



Junior Players Fund: A Year in Review

The Junior Players Fund (formerly the Elite Players Fund) is about to enter its 9th year in 2011. It was established to help our young GoodLife competitive players achieve their international goals & compete for Canada at World & International Championships. Our athletes who have been supported by the Elite Players Fund in the past included both Runa Reta & Robin Clarke, who have both gone on to professional careers as well as to represent Canada at the senior levels. Samantha Cornett & Alina D'Ásti received support from the fund during 2010.

In 2010, both Samantha Cornett & Alina D'Asti competed internationally as well as in Canada. Samantha Cornett had the honour of representing Canada at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Chennai, India, and at the Women's World Senior Team Championships in Auckland, New Zealand. Alina D'Asti for the first time competed abroad in the Dutch & German Junior Opens in the summer & closer to home in the Canadian & US Junior Opens in December. Both athletes gained valuable experience in these international events.

In 2011, the Junior Players Fund will again assist our young players in their travels to the Canadian Junior National Squash Championships & International Junior Opens. In addition this year the Junior Players Fund will expand its horizons & also focus on our younger juniors who are showing potential, but need some support & direction by providing additional coaching & training.

You can track our juniors' achievements on the squash website:
www.qvsquash.goodlifefitness.com.

I would like to pay tribute & thank the following contributors for their support:

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