



# Apollo Friends in Sports

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*Apollo Friends In Sports is a volunteer-operated, non-profit organization serving primarily members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered communities but open to members of all communities.*

*The primary focus of Apollo is to provide our membership with well organized and fun sporting events and other activities to allow them to participate and interact in a positive social framework.*

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## Western Cup Update

**Ron Griffith - Director**  
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Congratulations to Jeff McLeod who won two tickets to the Rock Star Hotel Juno Awards Party (courtesy of Fido) and congratulations to Dawn Lawrence who won two return tickets to Australia (courtesy of [www.conxity.com](http://www.conxity.com) and Qantas).

## Results of the Western Cup 26 Survey

One hundred people (27% of all participants) completed our online survey - we were thrilled to get such a high response rate!

Respondents proportionately represented all six sports and ages 18 to 65 years. Respondents were from B.C. Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and were 71% male and 29% female. Items that were ranked low included the participant bags, marketing & registration (mostly because they were late) and many respondents were disappointed with the lack of out-of-towners. Items that ranked high included the "reFresh" theme/imagery, the event program, Friday's dinner & show, the dance and the host hotel. Respondents also gave us many suggestions about how to increase participation and how to improve Western Cup in general.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. We will use the feedback to improve future Western Cups.



**Western Cup Reception**

Western Cup 27 Planning Has Started and the organizing committee needs more people to help create and put on this amazing event. The time commitment can vary from "small" to "not so small" (it will depend on the role you take on) and the committee meetings are approximately once a month.

We especially need more woman and young adults (under 25) to get involved - even if it's just in an advisory role (a small time commitment). We need people to assist in these areas:

- Each sport tournament
- Thursday's social event
- Friday's social event
- Saturday's dance
- Marketing
- Sponsorship
- Event program ad sales
- Alternative revenue sources (e.g. raffle, silent auction, grants)

And anything you'd be interested in helping with!

We need "brains around the table" (small time commitment).

For more information and to get involved, please contact Ron Griffith at [western.cup.director@apollocalgary.com](mailto:western.cup.director@apollocalgary.com)



**Western Cup Volleyball**

## Apollo Slow Pitch

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Do you like playing with balls and bats?

Apollo slow-pitch hits the field starting Friday, May 9, 2008, until the end of August at the West Hillhurst Community Centre (18th Street and 5th Avenue NW, East Field), from 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

For more information on this year's league visit [www.apollocalgary.com](http://www.apollocalgary.com)  
Come out and join the fun!

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## Apollo Golf

*Darren Nachonechny*

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Time to dust the cob-webs off your clubs and start stretching. The golf season is fast approaching. The website [www.apollocalgary.com](http://www.apollocalgary.com) will be updated once all details have been worked out.

Do you dream about greener fairways? Volunteer to help organize this year's league. Email to [golf@apollocalgary.com](mailto:golf@apollocalgary.com)

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## Apollo Tennis

*Peter Nguyen - Director*

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Runs from May 15th to Sept 11, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the West Hillhurst Racquet Centre.

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## Lawn Bowling

*Chris Pollock - Director*

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Join us this summer on the lawn! Apollo Lawn Bowling will host our opening evening of play on Tuesday, June 3 at the Inglewood Lawn Bowling Club. We will start the evening off with a \$5 BBQ at 6 pm and will begin play at 7 pm.

If you are interested in coming out and playing or just would like some more information, please express your interest to [lawnbowling@apollocalgary.com](mailto:lawnbowling@apollocalgary.com). See you in June!

## Outdoor Pursuits

*Michael Leboldus - Director*

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The Outdoor Pursuits spring/summer season is upon us and we have loads of things to keep you busy. As you may know, all events are planned by the individual members so if you want to plan an event, please get a hold of me. I'd like to see some more hikes in July and some more mountain biking. Anyone interested in leading?

**Road Biking** - Every Wednesday night starting May 7 leaving from Westhills at 6:30 pm. All bike types are welcome. See the Outdoor Pursuits calendar at [apollocalgary.com](http://apollocalgary.com) for more info. Thanks to Reid and Tim for organizing.

**City Biking** - Third Thursday of each month starting May 15th leaving from Eau Clair Market at 7pm. These trips will take a variety of city bike paths and all bike types are welcome. See the calendar for more info. Thanks to Julio for leading these trips.

**Other events** - (See the website calendar for more information).

**May 10** - Yamnuska Hike

**May 12** - Mountain Bike in City

**May 12** - Soccer

**May 25** - Johnsons Canyon Hike

**May 31** - Mocking Bird Hike

**June 7** - Pride Highwood Pass Bike

**June 12** - Houseboating

**June 12** - Pride Water Polo

**June 14** - Pride Week Hike TBA

**July 12** - Banff to Lake Louise Bike

**July 19** - Backcountry Camp Trip

**Aug 16** - Backcountry Hut Trip

**Aug 23** - Hike TBA

**Aug 29** - Long Weekend Camp TBA

**Sep 5** - Camping

**Sep 13** - Hike TBA

If anyone wants to co-lead any of the above or create another event or would like some help starting an event, please contact me at [outdoorpursuits@apollocalgary.com](mailto:outdoorpursuits@apollocalgary.com)

There is no event fee for Apollo members but it's \$3 for non-members.

## Inner-city Volleyball

*Kitt Chanthaboune, Corey Brown -*

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Both recreational and intermediate/competitive volleyball have wound up after a successful season. A lot of new faces have been coming to both days so we invite them and others to next year's season beginning in September. Until then watch for our wrap-up party coming later in May.

We've been invited by Edmonton's Free to Be Volleyball Club to have a Pride volleyball game on June 22 during Edmonton's Pride Week. If there's enough interested in travelling to Edmonton for some pride volleyball, we'll send a team. Contact us at [volleyball@apollocalgary.com](mailto:volleyball@apollocalgary.com) if you'd like to go. Visit them online at [www.prideedmonton.org](http://www.prideedmonton.org) for more information.

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## Other News

### ARGRA Rodeo

There has been some talk of entering an Apollo team in the ARGRA rodeo this year. If anyone is interested, please email [chris.huestis@gmail.com](mailto:chris.huestis@gmail.com)

### Pride 2008

Pride 2008 is just around the corner! Festivities are held in June every year in Calgary, and this year's event promises to be an exciting week. Apollo Calgary is a proud supporter of pride events and festivities in the city and will be involved in this year's event.

If you are interested in participating in this year's parade with Apollo or would like to volunteer any Apollo events happening the week of Pride 2008 please contact [communications.director@apollocalgary.com](mailto:communications.director@apollocalgary.com). Show your PRIDE and come out and support Apollo!

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## Feedback? Questions? Comments?

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