The BC Hockey Coaches Club is an exclusive mentorship initiative for BC Hockey coaches. The goal of the program is offer BC coaches the support of mentors who have coaching experience at levels which local and regional coaches aspire to ascend to in the future, and to create a feeling of cohesiveness amongst both as they work and learn together in an informal environment.

This month, BC Hockey is happy to have Brett Henning, Director of Professional Scouting for the Vancouver Canucks, lead August’s Coaches Club video conference.

Our August video conference will also feature Donovan Tait (Jamaican National Team/VIU Mariners) and Michael Herringer (University of Regina Cougars) presenting on diversity and inclusion in our game.
BRETT HENNING BIO:

Brett Henning served seven seasons as a member of the Canucks scouting staff prior to being named Director of Professional Scouting July of 2017. In this role, Henning oversees four professional scouts and assists General Manager Jim Benning in assessing and procuring players at the professional level.

Before beginning his career as a scout, Henning played three seasons at the University of Notre Dame until a spinal cord injury ended his on-ice career. He also represented Team USA at the 2000 World Junior Championship and was a member of the inaugural U.S. National U18 Team. A native of Long Island, he was selected by the New York Islanders in the 1999 NHL Entry Draft. Henning wrote a book titled The 7 Pre-Game Habits of Pro Hockey Players and holds a patent for a shooting tutor based on data and shot positioning.

Coming from a hockey-rich family, his father Lorne has held a number of NHL positions, including Assistant General Manager, Head Coach, and Assistant Coach.

DONOVAN TAIT BIO:

Originally from rural Jamaica, Donovan Tait played minor hockey in his hometown of Port Alberni. He went to play Junior B in Parksville (VIJHL), and at the University of Victoria (BCIHL). He has coached minor and junior hockey in BC for over twenty years and is now an Assistant Coach with the Vancouver Island University Mariners in the BCIHL.

Donovan is also a 25 year veteran of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and currently the Staff Sergeant in-charge of Serious & Organized Crime on Vancouver Island. He recently completed graduate studies in Leadership at Royal Roads University, and last fall played for Jamaica’s National Team in their first IIHF tournament winning the Gold Medal at the Latin American Cup in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Donovan is currently presenting to local hockey schools and associations on diversity and inclusion in our game.
MICHAEL HERRINGER BIO:

Born in Haiti, Michael Herringer was adopted by a Canadian family at a year old and raised in the Comox Valley where he played minor rep hockey, including one season with the North Island Silvertips U18 AAA. He was selected by the Victoria Royals in the 2011 WHL Bantam draft, which led to four seasons in the WHL between the Royals and the Kelowna Rockets. While in Kelowna, Herringer and the Rockets captured the 2014-15 WHL championship and advanced to the 2015 Memorial Cup final. Herringer also experienced success with the Victoria Cougars, where he backstopped his club to the 2012-13 VIJHL championship. He is about to enter his third season with the University of Regina Cougars.

Are You Attending?

Space is limited. BC-based coaches will receive professional development points towards the renewal of their Development 1 and/or High Performance 1 certification(s), and will be eligible to win prizes for attending. RSVP here to secure your spot:

https://bchockey.formstack.com/forms/bc_hockey_coaches_club_august_2020_rsvp

Submit a Question

If you have a question for Roger or a topic you’d like him to discuss, please email BC Hockey Manager of Athlete Development Dave Cunning at dcunning@bchockey.net to submit.

Canucks Tickets

Want to take your team to see Brett and the Canucks play in Vancouver? Contact Cassie Micona @ cassie.micona@canucks.com for information on group rates for minor hockey teams.