



**October 2024**

**Annual Report**

Welcome to the Chimo Gymnastics Club 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting.

Chimo Gymnastics Club has once again had a stellar year all around. Our club continues to grow and refine. Our focus in the 2023-2024 season was to continue to build upon a great foundation of programs, staff and volunteers.

Chimo continues to be in a strong financial position that has allowed for minimal increases in fees for both Gymnastics for All (GFA) programming and Competitive Teams. Summer camps and classes have also seen minimal cost increases. Our rates continue to be highly competitive with other programs in the Valley and on the Island.

We have continued to receive a gaming grant. The grant is used to replace/purchase equipment and support programs. Fundraising was not fully pursued.

Chimo and the Town of Comox were able to continue to plan for the addition of a single washroom to the Chimo space. Initial plans and discussions happened in 2023. We look forward to the conclusion of the project in 2025.

The Chimo coaching staff continues to deliver quality programs and excellent coaching for all our participants. Continuing education in atypical learners, child safety and additional gymnastics specific skills was ongoing and a focus for our staff. Satellite programs in Black Creek continued with strong participation in the fall and winter sessions. We were not able to run programs in spring and summer as the registration was low, possibly due to "good weather" sports at that time of year.

We are very fortunate to have a strong coaching staff. This season we had the addition of Corely McElwain. Corely comes with a strong history in sport, as a former high-level athlete and now coach, we are thrilled to have her join our team.

All our coaching staff have participated in various professional development opportunities throughout the year. We engaged the services of Kathy Cameron, a local mental health professional to conduct a workshop on "trauma informed coaching." Kathys expertise in this area has assisted our coaches in understanding current issues in program delivery concerning mental health and trauma.

Thank you to all our coaches for another successful year of programs for our youth in the Comox Valley.

Current Staff members

Saskia Berndt	WAG Program Coordinator and Coach
Kailey Dubiensi	Developmental Program Coordinator and Coach
Jaelyn Fisher	GFA Coach
Kyna Fletcher	General Manager
Liliya Georgieva	GFA Coach
Troy Graham	GFA, Demo Team, Parkour
Twyla Greer	Comp team and all levels coach, CIT Coordinator
Kelly Heffernan	All levels Coach
Lindsay Kerdman	GFA and Sub Coach
Corley McElwain	All levels Coach
Riley McEachnie	GFA / Xcel
Tina Smith	Accounts and Bookkeeping
Paige Randall	GFA Coach
Thea Walker	GFA Coach
Jessie Dukes	GFA Coach
Sawyer Sturam	GFA Coach
Coaches In Training in 2024	
Hannah Heffernan, Braelyn Terragni, Haley Sample, Emma McCarthy, Taelyn Stuve, Laeni Kozman, Lauren Quinn, Malaiah Ceria	

Chimo continued to develop the Coach in Training Program. (CIT) with the leadership of Twyla Greer, there were 6 CIT's trained in the 2023/24 season. Thank you to Twyla for working with us to develop our up-and-coming coaches!

Jennifer Fisher, club registrar, continued to deliver excellent customer service to our members. She worked diligently in keeping members up to date with registration deadlines, insurance updates and closures. Jennifer has been refining many areas of our registration system and works closely with Uplifter and Activity messenger on adding new features to assist us in being efficient.

The Gymnastics for All (GFA) program is the base of our club. Below is a number comparison of our programs over the last three fall sessions. We continue to show stable registration numbers.

Gymnastics For All Registration Numbers								
	Spring 2022	Fall 2022	Winter 2023	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Winter 2024	Spring 2024	Fall 2024
<b>Total Spots</b>	661	690	722	665	680	660	757	795
<b>Total Registered</b>	650	646	712	649	640	656	734	723
	98%	94%	98%	97%	94%	99%	97%	91%

The data above shows our program numbers continue to be stable. The trend had been that our spring session had lower registration. However, this last spring showed an uptake in registration. This may have been due to changes in class schedules or class length.

Summer Camps continued to be popular. We have had difficulty staffing our summer programs and have accommodated as many camps and classes as possible based on staff availability. The summer staffing issues seem to be common across the sector, with many clubs dropping full day camp programs.

Invitational and Competitive Programs have grown last year. Our programs participate in an average of eight competitions per season that are both on and off the Island. Competitive results continue to be strong in all Canadian Competitive Categories, Xcel and Interclub meets.

<b>Invitational Program Numbers</b>			
	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
<b>Xcel+CCP</b>	28	30	25
<b>Dev</b>	11	9	19
<b>IC/Gymnaestrada</b>	8	7	10
<b>Total</b>			
	46	46	54

Competitive results are available in the WAG Program coordinators report and on competition websites.

In closing, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their continued work on behalf of the athletes and Chimo Gymnastics Club.

Chair	Vivian Schau
Vice Chair	Jaclyn Stuve
Secretary	Claudia Ederle
Member at Large	Monica Terragni
Member at Large	Jonathan Little
Member at Large	Krista Graham
Member at Large	Nick Brady
Member at Large	Nadja Recktenwald
Member at Large	Shae Alexander

Chimo is fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers, staff, parents and coaches who all contribute to the success of our club! Thank you everyone for another great year!

Kyna Fletcher  
 General Manager  
 Chimo Gymnastics Club