



SAVILLE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE ANNUAL REVIEW

2015-2016

INSPIRING A NATION



Message from the Chair of the GO Venture Board

As the new Chair of the GO Venture Board I am overwhelmed by the level of commitment and dedication that the members of the Board have shown for success of The GO Community Centre. The collaboration of representatives from basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and members of the University of Alberta have made the GO Centre a world class facility.

I would like to thank the past Chair Al Mauer for so generously sharing his time and experience and helping to direct the Board over the past 5 years. The success of the facility would not be possible without the hard work of the staff and volunteers, a special thanks to each and every one of you.



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Diane Brickner
GO Venture
Board Chair

Blaise van Malsen

“The venue was great for this type of event. Having our administrators in a room with the students in the gym as a backdrop was a great setting.”

-Matthew Mitschke, Ever Active School Emporium

GO Venture Board Chair

Diane Brickner

Ms. Diane Brickner has been honoured with Alberta Venture’s 2013 Business Person of the Year, the Chartered Insurance Professionals’ Society National Leadership Award - Established Leader (2012), the Award of Merit from the Insurance Institute of Canada (2008), the Dr. Charles Allard Chair of Business from MacEwan School of Business (2008), the Woman of Distinction in Business from the Edmonton YWCA (1995), and the Insurance Woman of the Year from the Canadian Association of Insurance Women (1990). She also currently holds board positions with the Board of Governors for NAIT, a Director of the Board for the Property and Casualty Insurance Compensation Corporation, Director of the Board for the Insurance Bureau of Canada as well as Peace Hills Insurance. She joined the GO Venture Board in 2015.

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Saville Community Sports Centre

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2015-2016 has been the year for international tournaments, we are so proud to have hosted 3 international Olympic qualifiers; Basketball, Volleyball and Judo. Our facility helped our Canadian athletes achieve greatness on home soil, and even better, in Edmonton!



55+

large tournaments and events hosted

2,191

combined 1 month & perpetual memberships

14,103

drop-in day passes sold

About our amazing Centre!

Partners modeling the spirit of working together has strengthened the case for this innovative facility. This framework, four partners sharing their strengths, makes possible tasks that might otherwise seem insurmountable.

The Edmonton Grads Basketball Centre, the Edmonton Volleyball Centre Society, the Ortona Gymnastics Club and the University of Alberta have partnered to build this community-based, multi-use, recreation and sports complex located at the University of Alberta South Campus in Edmonton, Alberta. Registrants, league players, athletes, families and those who want to drop in to meet other community members benefit from this world class facility.

The facility hosts multiple school field trips and camps throughout the year for students from grades K to 12. The field trips and camps offer activities to students at all levels of ability in a caring, non-competitive, inclusive environment with emphasis on having fun. Our activities are recognized as essential components of the Alberta Learning Physical Education Curriculum.

Healthy Hearts continues to be a facility hosted program targeting the aging population. It's a twice a week program incorporating cardiovascular, strength, balance, and flexibility exercises while teaching about how to exercise safely.

We continue to grow our relationship with Sportball™ as we have seen an increased demand for youth programming. Sportball™ helps



children to develop socially as well as physically, through a curriculum designed to reinforce self-confidence free from the pressure of competition.

The Saville Community Sports Centre is a place for athletes and athletic supporters to become champions in their own minds and during competitions. It is

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The Edmonton Table Tennis Club remains a non-core sport program within the facility that has shown a continual trend in growth and popularity. We have also hosted racquet sport programming inclusive of Little Aces Tennis, Scot Young Badminton Training and Edmonton District Badminton Association.

easier than ever to become a GO champion; with the launch of our new donation wall, people have the opportunity to support our programs and ensure that we have the best facility possible. The funds raised for this campaign will go towards the maintenance and improvements of the facility.



Programming and Memberships

The Saville Community Sports Centre is the place to go for sports, fitness and physical activity for everyone in the Edmonton community. We are a family-friendly facility.

