

MEDIA RELEASE

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Okanagan Gymnastics Centre

Okanagan Gymnastics Centre was awarded the Ed Brougham Club Award from Gymnastics Canada. Okanagan Gymnastics is the #1 Club in Canada in Category 1 (1,000 + members). The Ed Brougham Club Award is presented to clubs who have demonstrated growth in membership, growth in disciplines, participation in courses and the hosting of events. The criteria for the Ed Brougham Award are contingent upon the club size based on fully paid registrations received as of June 30th for the previous year.

Okanagan Gymnastics Centre has had a very busy and rewarding competitive season this year. Many athletes from Kelowna have excelled to new heights this year winning medals at BC Championships, Western Canadian Championships, Western Canada Cup, and National Championships.

OGC is home to many All Around Champions this year. In Trampoline and Tumbling Hailey Tomlin won the Provincial All Around Champion, while Carli Gruber won the same award but at Western Canada Cup.

At BC Championships, the OGC team of Trampoline and Tumbling athletes won multiple awards. The team won the Provincial Trampoline and the National Trampoline team award. They also won the Provincial and National Double Mini Trampoline Team award and the Provincial Tumbling team award. OGC rounded out with the All Around Team Award in the province.

Okanagan Gymnastics and Kelowna is home to seven out of nine provincial athletes who qualified for Team BC to compete at the Western Canada Cup which took place in Winnipeg, Manitoba in May where the team finished with a gold.

In the events, Carli Gruber won the Women's Provincial A Trampoline and Double Mini Trampoline. Hailey Tomlin won the Women's Provincial B 11 and under on the Trampoline and she also won the Provincial C tumbling category. Kara Harms won the Women's Provincial C 11 and under Trampoline while Kalin Judson won the Men's Provincial C Trampoline title. Danielle Gruber is the Women's Provincial B Tumbling title. Rachel Stone and Brynn Tucker won the Women's Provincial B Synchronized Trampoline title while Sarah Croteau and Bianca Radil won the Women's Provincial C Synchronized Trampoline.

At Canadian Championships Luke Friesen and Curtis Gerein won the Men's Senior Synchronized Trampoline.

In late 2008, a few T&T athletes traveled to New Zealand for the Indo-Pacific Championships where Curtis Gerein won the Men's 15-16 year old Double Mini Trampoline and Ethan McLeary won the Men's 13-14 year old Tumbling event.

In December 2008, four athletes traveled to Argentina to compete at Pan-Am Championships where Ben Goossen and Nelson Murray won the Men's 15-16 Synchronized Trampoline.

In Women's Artistic Gymnastics, Okanagan Gymnastics Centre has four all around champions in various categories which is the most all around champions Kelowna has had. Brielle Culbert won the Provincial 2 Argo category, Nicole Pavia won the Pre-Novice Aspire all around, Alison Watters won the Provincial 4 Novice category and Makinli Handley won the Provincial 5 Tyro category.

In the individual events, Miranda Pineau is the Provincial 4 Novice Vault champion, Alison Watters is the provincial 4 Novice Floor Champion. Makinli Handley is the Provincial 5 Tyro Uneven Bars and Balance Beam Champion while Nicole Pavia is the Pre-Novice Aspire Balance Beam Champion.

At Western Canadian Championships, Adele Lefevre finished as the Pre-Novice Elite Western Canadian Champion and took the silver medal on all four events. Makinli Handley finished with a silver medal in the all around in the Provincial 5 Tyro category at Western Canadian Championships and took the title of champion on the Balance Beam and Floor Exercise.

Cody Briggs competed at Western Canadian Championships in the Men's Artistic Gymnastics in the Men's National Open category. This is the first time in history that Okanagan Gymnastics Centre has been represented in the Men's Artistic Gymnastics at a competition at this caliber.

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