

2009 CanoeKayak BC Awards Summary

Volunteer Recognition

Investors Group Community Sport Administrator Award – Lianne Raynor

This award recognizes the contribution to a community sport program made by a volunteer in an **administrative** capacity (non-coaching). The recipient must have worked to ensure that all coaches and athletes can enjoy the benefits of well organized sport. This award is intended for a volunteer whose primary employment is not in the field of canoeing.

Lois Fisk Volunteer of the Year Award – Bill Rublee

Lois Fisk was the first Flag Officer/President of the Pacific Division of CanoeKayak Canada. Her volunteer commitment to the sport went **well beyond the club level**. This award is presented to the CKBC volunteer who has demonstrated the most outstanding volunteer contributions to CKBC over the past year.

Sport BC President's Award – Kurt Raynor

As a full member of Sport BC, CKBC is able to annually present this award to any volunteer in the organization who represents the spirit of volunteerism and whose dedication, energy and commitment is **critical to sport development**.

Whitewater Volunteer of the Year Award – Don Barrie

This award is presented to the whitewater volunteer who has demonstrated the most outstanding contributions to CanoeKayak BC, and the development of the sport, over the past year.

Coach Recognition

CanoeKayak Canada has initiated a coaching recognition program whereby coaches with athletes winning medals at National Championships will each year at the CKC AGM be recognized with the presentation of an award.

Ashley Rowe, Lynn Dagenais, Peter Majewski and Kris Lepianka

Official's Recognition

Judy Cavasinni, Janice Nagai, Bill Rublee, Katrina Kelleway, Dave Kuran, Dave Nosella, Debbie Wollbaum, Mary Jane Abbott, David Muir, Mirka Nykl, Laura Said, Margaret Brent, Rick Hammer and Maya Whittier

Athlete Recognition

High Performance Team

BC Elite athletes achieve this nomination by being selected by CanoeKayak Canada to represent Canada or by being named to a CanoeKayak Canada Development Team. Congratulations to Nicole Haywood, Brian Malfesi and Gillian Fedechko.

Both Nicole's and Brian's names will be forward to the Provincial Government as our recipients of the **Premier's Athletic Award for 2010**.

Our High Performance A athletes:

Men's Kayak – Ken Muir, Jordan Traas, David Nykl, Colton Muench, Del Muench and Nicolas Foellmer

Women's Kayak – Rebecca Alley, Kristin Bauder and Sarah Mitchell

Men's Canoe – Sean McBeath

Women's Canoe – Amanda Sublett, Michelle Kosaka

Our High Performance B athletes;

Men's Kayak – Josh Plankeel, Sebastian Foellmer, Greg VanMeel

Women's Kayak – Kiran Basra, Clara VanMeel, Jessica Mitchell, Tessa Nagai and Brook McLean

Our Development athletes;

Men's Kayak – Elliot Hoyt, Nicolas Todd, Alex Lepianka and Brody Muench

Women's Kayak – Katie Kelleway and Olivia Cavassini

Men's Canoe – Zach Morgan and Keiffer Johnson

2009 Canada Summer Games Team

Alternates – Sara Mitchell, Jonathan Deis, Jordan Traas and Josh Plankeel

Coaches – Kris Lepianka, Sara Hopkins and Gillian Fedechko

Women's Canoe – Nicole Haywood, Michelle Kosaka, Amanda Sublett and Tessa Nagai

Women's Kayak – Kristin Bauder, Kiran Basra, Rebecca Alley, Clara VanMeel, Jessica Mitchell and Sarah Poole

Men's Canoe – Sean McBeath, Conor Wollbaum, Keegan Nagai and Keiffer Johnson

Men's Kayak – Brian Malfesi, Keith Kelleway, Ken Muir, Elliot Hoyt, David Nykl and Josh Horacsek

ACE (ACHIEVING COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE) LEADERSHIP AWARD - Sponsored by BC Athlete Voice

High performance athletes have long served as role models. They inspire people of all ages through their acts of courage, determination and skill. But for a number of athletes - this is not enough. Many of our home-grown BC Athletes are taking the leadership skills they have honed through sport and are applying them in innovative and exciting ways for the benefit of their clubs, schools and communities.

