



ALUMNI COMMUNIQUE

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June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month

GOOD LUCK TO OUR CANADIAN ATHLETES IN TOKYO!



The Board, Staff and Members of Commonwealth Sport Canada would like to wish our Canadian athletes good luck at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo this summer. We're sure you'll make our country proud!

We are pleased to see that a number of Commonwealth Games athletes have been nominated to represent Canada in Tokyo, including:

Archery	Crispin Duenas
Athletics	Mohammed Ahmed, Evan Dunfee, Malindi Elmore, Cameron Levins, Natasha Wodak
Badminton	Rachel Honderich, Jason Ho-Shue, Michelle Li, Kristen Tsai, Nyl Yakura, Brian Yang
Cycling	Leah Kirchmann, Allison Beveridge, Annie Foreman-Mackey, Ariane Bonhomme, Derek Gee, Georgia Simmerling, Hugo Barrette, Jasmin (Glaesser) Duehring, Jay Lamoureux, Lauriane Genest, Michael Foley, Vincent De Haître
Field Hockey	Brenden Bissett, Gabriel Ho-Garcia, Gordon Johnston, Antoni Kindler,

	James Kirkpatrick, Sukhpal (Sukhi) Panesar, Mark Pearson, Keegan Pereira, Matthew Sarmiento, John Smythe, Scott Tupper, Floris van Son
Gymnastics	Ellie Black, René Cournoyer, Shallon Olsen
Rugby (Men)	Connor Braid, Andrew Coe, Justin Douglas, Mike Fuailefau, Lucas Hammond, Nathan Hirayama, Harry Jones, Patrick Kay, Matt Mullins, Conor Trainor
Rugby (Women)	Britt Benn, Pamphinette Buisa, Bianca Farella, Julia Greenshields, Ghislaine Landry, Kayla Moleschi, Breanne Nicholas, Keyara Wardley, Charity Williams
Shooting	Linda Kiejko
Swimming	Ruslan Gaziev, Mary-Sophie Harvey, Brent Hayden, Yuri Kisil, Kylie Masse, Penny Oleksiak, Sydney Pickrem, Taylor Ruck, Kayla Sanchez, Katerine Savard, Kierra Smith, Rebecca Smith, Markus Thormeyer
Table Tennis	Eugene Wang, Mo Zhang
Weightlifting	Tali Darsigny, Maude Charron, Kristel Ngarlem, Boady Santavy
Wrestling	Danielle Lappage, Jordan Steen, and Erica Wiebe

We look forward to seeing more of our alumni named to the team as we get closer to the Games. Go Canada!

VICTORIA 1994

COMMONWEALTH GAMES AND COMMONWEALTH CHANGES



The XV Commonwealth Games, held in Victoria, BC, was a memorable and historic event not just for Canadians, but for people across the Commonwealth.

At the time, they were the largest Commonwealth Games ever held. Sixty-three nations and territories participated, including 2557 athletes and 914 team officials. An additional 14,000 volunteers gave their time and energy during the 10 days of sporting and cultural activities. An estimated audience of 500 million people watched the Games on television or listened to them on radio.

In terms of the evolution of the Commonwealth Games, there were a number of beginnings and endings that also made Victoria 1994 noteworthy.

The 1994 Games were the last Commonwealth Games that did not feature any team sports on the program. Athletes competed in 10 different sports: aquatics, athletics, badminton, boxing, cycling, gymnastics, lawn bowls, shooting, weightlifting, and wrestling. Although lacrosse had been featured as a demonstration sport, it was not until 1998 that the Games began to include team sports such as Basketball, Cricket, Field Hockey, Netball and Rugby Sevens - sports that have become a popular part of the current program.

Victoria 1994 was also the first major multi-sport games where para-athletes competed as members of their national teams. Fifty-five para-athletes from 10 different countries competed in exhibition events across three different sports: wheelchair racing (Men's 800m and Marathon), swimming (Men's and Women's 100m Freestyle) and blind lawn bowling (Men's and Women's singles). This was an important step in bringing the Commonwealth Games to where it is today, with para-sports fully integrated into the Games and medals from para-events recorded in the medal standings.

