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VOLUNTEERS IN SPORT HONOURED
2017 Presidents' Awards
Presented by Sports with Balls

VANCOUVER, BC (February 6, 2017) — Sport BC is pleased to announce the following recipients of the Prestigious Presidents' Awards presented by *Sports with Balls*, comprised of Basketball BC, Volleyball BC, BC Lacrosse Association, BC Soccer Association, Softball BC, Baseball BC, Tennis BC and the BC Ringette Association. The Awards Ceremony will take place in Vancouver on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

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The 2017 Presidents Award winners represent 25 communities and 44 different Sport BC member and partner organizations.

Adaptive Snowsports	Bruce Lebens	Squamish
Archery	Darcy Falk	Mission
Athletics	Sue Kydd	Langley
Badminton	Mike Mitson	West Kelowna
Baseball	Gavin Burke	Whalley
Basketball	Diana Chan	North Vancouver
BC Games Society	Bev Viger	Abbotsford
BC Sports Hall of Fame	Barbara "Bim" Schrodt	Vancouver
Blind Sports	Tamara Grenon	Vancouver
Bowls	George Cubiss	Maple Ridge
Boxing	Wally Doern	Quesnel
Canoe Kayak	Laura Said	Maple Ridge
Curl	Colleen Trozzo	Elkford
Cycling	Stuart Lynne	Port Moody

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Diving	Marie Pierre Lavoie	Victoria
Fencing	Gareth Mason	Pitt Meadows
Field Hockey	Brenda Rushton	Victoria
Golf	Leslie Crawford	Victoria
Gymnastics	Georgina Nerpio	Richmond
Hockey	Steve Amiss	Saanichton
Horse Council	Orville Smith	Prince George
Judo	Henry Uyeda	Langley
Karate	Chris Browett	Coquitlam
Lacrosse	Angie Schwan	Delta
ProMotion Plus	Erin Wilkins	Vancouver
Ringette	Darrell Desjardins	Port Coquitlam
Rowing	Herb Evers	Vancouver
Rugby Union	John Lecky	West Vancouver
Sailing	Paul Mendham	West Vancouver
Skate Canada /Yukon Section	Lynne Henderson-Drake	Campbell River
Soccer	Bill Sparling	West Vancouver
Soccer	Claudia Sparling	West Vancouver
Softball	Ann Holmes	Vernon
Special Olympics	Darren Inouye	Burnaby
Speed Skating	Keith Gordon	Fort St. James
Squash	Andrew Braff	Kelowna
Swim	Sheila Nelson	Prince George
Synchronized Swimming	Anne-Marie North	Burnaby
Tennis	Sy Silverberg	Victoria
Triathlon	Larry Feagan	Langley
Volleyball	Doramy Ehling	Richmond
Wheelchair Sports	Kylah Blair	Vancouver
Wrestling	Jim Mitchell	Abbotsford

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TICKET INFORMATION: For information on the purchase of a table or individual tickets for the 51st Annual Athlete of the Year Awards, please visit <https://aoytickets.eventbrite.ca> or contact:

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About the Athlete of the Year Awards

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In 1966, a small group of dedicated volunteers created an organization to provide a unified voice for amateur sport in British Columbia. While much has changed in 51 years, our core purpose remains the same.

Who we are:

Sport BC is the non-profit sport federation, representing over 60 Provincial Sport Organizations in British Columbia. As a member-based organization, Sport BC offers services and programs to build the capacity of our members and advocate on their behalf to improve the landscape for organized sport in BC.

Mission:

Sport BC, as a member-based organization, supports the growth of amateur sport in BC and provides leadership through delivery of its programs and services for members.

Vision:

Sport in British Columbia is thriving through the leadership of Sport BC and our members.

Values:

Integrity, Transparency, Collaboration, Creativity and Innovation.

Selection Committee Members

Bernie Pascall – Chair, Ajay Patel (Langara College), Allison Mailer (BC Sports Hall of Fame), Bob Mackin, Brian Dance (CBC), Gary Kingston, Judy Joseph-Black (Sports Reports Consulting Services), Karin Larsen (CBC), Len Corben (North Shore Outlook), Marilyn Payne (Sport Consultant), Tom Berridge, Wendy Long (Freelance Writer), Michelle Collens (City of Vancouver), Lynda Cannell (Fortius Sport & Health), Lia Threlfall (BC Games Society), Carey Dillen (Sport BC Chair).

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PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS: *For a list of previous award winners and additional information, including recognition of our corporate and community sponsors and partners, please visit:*
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