

SEPTEMBER 2020



NEWSLETTER

BLUEWATER GYMNASTICS CLUB



Making a Difference since 1990

October 3rd, 2020 is the 30th Anniversary of Bluewater Gymnastics Community Recreation Centre. As we kick off our 31st year under covid-19 we continue to innovate and serve the community at large and surrounding communities. Our March break was sold out and big plans were underway when Covid-19 appeared. We pivoted to online activities/gymnastics and offered support during this transition to the competitive athletes too. We maintained coach resources and support and our roster of Coaches have participated in level C First Aid/CPR and other clinics. Despite the challenges, the athletes have been showing how resilient they are and have been handling the adjustments well. Our front line staff and coaches have been doing an excellent job of leading the way and giving them the support they need to navigate something that isn't easy for anyone right now. This certainly isn't how any of us saw our 30th year starting but we're all making the best of it until life returns to a new normal.

Rose-Ann Nathan, Executive Director

THANK YOU!



Monica

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Our Co-op Business Student

Our IVEY Business Analyst Intern

Both contributed their skills to our club initiatives making a difference, over the past few months. Monica is continuing as a coach.

Two of our competitive Athletes (Maci Turner & Olivia Vansevenant) decided to take charge during the COVID shutdown and start a bottle collection to help raise a whopping \$1100 for their home away from home - Bluewater Gymnastics Club. We Thank them for their hard work and dedication! We are so proud!! Thank You.



Coaches week is September 19-27th, help us celebrate our Coaches hard work and dedication by giving them thanks!

This month we had our coaches take their CPR and First Aid course to make sure you and your families are all safe while at the Gym!! Congrats coaches!!



#Thankyoucoach



Sept 19-27, 2020

"Thank You to Rose-Ann, your commitment for the future of the club for our community has been inspiring"

-Board of Directors

Sharing our Appreciation for Rose-Ann Nathan, outgoing Executive Director. We gratefully and sincerely would like to share that Rose-Ann Nathan, the Executive Director for the past 2 years will be departing the role in October. Rose-Ann came to us at a time when the club required renewed structure and strategy. Rose-Ann worked closely with the Board of Directors developing the governance with new policies and procedures aligned with our affiliates of Gymnastics Canada and Gymnastics Ontario. Rose-Ann redesigned the competitive program and spearheaded the all-important competitive parent volunteer booster club and added the new Xcel program to Bluewater Gymnastics Club programming. Rose-Ann ensured a commitment of quality coaching for all athletes by ensuring all coach development and training was a top priority including the launch of the modernized recreational curriculum.

Rose-Ann has set the club up well to navigate through this covid-19 unprecedented time. We appreciate the leadership Rose-Ann has provided for the long-term future of our community recreational facility.

Rose-Ann plans to use more of her new in home gym in her spare time.



" Welcome Back Anita Small"



We are thrilled to announce that Anita Small has accepted the restructured role of the Executive Director position, with coaching experience. Anita Small has provided professional business management and programming within the Recreational Industry for over 25 years. Anita earned a Bachelor of Physical Education while attending Brock University, in her hometown of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Anita is Certified NCCP level 3 Women's Artistic Gymnastics and NCCP level 2 Trampoline. Having over 20 years experience Coaching, including over 10 years as the Recreational Director at Bluewater Gymnastics as well as being an Interim Club Director and a Recreational/Competitive Coach Anita brings a depth of experience required to lead the club.

Anita will be leaving her management position at the YMCA of SWO. In 2006, Anita was hired as the Program Manager for Sarnia-Lambton YMCA. At the YMCA she has had a number of leadership roles over her 14-year tenure including the Regional Program Manager, Quality Assurance Manager, and most recently as Risk Analyst in 2018 completing her certification in this area. Anita has oversight to the Southwest Ontario YMCA Health and Safety Program. Anita's programming experience along with her business management experience brings a combination of expertise that the club requires for the long term. Anita and her husband Chris reside in Sarnia and their sons Tanner and Hunter are continuing their education in University. In her spare time Anita likes to exercise and read.

Anita starts on Monday September 21, 2020 and will be working through a transition with the support of Rose-Ann and the Board of Directors for a seamless transition.

- Board of Directors