

Award Winners Named: 2005 Ontario Sport Awards

ONTARIO'S FINEST ATHLETES, COACHES, LEADERS OF 2005 HONOURED AT 39th ONTARIO SPORT AWARDS

TORONTO April 21, 2006 - The Sport Alliance of Ontario [*sportalliance*] is pleased to announce the winners of Ontario Sport Awards for 2005, awarded at a ceremony at the BMO Financial Group Institute for Learning on April 20.

Ontario Male Athlete of the Year

Jeffrey Buttle of Barrie, nominated by Skate Ontario

Ontario Female Athlete of the Year

Mara Jones of Toronto, nominated by Row Ontario

Ontario Male Athlete with a Disability

Kenny Trudgeon of Ilderton, nominated by Ontario Amputee and Les Autres Sports Association

Ontario Female Athlete with a Disability

Chelsea Clark of Mississauga, nominated by Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sport Association.

Ontario Male Coach of the Year

Lee Barkell of Barrie, nominated by Skate Ontario

Ontario Female Coach of the Year

Joely Christian of Scarborough, nominated by Ontario Volleyball Association

Ontario Team of the Year

Team Ontario Women's Volleyball Team

Joely Christian – Coach

Marilyn Douglas - Asst Coach

Hoi Leung – Manager

Melissa Bartlett

Kate Eckhardt

Kristina Fabris

Ali Greey

Kaila Janssen

Kacie MacTavish

Hayley Todd

Kim Todd

Racheal Urquhart

Caley Venn

Kelly Verboom

Michelle Wood

The Syl Apps Special Achievement Award, named after the legendary Toronto Maple Leaf captain and 1936 Olympian, honours Ontario's best sport volunteers and administrators. Mr. Apps also sat in the Ontario Legislature and was a life-long campaigner for Ontario's young people and for healthy living.

The Corporate Sport Citation honours Ontario corporations who have made significant contributions to Ontario's sport community.

The list of award recipients are:

SYL APPS SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Badminton Ontario, Roger Wallis

Ontario Wrestling Association, William Hogarth

Dive Ontario, George Tinnerman III

Ontario Volleyball Association, Diane Wood

Ontario Track & Field Association, Dave Watt
Ontario Ski Council, Brian Mealey
Row Ontario, Jim Minards
Boxing Ontario, Sonny Wong
Ontario Hockey Development Association, John Archibald
Squash Ontario, Barbara Cooper
Softball Ontario, Carl Littlejohns
Ontario Wheelchair Sports, Frank Peter Sr.
Ontario Soccer Association, Colin Jose
Skate Ontario, Margarett Wong
Ontario Cycling Association, Rob Good
OFSAA, Marg McGill
Curl Ontario, Brian Cowan
Ontario Baseball Association, Sheila Kerrigan
Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers, Harold Stoddard
Ontario Modern Pentathlon Association, Shirley White
Gymnastics Ontario, David Lockington
CORPORATE SPORT CITATION
Ontario Hockey Development, Kobe Sportswear
OFSAA, Toronto Maple Leafs Alumni Association
Ontario Sailing Association, Swans Marina
Ontario Soccer Association, City of Vaughn
Cricket Ontario, Qasra Sports
Ontario 5 Pin Bowlers, Streetsville Bowl
OCAA, Belair Insurance
Gymnastics Ontario, The Promotional Specialists
Ontario Golf Association, Investors Group
Squash Ontario, Ridley Windows
Softball Ontario, First Recognition
Ontario Equestrian Association, Canadian Cowgirls Precision Riding Team
Ontario Badminton Association, Black Knight Sales Canada

The Ontario Sport Awards are the highest level of recognition the Ontario government gives for the exemplary contributions of athletes, coaches, volunteers and corporate supporters to sport opportunity and development in our province.

The Ontario Sport Awards are a part of the Ontario Games Program, a community and sport development initiative managed by the Sport Alliance of Ontario through funding provided by the Government of Ontario.

This year, the Ontario Sport Awards were organized in conjunction with Centennial College's Department of Hospitality and Event Management.

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