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### The Royal Glenora Club opens all-season aquatic facility as part of \$15M renovation.

EDMONTON – Tomorrow, the media are invited to the Royal Glenora Club for the official opening of the new \$8M, 14,000 square foot all-season, energy efficient aquatic center as the centerpiece of the Club's recent \$15M redevelopment project. This is the only facility of its kind in Western Canada; it is a fully enclosed glass structure and has a retractable roof that works much like the roof at the Toronto Blue Jay's Roger's Centre.

#### Media availability and tour of Club

**When:** Friday, July 16, 2010 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Royal Glenora Club, 11160 River Valley Road

Interviews with various "faces" of the Club will include

- Star CFL linebacker for the Edmonton Eskimos from 1972 (Tom Towns)
- Top senior's national tennis player & dental hygienist (Jan Penning)
- A young budding tennis star who is currently ranked #1 in U12 in Alberta (Alina Jurca)
- Artist who sold a painting to Ellen Degeneres (Shana Wilson)
- Criminal defense lawyer & former track and field and hockey athlete (Jarret Janis)
- Olympic pairs figure skater (Cody Hay)
- Eighty-four year-old WWII Veteran and former Queen's Guard (Brian Francis)
- Former city counselor and mayoral candidate (Robert Noce)
- Squash national champion (50+) (Tom Bedore)
- Baron & Baroness of Astonia; Hans' family has been in Astonia for 800 years and Irene is a knighted dame of the order of St. John of Jerusalem (Irene & Hans vonStockelberg)
- Edmonton-born former NHL hockey player (Brian Benning)
- 12-year old provincial champion swimmer (Kathleen Keohane)
- #1 senior's tennis player in Canada & 10-time Glenora tennis champion (Sue Gilbertson)
- Retired criminology professor; member of the Glenora inception in 1961 (Keith Spencer)
- First female UofA Sports Hall of Fame inductee (Bev Spencer)

Following formal remarks by Dave Warren, General Manager of the Royal Glenora Club at 2:30p.m., media will have an opportunity for one-on-one interviews with the above spokespeople, plus more than 50 additional members during an *active tour* of the facility. Also light refreshments available in the "Courtside Room" from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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