



## About the Award:

The Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc. (SYSI)'s Friend of Soccer Award is awarded each year to those who have contributed to youth soccer in a meaningful way. An award recipient is selected by each Zone Board for a total of five awards each year.

## Nomination Process:

SYSI is pleased to announce we have revamped our Friend of Soccer Award nomination process and are now recognizing one recipient per zone instead of one overall recipient per year. We feel there are plenty of deserving volunteers for this award and are excited to be sharing this award with five worthy volunteers each year going forward! Each year individuals may nominate a worthy volunteer for our award and submit their nomination to their respective Zone board. Each of the five Zone boards will compile their nominations and select one recipient to represent their Zone for that year. SYSI will then recognize all five recipients at the "Outdoor Pre-Season Coaches' Night" in April. The nomination form can be found on our website under the "Forms" section. The deadline for nominations is the end of February each year and each Zone must form their decision by late March each year.

## Friend of Soccer Award Past Recipients

1989 - Al Day  
1990 - Jill Postlewaite  
1991 - Bob Speed  
1992 - Ross Wilson  
1993 - Ken & Carol Wagner  
1994 - Jim Cook  
1995 - Percy Hoff  
1996 - Huw Morris  
1997 - John Riggs  
1998 - John Tomchuk  
1999 - Gary Harder  
2000 - Lawrence Martz  
2001 - Bernadette Garrity  
2002 - Pat Gillies  
2003 - Gloria Rowan  
2004 - Not Awarded  
2005 - Miike Grevers  
2006 - Brett Mario  
2007 - Bob McAllister  
2008 - Hal Lackie  
2009 - Terry Carruthers  
2010 - Tom LaPointe  
2011 - Joe Garcea  
2012 - Edward Halyk  
2013 - Mark Lord  
2014 - Bob Rohachuk  
2015 - Wilf McDougall

2016:  
SUSC - No Nomination  
Hollandia - Sean Collins  
Aurora - Mark Schramm  
Lakewood - No Nomination  
Eastside - Trevor Conquergood  
2017  
SUSC - Lorena Walls  
Hollandia - Paola Kobussen/Sean Wilson  
Aurora - Shaun Eaton  
Lakewood - Leonard Lewko  
Eastside - David Chan

2018  
SUSC - Shawn Dyky  
Hollandia Leigh Saunders -  
Aurora - Kevin Foster  
Lakewood - Daniel Weber  
Eastside - Lynee Gelner

2019:  
SUSC - Celeste Glasser - Cook  
Hollandia - Hernan Tapia  
Aurora - Alex Hein  
Lakewood - Garnette Weber  
Eastside - Angele Thiessen

2020:  
SUSC - Michele Mason  
Hollandia - Randy Poelzer  
Aurora - Dan Cote  
Lakewood - Melanie Scott - Kwan  
Eastside - Jodi Blackwell  
2021:  
SUSC - Morgan Reagan  
Hollandia - Alicia Osses  
Aurora - Steph Hnatiw & Crystal Shendaruk  
Lakewood - Samantha Lamborn  
Eastside - Michael Diegel

## 2022 Award Recipients:

### Zone 1: SUSC – Cory Clapson



**Years of Service:** 7 years

**Positions held within Zone/Community Association:** Parent Volunteer, President

Cory Clapson is in his 3rd term as President of the SUSC Board of Directors. He lives and works here in our Westside community. Cory leads the SUSC board with passion, conviction, inclusion, and sincerity. With his guidance, the SUSC board has gone through many changes to become more efficient, more grounded, and even more focused on player-centered planning and policy advancement.

We thank Cory for his ongoing passion for the Zone and soccer in our city.

### Zone 2: Hollandia – Darcy & Erin Pederson



**Years of Service:** 8 years

**Positions held within Zone/Community Association:** Coach, Manager, Board Member, Tournament Committee Member

Darcy and Erin are dedicated to the improvement of youth soccer. They are the first two to volunteer to coach, manage or join a committee and are even willing to go and sort and transport stuff at our storage locker. Both Darcy and Erin have put countless hours in to ensure Hollandia's tournaments and seasons run smoothly.

We are very grateful for their commitment to our club.

### **Zone 3: Aurora – Mukasa Bagonluri**



**Years of Service:** 17 years

**Positions held within Zone/Community Association:** Coaching Community starting in 2006 and started with Aurora in 2008.

Mukasa has served the players and families of Aurora and our communities for almost 20 years, volunteering endless hours, and taking on a variety of roles including Head Coach, Board Member, and past Vice President of Aurora Soccer. He continually makes himself available for any needs of the club, teams, individual players, or other coaches. Mukasa is always willing to provide guidance and share the immense knowledge he has gained over his years serving our club and has been a continuous and key contributor to our club as it has grown over the years.

He continues to serve our club to ensure it can be the best club for our players and families and is truly a “Friend of Soccer”. Aurora and our communities thank you for all your dedication.

### **Zone 4: Lakewood – Tim Wong**



**Years of Service:** 16 years

**Positions held within Zone/Community Association:** Coach

Tim Wong has been coaching female Lakewood Soccer teams for so long nobody knows how many years it's been!



Tim's amazing personality and character shows through his coaching philosophy. It's always been about having fun and that philosophy has made Tim one of the favourite coaches among the many Lakewood players he has been able to impact. He loved organizing the end-of-season Edmonton trips for his players. Also, his secret skills of motivating players made him one of Tim Horton's favourite customers!!

Congrats Tim, we all hope there are a few more years left in you to make sure many more players continue to enjoy the game of soccer.

### **Zone 5: Eastside – Dean Stanzel**



**Years of Service:** 15 years

**Positions held within Zone/Community Association:** President, Adult Coordinator, Board Member, Website Manager, Vice President & Registrar

There aren't many roles that Dean Stanzel hasn't filled — officially or unofficially — during his years with Eastside.

Most recently, he's served as Vice-President and Registrar. He's also held the position, or at least performed the duties, of President, Adult Coordinator, Board Member, Website Manager, General Mr. Fix-It and more. Away from boardrooms and board meetings, he's been equally involved on the pitch. As a father of three, Dean has been a Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Chauffeur, Chef and dad.

In the Eastside president's report from the club's most recent AGM, President Dave Deibert said that he, quote, "can't thank Dean enough for his efforts. It's hard to overstate how important and valuable he has been to Eastside.

Dean's contributions and institutional knowledge over many years have been and will continue to be immensely appreciated.