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Ogopogo Invitational Another Hit

Okanagan Gymnastics Centre hosted another successful Ogopogo Invitational at University of British Columbia Okanagan. This year there were over 500 athletes competing in Kelowna which is the largest Ogopogo Invitational ever held. This was the very first year that the club hosted a Men's Artistic Gymnastics competition along side the Women's Artistic competition. Over 40 male athletes attended the meet with hopes of more male athletes attending in the future years. Thanks to the many volunteers, the competition was a great success.

In the Provincial Level 1 category there were so many competitors that OGC split the Argo age category into four categories based on the birth date of the athletes. **Gabriela Beselt** competed in the youngest category for athletes born in 2002 to 2003. In Beselt's first competitive season she finished with a gold medal on the balance beam and a silver medal in the all around.

Ellen Smith also competed in this category finishing in fifth place over all but Smith earned two silver medals on the balance beam and on the floor exercise.

Caitlin Callahan competed in the Provincial level 1 Argo category for athletes born in the second half of 2001. Callahan earned a silver medal for her performance on the floor exercise.

Braelyn Dillon competed in the Provincial Level 1 Argo B category for athletes born at the end of 2000 and in the first half of 2001. Dillon finished with a gold on the vault and bronze medals on the uneven bars and the floor exercise.

Danica Graves competed in the same category and earned a gold medal on the floor exercise.

Olivia Minor competed in the Provincial Level 1 Argo category for the oldest Argo athletes. Minor finished with a second overall and with a bronze medal on the balance beam.

In the Provincial 2 Argo category for athletes born in 2000, **Grace Fecht** earned herself a silver medal on the vault and a bronze medal on the uneven bars.

Jenna Mick competed in the Provincial 2 Argo category for athletes born in 2001 and earned four bronze medals on the vault, uneven bars, balance beam and in the all around.

Brooke Murray earned the gold medal on the vault in the Provincial 2 Tyro category for athletes born in 1999.

In the Provincial Level 3 Tyro category, **Brielle Culbert** earned a silver medal on the uneven bars, while **Emaree Handley** earned a bronze medal on the floor exercise.

In the Provincial 4 Tyro category, the three OGC athletes finished one, two, three on the balance beam.

Nicole Pavia finished with a silver medal in the all around. Pavia also earned the gold medal on the balance beam, another silver on the floor exercise and a bronze medal on the vault.

Lindy Drope also competed in the Provincial 4 Tyro category and finished with two bronze medals; one of the bronze medals on the balance beam and the second in the all around.

Emma Morel earned the gold medal on the uneven bars and the silver medal on the balance beam in the same category.

In the Pre-Novice Aspire category, **Muriel Stroda** earned herself five medals. She earned two golds on the vault and on the uneven bars. She earned silver medals on the floor exercise and in the all around and the final medal was a bronze earned on the balance beam.

In the Provincial 5 Novice category, **Alison Watters** earned silver medals on the uneven bars and on the floor exercise.

Sugar Tiner led the pack in the Provincial 5 Open category once again taking the top spot. Tiner earned gold medals on the vault and floor exercise as well. She also earned a silver medal on the uneven bars.

Kelly Atamanchuk finished with a bronze in the all around after a strong showing for her. She took home a total of five medals. She earned silver medals on the vault and floor exercise and bronze medals on the uneven bars and balance beam.

In the Men's competition, OGC had four male athletes compete. Three of them competed in the Provincial level 3 category while the other competed in the High Performance Argo category.

Shane Hiscock finished with a gold medal on the floor exercise after recently moving into the Level 3 category.

Liam Dawson earned two silver medals for his performance on the floor exercise and on the parallel bars.

Stephen Hiscock earned himself a bronze medal on the vault.

Kolten Marino earned a medal on each event taking his total to seven medals this weekend. Marino earned gold medals on the floor exercise and pommel horse, silver medals on the rings and horizontal high bar and in the all around, and bronze medals on the vault and parallel bars.

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