Memberships

We offer a variety of flexible membership options to meet the needs of sport lovers, fitness gurus or families who want to become active. From personal training in the 4,000 square foot fitness centre to competitive sport or gymnastics, the Saville Community Sports Centre has it all.

We have a consistent membership base amongst our Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Fitness/Indoor Track memberships. As per any recreational facility our memberships tend to fluctuate with the seasons. The facility is large in size and has plenty of room for growth within its memberships.

We offer very affordable memberships with discounts available for our affiliate members.

***In 2015-16 we
donated over 225kg
of non-perishable
food to the Edmonton
Food Bank***

“The Saville Community Sports Centre fully met our requirements and combined with the accommodating (and communicative) staff, provided the optimum combination with which to host an event confidently.”

Stewart Tanaka - Judo Canada

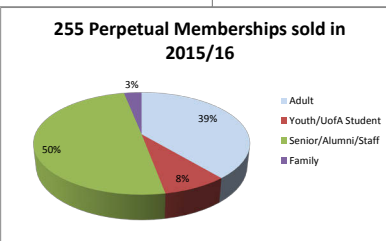
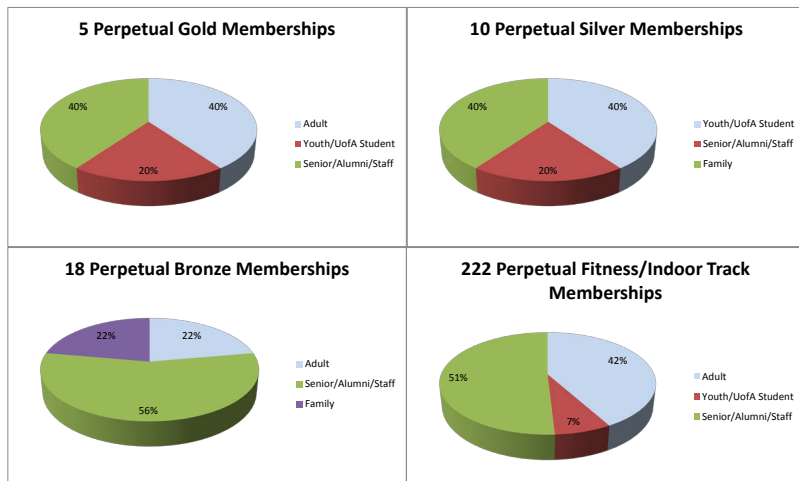
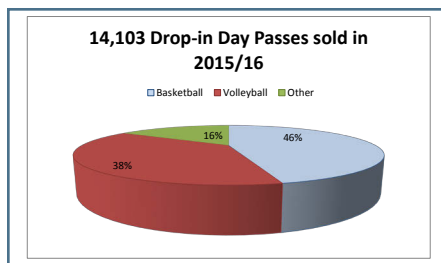
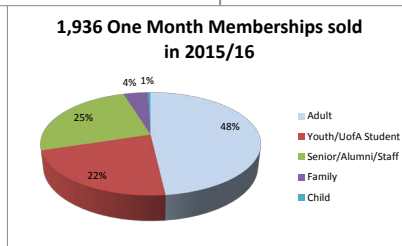
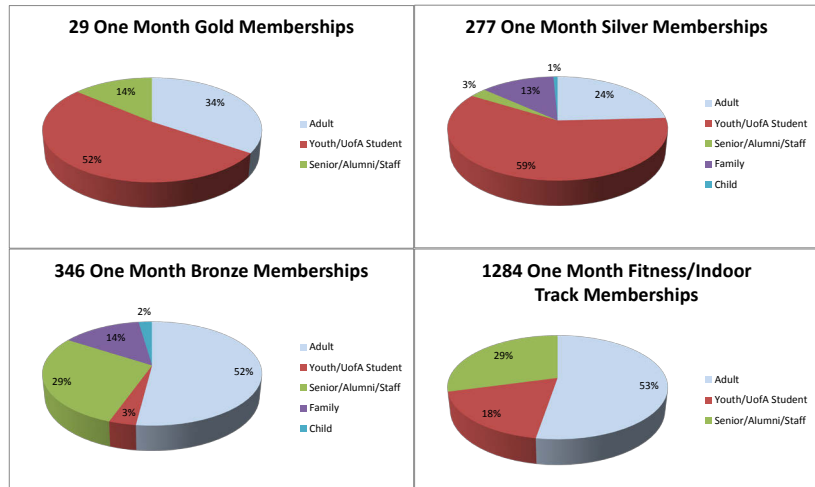
Drop-In Programming

