

2012 RMLL Super Coaching Clinic Report

The RMLL recognized a need to be able offer a high level coaching clinic delivered in modular format directed to coaches in Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3. After deciding to embark on this project in 2011, we were fortunate to be able to obtain the services of Jim Hinkson from Ontario as lead clinician and head liner and were able to supplement his services with other high level clinicians from Alberta including master course conductor Duane Bratt, John Kilbride and Rick Windl.

From the outset our goal was to be able to offer RMLL coaches a clinic that would meet their needs, that is a high volume of advanced level content, but to try and offer them that content in a manner that was both mentally challenging and informative and delivered in a relaxed, interactive and stimulating manner. To achieve this, Duane was able to construct a modular timetable that allowed coaches to attend sessions that they were most interested in or that they needed to attend in order to achieve CLA certification. With two floor surfaces and a large meeting room Okotok's Murray Arena afforded us the opportunity to run three modules simultaneously thus allowing the participants to be able to select within each time period the module that they wanted to attend.

Our most innovative and well received feature was probably the Friday night panel moderated by Greg Hart. Greg and Duane were able to include a lot of required material in this session but the interactive social format allowed discussions to be topical, wide-ranging, stimulating and sometimes even contentious. Kudos go to Greg for pulling this off so effectively.

Forty-four coaches attended the 2012 clinic. 18 were registered in the CLA's Competitive Introduction Programme while 26 coaches were attending to receive additional information. The feedback we received was uniformly positive and we intend to attempt to replicate this clinic (with some modifications for higher level coaches) in 2013. The one downside was that the clinic's expenses exceeded revenue by about \$900.00, however two thirds of this loss stems from us deciding to absorb the cost of including one of Jim's books per registrant.

Many thanks need to be noted. Duane Bratt somehow almost miraculously managed to get all our content into the modified clinic format form and this was no small achievement. Christine and Amanda Thielen worked many hours behind the scene to ensure CLA and ALA compliance for the clinic and to get all the coaches properly registered. They also manned the refreshment area on Friday and the food court Saturday and Sunday. Alan Shaw transported Jim to and fro for four days and of course the clinicians did an outstanding job disseminating their material. Thanks to all these people I am able to report that the inaugural RMLL Super Coaching Clinic was an unqualified success.