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2 SILVER MEDALS FOR WINNIPEGGERS AT WORLD ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Winnipeg MB (September 6, 2011) -- It was an exciting week for Winnipeg athletes representing Canada at the World Rowing Championships in Bled, Slovenia from August 28 to September 4. Two Winnipeg Rowing Club (WRC) members took home Silver Medals along with their respective crews:

- Women's Eight – **Janine Hanson** (2nd behind US)
- Adaptive Mixed Four – **Meghan Montgomery** (2nd behind Great Britain)

Janine's crew qualified their boat for the 2012 Olympics in London, while Meghan's crew qualified for the 2012 Paralympics.

At his first World Championships, WRC member **Kevin Kowalyk** raced in the Men's Four, capturing 1st in the B Final, finishing 7th overall, and qualifying for the 2012 Olympics. WRC alumnus **Emily Cameron** raced in the Women's Double, won the C Final, and finished 13th overall.

Another WRC alumnus, **Stesha Carle**, rowed with the US team at the World Rowing Championships, and won a Silver Medal in the Women's Quad. Stesha was a WRC member in 2004, and rowed with Janine Hanson that summer.

Also at the World Rowing Championships was Winnipegger **Jeff Powell**, part of the coaching staff with the national women's program, former World Champion rower, and former Olympian.

Canada's complete results at the World Rowing Championships can be found at www.rowingcanada.org.

At 130 years old, the Winnipeg Rowing Club is one of the oldest sporting organizations in Western Canada. It has been in operation since 1881, stopping only twice – during WWI and WWII. A long-time tenant of the banks of the Red River in downtown Winnipeg, the WRC survived the North-West Rebellion of 1885, the General Strike of 1919, the Great Depression of the 1930's, the Great Flood of 1950, and the Flood of the Century in 1997. Over the years the clubhouse has been destroyed by fire, wind, and water, but has always managed to maintain its long and proud tradition. Today, the WRC is a non-profit organization with a rich and successful sporting history, fostering generations of camaraderie and friendships. Members range from 13 to 85, and the club offers programs for all skill levels.

www.winnipegrowingclub.ca