Recipients – Brian Malfesi, Elliot Hoyt, Clara VanMeel and Rebecca Alley

Athlete of the Year Awards

Whitewater Athlete of the Year Award – Jazmyne Denhollander

This award is presented to the whitewater athlete who has, over the course of the past year either (a) made a significant jump in performance beyond expectations, leading to excellent national-level results, or (b) achieved an extremely high level of performance i.e. at the international level, that has produced positive benefits for CanoeKayak BC.

Jazmyne's name will also be forwarded to the provincial government as our WW recipient of the **2010 Premier's Athletic Award**.

Bantam Ladies Athlete of the Year – Olivia Cavasinni - Ridge

- Paddling for a number of years and always been at the front of the pack for her age group
- Attended her first National Championships this summer with an unfortunate outcome as a result of an accident in the women's 6 KM K-1
- First known combat injury in this event
- Great learning experience
- Looking forward to her playing a key role in developing a team of girls to compete as midgets at this year's event in Regina

Bantam Men's Athlete of the Year – Keiffer Johnson - Kamloops

- Undefeated in competition within his age group in the province
- Youngest member of the Canada Games Team
- Although only one race at the event it provided an opportunity for him to be a leader for others going into the next multi sport games and for helping to develop a training group at his club to ensure they have a C4 entry for next year's nationals
- Attended his first nationals this year and finished a respectable 18th in C-1 6km

Midget Ladies Athlete of the Year – Sara Mitchell - Ridge

- Alternate for Canada Games Team
- Finalist in Midget K-1 at Nationals

Midget Men's Athlete of the Year – Brian Malfesi - Ridge

- Attended National Team Trials and won a Junior K2 event but unfortunately didn't meet the time standard to be named to the Junior World Championships Team...he is however young enough to try again
- Member of the Canada Games Team where he teamed with Ken Muir to win a bronze medal
- Winner of a silver and 2 bronze medals at National Championships
- Named to the CKC Development Team
- CKBC's nomination for the 2010 Premier's Athletic Award

Juvenile Ladies Athlete of the year – Rebecca Alley - Burnaby

- Spent much of last season injured so this year is a great comeback for her and reflects her never say never attitude
- Member of our Canada Games team and the winner of 2 bronze medals
- Made 4 finals at National Championships with her best finish being a 5th place with Kiran

- She also finished 6th in the Juvenile women's k-1 1000m which is outstanding considering the strength of that field

Juvenile Men's Athlete of the Year – Keith Kelleway - Ridge

- Attended National Team Trials and won a Junior K2 event but unfortunately didn't meet the time standard to be named to the Junior World Championships Team
- Member of our Canada Games Team and finished just out of the medals in more than enough races
- Made 5 finals at National Championships with a 4th and a number of 5th place finishes
- Finished 5th in Juvenile Men's K-1 1000m...again an admirable achievement considering the strength of that field

Junior Ladies Athlete of the Year – Nicole Haywood - Nanaimo

- World Champion – Women's C-1 500m
- National Championships – 2 gold, 2 silver & a 4th place finish
- Canada Summer Games – 2 gold, a silver, a bronze a 4th and a 5th
- 2010 CKBC nomination for Premier's Athletic Award
- Nominated by CKBC as Sport BC's Senior Athlete of the Year

Junior Men's Athlete of the Year – Ken Muir - Ridge

- Member of our Canada Games Team and winner of a bronze medal in K-2 with Brian
- Made 4 finals at National Championships including winning a bronze medal again with Brian
- Ken is our 'junior' senior he has been paddling so long

Master A Male and Female Athletes - Katja Rademacher & Jeff Raymond - Burnaby

- Bit of a tag team since they often paddle a mixed crew together
- Not a great participation in local events this year partly because we didn't include the events they needed for their preparation however they did represent Canada at the World Masters Games in Australia and have just returned after an extended holiday where they won medals in all events they entered.

Master B Male and Female Athletes - Michael VanMeel & Virginia Kuran - Ridge

- Participated locally in a number of events
- Despite being injured for much of the season Virginia competed at the National Championships and finished a respectable 4th
- Both were BC's sole competitors at the CanMas Championships
- Your challenge is to engage a team to compete at CanMas with it being so close in Regina next year.