There were also a number of additions to the Commonwealth nations and territories that competed in Victoria. The island of Montserrat and the newly independent Namibia both competed at their very first Commonwealth Games in 1994. The end of Apartheid also saw South Africa return to the Commonwealth Games for the first time since 1958.

After competing in every Games since 1934, Hong Kong made its final appearance at a Commonwealth Games in Victoria. The sovereignty of the former British colony was handed over to China in 1997 and marked the end of Hong Kong's participation in the Games.

On the field of play, new contenders also emerged. Nigeria and Kenya both took their place among the top Commonwealth sporting nations by finishing fourth and fifth respectively in the medal standings. Canada finished second to Australia with a total of 134 medals - 42 gold, 43 silver and 49 bronze. It remains our highest total number of medals won at a Commonwealth Games.

BIRMINGHAM 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES UPDATE

2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES MASCOT REVEALED



Perry is the first mascot at a multi-sport games to be created in Augmented Reality, allowing people to #PoseWithPerry in their own homes.

Perry is inspired by the design of ten-year-old Emma Lou from Bolton, UK, the winner of a national design competition that took place over the summer of 2020. The competition tasked children aged 5-15 with creating a mascot that reflects the identity, heritage and culture of Birmingham and the West Midlands. The winning design was combined with the findings of the first ever Virtual Mascot Summit in July 2020, hosted by Olympic heptathlon champion and President of Commonwealth Games England Denise Lewis OBE and TV Presenter Radzi Chinyanganya from Wolverhampton. The summit saw more than 50 children from across Birmingham and the West Midlands take part in tasks to develop the mascot's characteristics, values and movements, helping to inspire Perry's personality. Perry becomes an icon for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, the biggest sports event to be held in the UK for a decade and will be seen by a global audience of more than one billion people.

WHO IS PERRY?

Perry is named after the Perry Barr area of Birmingham, the home of the Alexander Stadium, which will host the athletics events at the Games, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies. The stadium is undergoing a £72 million transformation in time for the Games.

The mascot's rainbow coloured hexagons represent the coming together of the Commonwealth in equal partnership with the diverse communities of Birmingham and the West Midlands at the Games in 2022.

Perry is a friendly, kind and cheeky bull, an animal with which Birmingham has been synonymous for centuries. The city has had a market area known as the Bull Ring since the 16th century; the site is close to the current Bullring shopping centre, with an iconic bronze bull statue at its entrance.

Perry is wearing a medal, which references Birmingham's iconic Jewellery Quarter, the UK's centre for jewellery and precious metals for more than two hundred years. The area still produces around 40% of the country's jewellery and is home to one of the world's largest Assay Offices, hallmarking millions of gold, silver and platinum items each year.

The mascot's sports kit includes blue, red and yellow stripes, a nod to the colours of the official flag of Birmingham, and the city's motto, Forward.



An animated video telling the story of Perry's personality and characteristics has also been unveiled. The animation is narrated by comedian Guz Khan, creator and star of critically acclaimed BBC sitcom *Man Like Mobeen*, a comedic take on life in inner city Birmingham.

A range of mascot clothing and accessories are available to buy from today from the newly

launched Birmingham 2022 online shop – www.shop.birmingham2022.com. A range of Birmingham 2022 clothing is also available to buy from today. A Perry plush toy and a wide range of other products will be available to buy this summer.

To find out more about Perry, head to www.birmingham2022.com/mascot – including how to #PoseWithPerry using augmented reality on a mobile phone.

Source: Birmingham 2022 Organizing Committee

TEAM CANADA 2022 CORPORATE PROGRAM

ATTENTION CORPORATE CANADA

Sport is a great “incubator” for strengthening business leadership skills such as teamwork, motivation, and people management. In 2022, the Commonwealth Games will be held in Birmingham, England. It's also an opportunity to provide your high valued clients, or senior management, to learn from some of the world's top sport leaders, experience the unique and rich culture of the City of Birmingham and enjoy an exclusive VIP games experience, while at the same time supporting Canada's athletes.

