

PEISA 2017 AWARD WINNERS

Administrator of the Year



John Diamond, PEISA President, presents Wendy MacLaren with the Administrator of the Year Award.

This is very well deserved as Wendy has been Club President since 2007. She has helped build a steady club that plays a very important role in the community. With no other volunteers coming forward to take on the presidency, Wendy has continued in the job cheerfully even though we are sure she would like somebody else to take it on!

She has done a great job in keeping the programs well organized and on track, and she has even done her share of coaching when coaches are thin on the ground.

Alan Godfrey Volunteer of the Year



Juanita Diamond accepts the Alan Godfrey Volunteer of the Year award from Mark Victor – WCRFC Club President.

A stalwart of the Winsloe club for many years, Juanita is an engaged board member who keeps the club ticking along doing many of the duties that would often get neglected. She is the first to help out at the canteen when it needs manning, and last year she redesigned the jerseys room, organizing new shelves and racks which now make everybody's life that much easier.

Juanita's biggest strength is her organization, and for many years she has taken on the task of organizing the annual tournament.

In 2017, Jaunita undertook this piece on her own, and did an outstanding job. It is a difficult job to schedule 60-plus teams, made even more complicated this year with the age-changes causing some issues. However, Juanita did the task diligently and everybody had a great time, thanks to her meticulous planning and organization. Juanita is kind, respected and she keeps the staff on her toes. The club would be lost without her valuable input, and wise decision making.

Coach of the Year



Coach of the year winner Andrew Dobson is a fine coach. He brings a lot of knowledge and passion for the game, he is very dedicated to his team, and his players have improved their soccer skills immensely.

More importantly the players have a wonderful experience being part of a team because of the respect Andrew has shown them. During games he takes the time to explain to the players what they did right or how they should do things differently next time. He does it in a kind manner that the players respond to.

This past year he coached the Summerside United U15 premier girls. They finished regular season tied for third place with a 3-4-3 record and defeated RC United 1-0 in the quarter finals and Kensington 4-0 in the semi's setting the stage for the championship game against Hillsborough United.

After regulation and overtime the game was tied 0-0 and Summerside United prevailed in penalty kicks to garner Provincial gold. Andrew had his team playing their best when it mattered the most.

Junior Female Player of the Year



Chris Wright, representing youth league sponsor Subway, presents Caitlyn McCloskey with the Junior Female Player of the Year award.

Caitlyn McCloskey is recognized as one of the most talented and consistent players for her age.

During the past year, she was an actively involved with her club, RC United, Bluefield High School soccer, Provincial Program, McCain NB Summer League and Canada Games and currently with the U17 Provincial Program. She is a versatile player with the ability to play a number of positions.

In 2017, Caitlyn attended the Vancouver Whitecaps High Potential Player Camp in Vancouver. She rejoined the Provincial Team to attend the U16 Atlantics, playing an integral role solidifying the teams spot in the Gold Medal Game and eventually earning the team the Silver Medal.

After a successful Canada Games where she played a lot of minutes, Caitlyn rejoined her RC Club for playoffs, scoring in each playoff game, earning the team the Provincial Championship, and RC a place at Club Nationals.

She is a hard-working, smart player always willing to learn, on an off the field.

Attend any High Performance Camp being offered on PEI and you are likely to see Caitlyn attending, honing her skills as she prepares for the next chapter of her soccer career.

Junior Male Player of the Year



Mike Duffy, representing the City of Charlottetown, presents Brandon Lund with the Junior Male Player of the Year award.

Goalkeeper Brandon Lund of the Eastern Eagles was thrust into the spotlight last season, as his performance for the men's Canada Games team in the televised game against Alberta won him rave reviews. Brandon's performances meant that our team was competitive in every match, and he did an outstanding job.

As a rookie with the Holland College Hurricanes he also had a fine season. He backstopped the team to a perfect 12-0 record in regular season, and then an Atlantic title, confirming the school's place at the Nationals. Again Brandon excelled as the team came home with a bronze medal.

For his efforts Brandon was named ACAA Goalkeeper of the Year, and made all-conference.

Junior Referee of the Year



Jim Chandler, PEISA Director of Officials, presents Adele Arsenault with the Junior Referee of the Year Award.

