

# TipOff

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## From the President

*Welcome to the 2009-2010 Basketball Season!*

The EBOA Executive has spent a great deal of time preparing for the upcoming season. We are undertaking a number of initiatives that will be rolled out over the next few months. The most significant is the implementation of the new National Officials Certification Program (NOCP) introduced by the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials (CABO). In addition to the NOCP, we are continuing to build on the great success we had last year with the mentorship and evaluation program, and revamping our website so that members have a better experience accessing the information and resources they need. At each General Meeting, we will be exposing members to different modules of the NOCP, as well as different training tools that have been developed by Karen Lasuik, Susan Yackabowski and others.

We have made a number of changes to the Executive as a result of resignations over the off-season. First let me say thank-you to Alan Ward (former Past President), Fred

Goldring (former Junior Development Officer), Kathy Ross (former Secretary), as well as Warren Maskoske (who completed his term as Vice-President).

The Association needs great people to be able to move forward on the day-to-day activities. I am very proud of the Executive that will be overseeing the Association this year. Serving on the Executive for the 2009-2010 season are: Stephane Labonne (President), Leo Mangano (Vice-President), Gary Nahornick (Past President), Kandee O'Leary (Secretary), John Byrne (Member-at-Large), Gil Desmerais (Assignor), Franco Panizzon (Junior Assignor), Ed Harasem (Community League Assignor), Karen Lasuik (Education and Development Officer) and Susan Yackabowski (Jr. Education and Development Officer) and Kent Heine (Treasurer).

See you at the October 27 General Meeting.

**Stephane Labonne, President**

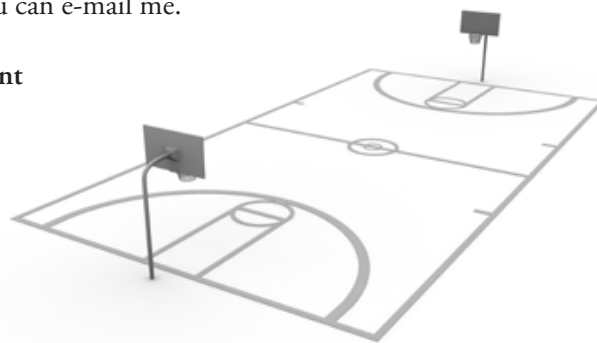
## Treasurer Report

The 2008/09 Financial Statements and 2009/10 Budget were passed as presented at the October general meeting.

Advance requests for payment of games to date will be accepted starting in December. Please advise me via e-mail at [heinek@shaw.ca](mailto:heinek@shaw.ca) of your desire for an advance. You must provide me with your Arbiter logon e-mail and password so I can determine your game fees to date. If you don't provide me this information I will need to ask you for it. This will result in delays in getting your advance to you.

The calculation for an advance is as follows: Game fees earned to date – 25% holdback – Charged dues and any other charges = Maximum Advance Available. You can request less than the maximum. If you have questions you can e-mail me.

**Kent**





## Cambridge Bay, Nunavut 2010 Female Basketball Territorial Championship

Once again, the ABOA and the EBOA have teamed up to provide Officiating services to our Northern basketball family in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. Kerron Lewis, Sarah MacAlpine, and myself were chosen to represent the ABOA in this exciting tournament, which took place November 13-15. The ladies representing their respective High Schools in Baker Lake, Iqaluit, Kugaaruk, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay.

Our trip took us through Yellowknife and Kugluktuk, and on through to Cambridge Bay. We had “bonus” time in Kugluktuk due to warmer than normal weather conditions in Cambridge Bay. Apparently, the warmer weather causes ice crystals and fog, making it somewhat more difficult to find the landing strip. We really couldn’t tell the difference between the frozen landing strip and the snow covered surroundings! Fortunately, our pilot, Dan Wilk, from Red Deer was more than capable of identifying the difference. During our wait, this guy comes over at the “Terminal” and starts discussing where we’re from and what we were doing way up north. Dressed in coveralls, and looking more like a maintenance technician, we were surprised he was actually our pilot. Finally, with all six [6] passengers aboard, away we went. During our initial descend into Cambridge Bay, the pilot decides he has had too much coffee and heads to the facilities at the rear of the plane. I look over to Sarah [Kerron was fast asleep], and we both had a look of concern [terror] in our eyes. Who’s flying the plane! As he walked pass us, he told us it was on “Auto Pilot”, just kidding, there is a co-pilot!

As for the Basketball, Cambridge Bay was by far the best team in the Tournament. Iqaluit and Baker Lake were the most competitive match-up, with Iqaluit being the runner-up to Cambridge Bay. At the same time, Coach Daisy selected the Nunavut Team to compete at the 21st Arctic Winter Games, scheduled for March 2010 in Grande Prairie, Alberta. Two local officials also participated in the officiating duties and were great to work with. By the way, Gold Medal Final was officiated by Sarah and Kerron.

