PEISA 2015 AWARD WINNERS

Administrator of the Year



Kirk McAleer, PEISA Vice-President, presents Ian Murray with the Administrator of the Year Award.

Ian Murray, Kensington & Area SC, is an individual who goes above and beyond for the club. He has been involved for many years and wears many hats. He has been treasurer and registrar for many years and in 2013 he even took over as President when nobody else wanted the job!

He oversees the duties of the summer student, he coaches the U19 girls, and does all kinds of duties including lining the fields, cutting the grass, putting up and taking down the nets, and shows an incredible level of dedication and commitment.

Alan Godfrey Volunteer of the Year



Jamie MacKinnon, Eliot River Ramblers SC - Youth Director, accepts the Alan Godfrey Volunteer of the Year award from Linda Godfrey.

Jamie MacKinnon is a dedicated member of the executive team at the club. Over the past seven years, Jamie has been highly involved with the minis and youth teams. He served as mini coordinator for five years and more currently the youth director for the past two years. He is instrumental in getting the youth teams organized each and every year and provides on-going help to the teams throughout the summer.

On top of his youth director duties, Jamie volunteers his time to coach not only one but two soccer teams. This past year he was the head coach for the Ramblers-Clippers United under 14 boys team and the Eliot River Ramblers under 12 boys premier team.

The Eliot River Ramblers All Girls Kick-Off Tournament is the main fundraiser for the club which Jamie is dedicated to help out with. He volunteers numerous hours not only to put together the schedules but was there all weekend helping out where needed.

Jamie also volunteered at the Terry Fox Sport Complex during the 2015 U18 club nationals where he made sure that everything was looked after while the games were going on and was instrumental in getting more volunteers to help out during the games.

Coach of the Year



John Diamond(right), PEISA President, presents Justin MacKenzie with the Coach of the Year award.

Justin has worked quietly as the Souris Lamplighters SC Technical Director for years. He has helped mold the program and support the youth league, making decisions that were crucial in ensuring the success of the club.

He has also coached for many years, not only with the club at the U12 level but also with the high school. He has been successful as a player with the PEISA Provincial All Star Program and has proven himself all the way up the ranks to having a successful soccer career with St Francis Xavier University. He holds his Provincial B coaching license. All of these accomplishments have enabled him to share his technical knowledge, love and commitment of the game with the young players.

For the last 3 years, Justin and his brother Dylan were the backbone behind the U12 indoor spring training sessions that were held at SRHS. In the spring of 2015 he ran an eight week program to prepare the U12 for the season. His passion for the game and the success of the players is why the club keeps moving forward.

Junior Female Player of the Year



Chris Wright(right), representing youth league sponsor Subway, presents Danielle Younker with the Junior Female Player of the Year award.

Danielle Younker, Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals FC, enjoyed an excellent 2015. She helped the WC Royals Under-18 girls win a provincial title and performed well at the national championships where they found themselves in a situation where a win in their last game would have put them in the gold medal match.

Danielle's excellent performances wherever she plays, make her a stand-out, especially in a defence, and in a difficult season for the UPEI Panthers she was the star player, playing well above her rookie expectations. She is the type of player that you can build a successful team around.

Junior Male Player of the Year



Blair Weeks(left), PEISA Youth Director, presents Mark Smith with the Junior Male Player of the Year award.

Mark Smith, Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals FC, is a player who seems to play well above his years. Mark's great strength, awareness of the game and quiet approach on the field make him a natural leader and he will be a cornerstone of the U.P.E.I. Panthers University team for many years. He is rock solid in defence and reads the game very well.

His performances helped his team to their provincial title and led to the team's excellent 5th place performance at the club nationals.

Junior Referee of the Year



Jim Chandler, PEISA Director of Officials, presents Kate Compton with the Junior Referee of the Year award.

Kate Compton is best characterized as a young official who possesses the poise and confidence of someone of greater years. Early in her officiating career she demonstrated the intelligence and interpersonal skills that told others she had the potential to become a senior official capable of refereeing at higher levels of play.

Kate is always eager to receive constructive feedback from Assessors and Senior Officials. She is quick to adopt best practices and improve her officiating skills as a result. With Morell as her home club, she is able to accept a number of assignments in an area where there are fewer officials. Kate comes to every match prepared, ready to officiate and armed with a healthy sense of humor.

Senior Referee of the Year



Jim Chandler(left), PEISA Director of Officials, presents Ian Fradsham with the Senior Referee of the Year award.

