



MBTSA NEWSLETTER

February 2015

Upcoming Events

- May 15 – 18, 2015 - International Cup Qualifier
- May 2 & 3rd - Kildonan Place and St.Vital Mall displays
- May 30th, 2015 – Anola Heat Competition
- June 6th – KidsFest Display
- June 20th, 2015 – Red River Ex Performance
- June 28th – July 4th – Canadian Championships – Oshawa, Ontario
- August 5-9th, 2015 International Cup – Abbotsford, BC.
- August 10-11th, 2015 – IBTF Grand Prix Competition – Abbotsford, B.C.
- August 31, Sept 2nd, 3rd, 2015 – Summer Evening Camp
- October 24th, 2015 – MBTSA Banquet
- October 24&25, 2015 – Athlete's Clinic (tentative)

International Cup Qualifier



This May 15 -18, 2015, MBTSA is hosting the CBTF International Cup Qualifier. Approximately 200 of Canada's top athletes, will be competing for a spot on the Canadian contingent. The International Cup is in Abbotsford, B.C. this summer, and will see the world's finest twirlers compete. The last time this event was held, our Manitoba athletes proudly represented Canada in Holland, where they won the gold medal in

the level B team division. Bring your friends out to watch this exciting event, or please consider volunteering your time. If you are willing to help out, please contact Patti Sabeski or sign up via our website www.manitobabaton.com

Performances

We had a number of performances available to all of our athletes from each of our five clubs. The KidsFest, and the Red River Ex saw plenty of kids trying baton twirling, while the Santa Claus parade, the Festival of Trees and Lights, and the U of M Bison Basketball half time show, were opportunities to perform for amazed onlookers.

Thank you to our athletes who came out, and to the organizers (Marie Speare,

Trina Cimino, Tammy De Jong and coaches) for arranging MBTSA's participation in these events.



Performances are open to all athletes regardless of your twirling level. Please ask your coach if you would like to be involved in these events. The website is regularly updated with upcoming performance opportunities.



ATHLETE'S CLINIC

This past October, we were fortunate enough to have clinicians Mathew Johnson and Michelle Smith come to Winnipeg to teach our athletes. Mathew is a several time Canadian Team member, and Michelle is a former world champion! Thank you Dana and Leisha for all your efforts in organizing this wonderful opportunity for our athletes.



TWIRL MANIA

By Sara Sabeski,

In February, I, along with four other Greendell members, had the opportunity to go to Orlando, Florida and compete at Twirl Mania. This experience was one to remember. I had so much fun with my teammates and coach, Dana Peteleski. The atmosphere there was unbelievable! Everyone was so happy and excited to be there. The cool thing at Twirl Mania, is instead of twirling to standard music, you are twirling to popular songs on the radio. Twirl Mania was also a place for a lot of us to see new things, we saw many athletes do four baton, strut and even modeling! If you ever get the chance, check out this fantastic event. It is definitely one experience I will remember forever.



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

There are several scholarships that our baton athletes can apply for through Sport Manitoba, and CBTF. Last year's Provincial Team member, Milana Schipper was awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship for her exceptional achievements. Congratulations Milana. Check the Sport Manitoba, and CBTF websites for more information.

NEW ATHLETE'S REP

Welcome our new Athlete's Rep Sara Sabeski. Sara started twirling 12 years ago, and has been hooked ever since. The highlight of Sara's baton career, was winning a gold medal as a member of Team 'Toba, representing Canada, at the International Cup in Holland in 2013. She is a CBTF certified coach, and teaches students at Greendell Baton and Dance.



[Follow MBTSA on the Instagram account Sara created at @Manitobabaton.](#)

We would also like to thank our outgoing Athletes Rep, Jenny Parisian, for all her contributions to MBTSA over the past number of years. It is with the dedication of young athletes and coaches like you both, that our sport will continue to flourish. Athletes, if you have any questions, comments or ideas you would like to see implemented, please contact Sara.

BANQUET

Our annual awards banquet was held in October at the Canad Inns Windsor Park. The 2014 Grand Aggregate Award winners were announced, and the Order of Excellence Awards were presented by Brenda Wiwcharyk from Sport Manitoba. The Grand Aggregate award is presented to the athlete who has accumulated the most place points for each of their individual events during the four Manitoba competitions in the season.

Primary Winner - Sophia Chudyk

Juvenile Winner - Caitlyn De Jong

Juvenile Runner-Up - Sydney Reynolds

Junior Winner - Meghan Stanger

Junior Runner-Up - Yonatan Orlov

Senior Winner - Sara Sabeski

Senior Runner Up - Rhaychelle Tan

Collegiate Winner - Samantha Remkes

Collegiate Runner Up - Jennifer Parisian



Sport Manitoba Order of Excellence Winners

Back Row: Jennifer Parisian, Nikisah Hendrickson-Alexander, Laura Tymshychyn, Jessica Pososki, Leisha Strachan, Dana Peteleski, Front Row: Sara Sabeski, Milana Schipper, Rhaychelle Tan, Jane Tan



2015 SPORT MANITOBA NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

MBTSA Nominees

Yonatan Orlov – Junior Male Athlete of the Year

Rhaychelle Tan – Junior Female Athlete of the Year

Team 'Toba – Junior Team of the Year

Tammy De Jong – Volunteer of the Year

Award winners will be announced April 25, 2015 at the Club Regent Event Centre.



