

AWARD WINNERS 2010

Administrator of the Year - Garth Watters



Club President , Lincoln Rix(right) accepts the award, on behalf of Garth Watters, from Tom Wallis.

West Prince soccer produces great volunteers and administrators, and Garth Watters is as committed as they come.

As Vice-President Garth puts in countless hours in organizing club programs, in addition to hosting a mini tournament and running an indoor league in the winter time. In addition to his administrative duties, he coaches a team, and is the first to help out at registration time.

Garth has a real love for the sport which is infectious, and his enthusiasm rubs off on many others.

Coach of the Year - John Diamond



John Diamond(right) accepts the award from PEI Soccer Board Member - Bruce Norton

Often referred to as the czar of Island soccer by a well known newspaper columnist, John Diamond made history in 2010 by leading his team, the Churchill Arms, to a gold medal at the National Senior Club Championships held in Charlottetown.

This achievement was the pinnacle of a soccer career which has seen John win bronze medals at nationals previously, but to win in front of home fans, with a team made up almost entirely of home grown players such as Ryan Anstey, Brett Norton and Jonathan Vos, was the ultimate soccer dream come true for this shy, humble and reserved soccer coach!!!

It was just reward for a man who has spent countless hours and considerable expense in securing that PEI remains competitive in senior men's soccer.

The Czar indeed – and now a national champion, something which can never be taken away.

Alan Godfrey Volunteer of the Year - Marta Wendemgezahu



Marta Wendemgezahu (left) accepts the award from Linda Godfrey

It was commented that Marta is the most hard-working woman in Summerside, a claim that may well be true when we look at what she does for soccer in Prince County.

It is said she commits to the sport 365 days a year, whether it is actively refereeing herself or promoting officiating in the area; organizing soccer activities for numerous children; coaching, where she continues to upgrade her levels; or acting as a rep when needed.

She has a strong belief in the youth of the area and goes out of her way, constantly, to give youngsters a chance to develop and shine.

She has done this for almost 17 years since her first involvement in the sport.

Lowell Stewart Memorial Award - Josh Arsenault



Josh Arsenault accepts the award from Marg Stewart

Summerside United's Josh Arsenault is another who knows the value of giving back.

Another player with both club and provincial team, Josh still finds time to assist where he can. This past season he obtained two coaching levels, his refereeing level, was assistant coach of the under-14 boys premier team, and helped out with the club's mini program. Josh certainly displayed a full-time soccer commitment.

In his own game he displays great enthusiasm and determination to improve his fitness, skill, and knowledge, and is another who plays the game in the right way, with respect to opponents, teammates and officials.

Junior Referee of the Year - Kristyn Visser



Kristyn Visser (right) accepts the award from PEI Referee Association Board Member - Justine Lewis

Kristyn Visser is an example to us all, showing great determination and bravery in returning to refereeing following a serious injury she obtained while speed skating.

Polite, professional and with a great love and understanding of the sport, Kristyn has stuck with her officiating and has shown a real determination to improve and better her game. She believes very much in educating both players and coaches of the Laws of the Game, and her performances on the field have grown stronger as she continues to gain more confidence in her undoubted abilities.

An individual who when she takes the field, looks every inch a referee.

Senior Referee of the Year - Corey Deagle



It is a pleasure to see somebody so young as Corey Deagle get so much enjoyment from refereeing.

Corey's education this past twelve months has seen him appear as a guest 4th official at the Canada Games, and take on some key assignments at the recent senior nationals. He has rubbed shoulders with some of the best referees in Canada, and it is doubtful if any young referee in the country has been exposed to the level of soccer education that Corey has in the past two years.

Polite on and off the field, unflappable even in tough circumstances, Corey's great strength is his ability to see any situation as a learning experience. He is not fazed in even the toughest games, relishing those opportunities to test himself, and he has endeared himself to the top brass at the CSA who see in Corey real potential.

Junior Female Athlete of the Year - Jenna Jo MacDonald



Lewis Page, PEI Soccer TD, presents the award to Jenna Jo MacDonald

While Jen White stops them at one end, her team mate, Jenna Jo MacDonald, is the creative force behind the Winsloe-West Royalty Under-18s.

A skilful player with great dribbling ability, Jenna Jo is a joy to watch when she has the ball. She captained the under-16 provincial team, and has been invited once again to the Atlantic Training Centre, cementing her reputation as one of the best players in the region.

Her coach Guy Boswall says she can drive opponents crazy with her creativity and vision, and her ability to draw fouls from desperate defenders means lots of scoring chances for her team mates.

A gold medal winner with the Bluefield Bobcats in the school season, please recognize an outstanding young soccer talent, Jenna Jo MacDonald.

Junior Male Athlete of the Year - Simon Hood



Simon Hood (left) accepts the award from SoccerStop owner – David Vos

Simon Hood of the Winsloe West Royalty Irving Lyons Under-18s and Holland College, is an all-action player whose never-say-die attitude is an example to all his team-mates.

The team captain, Simon enjoyed a fine season at the heart of the Winsloe defence, excelling throughout the season, but particularly at nationals where he led by example and pulled his team-mates to an excellent 4th place finish.

Despite not being the tallest, he is excellent in the air and brave in the tackle, and this carried over to the college season with Holland College, where he became a starter in the line-up, and was rewarded by winning Conference Rookie of the Year and earning Conference 1st team all-star status.

**Team of the Year – Churchill Arms
Charlottetown Abbies SC**



Members of the team receive their awards from PEI soccer President – Gerald MacDonald (left)

- PEI Challenge Cup Champions -
- BMO National Challenge Cup Champions -



Senior Female Athlete of the Year - Tessa Roche



Tara Ferguson, PEI Soccer Board Member, presents the award to Tessa Roche (right)

Everybody in AUS soccer knows Tessa Roche, and defenders throughout the conference can breathe easier next season after her Panthers career concluded with an incredible 46 goals.

Once again she was top scorer in a Conference that was dominated by tight defence, and her ability to create chances for herself saw the Panthers finish unbeaten in the regular season.

Her pace, in combination with her determination and clinical finishing, both on the ground and in the air, saw her repeat as AUS Player of the Year, and she once again named a CIS 1st team all-Canadian.

One of the most decorated female soccer players produced by Prince Edward Island; Tessa Roche has set the standard for women's soccer in the province.

Senior Male Athlete of the Year - Jonathan Vos



David Vos accepts on behalf of his brother Jonathan from Board Member, Fred Foster

It was calculated that Jonathan Vos has played at 12 consecutive senior national championships, an unconfirmed CSA record, but none would be more memorable than the one this past October when, as captain, he held aloft the championship trophy in front of the fans at UPEI.

A combative midfielder with great passing and shooting ability, Jon leads by example. The oldest player on the team, his tackling is hard, he takes a back-step to nobody, and he commands respect from all his team-mates.

Always capable of a goal, he has enjoyed an outstanding soccer career, one which has seen him win honours both at varsity and at the club level. His abilities as a coach are now ensuring that the next generation of players are learning from one of the very best Island soccer has ever produced.