We offer drop-in programming for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, group fitness, family fun and the indoor track. Our Family Fun Drop-in program remains a consistent opportunity for parents and their young children to connect with families in the community. We offer multi-sport equipment that helps to develop children's balance, agility and strength through a variety of play activities.

Our free Family Fun Drop-in on the first Wednesday of every month has been very popular, with over 200 people in 2015-2016 utilizing the free programming. There has been an increase of interest in pickleball and we hope to continue to raise awareness and develop programming.

The facility has increased its available drop-in sport/activity times throughout 2015-16 and still experiences heavy usage by youth during school breaks and holidays.

In 2015-16 we donated a value of over \$2,000 in silent auction packages for local community groups and charity events



14,000+
visits and
650+ likes
on Facebook

*Membership and drop-in data is based on the year end March 2015. The numbers do not include GO Sports partners memberships or Ortona preschool, family, and adult drop-in passes.



Tournaments and Events

Through tournaments, special events and programming we are building strong community relationships with our local community leagues, government groups, school groups, corporate businesses and the not-for-profit sector.

HIGHLIGHTS APRIL 2015- MARCH 2016

- Alberta Basketball training camps, 3on3 and Canada West/ACAC Pre-Season Showcase tournaments
- Alberta Cheer Empire Limelight
- Alberta Northern Lights Wheelchair Basketball Tournament
- ASAA Badminton Tournament
- Bears, Pandas High School Volleyball Tournament
- Bump Set Spike Volleyball Tournaments
- Canada Basketball U15/U17 Men's and Women's Basketball Nationals and U16 Westerns
- Canada Basketball Senior Women's Basketball Team training facility
- **Canada vs. Brazil Men's Volleyball Friendly – Rally for Rio**
- Corporate Challenge Badminton, Volleyball and Table Tennis
- EYBA/EBA Ultimate Basketball Tournament
- Edmonton District Badminton Association summer programming
- Edmonton Table Tennis Open
- Ellevate Mother's Day Event
- Ever Active School Emporium
- **FIBA Americas Women's Basketball Championship - Olympic Qualifier**
- Edmonton Table Tennis Club Programming
- City of Edmonton Fire Rescue Training
- GO Sports School Field Trips
- Greater Edmonton Teachers Convention Association
- Healthy Hearts walking program
- Jr Grads Basketball Tournament
- Karate Lineage Event
- Kwan's Taekwondo Programming
- Little Aces Tennis Programming
- **NORCECA Continental Cup Men's Volleyball Championship – Olympic Qualifier**
- North Central Teachers Conference
- UofA PAC Yoga, PAC Gymnastics & EDSE education classes
- UofA CIS Bears and Pandas Basketball and Volleyball Season
- **Pan American Senior Judo Championships – Olympic Qualifier**
- Pandas/Griffins Volleyball Tournament
- Pandas Basketball Hoopfest





“The facility and the staff who run the Saville are excellent! The lighting, flooring and space are great for table tennis.”

