2018-2019 Chairman’s Report

Welcome to the 2018/19 Annual Review. I invite you to take some time to see all that we accomplished in the past year. I am new to the board, having been appointed Chair of the GO Venture Board in September of 2018. I assumed the role from Diane Brickner who served the role with dedication and passion for three years and deserves our thanks for a job well done.

It has been a busy but productive year for our amazing community sports centre and for the board. They deserve credit and thanks for their volunteer time commitment to ensure good governance. In January we spent a half day discussing a common vision for the facility now and in the future. Here it is:

The GO Venture Board, consisting of the Edmonton Grads Basketball Centre, Ortona Gymnastics Club, Edmonton Volleyball Centre Society and the University of Alberta will develop and support sport and recreation for all through:

1. Leveraging the strength of the individual partners and the community, towards a centre of excellence.

2. Focusing on long term sustainability of the facility and programs.

A few words stand out for me in that vision statement. Partners - Develop and Support - for All - Long Term Sustainability. It will serve us well as we continue to provide users with a quality experience when they visit and utilize our exceptional sports facility.

I want to thank our facility manager Brian Kropman, our Operating Committee and especially our staff for all that they do every day. Here’s to a great year.

Cheers!

Greg Krischke
GO Venture Board Chair
GO Venture Board Members

Greg Krischke - GO Venture Board-Chair
Andrew Sharman - University of Alberta
Mark Hughes - GO Sports
Kerry Mummery - University of Alberta
Robert Veronovici - GO Sports
Anastasia Lim - University of Alberta
Kevin Moore - GO Sports

Operating Committee

Brian Kropman - Chair
Shaun Pope - Edmonton Grads Basketball Centre
Pierre Dickner - Edmonton Volleyball Centre Society
Ian Pattison - Ortona Gymnastics Club
Cheryl Harwardt - University of Alberta
Greg Lembke - University of Alberta

Saville Community Sports Centre Staff

Brian Kropman - Facility Manager
Bruce Bourguignon - Operations Supervisor
Laurie Ennik - Administration Supervisor
Katherine Nilsson - Bookings and Event Coordinator
Stephanie Hooft - Maintenance/Facility Lead Hand
Harjot Gill - Building Maintenance Lead
Dineen Brass - Operations Assistant
Dean Fargey - Operations Assistant
Stuart McKee - Operations Assistant
Yvonne Pugh - Customer Service Coordinator
Cheryl Danchuk - Customer Service Representative
Michaela Vacey - Customer Service Representative
The Saville Community Sports Centre hosts a wide variety of sporting and recreational events recognized at the local, provincial, national and international level. These events build strong ties with our local community leagues, school groups, sport agencies, corporate businesses and the not-for-profit sector. Over 60 large scale events were hosted for 2018-2019, which has resulted in over 1.5 million visitors walking through our front doors.

- Alberta Cheer Empire Limelight
- Alberta Northern Lights Wheelchair Basketball Tournaments
- AIM Summer Camps
- ASAA Badminton Tournaments
- Basketball Alberta Training Camps and 3 on 3 Tournament
- Basketball Alberta Youth Provincials
- Basketball Alberta Coaching Clinic
- Bears & Pandas High School Volleyball Tournament
- Bears Volleyball and Bears Basketball High School Showcase
- Bears and Pandas Volleyball Elite Camps
- Break Through Basketball Camp
- Bump, Set, Spike Volleyball Tournaments
- Canada Basketball High Performance Camps
- Canada Basketball Senior Women’s Basketball Team Training Facility
- Canada Basketball vs Turkey International Friendly Games
- Canadian Blood Services Basketball Tournament
- Canadian Diabetes 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- Center for Learning @Home – Home School Programming
- Chang Moo Taekwondo Tournament
- Church of Christ Volleyball and Basketball Tournament
- Corporate Challenge Badminton, Volleyball and Table Tennis
- EYBA/EBA Ultimate Basketball Tournament
- Edmonton Table Tennis Open
- Edmonton United Volleyball Club Tournaments
- FCA Volleyball Tournament
- FOG Volleyball Camp
- Full Court Basketball Camp
- GGAC Volleyball Tournament
- Golden Bears Basketball Invitational
- GO Sports Summer Camps
- Greater Edmonton Teachers’ Convention Association
- Jr Grads Great Canadian Basketball Tournament
- Jr Bears Basketball Shooting Clinics
- Louis St. Laurent Smash Volleyball Tournament
- North Central Teachers Convention
- Northern Lights Wheelchair Basketball Tournaments
- Ortona Gymnastics – Athletes Giving Back
- Ortona Gymnastics – Spring, Summer and Holiday Camps
- Ortona Gymnastics – Drop and Shop Week
- Ortona Gymnastics – LLP Christmas Show
- U of A U Sports Bears and Pandas Basketball and Volleyball Season and Playoffs
- USports Women’s Volleyball National Championship
- Pandas/Griffins Volleyball Tournament
- Sofaland Golden Bears Volleyball Tournament
- Pandas Volleyball New Years Classic Tournament
- PEBL Basketball Tournament
- Perfect Storm Athletics Purple Reign Cheerleading Showcase
- Pursuit Volleyball Camp
- Riverbend Junior High School Basketball Tournament
- Rocky Mountain Basketball Development Camp
- Scona High School Volleyball Tournament
- SCSC Lost and Found Sales
- Sportball Programming
- Standard First Aid and CPR Courses
- St. Clement School Sports Day
- SW005H Basketball Tournaments and Clinics
- Trinity Athletic Association Volleyball Tournament
- Volleyball Alberta Premier Provincial Tournaments
- Volleyball Alberta Provincial Team Summer Training Camp
- Volleyball Alberta Officials and Coaching Clinics
- Volleyball Canada Sit Volleyball Team training
**2018/19**

