

2006 Fiscal Year Annual Report

October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006



The Ohio Wheelchair Sports Association was founded on May 26, 1970 as a non-profit organization to raise awareness of wheelchair athletics and the resources that sponsor their adaptive sports programs on the local, regional, national and international levels. Our athlete members need not require the permanent use of a wheelchair, but must possess a mobility impairment that inhibits their participation in traditional sports.

Trustees Chairman

The Board of Trustees of the Ohio Wheelchair Sports Association held their first meeting for the new year on January 11, 2006. Bruce Schreiber was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees. The other officers reelected for 2006 are President– Rick Morrison, Vice President– Allan Anderson, and Secretary– LaDonna Grice.

36th Annual Ohio Wheelchair Games

The Ohio Wheelchair Sports Association is proud to have conducted the thirty-sixth consecutive Ohio Wheelchair Games. The games are held each spring in cooperation with the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter, and The Ohio State University.

The 2006 games had 90 competitors a 10% increase over prior years. The games however lost money principally due to delays in payments being processed resulting in duplicate checks being issued (the situation is expected to be cleared in the coming month).

Quad Rugby

The Ohio Buckeye Blitz Wheelchair Rugby Team is still in the rebuilding stage, but building we are! The team is up to 12 members who have been practicing every weekend for several months now. The team in collaboration with Columbus Recreation Parks Department and the United States Quad Rugby Association held a rugby camp here in Columbus. The clinic brought Paralympics and Team USA player Bryan Kirkland in as an instructor.

Our Mission

It is the intent of The Ohio Wheelchair Sports Association, non-profit corporation, to encourage and promote the nurturing and development of individual and team adaptive competitive and recreational sports in the State Of Ohio.

The new redeveloped Ohio Wheelchair Rugby team, the Ohio Buckeye Blitz started it's season. The Blitz will be running their first full season after 3 years of not having a team. The Blitz will be hosting a regional rugby tournament in Columbus sometime in December 2006. Tournament details will be coming soon.

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Buckeye Wheelers Basketball

The NWBA has designated the team as Division II for the 2005 –06 season. The basketball team played home games in Jackson, Ohio against Wright State. The team traveled to Louisville for a tournament Jan 20-22. They will then play in the Lexington, KY Bluegrass National Invitational Tournament February 2-,2006.

2005 Board of Directors

Rick Morrison, President
Allan Anderson, Vice-President
Becky Cool, Treasurer
LaDonna Grice, Secretary

Bruce Schreiber
Amanda Young
Ray Jones
Rachel Duhs-Baumgardner
Brett Harbage
Sheryl Hutchison
Shawn Dunaway
Paul Brockman
Jack Roudabush

First year coach Joe Wittkamp did a great job of recruiting veteran players mixed with new players to build a very strong team. For financial reasons, there were no plans to participate in post-season tournament.

Trey Bates has become the new team representative for the Columbus Buckeye Wheeler's Basketball Team for the upcoming 2006 – 2007 season. Trey is new to the Columbus area but is not new to wheelchair basketball. He was a player with the Charlotte Bobcats of Charlotte, North Carolina for seven years.

Contact Trey for more information at (614) 865-1354 or e-mail t-12@sbcglobal.net

Pioneers Softball

Last year the Pioneers were third in Division II which meant they were 10th in the nation. This year the Pioneers are fifth in Division I and fifth in the nation. That is a five spot improvement over last year. The Columbus Pioneers scored 48 runs and only gave up 23 runs in six games. .

The Columbus Pioneer Wheelchair Softball team held their annual June Tournament Saturday June 10th and Sunday June 11, 2006. The games were played at Rhodes Park 1818 West Broad Street, Columbus, OH. For more information on the pioneers contact, Heston Anderson at hestonanderson@hotmail.com or call (614) 864-6133.

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General Other Programs

Tennis- Ty Payne and Teri Fournier travel to Windsor, Canada and Grand Rapids, MI to compete in two tennis tournaments. Although they did not do well, more is expected of tennis for next year.

Swimming: Ty Payne, Paul Powers, and John Grey all competed in one swim meet doing well in the masters class.

Blaze Columbus

Conducted a 3-DAY MULTI SPORTS CAMP in July 2006 For youth ages 6-21 who are interested in playing adapted sports. The sports: Swimming, Wheelchair Tennis, Wheelchair Football, Power Soccer, Four Foot Hoops and T-Ball

OWSA TABLE AT FITNESS AND DISABILITY INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP

LaDonna Grice, Bruce Schreiber, and Rick Morrison manned a table promoting OWSA and the Ohio Wheelchair Games at the FITNESS AND DISABILITY INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP held March 25, 2006 at Hilliard Park YMCA.

The event was well attended by many professionals in the therapeutic recreation field. Proceeds from the event went to BlazeSports Columbus. Special thanks go to Bill Martell and Marybeth Moore for organizing the event.

2006 Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2006

Assets:

Checking	11,307.52
Savings	4,425.35
NWST Checking	-
Accounts Receivable	-
CPR Investment	18,362.48
Other Assets	-

Equipment -

Total Assets: 34,095.35

Liabilities & Equity

Current Liabilities

Opening Bal Equity

Retained Earnings

Net Income

Total Liabilities & Equity:

Statement of Financial Activities

For Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2006

Revenue

Grants & Donations	10,400.28
OWG (Event)	14,094.00
Other Events	-

Membership 975.00

Program Services

Self Pay

3rd Party (BPVA) 6,000.00

Investment Income

Miscellaneous

Bingo (net) 3,915.00

Total Revenue: 35,384.28

Expenses

OWG Event 15,221.31

Program Services 15,050.26

Mgmt & General 3,030.51

Fund Raising -

Bingo 4,391.97

Total Expenses: 37,694.05

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Local Boccia Athlete Nationally Ranked

Trent Glaze , 13 , a BlazeSport Columbus member and Ohio Wheelchair Game athlete, attended the National Boccia Tournament in Chicago in August. Trent finished 2nd and received a silver metal. He is now a nationally ranked Boccia player!

Unaudited: Financial information for 2006 fiscal year will be completed after August 2007. Accountants for OWSA are Hahn, Garvey & Thomas (JohnMcKinney, CPA) Columbus Ohio