



Arizona Spinal Cord
Injury Association

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*"A monthly update
on the happenings
and upcoming
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association."*

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Spinal Cord Injury Retreat Fundraiser

On Sunday February 18th from 4:00PM-8:00PM the Mesa Elks Club will be hosting a spaghetti dinner and silent auction in collaboration with the Arizona Spinal Cord Injury Association. The event is set to raise money for AzSCIA's 2nd Annual Spinal Cord Injury Retreat at Whispering Hope Ranch in Payson.

The evening will include a live performance by Rain n' Country, a spaghetti dinner, and a silent auction of donated items. Dinner will be \$5 per person and all proceeds will go directly to financing the retreat, and providing scholarships for those interested in attending.

Mesa Buckhorn Elks Lodge is located at 6718 East Avalon Street in Mesa. The cross streets of the Mesa Buckhorn Elks Lodge are Power Road and Main Street.

Please mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual Spinal Cord Injury Retreat on May 17 - 20, 2007. Support our annual event by attending this spaghetti dinner and auction.

St. Joseph's Hospital and Wal-Mart Foundation has both donated \$,1000 respectively for the annual retreat.

For further information please Kayla Cheatham at 602-239-5929 or the Elk's Lodge at 480-981-3155 or email micaela@azspinal.org.

Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation Quality Of Life Grant

We received a grant from the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation to be used for our programs.

On behalf of the Association, Renee Tyree and Vangie Mortenson presented \$500 checks to each of the Tucson Lobos and the Women's UofA basketball teams on Tuesday January 23rd at the UofA Disability Resource Center in Tucson. Coach Ray Lopez, Tucson Lobos and Sarah Binsfeld accepted \$500 checks each.

Sherry Santee gave a tour of the new Disability Resource Center and the gym has many upgraded equipment. The gym is open to students and the community. For more information on the gym facility, please contact Sherry Santee at 520-626-5490.



Jacob Pruitt's Story

Prom and Graduation season is here. Director of the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control, Leesa Berens Morrison, and the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety have joined forces to keep our kids safe.

Jacob's Journey

Jacob was 18 when he chose to drink and drive. His crash rendered him a quadriplegic and forever changed his life. Jacob wants to tell his story in person to his peers, encouraging them to "think of Jake before you make a mistake."

Jacob wants to get the message out to kids in middle and high schools. The Department of Liquor Licenses and Control has produced a powerful 15 minute CD, entitled Jacob's Journey, chronicling Jacob before and after his crash. Jacob's Journey is available NOW At NO COST. If you know of any school that would like to schedule a special assembly with a personal appearance from Jacob or to request a free CD Contact:

Special Investigator Cheryl Judd
Phone: 602-542-9074
E-mail: cheryl.judd@azliquor.gov

Help keep our kids safe!

NBA/NWBA All-Star Wheelchair Classic To Feature Top Players From Across The Country

Twenty-two of the top wheelchair basketball players from across the country will participate in the 2007 NBA/National Wheelchair Basketball Association (NWBA) All-Star Wheelchair Classic on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. PST at the Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino South Convention Center during NBA All-Star Jam Session presented by adidas.

In addition, the NWBA All-Stars will host their annual basketball clinic on Wednesday Feb. 14 at 5 p.m. PST, for over 20 junior wheelchair athletes at Doolittle Community Center in Las Vegas as part of the NBA Cares All-Star Caravan.

2007 NBA/NWBA All-Star Wheelchair Classic will feature the top wheelchair athletes selected from wheelchair teams that are members of the NWBA. The players, selected by the NWBA, are divided into East and West All-Stars. For more information on the NWBA go to www.NWBA.org.

TEAM ROSTERS

WBA East All-Star Team

Charlotte Rollin' Bobcats-Mike Hudson
Chicago Wheelchair Bulls-Curtis Lease
Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks-Jeff Glasbrenner
Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks-Paul Schulte
Dallas Wheelchair Mavericks-Steve Welch
Magee Sixers Spokesmen-Valdez Bradley
Miami Heat Wheels-Carlos Ocasio
Milwaukee Wheelchair Bucks-Gavin Cloy
Milwaukee Wheelchair Bucks-Jeremy Lade
NY Rollin' Knicks-Kevin Grant
NY Rollin' Knicks-Dave Snowden
Coach-Steve Wilson

