

# WHATCOM WAVES THE RIPPLE EFFECT

MAY 2023

SPRING EDITION

## SPLASH! DOWN



## BWELL PHOTOGRAPHY

Our first annual SPLASH! down event was a major success. A gigantic thank you with appreciation to our sponsors, we couldn't have done it without you! Big shout out to the fans, families, players & board members for all their hard work in making this annual tradition one for the memory books!

Whatcom Waves raised about \$1000 for our first annual fundraiser. We also gave back \$300 to the participating non-profits; Animals as Natural Therapy, D.I.S.H Foundation, and FuturesNW.

The Waves' victory over semi-pro team, Gala FC, came with a close final score of 6-5, ending the evening of captivating soccer with the spirit of women's empowerment, community, and fun! We'll see you and more teams at SPLASH! down 2024!



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## LOCAL LEARNING

### KATAZOME TODAY: MIGRATIONS OF A JAPANESE ART

Contemporary visions of a unique & historically significant Japanese textile-dyeing process.

Exhibit runs until June 11th at the Lightcatcher Building



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# W . A . V . E . S

WELCOMING ATTITUDES ADD VALUE TO  
EVERYONE WITH SYNERGY

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



### TABATHA KLESS

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Tabatha joined the Whatcom Waves indoor soccer during the inaugural 2021-2022 season. She has been an amazing addition to the team for 2 years! She had never played indoor soccer prior to joining & has since found a greater sense of confidence & connection with her teammates. New to the PNW, she enjoys hiking, reading, and spending time with her husband and their dog, Pippin. Currently, she resides on Whidbey Island and is an academic advisor at Skagit Valley College.

A source of inspiration comes from her mother, who immigrated from Peru. From a young age, Tabatha's mom instilled in her the importance of education. Another source of inspiration is the life work of Malala Yousafzai, an infamous champion for the rights of girls & women. For Tabatha, community means supporting each other and wanting to see each member succeed, thrive, & be productive within society, no matter how similar or different the individuals are within the community. She emphasizes active listening & empathy in her life. She strives to accomplish this practice through reading, attending social progress forums and conferences as well as learning about students' lives as they navigate this world.

Looking forward, Tabatha hopes to inspire young women and girls to pursue their dreams, no matter what path they take.

## CELEBRATE & SUPPORT

### ANNIVERSARY

Whatcom Waves turned 2 years old on April 23rd! We are a women's empowerment organization in the Salish Sea bioregion, we seek to promote climate, racial and social justice through **SPORTS!** Cheers!

### COMMUNITY

Join our community of empowerment. Be a volunteer, fiscal sponsor, individual donor or participate in our programs like indoor soccer, tennis or basketball. Be a bold, brave and boundless part of the WAVES for a more equitable & just future.

# COMING SOON

## TENNIS!

Whatcom Waves is particularly excited to expand our sports offerings to tennis! We have a community event coming July/August 2023 and a whole program coming Summer 2024!

Like our indoor soccer team, these events will be completely free and open to those who want to learn the basics and develop skills, confidence, and technique all while being around other empowered women.

Please fill out the linked form if you are interested in being a part of the growth of our organization!

### **INDOOR SOCCER OPEN POSITIONS**

The Whatcom Waves indoor soccer team has a need for a team manager next season!

Please reach out to [whatcomwomenswaves@gmail.com](mailto:whatcomwomenswaves@gmail.com) for more information.

## **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

Coming early fall 2023, Whatcom Waves will be partnering with the WWU Black Student Coalition and community organizations to put on a 3v3 basketball tournament!

More information will be coming out closer to the event, but please fill out the form below if you are interested in participating!

[INTEREST FORM](#)  
[CLICK HERE](#)

## **INTERNS**

Thank you to our marketing interns Will DenOuden and Justin Rios for their support, creativity, and commitment to the Waves!

Further thanks to Maia Taber, our administrative intern who will be joining the Whatcom Waves board following her Spring 2023 graduation!



[www.whatcomwaves.com](http://www.whatcomwaves.com)

## **WAVES MEDIA**

Follow the flow on social media to stay connected to all future Waves events and programs!



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