Whether you are a Canadian company in Canada, or the UK, the Commonwealth Games Foundation of Canada (CGFC) is pleased to offer a once-in-a-lifetime, corporate leadership and VIP games experience. To learn more and to enroll click [here](#).

Please forward to anyone you think may be interested.



WIN AN ALL INCLUSIVE VIP TRIP FOR TWO TO THE 2022 COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND!



VIP access to the best events, the best seats, behind the scene tours, dining with Canadian athletes, participate in medal presentations, tours of local attractions and more - the ultimate Commonwealth Games experience! Exclusively for Commonwealth Sport Canada Alumni Program Members.

All Alumni Program members on record as of July 26, 2021, are automatically entered in the draw. We currently have just over 500 registered members and need to reach 850 registered members to do the draw. To become a CSC Alumni Program member, simply email to: "alumni@commonwealthsport.ca" with the subject line "Count Me In". The winner will be announced on the CSC website (www.commonwealthsport.ca) on July 28, 2021, one-year-to-go to the opening ceremonies of the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Please forward this offer to any CGC Alumni who may be interested.

Sports  **WORKS**

COMMONWEALTH SPORT CANADA AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC) is committed to moving forward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through sport.

Through the generous support of the Government and people of Canada, and our other partners, for 25 years CSC has integrated sport for development and sport development programming, to promote community and social development, and build national sport system capacity, throughout the Commonwealth.

Canada helped lead the world's Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) movement. In the nineties, a decade before the United Nations (UN) Office on SDP was formed and the UN General Assembly adopted the sport resolution entitled "Sport as a means to promote education, health, development, and peace", the Canadian government put Canada at the forefront of SDP. Canada was the first country to respond to the 1991 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) declaration calling upon member countries "to recognize the value of sport as a vehicle for national and international development between and among Commonwealth countries". The Canadian government's vision helped forge a partnership between CIDA, Sport Canada, and CSC to launch the Commonwealth Sport Development Program (CSDP) in 1993, now called SportWORKS. Since that time CSC has led over 125 international projects which have reached more than 2 million women, youth, and children through sport-based programs that involve: the promotion of gender equity, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, stay-in-school initiatives, and youth leadership and life skills training.

In 2019, CSC was the recipient of a Commonwealth Innovation for Sustainable Development Award under the category of People (Improve the well-being of People).

[\[Read more... \]](#)

CANADIAN COMMONWEALTH GAMES BID

THE LATEST UPDATE FROM OUR POTENTIAL BID CITIES



HAMILTON, ONTARIO

After failing to secure Ontario Government support for a 2026 CWGs Bid, the Hamilton Commonwealth Games Bid Committee has "pivoted back" to a 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid. Subsequently, an all stakeholders Hosting Concept Review Committee has been formed and is meeting throughout the summer to turn the Hosting Concept into a Hosting Proposal.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

A group from Victoria continues its efforts to secure support-in-principle for a 2026 CWGs bid from municipal and provincial governments. If/when this support-in-principle is secured, CSC will work closely with the Victoria 2026 CWGs Bid Committee to develop a strong and winning Hosting Plan.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Judy Kent



Judy Kent has made countless contributions to sport in Canada as an athlete, coach, leader, author and builder. And the Commonwealth Games movement has been one of the greatest beneficiaries. For close to a quarter-century, Judy has applied her extensive skill set and extraordinary passion to the development of Commonwealth Sport Canada (CSC), the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF), and the Games movement throughout the Commonwealth. Judy's involvement with sport began as a swimmer and coach at senior club and varsity levels. Even as a competitor in Masters' events, she enjoyed great success, winning five gold medals at the Masters' Games in 1985.

Judy first became involved with CSC while building a thriving consulting practice in sport policy and strategic planning. She joined in 1986 as a member-at-large, apparently the winner of a coin toss to determine the 16th member-at-large for that quad! She became deeply involved both in the sport program and the increasingly important field of international development through sport. In 1992, she authored a seminal report for the Government of Canada to assess the lessons learned by nine other leading nations involved in 'sport aid'. Her analysis formed the basis for Canada's funding of international development through sport.