**BY THE NUMBERS**

### DROP-IN PROGRAMMING

- **84** GOLD
- **150** FAMILY FUN
- **669** BRONZE | TRACK
- **1,743** SILVER | BADMINTON, TABLE TENNIS, TRACK
- **10,179** SILVER | VOLLEYBALL
- **9,384** SILVER | BASKETBALL

**TOTAL DAY PASSES SOLD: 22,209**

### MEMBERSHIPS

- **1,196** SILVER
- **48** GOLD
- **617** BRONZE
- **2,739** FITNESS / TRACK

**TOTAL MONTHLY MEMBERSHIPS: 4,600**
The Edmonton Grads just completed its seventh year of operations in the Saville Community Sports Centre Building at the end of March. It has been an outstanding year with plenty of success stories. Our events brought tremendous exposure to the Saville Community Sports Centre on a local, provincial, national and international level in the sport of basketball.

At the end of April the facility host the Rocky Mountain Hoops team camp. Along with this camp is Next Levels Official’s camp. These camps work together in not only the development of the athletes and coaches but also to develop the officials of the game. Some of the top FIBA, NBA, NCAA, U Sports officials come in to help local officials get to the next level of officiating. This camp provides a number of different stations for the athletes to learn different skills both on and off the court.

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 in Canada with teams playing at the local, provincial and national levels. This tournament is a highlight for summer basketball and full of many memories from those who attend. The tournament ran over four days, saw over two hundred and eighty games played, and the facility was packed with players and fans alike.

In June Alberta Basketball Association again hosted the 3v3 tournament which included the Canada Quest qualifier. The winner of the Canada Quest qualifier went on to represent Edmonton at the Canada Quest finals, also held in Edmonton to be played in July 2019.

In July the Canadian Senior Women’s team competed in the Edmonton Grads International Classic (EGIC) series vs the Turkey National Women’s Basketball Team. Canada won both games by a large margin and for the first time ever at the EGIC there was a MVP Award. The MVP award was named after former Edmonton City Councilor Brian Anderson and was
awarded to Nayo Raincock-Ekunwe. Also on this same weekend the Canada Quest 3v3 Canadian championship was being held at the Saville Community Sports Centre with the finals being hosted in the main competition gym.

To end the season in March, the Edmonton Youth Basketball Program and Alberta Basketball co-hosted the Alberta Youth Basketball Provincials with teams representing all districts from across the province. This annual event demonstrates why basketball is the fastest growing youth sport in today’s market. The tournament ran over two days and the facility was packed with players and fans alike. This year Alberta Basketball had opening ceremonies with demonstrations for 3X3 and a slam dunk competition. In the last 7 years the Edmonton Youth Basketball league has grown to over 305 teams for their winter season becoming the largest youth basketball league in the Metro Edmonton.

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A significant client of the Edmonton Grads Basketball Centre is the Alberta Northern Lights Wheelchair Basketball Society. This past year, the Alberta Wheelchair Basketball team took home the gold medal at the 2019 Canada Winter Games. Of the 15 athletes and coaches that comprised Team Alberta, thirteen of them play for the Alberta Northern Lights and Edmonton Inferno Wheelchair Basketball teams.
VOLLEYBALL: a sport for LIFE...

This was another incredibly busy year for Volleyball at the Saville Community Sports Centre.

In 2018-19 the Edmonton Volleyball Centre Society (EVCS) formed a committee of volunteers to work on creating a wall mural and display to capture the essence of the theme "VOLLEYBALL: a sport for LIFE". As it is stated in the EVCS constitution, a large portion of the purpose of the organization is "...to facilitate the growth and development of volleyball for youths, adults, seniors and families...". This begins with having a world class volleyball venue to be able to offer these types of volleyball programs and events.