The people of Nunavut provided us with the best in accommodations, great home-made food, and always took the time to converse with us Southern Canadians! Imagine, Edmonton being in the South! The players always showed

great sportsmanship, never really trying to embarrass a lesser skilled team. Also, most players celebrated the experience together, ate meals together, and just had a lot of Fun! It was contagious, to say the least. Parents and other residents were supportive of the whole experience and were always there to cheer on the accomplishments of all the Teams.

As for us, Kerron was the life of the party! Sarah kept us focused, provided the computer services for our Internet access, and I just tried to keep up! The little Sambuca we had always managed to end up in my glass. I know it was Sarah, however, she claims Kerron had something to do with it! In addition, we got to stay an extra day due to weather conditions up North and didn’t return until Tuesday evening. We had a great time and would all volunteer to do this again in the future.

Thanks to Jake Steinbrenner and Vlad Eshenko for providing us with this great opportunity.

Leo Mangano





## In the Know

Clinics are complete. The exam has been written. High School is just around the corner! That means, straps your shoes on ladies and gentlemen....it's GIDDY UP TIME!

In the next week, Gil will be posting each official's level as prescribed by the ABOA and the NOCP Program. Your level will determine the calibre of game you qualify to officiate for the remainder of this season.

As we approach the full swing of things, here are some thoughts regarding "Leadership Officiating" you might want to consider:

- Officiate with a leadership mentality.
- Leadership is not always fun – doing what is right is not always popular.
- Right vs. Popular takes courage – it's always important to have a plan.
- Having a plan is key – follow the points of emphasis. Are you willing to learn from the experts?
- Even originality needs "help" sometimes.
- Putting others first should be a priority!
- Sometimes helping others is more important.
- Trust the system – it will work for you.
- Sometimes "ah ha" moments take time.

Officiating is like babysitting. We have to take care of Coaches, Players, the Table, and on occasion, the fans. I recently read an excellent book by Robert Fulghum called, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned In Kindergarten". It focuses around simple things to help us reach our goal of taking care of the game by reminding us of some very important things:

- Don't Hit
- Share Everything – knowledge
- Clean Up Your Own Mess – accountability
- Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk – keep the perspective real – balance.
- Play Fair – integrity – don't give people a reason to question your integrity.

No matter how old you are, when you go out in the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together - teamwork 5 simple points that contain a much deeper meaning that we all need to keep in the back of our mind.

Have a great start to the season everyone!

**Karen Lasuik**  
EDO

## Alberta Northern Lights Wheelchair Basketball Society

You are invited to come out and learn about the sport of wheelchair basketball. Individuals can learn all aspects of the game and not limited to just officiating or playing but also be taught how to coach.

Drop in wheelchair basketball goes every Tuesday nights from 6:00 to 8:00 at the ACT Center in Rundle. The third Tuesday of the month officials are used in the scrimmages.

We invite people to come out and watch as there is a local tournament here in EDM on DEC 12/13 at the Amiskwaciy Academy located behind the Ramada hotel on Kingsway Ave in the muni airport terminal.

For more information contact:  
**Vlad Eshenko** at [veshenko@shaw.ca](mailto:veshenko@shaw.ca)

## Community Notes

If you want any games email me or call:  
[eharase@hotmai.com](mailto:eharase@hotmai.com) or 780-988-4851

Community Officials send in your availability for the following dates after the Christmas Break:

Sat Jan 9 Yes No AM PM

Sat Jan 16 Yes No AM PM

Sat Jan 23 Yes No AM PM

Sat Jan 30 Yes No AM PM

Sat Feb 6 Yes No AM PM

No Games on Feb 13 Family Day

Sat Feb 20 Yes No AM PM

No Games on Feb 27 Teachers Convention

Sat March 6 Yes No AM PM

Sat March 13 Yes No AM PM

Remember EBOA members, the Edmonton Youth Basketball Provincials are in Edmonton March 19 and 20.

**Ed Harasem**, Community Assignor EBOA.



You're Invited to the  
**EBOA Christmas Social**

Held: December 13, 2009 @ Joey's All Season Patio

Where: 130 Mayfield Common

Cocktails @ 5 PM, Dinner @ 6 PM



**\$15/person, includes dinner & one beverage**

Choice of Entree: Maple Glazed Salmon or 7oz Top Sirloin Steak or Rotisserie Chicken

All Night Drink Specials

& Door Prizes

One Guest per Member

Dietary Choices also Available  
(please indicate when you RSVP)



*RVSP by November 25<sup>th</sup> to Leo Mangano  
with: Number of Attendees & Choice of Entree*