Judy's leadership position at CSC provided the catalyst and operational expertise to establish the framework, philosophy, and structure of Canada's first major initiative in development through sport, the Commonwealth Sport Development Program (CSDP). This trail-blazing program later became known as International Development through Sport (IDS). Judy worked tirelessly with Canadian staff to set up the program in three regions of the Commonwealth (Caribbean, Africa and Asia). Today, the program continues to provide vital support to children and youth in various parts of the Commonwealth. Judy has maintained a close connection as member of the management and advisory Committees at different times over a period of sixteen years.

Among her contributions to the Commonwealth Games movement at the Federation level has been her membership on the CGF Sports Committee (1998 to 2007), the Board of the Hamilton 2010 Commonwealth Games bid, the CGF Sub-Committee on Events for Athletes with a Disability, and on the Evaluation Commission for the 2002 Manchester Games Bid. Judy also took a leadership role in the promotion of women's issues in Commonwealth sport as Chair of the Federation's ad hoc Women in Sport Committee.

As a pioneer and mentor for many future leaders, Judy has broken new ground for women in sport. For the Auckland Games in 1990, she was the first woman to be named as an Assistant General Manager for a Canadian team. She then became the first woman to be appointed Canadian Chef de Mission at Victoria in 1994, and that same year became CSC's first woman President, serving from 1994 to 1998.

In recognition of her ground-breaking efforts to support women in sport, Judy received the Women of Distinction Award in 1996, and was twice-named to the list of Canada's Twenty Most Influential Women in Sport. She has also been named Canadian Volunteer Sport Leader of the Year, was inducted into the McMaster University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001, holds the Recognition Badge and Service Cross of the Royal Life Saving Society, and was a recipient of the Silver and Gold Queen's Jubilee Medals.

Judy has always maintained active involvement in volunteer organizations. She has been President of the Canadian Lifesaving Society and Vice-Chair of the Esteem Team, a national athlete role model program. Outside of sport, Judy is President of the Arts Council of Prince Edward County where she is pursuing her passion as a landscape artist. Judy Kent has made an extraordinary contribution to Commonwealth Sport Canada and the Commonwealth Sport movement through years of dedicated service and visionary leadership.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

ATHLETES

**Karlene Haughton**

Athletics – Victoria 1994, Kuala Lumpur 1998, and Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games

Results: Bronze Medal, Women's 400m Hurdles (1998 and 2002)
Bronze Medal, Women's 4 x 400m Relay (1998)

Now: Community Rehabilitation Support Worker, Bartimaeus Rehabilitation Service

**Dr. Andrew Fagan**

Archery – Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games

Results: 9th Place, Men's Compound Bow (Individual and Team events)

Now: Chiropractor, Port Hope Health Centre
Still competing in archery

**Brittnee Habbib**

Artistic Gymnastics - Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games

Results: Bronze Medal, Women's Team Competition

Now: Lead Producer and Sales, The Next Edition - a new concept of youth med creates,
produces, promotes and publishes socially conscious entertainment.

COACHES



Andrew Dabeka

Coach, Badminton – Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games
(was also an athlete at the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games)

Now: Head Coach Yonex Badminton Hallen at Yonex Switzerland



Kurt Innes

Coach, Cycling – Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games
(was also an athlete at the Victoria 1994 Commonwealth Games)

Now: Director, Performance Solutions at Canadian Sport Institute Pacific

VOLUNTEERS / BUILDERS / SportWORKS / MISSION STAFF



Dorota Simpson

SportWORKS Officer - Canadian Sport Leadership Corps, 2002/03
Guyana Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport

Now: Engagement Manager - Cochlear Canada



Vincent Pinto

Mission Staff - Delhi 2010 and Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games
Team Attache - Pune 2008 Commonwealth Youth games

Now: Director, Pacific Coast Design India Pvt. Ltd

GREAT MOMENTS IN COMMONWEALTH SPORT

KINGSTON 1966 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

THE FIRST TIME A CANADIAN TEAM COMPETED UNDER THE NEW CANADA FLAG!