SUMMER CAMP

Our summer camp was a ton of fun, and our coaches were simply awesome! We had 35 students come out and join in the fun, including more than half trying baton for the first time. This year our evening camp, 'Summer Sizzler Clinic' is being held August 31, Sept 2 and Sept 3rd. (The week before school starts.) Check our website for more details.
www.manitobabaton.com



PRECOMPETITIVE CHALLENGE

Two weeks ago, MBTSA hosted our annual Pre-Competitive Challenge at Crescentwood C.C. Our pre-competitive athletes enjoyed their special competition day with performances by our senior athletes; followed by a Subway supper. We look forward to seeing these athletes grow and develop their skills for years to come.



Winners:
Carlina Catling and Paris Manness
Emma Baker

A PIECE OF MBTSA HISTORY

In 1983 The Winnipeg Tempo Twirlers competed in the World Championships in Milan, Italy. This Twirl Team received the first medal to be won by a Canadian Team.

The members were:

Lucinda McMaster, Andrea Cacanindin, Leslie Blahut, Monique Leger, Sonia Stepic, Heather Stappleton & Sherri Turner.

The Winnipeg Tempo Twirlers were under the direction of Linda Taylor Boyd.

For two years after that they competed in the World Championships in Calgary, Ab. and Germany.



Joyce Ormshaw's Baton Story

By Joyce Ormshaw



My first introduction to the Sport was at the age of 12 years, while on a family vacation in Toronto. We visited friends whose daughter was a member of the Leaside Lions Band & Majorettes. I was asked if I wanted to attend a practice. This was the first time, I watched "baton twirlers". I was fascinated by the simple, but entertaining elements performed by the group of twirlers who were preparing to go to New Orleans. Back at home, however, there just wasn't any group or club known in Winnipeg. I forgot about the "stick" for a while, & continued taking dancing lessons.

It wasn't until I decided to go to Tec Voc for Commercial Art, that I was reintroduced to baton twirling. I joined the 20 member "Drill" Team, and in six months I was promoted to a lead Majorette position (one of 6 leads!). The following year, I became head of the Baton & Drill Team. We performed with the school band at football games, parades, travelled to the northern US, & put on shows for schools. I performed in group routines & also solo performances. At that time, there were no baton competitions in

Manitoba. All of the contests started after I graduated from high school and was coaching. I attended Don Sartell's Camp of the Dells, Wisconsin, for 3 consecutive summers, taking the NBTA Coaches & Judges Courses.

In 1979, following the formation of the Provinces amalgamated to form the new held in Toronto, ON. This was the Canada joined the WBTF and became a voice in the sport of baton twirling.

I am often asked for my most memorable twirling moment, a time, or in Baton Twirling. There have been so many times in the past that I would credit as memorable. Trips to compete in Corps' Competitions in the USA; marching with the Orioles Baton & Drum Corps in the St. Paul, MN. Winter Carnival Parade, and having NBTA's Technical Advisor, Major John Totilas standing up in the viewing stands, and saluting our Group, dressed as Canadian Mounties! The thrill of having many winning teams & corps in competitions throughout the years. The participation of class and team students, from beginners to elite, performing in the many shows & recitals. The excitement when individuals who did a "no drop" or placed, or won a spot on the podium. Remembering and cheering for the twirlers who went on to represent

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World Baton Twirling Federation, the Canadian "Twirl Canada." I was able to attend the first meeting beginning of the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation. major

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our club at the Provincials, Manitoba at the Nationals, & Canada at the Worlds. I'm extremely proud of former students who have continued in the sport to become amongst some of Manitoba's top coaches. I support their enthusiasm and dedication. It takes a special dedicated person to pass this love of the sport on to future baton Twirlers. If you have a passion for what you love, you will succeed in what you love!

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Coaching Record

- 1957 -75 Northwood Community Centre (Northwood Strutters)
- 1968 - 79 Orioles C.C. (Orioles Majorettes & Drum Corps)
- 1969 - 72 Riverview C.C.
- 1979 - 90 Joycettes (Winnipeg Parents Assn.)
- 1995 & 96 Riel Parks & Recreation
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- 2004 - 09 Beautiful Savior School
- 1988 - 2015 Greendell Baton & Dance
- 1970 Norquay C.C., Lord Roberts C.C., Several Clinics & Workshops, including a Summer Baton Camp in Port Alberni, BC
- 1974 - 79 Organized Annual 4 day Summer Baton Workshops
- 2004 - 06 Co-Directed (with L.Boyd) 4 day Summer Baton Camps

Coached many Individuals and Canadian Champions & Canadian representatives to the Worlds.



Karen Reynolds
with Joyce
Ormshaw



Joyce Retires

After more than five and a half decades of coaching, and a list of accomplishments “longer than a baton”, Joyce Ormshaw announced she is stepping away from the gym after the Canadian Championships this July.

On April 18, former students- now baton moms- Karen Reynolds, and Trina Cimino hosted a lovely retirement celebration for Joyce at the Silver Heights Restaurant. Many laughs and tears were shed as stories and photos were shared throughout the evening. In attendance were many of Joyce’s former students along with their parents, including her first students from Northwood C.C. who livened up the evening with their laughter and twirling demonstrations.

We thank you Joyce, for all of your contributions to the sport of baton twirling, the mentoring of your students, some of them our coaches, and the countless volunteer hours over the years. We wish you all the best in your retirement!

Coaches and long time friends, Joyce Ormshaw and Linda Boyd.

