

News on the GO!

Campaign Update

We have installed the first round of donors names and we would like to thank them for their gifts. Donations to the GO Centre help to improve and maintain the facility so we can continue to provide the Edmonton Community with a world class recreational facility. The next round of names will be going up in the upcoming months and you can join them simply by donating \$100.



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- Olympic Champion \$5,000 or greater
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- Provincial Champion \$500 to \$999
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For Our

**Donor and Volunteer
 Appreciation Event**

September 16th 2016



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The Edmonton Grads are proud of the number of basketball tournaments the Saville Community Sports Centre West hosts every year. In the next 3 months numerous tournaments will be hosted at the facility and we are looking forward to every one of them.

The Rocky Mountain Camps are back for the fifth years at the facility on April 29th. This camp offers an excellent opportunity for youth basketball players in the province to attend an elite sports development camp and tournament with some of the best coaches in attendance. This camp also runs a development camp for basketball Officials.

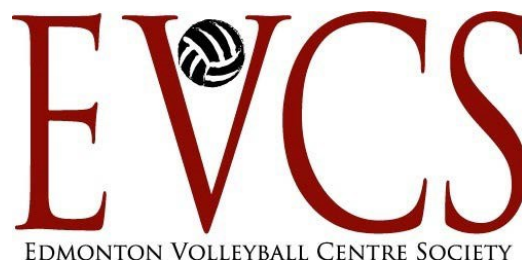
Swoosh Canada will be hosting the Volvo Hoops Basketball Tournament for youth from May 20-22. This year is the fourth year the tournament has been at our facility and we are expecting 115 teams to attend.

The Edmonton Grads will be hosting the unveiling of the Basketball Canada – Women’s National Team mural on May 27, 2016 in recognition of the team’s qualification for the 2016 Summer Olympics being in Rio. The Women’s National team won the FIBA Americas Tournament held at our facility last year. The women’s team will be back at the facility this July to play a series of exhibition games against China. More information about these games will be released in the upcoming months.

Basketball Alberta is hosting a 3 on 3 tournament at the facility on June 4th & 5th. The winners of the Canada Quest division will be going on to compete in the international tournament in Chicago. Edmonton is only one of two sites in Canada for the Canada Quest Qualifier and is one of the five sites hosting a tournament of this magnitude.

Registrations for this tournament can be made on Basketball Alberta web site www.basketballalberta.ca.

The Edmonton Jr. Grads will be hosting the Great Canadian Shootout on June 30. This youth tournament draws in 135 teams from across Canada. This tournament always offers the participating teams an unforgettable experience in the sport of basketball.



Twitter: @EdmVCS

We are in the midst of Volleyball Alberta’s club tournament season which ends in May. This season will culminate with the facility welcoming 17U/18U Girls National Championship from May 6-8.

October 2015



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2016 is Ortona's 40th year in business within the City of Edmonton. We appreciate where we have been to our new home at the Saville Community Sports Centre. Here is a little history about how we got our name.



The Ortona Armory was located at 101 Street and 97th Avenue in Edmonton, Alberta. And was the first home for the Ortona Gymnastics Club.

The Ortona Armory was originally a stable built in 1914 and was owned by the Hudsons Bay Company. Following that, the building was remodeled so that that inside resembled a ship to train naval volunteers during the wartime. In a cost-cutting move in 1964, the federal government decommissioned the landlocked training ship and handed the keys over to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, 3rd Battalion who then changed the name to the Ortona Armory in 1965. It was then used by the regiment for military training until 1977 when it was turned over to the Commonwealth Games Association.

Ortona is a name near and dear to the hearts of many Canadians who served or who had loved ones serve in the Second World War. The Armory was named out of respect to the battle fought in the small Adriatic sea town of Ortona, Italy and the Gymnastics Club. The initial Canadian attack on the town was made on December 20, 1943 by Canadian 2nd Brigade's Loyal Edmonton Regiment with elements of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada under command. After six days of intense combat, 2nd Brigade's third battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, joined the battle together with tanks from 1st Canadian Armored Brigade's Régiment de Trois-Rivières. On December 28, 1943, after eight days of fighting, the depleted German troops, withdrew from the town. The Canadians suffered 1,375 deaths during these battles which was almost a quarter of all Canadians killed during the Italian Campaign.

Ortona was chosen became the official name of the gymnastics club in 1980. It is with great pride that the club carries the name of Ortona. Without the brave souls defending our freedom over half a century ago we would not be where we are today. A thank you is in order to the Canadian Military for our name and our freedom.

Join us as we share Ortona's 40 years of history on Facebook and twitter [#OrtonaGym](https://twitter.com/ortonagym) [#Celebrating40yrsofOGC](https://twitter.com/Celebrating40yrsofOGC)

Facility Fact: *This September we are celebrating 5 years of being open to the public!*