At the 1966 Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica, the Canadian Team competed for the first time under the red and white maple leaf flag.

The first Canadian athletes to win a gold medal were the Women's 440 yard Freestyle Relay team, who set a Games record with a time of 4:10.8 mins. The team was made up of Jane Hughes, Louise Kennedy, Marion Lay and Elaine Tanner. As they stood on the podium listening to the national anthem, the new Canadian flag was raised for the first time at an international sporting competition.

The new flag had been inaugurated at a ceremony on Parliament Hill in February 1965. The 1966 Commonwealth Games were the first major multi-sport event to take place after the inauguration.

KEY DATES ON THE CSC CALENDAR

July 1, 2021

Happy Canada Day!

September 26, 2021

Commonwealth Sport Canada Annual General Meeting

July 28, 2022

Opening Ceremony - Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

August 8, 2022

Closing Ceremony - Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

COMMONWEALTH SPORT CANADA OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED

Because of the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, the Commonwealth Sport Canada office remains closed. Staff are continuing to work from home and can still be contacted by email or through the main CSC telephone number. Thank you for your continued patience during these unprecedented times.

HAVE YOU JOINED COMMONWEALTH SPORT CANADA'S ALUMNI PROGRAM YET?



To date, approximately 3,000 Canadian athletes have competed in the Commonwealth Games. Thousands more have attended the Games as officials or given their time as volunteers. Over 200 CSC SportWORKS Officers have taken part in sport development initiatives in Canada and throughout the Commonwealth. CSC is proud to have been a part of so many lives and we would cherish the opportunity to continue our relationship through the CSC Alumni Program!

Why should you become a CSC Alumni Program member?

Being a CSC Alumni Program member allows you to:

- Stay in touch with other CSC alumni.
- Receive regular CSC Alumni Newsletters containing news & information about the Commonwealth sport movement in Canada and abroad.
- Become a mentor and contribute to the success of current and future CSC alumni.
- Receive invitations to CSC Alumni events happening in your area.
- Receive exclusive access and offers on CSC/Team Canada clothing, Commonwealth sport events tickets and packages, etc.
- Have a chance to win an all-inclusive, VIP trip for two to the next Commonwealth Games!
- Receive exclusive CSC Alumni discounts!

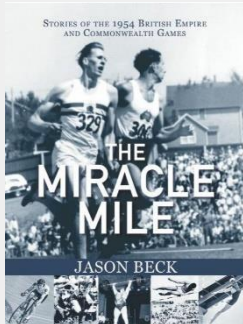
As a Commonwealth Games Canada Alumni Program member, you are entitled to the following discounts:



20% DISCOUNT AT ALL RUNNING ROOM STORES

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If you have confirmed your address and are waiting for your card, please be patient during these difficult times - we will send it to you as soon as possible. Thanks.



10% DISCOUNT ON PURCHASE OF "THE MIRACLE MILE:

Stories of the 1954 British Empire and Commonwealth Games"

By: Jason Beck

CSC Alumni price **\$26.95** plus tax & shipping
(Regular price \$29.95)

To order a copy of this book, please contact the BC Sports Hall of Fame:
604-687-5520 or email: sportsinfo@bcsportshalloffame.com

CSC is working to identify further benefits for Alumni Program members.

If you are a CSC Alumnus from Ontario, British Columbia or any other Canadian province or territories and are interested in starting an Alumni Program Chapter in your province, please contact [Kelly Laframboise](#) or phone 613-244-6868 x 2.

CSC has financial support for Alumni activities!

GET IN TOUCH. PASS IT ON!

We would love to hear your story. Don't be shy, drop us a note at: alumni@commonwealthsport.ca if you would like your profile published!

Please feel free to pass this newsletter on to any other Commonwealth Sport Canada Alumni who may not have already received it – and please encourage them to get in touch with CSC to become an Alumni Program Member!

To become a CSC Alumni Program Member simply email to: alumni@commonwealthsport.ca with the subject line "Count Me In". Visit our website for complete details on the [Alumni Program](#).



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