*John Gunraj – Edmonton
Table Tennis Club.*

*Over 625
followers on
Twitter*

- Pandas New Years Volleyball Tournament
- Perfect Storm Athletics Purple Reign Cheerleading Showcase
- Riverbend Junior High School Basketball Tournament
- Rocky Mountain Basketball Development Camp
- Scot Young Badminton Programming
- Scona Volleyball Tournament
- SCSC Lost and Found Sale
- SCSC Family Day Open House
- Solicitor General Correctional Officers
- Sportball™ Programming
- SWOOSH Basketball Tournaments
- SWOOSH home school basketball
- Volleyball Alberta Provincial Tournaments
- Volleyball Alberta Provincial Team Summer Training Camp
- Volleyball Canada Centre of Excellence
- Volleyball Canada Sit Volleyball team training

*Over 835,000
website
visits with an
average of
15,000 visits a
month*



An outstanding year!

The Edmonton Grads just completed its' fourth year of operations in the Saville Community Sports Centre – GO Sports Building at the end of March 2016.

The Edmonton Grads had an outstanding year with plenty of success stories this season. Our events brought tremendous exposure to the Saville Community Sports Centre at the international, national, provincial and local levels of the sport of basketball.

In June the facility hosted the Great Canadian Shoot Out organized by the Edmonton Grads Youth Basketball Association. This is one of the largest Youth basketball tournaments with teams traveling from across Canada, the province and locally. This tournament is a highlight for summer basketball and always receives positive feedback from those who attend. The tournament runs over three days which saw over two hundred and eighty games played. From all the reports received this was very well run and was a tremendous success.

In July, Basketball Alberta hosted the Women's National U15 and U17 Championships at this facility with Provincial Teams from across Canada representing their respective provinces. The event was exciting and provided numerous memories for the players

and fans. Congratulations to Basketball Alberta for a very well run tournament and providing Alberta hospitality at the highest level.

Over the past two years the Edmonton Grads Basketball Program in the Saville Community Sports Centre – GO Sports Building has been home to the Canadian National Women's Basketball Team. Canada Basketball hosted the 2015 FIBA Americas Women's Championships Tournament at the facility from August 9th to August 16th, 2015 with national

Through hosting such top level events we have seen a positive impact on our membership numbers.

teams from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, US Virgin Islands and Canada. The tournament was a FIBA's Olympic Qualifying Tournament with the winner going on to the Olympics to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 6th-21st, 2016. The exciting final



*Youth
Basketball
increased
by 27 teams,
adult by 10+
teams for the
2015-2016
winter season*

between Canada and Cuba was before a sold out crowd which saw Canada win and qualify for the Olympics this summer. Next May the Edmonton Grads will unveil a mural within the facility to recognize the accomplishment of the Canadian National Team at the Saville Community Sports Centre.

Later in the year the Edmonton Grads introduced a new program which recognizes "Women in the Sport of Basketball" in Edmonton. The Edmonton Commercial Grads ladies team who played from 1915-1940 ruled women's basketball in the world. The Commercial Grads program has provided a rich history in the sport of basketball to the City of Edmonton, Canada, and the international basketball scene.

For many today they are still viewed as the greatest team to ever play the game. In recognizing their accomplishments a mural was unveiled in November at

the facility in memory of their many achievements in the sport of basketball.

To end the season the facility hosted the Alberta Youth Basketball Provincials in March with teams from all around the Province attending this three day event. The host of this event is the Edmonton Youth Basketball Program. This annual event is a must to see and demonstrates why basketball is the fastest growing youth sport today. The tournament ran over three days and packed the facility with players and fans alike.





A volleyball year in review

The Edmonton Volleyball Centre Society continues to work with its stakeholders to promote and provide volleyball opportunities for the local, provincial, national and international community.

The 2015-2016 season was an absolutely banner year for the EVCS from grassroots to elite volleyball, and the Saville Community Sports Centre was in the media throughout the year due to its programs and hosting of major events. Events that included the “Rally for Rio Series” – International Friendly between Team Canada’s Men’s National Team and the Brazilian National Team in September 2015, the NORCECA Olympic Qualifying Tournament in January 2016.

