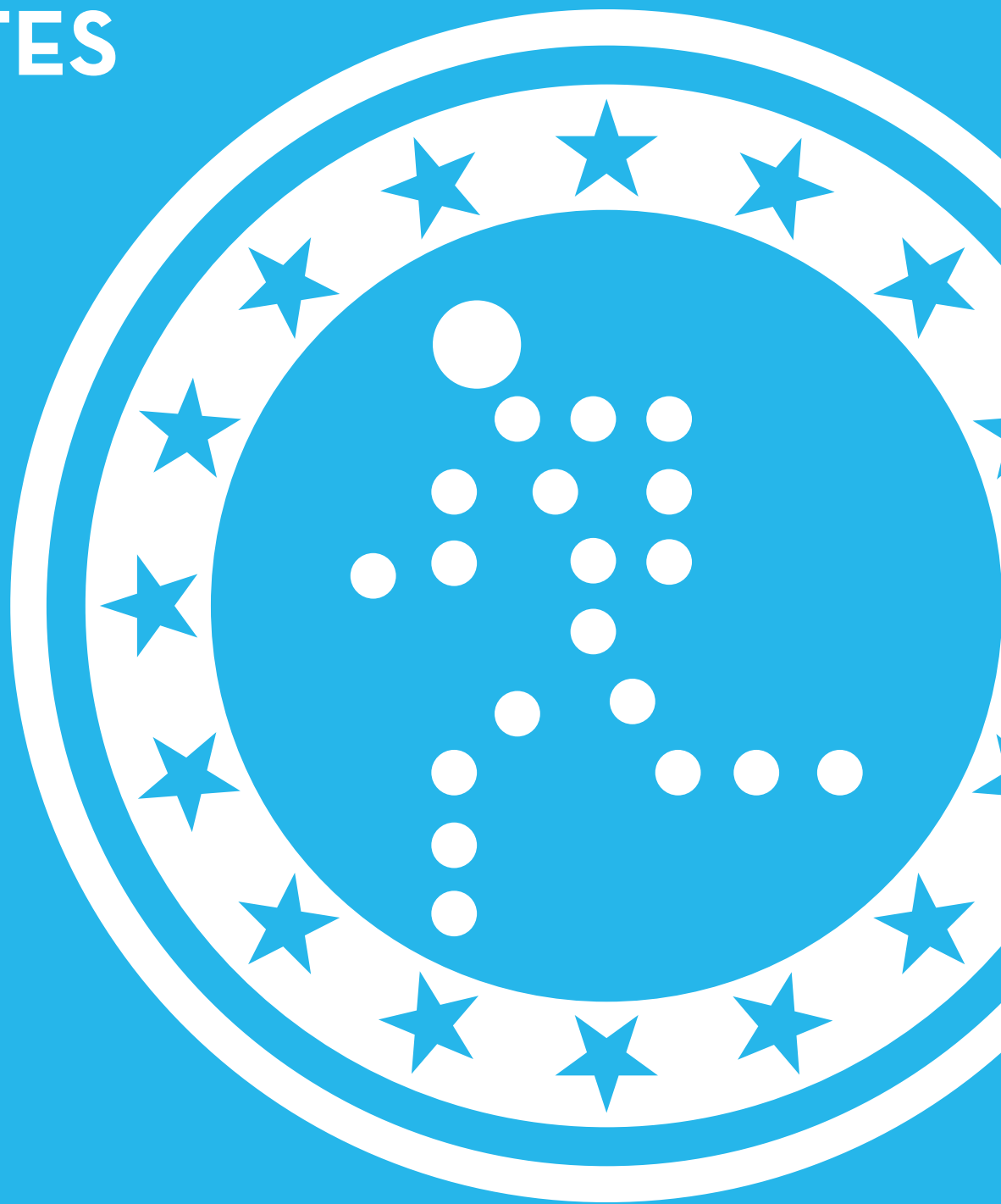


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Executive Director's Report

Dear Friends,

This year, the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes has seen growth in all areas of our programs. The largest growth has been in the Sports Outreach Program which serves blind and visually impaired youth throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Students are introduced to sports and physical activity at awareness events, clinics, camps, and competitions. We have also seen tremendous growth in our Sports Development Program which provides ongoing opportunities for individuals of all ages with visual impairments to participate in sports and physical activity. These are just two examples of the services we provide every week to individuals who are blind and visually impaired.



