

## Dolphins receive grant for volunteer coaches

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The Golden Dolphins coaching team recently received a boost from a CBT grant.

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The Golden Dolphins volunteer coaches were recently given a valuable grant.

In May, the Golden Dolphins found out that they were the recipients of a Columbia Basin Trust “Community Initiatives & Affected Areas Program” grant for \$7460 to aid in implementing their project “Build a Coach; Build a Future” which will further develop their volunteer coaching program.

“In a small community, we rely on volunteerism to provide opportunities and keep things going so we want to encourage that in our swimmers,” says Janne Arlt. “Also, coaching skills are assets for future opportunities in any sport and in any community.”

The money from the grant will be used for special clinics, meeting expenses, organization and management of the program as well as t-shirts for the 18 volunteers.

Volunteer coaches range in age from 12 to 22 and work on average about two to four hours a week but dedicate much more time into the teaching clinics.

“The volunteers have benefited greatly from the clinics that have been offered, both for improving their knowledge of swimming and their coaching skills, but also developing their own skills as swimmers,” says Arlt. “Without the support of the Columbia Basin Trust, this program would definitely not be possible. It has been a great asset to our club this year and we believe that there are many benefits that we will be reaping in a variety of ways for years to come from this project.”

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