The facility continues to grow in popularity as a volleyball destination, for recreational players as well as youth and adult elite players. This past year we had 5,385 drop-in users and we continue to be the home of the Edmonton Volleyball Association Adult Leagues (Co-ed, Men’s and Women’s) as well as the home of the Men’s & Women’s Recreational Volleyball Society League. Two of our stakeholder groups are also youth clubs (NAVC and FOG) and they continue to use countless hours for open gym, tryouts and practices throughout the year. Volleyball Alberta hosted a dozen premier/

provincial youth tournaments this season in varying age classes, plus the facility is proud to be the home of the Volleyball Alberta GO Atomic and GO League programs, which are expanding.

From a community perspective, the EVCS was able to help out local schools that were going through renovations by providing court space for their Physical Education classes as well as their Jr / Sr varsity teams. We also played host to a number of school tournaments; the Scona Classic Volleyball Tournament; Louis St. Laurent SMASH Tournament and the FCA Tournament, just to name a few. Many other youth clubs also booked court space in the facility throughout the year as have other local events, such as the Edmonton and Area Corporate Challenge Volleyball Tournament.

The Saville Community Sports Centre is also the Edmonton facility for the Volleyball Canada Centre of Excellence programs. Last June and July, Volleyball Canada held their National Team Challenge Cup tournament which





**2016 Men's NORCECA
Continental Olympic
Qualification Tournament**



brings together provincial teams from the entire nation under one roof. This event was followed by the camp for the Youth National Development Program.

These are some of the highlights from 2015-16 and there are more exciting volleyball events and programs on the horizon for 2016-17:

- Host for Volleyball Canada's 17U/18U Women's National Championships (May 5 – 8, 2016); and
- CIS Men's Volleyball Nationals (March 17-19, 2017).

We are very pleased with our accomplishments this year and as we go into our 5th year of operation we look forward to expanding our community relations, programs and events.



Year at a glance

We are fortunate to share a unique environment here, at Ortona Gymnastics Club. Our focus on continuous improvement and growth has had a direct correlation on our member, employee and athlete satisfaction.

Each of us brings unique skills, ideas and talents which contribute to the culture of the Ortona Gymnastics Club (OGC); and which are essential to achieve our common goals.

The keys to our ongoing growth, competitive advantage, and success in the future are:

- Supporting a work environment that thrives on innovation to identify new solutions to new and old challenges;
- Ensuring the work we do, and that of our fellow employees is performed safely;
- Continually striving for new and more efficient methods and processes within our facility to decrease costs;
- Developing and implementing initiatives to reduce methods and processes within our facility to decrease costs;
- Developing and implementing initiatives to reduce athlete burn out and maximizing on a positive training environment; and
- Reviewing and enhancing our internal and external business partnerships to strive for greater productivity.

The Ortona Gymnastics Club (OGC) Board of Directors provided the framework with the completion of the Strategic Plan in 2012/13. Board members expressed optimism and confidence in what they see as the future for OGC through this defined plan. Over the past few years, management has been diligently creating a business plans to support the five defined strategic priorities:

- Pursue the Club of Excellence Designation;
- Community Outreach and Delivery;
- Enhance the Partnership with the University of Alberta;
- Develop a Capital Region Satellite Club; and

Our focus was on redevelopment with the launch of our new logo, website and increasing our market.

- Strengthen the Market Profile of Ortona Gymnastics Club. Management has continued to develop and investigate how our current programs and



business practices align, need enhancement or need to be eliminated within our strategic priorities framework. It is imperative to not fixate on the planning process alone, we would be remiss if we do not link the human component in the creation of these business plans; we cannot plan without the linkage of human resources. Ortona staff provide the passion required to:

- Identify needs;
- Thoughtfully consider ways of meeting those needs; and
- Appropriately implement change in a sensitive and considerate manner.