Getting certified in 2015, Adele has grown in maturity and confidence, and she now takes charge of many high level under-13 games in the province, as well as acting as assistant from games under-15 and up, including senior.

Adele has grown as referee, despite a busy schedule that saw her playing on the 2017 Canada Games team. She was an assistant and referee for the U13 and U14 Atlantic All-stars, and her performances were so good she was given the middle of the U13 Championship game.

At year's end she also refereed the U13 girls provincial final, an indication of her growth as an official – she has a very bright future with the whistle.

Senior Referee of the Year



Jim Chandler(left), PEISA Director of Officials, presents Aiden O'Regan with the Senior Referee of the Year award.

Aiden O'Regan has brought a wealth of experience to PEI from his native Ireland, having once been a national referee for 15 years, and nominated FIFA. He has refereed at many of the top tournaments throughout Europe.

As you would expect Aiden takes charge of many of the top level games, including UPEI, Holland College, and PEI FC.

Watching Aiden in action is a great learning tool for younger referees. His man management is outstanding, he knows exactly when to call it tight or to let the players play, and his understanding of the game is exemplary. At times, watching Aiden referee is as interesting as the game itself.

Just as importantly Aiden is giving back to the refereeing community with his roles with the Referees Association and grassroots officiating. PEI is lucky to have someone of his background helping things along.

Senior Female Player of the Year



David Vos, representing SoccerStop, presents Jill Edwards with the Senior Female Player of the Year award.

Jillian Curley of Summerside has proven to be a fine player at the College level, and she had an outstanding 2017 season.

Captain of the University of Kings College Blue Devils in her 4th season, Jill led her team to a place in the ACAA final, her excellent defensive play earning her All-Conference team honours along the way.

Her summer soccer sees her playing with the Source For Sports team out of Winsloe, where she again was prominent in helping them win a provincial silver.

Senior Male Player of the Year



Ibra Sanoh, needs little introduction, as his goal scoring exploits with Holland College over the past 4 years have rarely been off the sports pages.

Ibra has scored more than 100 goals in just 4 seasons for the Hurricanes, with the team winning the ACAA title in each of those years.

In 2017 he scored an incredible 34 goals as the team went 12-0, and in addition to another Atlantic title, he helped the Hurricanes win a national bronze.

Ibra cleaned up in all of the major awards, winning ACAA, and National, Player of the Year honours. Just recently he was named Sport PEI Collegiate Male Athlete of the Year.

Although there is no such thing as a one more team, it would be fair to say Ibra is pretty much irreplaceable in the Hurricanes line-up.

Catching the eye of the pros, Ibra was invited to the Toronto FC identification camp, and he impressed the coaches there to earn a second invitation.

Team of the Year



Eliot River Ramblers SC – U13 Boys Premier Boys

Back row(l-r): Caden Dawson, Sam LeClair, Liam Wood, Malcolm MacDonald, Jay MacDonald, Noah Visser, Philip Visser (coach), Ryan MacDonald.

Front row(l-r): Cory Goley, Braedan Tremere, Cody Cudmore, James Doucette, Carter MacRae.

Missing: Elaine Wood(manager)

The Phil Visser coached boys had an outstanding year, with a record of 11-1 in regular season, which saw over 60 goals scored and just 8 conceded, In addition to finishing top of the standings, they repeated as provincial champions, defeating Summerside and Sherwood to win the Cup.

At the Central Queens Clippers Tournament they were champions, securing a dramatic victory over WC Royals FC after going down by 2 goals

At the Codia Cup, playing 11 vs 11, they were also tournament champions, recording a win over host Codiac 1-0, and remaining undefeated in that tournament.

Lowell Stewart Memorial Award



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

Matteo LeClair

This award is in remembrance of a young man who was lost much too soon. The Lowell Stewart Memorial Award bears the name of a fine soccer player, student, teammate and volunteer, and the award is presented annually to a young soccer player who characterizes all of those values.

Matteo was an important part of the Canada Games team this past season, but it is his willingness and dedication that makes him such an important team member. He is a willing volunteer at all of the Stratford events, coaches and the program, and is also a fine student and community citizen, which are all part of the Lowell Stewart Award Criteria.

For those unaware Lowell was a fine soccer player and strong in the community before his passing many years ago, and the award is presented every year to reflect and remember Lowell's life.