Billy Henry

I am very pleased to report that we moved into our first administrative office in downtown Vancouver on Oct. 1, 2010. The ability to have staff, board, and volunteers interact and collaborate on events has allowed us to work together to expand programs, outreach activities, and fundraising.

Thank you so much for helping us make a difference in the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. The support of generous donors, foundations, and volunteers have allowed the association to help more people with visual impairments build confidence, self-esteem, and the inspiration to achieve success both in sports and life.

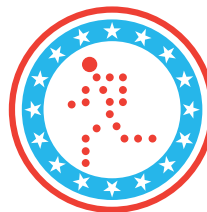
I hope that you enjoy the information and photos throughout the 2010 Annual Report. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to learn more about our mission and programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Billy Henry".

Billy Henry
Executive Director
Northwest Association for Blind Athletes

We are proud to showcase our new brand and logo



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President's Report

Dear Friends,

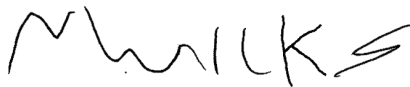
I am pleased to be writing to you about our accomplishments over the past year. Our organization has done things in a year's time I would not have thought possible. For example, we moved into our first office and drastically expanded programming and outreach efforts throughout the region to help more individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

I would like to thank John Bockmier, Kris Bockmier and David Lawson who served on our Board of Directors and ended their terms last fiscal year. Additionally, I would also like to welcome Chris Finck, Erik Selden, and Scott McCallum who joined our board this fiscal year. We sincerely appreciate the service and dedication of our board members. Without board involvement, we would not be able to continue to make a difference in the lives of people who are blind and visually impaired. I am honored to work with a great group of dedicated individuals.

As I mentioned above, the association has drastically expanded our programming. Some recent examples include Goalball Clinics, our first Goalball Tournament, Paralympic Experience Snohomish, and many others. These events have enabled blind and visually impaired individuals to experience sports and physical activity. I would also like to thank our great partners who helped organize and spread the word to participants about events.

I can't thank our, sponsors, volunteers, my fellow board members, and staff enough for all they do to help individuals who are blind and visually impaired. This has been an extremely successful year and I am looking forward to the future. We are already planning some great events that will take place over the next several months.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Wilks,
Board President
Northwest Association for Blind Athletes



Nicholas Wilks

Please consider sending back the enclosed envelope. Your generosity will provide life-changing sport opportunities to individuals who are blind and visually impaired. All gifts will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$4,000

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30 percent increase
in attendance
year over year



2nd Annual Dinner raises \$14,000!

On March 4, the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes hosted it's second annual Benefit Dinner and Auction, "Enrich a Life, Provide an Opportunity," at the Firstenberg Center in Vancouver, Washington. This year, over 130 guests attended the event. Our keynote speaker, Devon Raney, shared his story of becoming blind and how participating in sports has helped change his outlook on life. Guests also heard an empowering speech from Ali Steenis, who is training to participate in Equestrian events at the Paralympic Games.

We would like to thank everyone who attended, donated to the silent auction, purchased items, and made a gift at the event. Your generosity makes it possible for us to provide programs for blind and visually impaired people to participate in sports and physical activity.

The association would also like to thank the following event volunteers who helped make this event possible: Alejandra Jauregui, Alex Shrimp, Alexandra Maresh, Ali Steenis, Amy Cheng, Anna Johnson, Caroline Bishop, Claire Fallat, Emily Robinson, Katie Hanschen, Katie Walling, Katy Friason, Kelly Tanner, Kim Capeloto, Kimberli Helmbold, Kris Thomas, Laura Braithwaite, Lauren Branch, Lindsey Dennis, Megan Gross, Megan Stahl, Meredith Hayashi, Molly Ward, Nina Kulander, Samantha Reynolds, Tami Brissler. We would also like to thank Beaches Restaurant and Bar for providing our guests with a delicious buffet dinner.