Ortona staff model as of March 31, 2016 to serve approximately

2014-15: 2818 memberships*

2015-16: 2790 memberships*

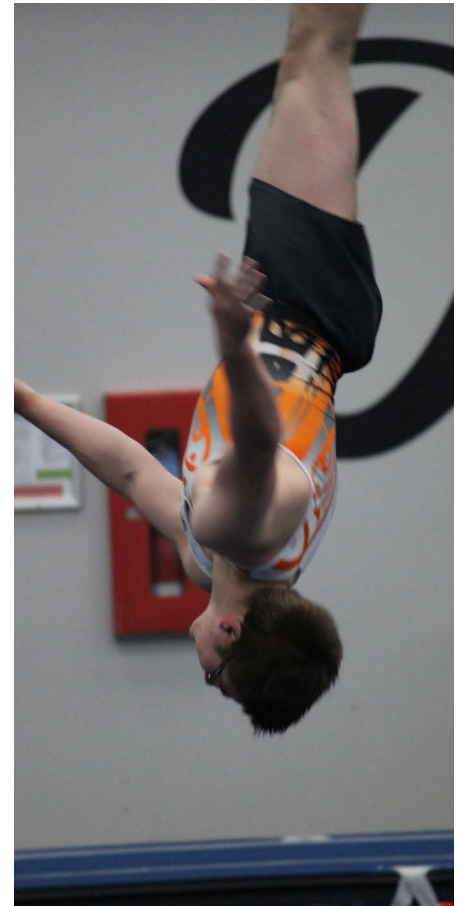
2700 members at the same time:

- Full-Time employees 26;
- Part-time employees 36;
- Coach in training 16 (under age permits)
- Management team of 3; and
- Governance of 8 volunteer board members.

Ortona's plans are infused with our employees' attitudes, excellence, commitment, preparation, ownership and communication styles which equates to Team Ortona. It is a relationship that needs to be balanced and monitored through the development of the goals and priorities for Ortona. Management has embraced this awareness in achieving the priorities as approved by the OGC Board of Directors.

We continue to deliver gymnastics for all.

***Memberships sold annually from July 1 to June 30**





*Golden Bears Basketball & Volleyball Teams
Pandas Basketball and Volleyball Teams*





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2015-2016 CIS SEASON

For the 11th consecutive season, both University of Alberta basketball teams earned a spot in the Canada West post-season in 2015-16. The Pandas, who completed a 17-3 regular season, earned the Canada West bronze medal, and their second consecutive CIS consolation final win. After Alberta defeated Thompson Rivers University in the Canada West quarter-final, the Pandas were unable to get past the eventual conference and CIS champion Saskatchewan Huskies in the semi-final. The veteran group rebounded with a victory over the MacEwan Griffins to earn the bronze, and a spot in the CIS national championship, where they finished fifth. Fifth-year guard Jessilyn Fairbanks, as well as rookie standout Brooklyn Legault paced the Pandas in 2015/16, with Fairbanks earning the conference's Defensive Player of the Year, while Legault won not only the Canada West, but also the CIS Rookie of the Year award. Megan Wickstrom also joined the duo as conference all-stars, while Fairbanks capped off her CIS career with an all-Canadian nod.

The Bears, meanwhile, finished with a 10-10 record, earning the ninth seed for the Canada West post-season. The Bears, in their first ever meeting with the MacEwan Griffins, defeated their cross-town rivals in three games, before being bounced in the quarter-final by the No. 1 seeded Calgary Dinos. Third-year Bear Mamadou Gueye led the Bears with 18.4 points per game, earning himself a second team all-star spot. Similar to the Pandas, the Bears also had a rookie stud in their lineup, as Brody Clarke was able to capture the Canada West Rookie of the Year award, and a spot on the CIS all-rookie team.

