



Youngsters helped lead a warmup routine for hundreds of runners early on Saturday.

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## 24hr Relay for Kids tops \$100,000

Revitalized through a new partnership with B.C. Lions Society, the annual 24 hour relay in Kelowna raised an incredible \$102,615 for Okanagan children's programs and camps.

At 10 am Sunday on June 11, tired participants and supporters ended Kelowna's annual Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay for the Kids, cheering the total of pledges that surpassed the previous two relays combined. The funds will be shared evenly between the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs and the Easter Seals' Camp programs benefiting disadvantaged children throughout the Okanagan.

The news provided a very happy ending to the challenge that began at 10 am Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, involving over 400 runners and walkers on 14 teams. Participants ran relay-style around the

2.5 km circumference of the Apple Bowl track and fields continually for 24 hours amid non-stop entertainment and recreation, a food fair and a hospitality patio to watch the hockey games.

Teams vied for top fundraising awards with **Century 21 Assurance Realty Centurions** leading the way with **\$15,019** in pledges. The second highest fundraising team was the Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs' own Richter Street Rockets with \$3,753.92, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place fundraising award, with \$3,377.69 in pledges, was the Okanagan Tree Fruits and Royal Galas Lake Country Community Team.

Those pledges, added with generous sponsorships from Labatt's, Money Mart, Interior Savings Credit Union, plus the tireless work of the Lion and Lioness Clubs of the Okanagan

selling food and beverage throughout the relay, Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs and BC Lions Society Easter Seals saw their first year's relay partnership raise \$102,615.

All proceeds will stay in the Okanagan to benefit the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs programs and the Lions Society's Easter Seal Camp in Winfield.

Province wide, the Easter Seals 24 Hour Relay in BC has raised \$25,134,624. The Easter Seals' 24 Hour relay for the kids' money provides the funding for the Easter Seals Camping Program, and now in Kelowna to include the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs camp programs. Children can enjoy both the Easter Seals and the Okanagan Boys and

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## STAFF CORNER

# So long to our friend Denise Stapleton

Good-bye to long-time staff member Denise Stapleton.

Denise has worked with OBGC since December 28, 1992 as a

Youth & Family Support Program Counsellor, Penny Lane, Parents Together and the Youth Employment Services (YES) Program.



John Hoile Food Bank Volunteer, Christmas Hamper Volunteer and Community Services Volunteer (left) seen with peer volunteer Viola Bryson

# Armstrong club enjoys a dedicated volunteer

John Hoile has been volunteering at the Armstrong Boys and Girls Club for nearly five years now, accumulating 2,907 hours of volunteer time. This number is not a misprint, but a testament to John's dedication to the agency and community themselves.

John volunteers at the front desk providing such services as photocopying, faxing, typing and resourcing for community members. John also is responsible for operation/delivery of food bank hampers to our clientele.

When Christmas season begins John goes beyond his regular food bank and administration hours to also volunteer at

the Christmas Hamper program.

Many things have changed around and within John since his coming to volunteer with OBGC. Staff have come and gone, programs begun and changed, John himself has even become a Canadian citizen to which we were all witnesses.

John is more than a volunteer, he is a friend of all who work at OBGC in Armstrong, plus an indispensable and integral part of the essence of Armstrong - both the community itself and local Boys and Girls Club.

I would welcome any and all to come and experience this essence Armstrong Boys and Girls Club by meeting John.

# We Passed

“Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs has earned a Three-Year Accreditation. The board of directors, management, and staff members are to be congratulated for this significant achievement. Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs is encouraged to use its considerable human resources at all levels of the organization to utilize the standards to continue to provide quality treatment and services.”

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## Rutland Boys & Girls Club delivering our services to local elementary schools

Springvalley Elementary Extension program began in September 2005 with great anticipation. Registration was rapid and the program filled to capacity within two months of operation.

The program is very appealing because we are coming to the kids, eliminating the pick-ups and travel time, which makes parents and kids more comfortable in a familiar environment.

The program runs from 2:30 - 4:30pm Monday thru Friday with a cost of only \$2 per day. Kids participate in a variety of daily themes which include sports, games, crafts, computers, cooking and drama.

Parents have responded very positively to the program, and the low cost allows us to include children who would otherwise not be able to afford such a program.

We are currently running with about 20 to 25 children daily with a lot more interest still coming as parents and kids hear about the program from other members.

We are working on our second location for this 'in-school' after school care at Pearson Elementary, which is scheduled to begin early February.

For information on this program, please contact Tina Bennett or Jarrod Stocker at 765-3345.

## Valuable training funds for school age care professionals

Thanks to the financial support of the Ministry for Children and Family Development, the Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs have been able to develop and implement a School Age Care Professionals Training Program for caregivers throughout the Valley.

Over 45 participants from Enderby to Okanagan Falls have been participating in training specifically related to their field of work. This 52 hour program helps caregivers further develop their skills and knowledge related to working with children 5 – 12 years of age.

Some of the course content covered over the three months includes: Leadership, Licensing Guidelines, Programming Development, Implementation and Evaluation; Guiding Children's Behaviour and much more.

Participants are saying:

“Thank you ..... Knowledge is power and I feel powerful”;

“This is a great opportunity, I'm so happy and excited to be part of this.”

“ Thank you so much for connecting child care caregivers.”

“Thanks, I feel empowered.”

The enthusiasm being generated through this program will build momentum for future training and networking which is one of the long term goals of the project.

A special thanks goes out to the Kelowna Child Care Society for assisting with registration for this program. These types of community partnerships benefit everyone.



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While teammates cheered on - like the Labour for Kids team (left) participants kept circling the track overnight until 10 am Sunday.