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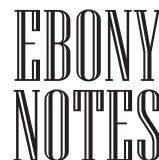
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NWABA Provides Sports Program in Spokane

In March 2011, we started our newest goalball team, The Spokane Spin. The Spin is made up of blind and visually impaired male and female athletes from throughout the Inland Northwest. The team is part of the association's Sports Development Program which provides ongoing opportunities to blind and visually impaired individuals of all ages to participate in an ongoing sports program. Goalball is a Paralympic sport played by individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Developed after World War II as a way to keep blinded veterans physically active, it has become the premiere team game for blind athletes. Played competitively by men and women, it is a very fast paced, physically challenging, and exciting game. In goalball two teams of three players each face each other across a court nine meters wide and eighteen meters long. The object of the game is to roll a basketball size ball with bells inside over the opponent's

goal line. Your opponents listen for the oncoming ball and attempt to block it with their bodies. Once they are able to stop the ball and take control of it, they become the offensive team (USABA). The newly formed Spokane Spin has been practicing hard and hope to compete in several tournaments over the next year.



Back row, from left: Head Coach Kevin Daniel, William Almstad, Brenda Luke, Baylene Lindberg and assistant coach Raychel Callary. Front row: John Gardner, Chris Annis, Ryan Strickland and Jeremy Stanton.

NWABA Fills the Void Left by the State of Oregon

By: Scott McCallum, NWABA Board Member, NWRES Vision Services Coordinator



NWABA Board Member, Scott McCallum, piloting a blind student at our recent tandem cycling clinic

In 2009, the Oregon Legislature voted to close the Oregon School for the Blind. The closure not only impacted the nearly 30 students who attended the school on a daily basis, but it had a statewide effect on 800 other students who are blind and visually impaired who attended schools in their home community. From 1872 to 2009, the school was a hub of activity for all students with visual impairments in Oregon. The school hosted events and clinics for specialized sports such as goalball and they maintained the specialized equipment such as tandem bicycles that students had access to during the school year.

The Northwest Association for Blind Athletes has helped fill that void for Oregon students and has played a key role providing clinics to students of all ages throughout the state. They also provide the equipment necessary for goalball to regional programs in need so that they can continue to practice and hone their skills regularly. The association is the tournament sponsor for the new and improved Oregon State Goalball Championship held annually in March. They

have played a key role in bringing new athletic opportunities to students in Oregon. The association has brought new experiences to visually impaired and blind students such as tandem cycling and judo across the state of Oregon. This new partnership is only the beginning for both the association and students who are blind or visually impaired in Oregon. On behalf of all students with visual impairments throughout Oregon, we thank you Northwest Association for Blind Athletes.

35

Blind and visually impaired individuals impacted through our Scholarship program

Our scholarship program provides funding for blind and visually impaired athletes to participate in local, regional, national, and international competitions. We also award equipment scholarships to help stay physically active. Scholarship recipients would not be able to attend events or purchase equipment without the support of this program.

39

Blind and visually impaired people served through our Sports Team Program

NWABA's Sports Teams program provides blind and visually impaired youth and adults of all ages the opportunity to participate in on-going programming. This helps to build team camaraderie, muscular strength, physical fitness, increased confidence and self-esteem.

98

Sports adaptations were provided to athletes, families, teachers and community organizations

NWABA provides sports adaptations to blind individuals, families, teachers and community organizations. Adaptations make it possible for individuals with visual impairments to participate in sports with their peers.

102

Blind and visually impaired students served through our Sports Outreach Program

Our Sports Outreach and Development Program provides opportunities for blind youth in grades K-12 to participate in sports and physical activity. Students are introduced to sports through school visits, clinics, camps and developmental competitions.

375

Contacts with community members to help showcase the abilities of people who are blind

NWABA's Public Awareness Program helps educate community members of all ages about the abilities of people who are blind and visually impaired. It gives the general public more information about blindness through awareness events, speaking engagements, and community outreach.

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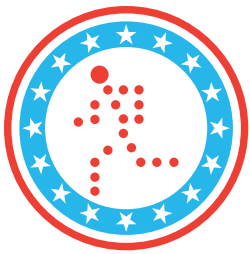
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I like to participate in goalball because I'm very athletic and it gives me an equal opportunity to compete.
Eliana - NWABA Student Athlete



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