wednesday June 11th, The Northwest Association for Blind Athletes hosted a Sports Banquet and Fundraiser at Bills Chicken and Steak House. The evening included a wonderful dinner, Athlete, Sponsor & Parent Guest Speakers, PowerPoint Presentation and Awards. We would like to thank the many people who attended and made donations to support the athletes.



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