# BC Lions Society to share proceeds

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Girls Clubs' Camps to develop new friendships, build self-confidence and self-esteem and return home with a more positive view on life and what they can accomplish.

Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs is a leading provider of programs to children and youth that support the healthy physical, educational and social development of over 5,000 young people and their families each year.

Our dedicated, trained staff and volunteers offer daycare, preschool and after-school programs in physical recreation, technology, the arts, personal growth and more. Our clubs and Youth Centres also provide meals, family support programs, emergency shelters and other supports to disadvantaged children and youth at risk throughout the Okanagan Valley.

The BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities

provides services to children with both mental and physical disabilities throughout BC. These services include three Easter Seal Houses, three Easter Seal Camps, Patient Care Grants, Easter Seal Buses and support to other child focused services. They provide BC children with disabilities, ranging in age from six to 19, with one-week camping sessions at no fee to

their families or guardians. These camping adventures provide the children with the opportunity to experience all the freedom, and fun of summer camp.

For further information regarding the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities, the Okanagan

Boys and Girls Clubs or how to get involved in the Kelowna 24 Hour Relay for the Kids in 2007, please call 250.762.3914. Additional information can also be found at [www.24hourrelay.com/kelowna](http://www.24hourrelay.com/kelowna). **Next year's relay is set for June 9-10, 2007.** Hope to see you there!



The Kelowna Fire Department couldn't run in the relay this year, so Brian Moore and crew hand-delivered a cheque to Lisa Cameron, OBGC Resource Development Officer. We hope to see them in **next year's relay June 9-10, 2007.**



Irish dancers entertained on stage



Fun events including blind-folded fear factor (above), Fat Cat high fives (right) and high energy music from Kelowna's own Kinship (below) kept runners entertained.

Top teams during the relay include the Century 21 Realtors (above right) who led the fund-raising with over \$15,000 in pledges, the Blue Snakes of Doom ruling the volleyball court (mid-right) and games event coordinators (below right)



# THANK-YOU OKANAGAN !!! YOU HELPED RAISE \$102,000



on June 10 - 11  
at the 2006  
**Easter Seals  
24 Hour Relay  
for the Kids**

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**Okanagan Lions & Lioness'**

**and our teams !!!**

Together we've helped send disadvantaged children to camp through the Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs and BC Lions Society Easter Seals Camp Winfield



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# OBGC is "a good place to be"

Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs have joined Boys and Girls Clubs across Canada to change their look. This change marks a new era for Boys and Girls Clubs as we look toward strengthening and growing the Boys and Girls Clubs movement and creating a consistent look for all the clubs across the country. The new public image we hope will reflect the vibrant, youthful environment that Okanagan clubs and centres offer today as innovative, relevant providers of programs that support the healthy physical, educational and social development of more than 5,000 young people and their families each year in the Okanagan Valley.

## Mission Statement

To provide a safe, supportive place where children and youth can experience new opportunities, overcome barriers, build positive relationships and develop confidence and skills for life.

## Core Values Statement

## Inclusion & Opportunity

We strive to offer children and youth from all economic, cultural and social back-

grounds access to the resources, supports and opportunities that will enable them to overcome barriers and achieve their positive potential in life.

## Respect & Belonging

We provide a safe, supportive place, where every child is listened to, treated with respect and valued in an environment of inclusion and acceptance. Our staff and volunteers model honesty, fair play, positive attitude, cooperation and respect for self and others.

## Empowerment

We believe all young people can grow into responsible, contributing and self-reliant members of society. Children and youth are at the centre of everything we do. Through adventure, play and discovery, we encourage and empower them to develop healthy lifestyles, a life-long passion for learning, leadership and life skills and a sense of social responsibility.

## Collaboration

We work together with fami-



Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs

lies and volunteers in each community, in partnership with government and other organizations, to create healthy community solutions to providing children and youth with what they need for optimal development.

## Speaking Out

We speak out on behalf of children, youth and their families to reduce disadvantage, enhance their lives and enable their voices and ideas to be heard.

# Tinhorn Creek supports Oliver youth programs

For the second year in a row, Tinhorn Creek Estate Winery has donated generously to five Boys and Girls Clubs in British Columbia and Alberta. Boys and Girls Clubs of Victoria, Greater Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton and the Okanagan received \$15,000 this year to support their programs. Okanagan Boys and Girls Clubs will be using this year's funding from Tinhorn Creek Estate Winery to support the following youth programs in Oliver:

## Restorative Justice

This non-court alternative handles RCMP case referrals involving youth who commit minor offences.



Through the guidance of RCMP, trained volunteers, guardians, victims and other interested supporters, the youth participate in a process where they acknowledge responsibility for their behaviour, learn how others are affected and take steps to repair the harm done.

## Youth Centre Initiative

The Youth Centre is a place for youth ages 12 - 19 to come to the Centre and visit with friends, take part in activities such as a game of pool, cards, board games, watch a movie or listen to music. It is a place that youth can call their own.

## Teen City Beat Mobile Program

Mobile programs reach out to the community by going out to where the youth are, providing recreation opportunities in an environment that is accessible and popular with the youth in this South Okanagan Community.

Through our [Teen City Beat](#) Program we take a van and head out to parks in both the Oliver and Osoyoos.

Fully equipped with sports equipment, table games, food and a propane fire pit - the staff can interact with the youth, forming relationships and addressing their needs.



# 2006 Capri Charity Golf Classic Okanagan Boys & Girls Clubs 16th Annual



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## Harvest Golf & Country Club Wednesday, August 23, 2006

- \$170 Per Person
- \$640 Per Team (Save \$10 each)
- \$430 Per Person with Hole sponsorship (Save \$40)
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