Ian Fradsham has an impressive record as an official, mentor, assessor and PEI Soccer Referee Association(PEISRA) Technical Director. Ian has officiated at the national level, he has an uncommon knowledge of the Laws of the Game and he has extensive experience in dealing with high pressure varsity and interprovincial match situations. So equipped, he is able to provide invaluable advice and assistance to his peers and younger referees. He does so through the presentation of referee refresher courses, introductory courses, match assessments and posting helpful advice on the PEISRA website. His unselfish and continuous support of officials at all levels is truly second to none.

Senior Female Player of the Year



Sue Deighan(right), PEISA Senior Women's Director, presents Briar Roberts with the Senior Female Player of the Year award.

Briar Roberts, Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals FC, had an outstanding 2015 in leading the WC Blizzard to a Provincial Senior Women's title and enjoying a fantastic season with the Holland College Hurricanes She scored 10 regular season goals in leading her Hurricanes team to a first place regular season finish.

Briar was named an ACAA all-star, Conference Player of the Year, and was named All-Canadian.

Senior Male Player of the Year



Kathleen Casey, representing the Government of PEI, presents Jared Murphy, Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals FC, with the Senior Male Player of the Year award.

Jared Murphy's continues to show why he is still the best senior player in the province. He displays great speed and awareness for the PEI FC team who won the New Brunswick Premier Soccer League and once again put up a good showing at club nationals where he netted five times and received joint Top Goal Scorer for the championships.

Although his goal ratio was down from previous years, Jared remains one of the most dangerous strikers in the league.

Team of the Year



Juanita Diamond(manager), Melis Visser(asst. coach), Jarrod MacAdam, Daniel Whalen, Austin MacKenzie, Jake Deighan, Joe Flower, Mark Smith, Liam Doiron, Melvin Sim-Turay, Wally Morrison(coach), David Vos(SoccerStop).

Missing: Andrew Weeks, Alex Hall, Noah Bitar, Mon San Aung, Michael Vanderzwaag, Niall Burnett, Spencer Groom, Deepak Khanal, Chris Sear, Zachary Visser, Ben Wheeler, Brodie Bowness(Asst. coach).

Presenting Team of the Year Award: David Vos -SoccerStop

Winsloe-Charlottetown Royals FC – U18 Premier Team

The Wally Morrison coached boys had an excellent year capped off with a fine performance at the U18 club nationals in Charlottetown where they finished in an excellent 5th place.

The boys gave an excellent account of themselves all week and can count themselves unlucky to have missed out on playing for a medal by tying Ontario in their first game before a titanic game against Alberta which ended in a narrow 3-2 loss.

The team showed their class by winning the Senior Men's Premier League Playoffs and have a number of players who have enjoyed good rookie seasons at university level and many more highly coveted for 2016.

Lowell Stewart Memorial Award



The award recognizes soccer skill development, dedication to soccer, sportsmanship and support within a club.

Charlene VanLeeuwen accepts the Lowell Stewart Memorial Award on behalf of her daughter Julie from John Diamond, PEISA President.

Julie VanLeeuwen has played soccer at Central Queens every year since she was 4 years old and has always worked very hard, rarely missing a game or practice.

She is an encouraging voice to her teammates on the field and at the bench. She has always been a strong player, not always a starter, but valued by her coaches for her hard work and excellent sportsmanship.

Julie has also been very helpful to the CQ club, giving lots of volunteer time over the years, including this past year. She helps with the clean-up and shut-down of the clubhouse, with serving and cleaning in the canteen, and she has helped with the youth league and house league tournaments. She refereed in the house league system for years, and just this past year, took the next step, taking the youth league refereeing course and refereeing a number of games during the summer.

Julie has also been involved in many volunteer activities in the community. She has been an active member of 4-H for many years, and was most recently the secretary for her local club for the last 2 years. She managed to win her club and area public speaking competitions for her age group in 2015 and she volunteers her time and skills at her local church, playing organ, being an altar-server, and being a reader. She volunteers every year at the Farmers Helping Farmers Annual Fund-Raising BBQ, and she also volunteered at the 2015 Terry Fox Run, organizing participants at the PEI start-line side of the Confederation Bridge. She is an active member of the Charlottetown Bluephins Swim Club, not only swimming competitively herself, but volunteering her time as a swim coach. She has achieved a Bronze Medallion level of training toward becoming a lifeguard.