



**Vancouver Island Thunder, Spring 2015**

*Phil Mack & the Thunder, April 2015*

Hello, we are looking for support for our Vancouver Island Thunder Rugby program. Canadian International Phil Mack of Toquaht First Nation is spearheading the team, his abilities on the international field are well known; this undertaking clearly establishing himself as an Aboriginal role model. All youth need role models and healthy sporting opportunities, and the Thunder aims to do that for Aboriginal youth and rugby.

**Goals:** The Thunder aims to offer a structured vehicle to promote the game of rugby to Aboriginal communities on, specifically:

- To promote the game of rugby to Aboriginal communities
- To identify potential high performance Aboriginal athletes that could one day represent Canada, potentially at the Summer Olympics

**How can you help?** We will recognize your contributions through posters, our webpage and Social Media!

1. Donate: Please contact John if you would like to make a financial or in-kind donations for any component of our program
2. Attend our fundraiser in Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00 – 5:00 pm at the James Bay Rugby Club.
  - We plan a Silent / Live auction style fundraiser at the event. If you have anything of value to donate, please contact us. Tickets are \$20, VIP tickets are \$100 and includes a signed and numbered print.
  - Artists: we are planning a Thunderbird theme for Art pieces. Introduce your art works to the Rugby Community!

This year, the funds will help support Thunder camps in the Spring of 2015 to identify Aboriginal athletes and promote the program. This summer, the funds will also help support three teams (U16 & U18 boys, U18 girls) during the Victoria International 7s tournament and the 3 day Shawnigan Lake School camp immediately prior to the tournament. If there is interest and funds available, we may also travel to other parts of BC or Canada!

Thank you for your consideration, for more information, you may contact John via email at [jllyall@firstnationsrugby.com](mailto:jllyall@firstnationsrugby.com) or cell at 250-217-9031.

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