

# The experience of a lifetime

Team NWT returns home following Canada Summer Games

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The 2009 Canada Summer Games came to an end on Aug. 29 in Charlottetown and despite coming home without any medals, Team NWT garnered plenty of memories.

Seventeen-year-old Ashtyn McLeod of Fort McPherson played on the girls' soccer team as a striker and was the only female athlete from the Beaufort Delta region to take part. She said considering the results of the team in past games, this time was a success.

"I thought we played really well as a team," he said. "We beat the Yukon in our last game (2-1), which gives the NWT a higher ranking for the next games (in 2013). I'm happy I was able to help do that."

The weather in Prince Edward Island was very hot and humid during the event, something McLeod said she tried her best to get used to.

"We went to Nova Scotia for a camp and an exhibition game to get used to the climate," she said. "It was hard to run because of the air. Some of the girls were using puffers during games."

McLeod was the only female athlete from the Beaufort Delta to take part at the games. She said the feeling of representing the NWT

was an inspiring thing to be a part of.

"Maybe it will give more chances to girls from smaller communities in the future," said McLeod. "It shows you don't have to be from a big city to make a team."

McLeod points out the opportunity the games presented, when asked to sum up her experience.

"I wish more people were able to do something like this," she said. "It's a great chance to see things you normally wouldn't see in a small community."

For Hay River's Colton Yee, it was a return performance. The 17-year-old swimmer was competing in his second Canada Summer Games. He said the big difference between this year and the games he previously took part in, was his performance.

"I was only 13 in 2005 and I was swimming against 18 and 19-year-olds," he said. "It was pretty much the same, only this time, I'm stronger and faster."

Yee had some good results in the pool this year. He managed to get to the B final in the boys' 50, butterfly and managed to make national times in the 100m freestyle, as well as the 50m butterfly. He said that was his goal.

"It's all about doing our best," he said. "There's not a lot of pressure on us except what we give ourselves."



photo courtesy of Daryl Dolynny

Hay River's Colton Yee practises his backstroke in preparation for the Canada Summer Games, which ended in Charlottetown on Aug. 29.

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race around town would help draw some interest and get folks out for a little exercise.

Naturally, considering the town's flag has a bear on it, there was a strong desire to incorporate a bear theme into the Bearathon, said Veitch.

"Dennis Rheault came up with the name," said Veitch,

adding they had the logo done by Ryan Wilcox.

The race was divided into three distance events: the one mile, five km, and 10 km. Six-year-old Mia Smith won the one mile woman's category.

"I ran fast," is how she explained her strategy.

Though it was technically a competitive race, organizer Kristy Feltham said the main goal was for every-

one to have a good time.

"Everybody who attended had a good time and were impressed with how well it was organized," said Feltham.

Amanda Feltham, president of the running club, said the weather was very co-operative, "a bit of a breeze but there was good weather for the race."

The Bearathon began and ended at the town Legion

hall, after which a celebratory barbecue was held.

The Northern store provided the hamburgers and

water for the race, and Ram-part Rentals donated juice and bananas.

Veitch said they hope to

hold the Bearathon every year.

"We had a heck of a lot of fun," said Veitch.

## BEAR RESULTS

### 1 Mile

Men  
Alfred Gully  
Theron Manuel  
Colby Edgi

Women  
Mia Smith  
Megan Edgi  
Daphnee Smith

### 5 Km

Men  
Brandon Scott  
Mark Collier  
Joe Caidler

Women  
Carla Pace  
Erinn Flaherty  
Wendy Cecil

### 10 Km

Men  
Myles Erb  
Gareth Cockwell  
Armin Johnson

Women  
Renee Closs  
Cheryl Veitch  
Kathy Cote



## FALL REGISTRATION Yellowknife Gymnastics Club

Registration for the Fall Session of the Yellowknife Gymnastics Club's programs, will take place at the Gymnastics Club (in the Multiplex) at the following times:

Wednesday, September 2, 2009 • 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Thursday, September 3, 2009 • 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



The Fall Recreational Season begins September 14, 2009.

We have recreational and competitive opportunities for children from 2 to 19 years. Classes fill up quickly so register early to ensure your child does not miss out.

For more information, call the gym at 920-7771 and leave a message or email us at gymnasts@ssimicro.com



## Notice of Tłıchǰ Government Grand Chief Election September 14, 2009

POLLS OPEN FROM 9:00am to 8:00pm

Polls will be held in the following locations on **August 25, 2009**; and **September 14, 2009**:

- Behchokǰ Cultural Centre
- Gamètì Community Hall
- Wekweètì Arbour
- Whatì Community Government Office Boardroom
- Yellowknife Office of the Registrar

### Voting in the Office of the Registrar: August 26 to September 9, 2009

Monday to Friday between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm. During this time period, you have the option to come into the Office of the Registrar to vote, if you will not be able to attend a polling station on Election Day.

### Special Mobile Poll: September 1, 2009

This is for people that are not physically able (elderly, ill, disabled, etc.) to attend a polling station. We will bring the polling station to their home. If you or someone you know will require this service, please contact us immediately so we can make arrangements.

**Mail-In Ballots** will be sent out to all eligible voters that are not able to vote in person by any of the means previously listed. **If you require mail-in ballot please contact us immediately!**

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