NWBA West All-Star Team

Denver Rolling Nuggets-Jeff Nelms
Denver Rolling Nuggets-Paul Capasso
Denver Rolling Nuggets-Jeff Townsend
Golden State Road Warriors-Chuck Gill
Golden State Road Warriors-Trooper Johnson
Houston Rolling Rockets-Juan Rios
Phoenix Banner Suns-Tommy Schroeder
San Antonio Spurs II-David Gonzales
San Antonio Spurs II-Willie Jackson
Utah Wheelin' Jazz-Jeff Griffin
Utah Wheelin' Jazz-Mike Schlappi
Coach-Paul Jackson

NBA Cares is the league's social responsibility initiative that builds on the NBA's long tradition of addressing important social issues in the United States and around the world. During the first year of NBA Cares, teams, current and former players, and the league office contributed 250,000 hours of hands-on volunteer service, raised more than \$40 million for charity, and created 135 places where kids and families can live, learn or play. NBA Cares works with internationally-recognized youth-serving programs that support education, youth and family development, and health-related causes, including: UNICEF; Reading Is Fundamental; Habitat for Humanity; Boys & Girls Clubs of America; Feed the Children, Special Olympics, KaBOOM!, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and many others.

National Wheelchair Basketball Association is comprised of 181 basketball teams within twenty-two conferences. The NWBA was founded in 1948, and to consists of men's, women's, intercollegiate, and youth teams throughout the United States of America and Canada.

All-Star Jam Session presented by adidas is the ultimate destination for basketball fans who want to experience the thrill and excitement of NBA All-Star 2007. Jam Session is the world's largest interactive basketball theme park featuring over 400,000 square feet of non-stop NBA All-Star action. Jam Session features over 30 basketball-themed attractions where fans can compare their hand and shoe sizes with those of their favorite NBA players; compete against friends at on-court skills challenges; watch youngsters slam dunk and hit three-pointers at the Kids Zone, and see NBA and WNBA players and Legends.

Jam Session also offers an extensive trading card and collectibles area and an NBA Store where fans can purchase NBA and NBA All-Star merchandise. Center Court will host the NBA All-Star Practice presented by Toyota, where fans can see the East and West squads practice for the 2007 NBA All-Star Game; highlight the emerging talent of D-League players during the D-League All-Star Game; and feature today's celebrities emulating the skills and styles of their favorite NBA and WNBA players during the McDonald's NBA All-Star Celebrity Game presented by 2KSports. Center Court provides fans the chance to get up close and personal with their favorite NBA stars and celebrities.

Fans can call 1-866-NBA-JAMS or log on to NBA.com/jamsession for more information on NBA All-Star Jam Session.

Banner Wheelchair Suns 8th Annual Basketball Roundup Wheelchair Basketball Tournament

**Broadway Recreation Center
59 E. Broadway Road
Mesa, Arizona**

POOL A

Golden State Warriors
LA Lakers
Albuquerque Kings

POOL B

LA Clippers Chairmen
Banner Wheelchair Suns
Tucson Lobos

Saturday February 17, 2007

Game 1	8:30 AM	LA Lakers vs. Albuquerque Kings
Game 2	10:00 AM	Banner Wheelchair Suns vs. LA Clippers
Game 3	11:30 AM	Golden State Warriors vs. Albuquerque Kings
Game 4	1:00 PM	LA Clippers vs. Tucson Lobos
Game 5	2:30 PM	Golden State Warriors vs. LA Lakers
Game 6	4:00 PM	Banner Wheelchair Suns vs. Tucson Lobos
Game 7	5:30 PM	Winner Pool A vs. 2 nd Place Pool B
Game 8	7:00 PM	Winner Pool B vs. 2 nd Place Pool A

Sunday February 18, 2007

Game 9	9:00 AM	5 th Place vs. 6 th Place
Game 10	10:30 AM	Loser Game 7 vs. Loser Game 8
Game 11	12 Noon	Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8

First team listed is home team and will wear light jersey. If needed tie breaker will be least points allowed. Contact for more information Gary W. Venjohn at 602-790-7909 or email gwvenjohn@cox.net.

Arizona's 5th Annual Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor & Family Conference

This year's conference will feature a 2-day track for Arizona's Educators designed by the Arizona Department of Education – Exceptional Student Services.

Conference: Tuesday, May 1, 2007
Educator Track: May 1 & 2, 2007
Black Canyon Conference Center
9440 N 25th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85021

Sponsored by the Arizona Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries, Arizona Center for Disability Law, Arizona Department of Education – Exceptional Student Services, Navajo Nation – Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services & Arizona Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Visit www.azheadspine.org for more information on the conference or call 623-476-7073.

Upcoming e-news information.....

If there is anything that you would like to share with your fellow members, please contact Vangie Mortenson. She will ensure that the information will be posted on the e-news.

THANK YOU!