Here is a snapshot of what volleyball programs were offered this year by the EVCS stakeholders; Volleyball Alberta, Edmonton Volleyball Association, Men’s & Women’s Recreational Volleyball Society, Northern Alberta Volleyball Club and FOG Volleyball Club.

**VOLLEYBALL ALBERTA**
- MiniVolley [3 sessions; Fall / Winter / Spring]
- Homeschool Atomic Programs [3 sessions; Fall / Winter / Spring]
- GO Atomic 1 [3 sessions; Fall / Winter / Spring]
- GO Atomic 2 [3 sessions; Fall / Winter / Spring]
- TripleBall [3 sessions; Fall / Winter / Spring]
- Introduction to Volleyball [3 sessions; Fall / Winter / Spring]
- GO Leagues 13-18 year olds [3 sessions; Fall / Winter / Spring]
- Alberta Winter Games program
- Coaching Clinics
- Officials Clinics
- Premier & Provincial Tournaments [Ages 13U – 18U]
- Provincial Team Selection Camps
- Provincial Team Fitness Testing
- Play Sports Alberta – Summer Camps

**EDMONTON VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION**
- Adult Volleyball Leagues
- Monday Night League – Women’s
- Wednesday Night League – Coed
- Thursday Night League – Men’s

**MEN’S & WOMEN’S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL SOCIETY**
- Adult Volleyball League
- Tuesday Night League – Coed

**NORTHERN ALBERTA VOLLEYBALL CLUB**
- Youth Club Teams from 13U – 18U
- Open Gyms / Tryouts / Practices

**FOG VOLLEYBALL CLUB**
- Youth Club Teams from 13U – 18U
- Open Gyms / Tryouts / Practices
The Edmonton Volleyball Society also offered the GO Youth Club Volleyball League which provided youth teams from 13U to 18U an opportunity to play matches prior to the official start to their season. In 2018 there were over 80 teams who took part in this league. Along with that program, the EVCS and the Saville Community Sports Centre continues to be a gathering place for Drop-in Volleyball users with the Friday evening Drop-in Volleyball program being highly popular.

The EVCS continues to work towards achieving the goal of making volleyball at the Saville Community Sports Centre a sport that covers all facets, from our youngest athletes to our most senior ones as well as from grassroots to elite levels. We look forward to serving the needs and desires of volleyball enthusiasts in the future.
Highlights for Ortona Gymnastics Club for 2018-2019

Our mandate at Ortona is to ensure that gymnastics is available to everyone who wants to try and that there is always a place for a child who wants to participate. Ortona is a friendly, inviting place to experience fun and challenging activities for any level of interest and skills.

All programs at Ortona are inclusive, and we work hard at nurturing and promoting the team philosophy. Team coaching encourages and supports athletes in all disciplines to attain personal goals for our gymnasts and coaches. Other directives for the Club are to continue with our Club Excellence Certification, improving communications and enhancing our current partnerships. We are delighted to be working with our partners EVCS & Edmonton Grads Basketball Centre in growing sport activities as part of the Saville Community Sport Centre.
Throughout the year, Ortona is pleased to offer a variety of programs for all age groups and skill levels.

GYMNASTICS FOR ALL
- Adult Gymnastics
- Teen Gymnastics
- Leapah’s Learning Garden Playschool
- Kindergym Programs ages 3-5 yrs
- Parent and Tot Programs ages 18mo.-3 yrs
- Can Gym Programs ages 5.11yrs+
- Can Jump Programs ages 5.11yrs+
- Cheer Tumbling Program
- Acro Dance Tumbling
- Invitation Rec Programs
- Seasonal Camps
- Recreational Rhythmic Gymnastics
- Kindergym Trampoline and Tumbling
- Summer Open Gym
- Skill Clinics

SERVICE PROGRAMS
- Birthday Parties
- Group Bookings
- Field Trips (schools & organizations)
- Preschool, Family and Adult Open Gym

DEVELOPMENTAL & COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS
- Women’s Artistic (WAG)
- Men’s Artistic (MAG)
- Trampoline & Tumbling (T&T)

Participation in 2017-18 season

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DEVELOPMENTAL & COMPETITIVE PROGRAMS

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13,391 TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
Golden Bears Volleyball

Led by Canada West All-Stars Alex McMullin and Taryq Sani, the Golden Bears volleyball program put forth another strong season under head coach Terry Danyluk.

The Bears completed the regular season with a 17-5 record, earning the conference’s third seed. However, the Bears were upset by the sixth seeded Thompson Rivers WolfPack. It marked the first time since 1988 the Bears failed to reach the conference semifinal.