Both the University of Alberta Golden Bears and Pandas volleyball teams completed successful conference seasons in 2015-16, as the Bears were able to finish third, while the Pandas placed fourth. The Golden Bears, who entered the season as the two-time defending conference and CIS champions, lived up to their expectations during the regular season, posting a phenomenal 23-1 conference record. By virtue of the superb regular season, the Bears finished with the No. 1 overall seed, and hosted the Canada West Final Four. Despite losing the conference semi-final, the Bears were able to capture the conference bronze, and earn their 16th consecutive trip to the CIS National Championship. Fifth-year Bears John Goranson and Ryley Barnes, and fourth-years Brett Walsh and Taylor Arnett were named Canada West all-stars for their play during the season, with Brett Walsh also earning the conference's MVP award. Walsh, Arnett and Barnes also earned CIS all-Canadian honours, with Walsh doubling up as CIS MVP. The trio of CIS all-stars led Alberta to a win over the Saskatchewan Huskies, to cap the season with a national bronze.

The Pandas, meanwhile, compiled an impressive 20-4 regular season record, slotting them third overall in the Canada West Standings. Alberta was led by first team all-stars Jessie Niles and Meg Casault, while Mariah Walsh and Karly Janssen earned second team nods. Despite the strong regular season, the Pandas were unable to replicate their success in the post-season, eventually losing in the bronze medal match, finishing fourth. Casault and Niles, however, were able to finish their seasons on a high-note, earning CIS all-Canadian honours.



Accomplishments of the GO Community Centre Board

Community Support

- The partner organizations have supported the GO Community Centre (GCC) dating back to before 2008 by investing annually, through user fee premiums.
- Over 1.4 million people visit the facility annually, proving the facility is a favoured destination for participation in sports and recreation.

Construction of the Saville Community Sports Centre

- The Saville gymnasiums are the largest continuous area of hardwood floor in North America (12 basketball or 25 volleyball court configuration).
- The state-of-the-art gymnastics facility is a premier venue for the sport in the city.
- The project was completed on time and on budget.

Strong Board Membership

- The GCC group is comprised of dedicated staff and volunteers.
- Each member is engaged and contributes significantly to the Board's accomplishments.

Positive Relationship between the GCC Organizations

- The relationship between the GCC partners is strong and mutually beneficial.
- The partnership is very unique and provides opportunity for the future.
- In its relatively short history, the GCC has become a successful organization with a strong Board of Directors. The organization has achieved the above accomplishments to date which clearly demonstrates a solid foundation for future success.

Into the Future

- The GCC board has developed a strategic plan over the last year and will be launching the priorities in the next 2 years to the stakeholders and the University of Alberta.

The Strategic Foundation is a base for decision making and solidifies the GCC Board's Identity, uniqueness and authenticity. We look forward to developing the action plans for the Strategic Priorities in the upcoming years.



“The Saville Community Sports Centre was an outstanding venue and partner for the 2015 FIBA Americas Women’s Championship in Edmonton last August. All the participants were impressed by the world-class facility with its high quality services for teams as well as a very dedicated and professional staff.” Maria-Leena Clarke - Canada Basketball

Inspiring a Nation

FUTURE GOALS & INITIATIVES

We will continue to promote our facility through accessible programming and memberships for the Edmonton community. One primary focus is to grow strong relationships within our local communities by building programming to suit their needs. Some areas we will focus on are:

- Open house for schools to come out and try GO Sports School Field Trips;
- Free seminars (Dove self esteem seminars, leadership, health and wellness education workshops)
- Babysitting courses;
- Free trial week for group fitness classes;
- To continue with our Lost and Found sales, food drives & silent auction donations which help support our local community; and
- To continue to attract events at all levels (international, national, provincial, city and community).

Thank You

We are excited with what the future holds and are committed to providing a top level training facility for our developing athletes. The Saville Community Sports Centre would like to thank all our members, leagues, and special events for making it such an amazing year. A special thank you goes out to the Saville Community Sports Centre staff who work tirelessly to ensure everyone has a five star experience.

We could not accomplish our success without our sponsors; your support ensures we are on the right track to continue to developing athletes from grassroots to elite levels. GO Sports would like to thank all of their sponsors for their ongoing commitment and support.



A special thank you to all the private donors who contributed to the new Donor Wall, you're a GO Champion!



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