Thanks to their strong national rank, however, the Bears still qualified for the U SPORTS Championship in Quebec, marking their 19th straight appearance. A win over Mount Royal, followed by incredibly tight losses to Brandon and Laval saw the Bears earn their second-straight fourth-place finish.

Pandas Volleyball

After a strong Canada West regular season and conference playoff run, the Pandas Volleyball finished an impressive season with their third-straight national medal.

After finishing third in the conference with an 18-6 regular season record, the Pandas advanced as far as the Canada West semifinal, before falling to the Trinity Western Spartans.

Hosting the U SPORTS Championship for the sixth time in program history, and first time at the Saville Community Sports Centre, the underdog Pandas clawed their way to a national bronze medal.

Alberta defeated Toronto in the national quarter-final, before losing to Ryerson in the semifinal. However they were able to bounce back with an impressive win over Dalhousie, earning their 16th national medal under head coach Laurie Eisler.
Golden Bears Basketball

Entering the season with seven first-year Bears, and no fifth-year student-athletes, the Bears Basketball team managed one of their most impressive campaigns under head coach Barnaby Craddock.

With limited expectations on their incredible young roster, the Bears surprised the conference with a 15-5 regular season record, and the second best ranking heading into the conference playoffs.

Led by U SPORTS All-Canadian Brody Clarke, who led the country in rebounding, the Bears eliminated Lethbridge in the conference quarter-final, before falling to UBC in the semifinal at Saville.

The Bears were also able to qualify for their third-straight national championship, finishing in a tie for seventh in Halifax in mid-March.

Pandas Basketball

The Pandas were looking to continue their upward trajectory despite a significant roster change similar to the Bears.

The Pandas also surprised the other teams within their conference with a stellar 15-5 record, qualifying for the playoffs as the conference’s third seed.

The Pandas hosted the Lethbridge Pronghorns at Saville in the conference quarter-final. However, the Pronghorns were able to upset the Pandas on the road, advancing to the CW semifinal.

With nearly every player returning in 2019/20, the Pandas should enter next season as conference title contenders, and will aim for their first national title appearance since 2016.
**SAVILLE COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE**

**Facility Amenities**
Our facility boasts a number of world class amenities which include:
- **Competition Gym** – 22,000 square feet of multipurpose space suitable for sporting events, trade shows and banquets with permanent bleacher seating for 2,500 people.
- **Ortona Gymnastics Club** – features a variety of Olympic-standard equipment, including spring gymnastics floor, spring tumbling floor, trampoline, foam pits, ropes, bars, rings, beams, vaults, numerous tumbling training aids and a second floor family viewing area.
- **Other amenities include**: 12 FIBA basketball courts, 24 volleyball courts, 30 badminton courts, meeting room space, fitness and lifestyle centre, indoor track and multipurpose activity spaces.
- 240,000 square feet of hardwood floor
- 350,000 recreational space

**Social Media**
The Saville Community Sports Centre continues to grow their social media exposure, this growth has created a dedicated following on a variety of platforms.

**Website**
541,606 website visits, averaging 45,134 per month.

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**12 BASKETBALL COURTS**

**24 VOLLEYBALL COURTS**

**30 BADMINTON COURTS**

**240,000 SQ. FT HARDWOOD FLOOR**

**350,000 SQ. FT RECREATIONAL SPACE**

**1,081 FOLLOWERS**
**1,026 LIKES**

**813 FOLLOWERS**
**88,071 IMPRESSIONS**

**485 FOLLOWERS**

**541,606 WEBSITE VISITS PER YEAR**
**AVERAGE 45,134 PER MONTH**
All the success we have had in 2018 could not have been possible without our sponsor. The support we receive from sponsorship ensures we are able to continue to enhance the quality of the user experience here at the Saville Community Sports Centre.

We would like to thank and recognize our sponsor for their ongoing commitment and support.

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Grow your brand by becoming a sponsor

Our sponsorship goal is to develop programs that go beyond branding opportunities, to create long-term strategic connections that help your business achieve its marketing objectives. Between our nine full-sized gymnasiums, our classrooms, boardrooms, gymnastics hall, spectator gym and many other areas, the Saville Community Sports Centre has a unique assortment of venues that you may choose to sponsor.

Why become a sponsor?

With over 1.5 million visitors per year, your business will receive incredible exposure to a market associated with an active, healthy lifestyle. You will support the growth of athletes from grassroots through to elite levels, advancements in our program offerings, improvements to the facility and receive unlimited access to our market of community users and visitors.

For sponsorship inquiries, contact us:

Tim Lau – GO Sports Sponsorship Chair
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