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# COAST-TO-COAST

*Celebrating Those Who Make Canadian Squash Great*

*2018 AWARDS EVENING*

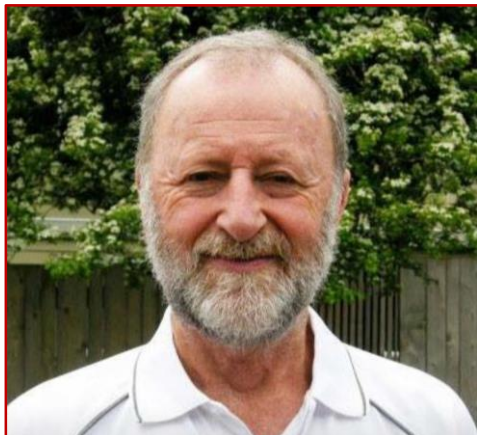


# CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

*Recognizing significant ongoing contribution to squash in Canada  
at the Provincial/Territorial level*

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# CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT



## Stuart Dixon – Squash BC

Stuart is one of Canada's most experienced and respected coaches. He is a NCCP Level 4 Certified coach, conducting over 82 NCCP courses across Canada. Stuart was involved in coaching National Canadian Squash teams at every level. His involvement in coaching squash has him not only teaching at the Victoria Squash Club and at his Dixon's Squash Academy, but also working as a World Federation Consultant Coach. He has been instrumental in the development of many of BC's top athletes. From 1992-1998, Stuart was National Head Coach of the Canadian squash team that finished in the top 4 in the world. The team included a young Jonathan Powers.

He has been a club owner of Victoria Squash club since 1994. He was a host of Junior Nationals in 2002. He has been a strong mentor to many ongoing and upcoming coaches. Stuart sponsored Mike Johnson from England to join his club in 2001. Mike coached at Stuart's club for before moving on to become the Head Coach at the Shawnigan Lake School where he remains to this day.

Stuart has been a mentor to many current Vancouver Island coaches including Ben Uliana of the Cedar Hill Squash Club and Chris Hanebury of Saint Michael's University. Stuart continues to work with Chris in the development of children at SMU - a squash program that Stuart fostered and led for many years.

Despite Stuart's ongoing fight against cancer over the past ten years he remains a passionate committed coach and true leader of the development of Squash for many young and old players.

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## JOSH STRUTHERS – SQUASH MANITOBA



Josh started playing squash at the Winnipeg Winter Club when he was eight years old. Josh later moved onto the Winnipeg Canoe Club where he would train with Archie Chawla's junior program and become an elite level squash player. Josh was a member of the junior provincial team from 1988-1995. Josh's first nationals was in the U12 at the 1988 Junior Nationals in Regina, SK. The next year, Josh went on to win the Canadian Junior Open in 1989 in the U12 division. Josh competed in Grand Prairie at the 1995 Canada Games where the boys team finished in 5th position.

In 1993 Josh, along with Trevor Borland,Carolynn Russell and Celine Metraux won the Canadian Junior Team Championships. A new event tried one year after junior nationals with 4 players, 2 males and 2 females (U19 & U16).

Josh competed for Manitoba on several occasions at the Canadian Men's Team Championships, finishing as high as second. Josh also competed at the Manitoba Open for a number of years, playing against some of the top players in the world in the Main Round. Josh's top ranking was #9 in Canada. Josh also represented the University of Manitoba at the 2005 Canadian University Championships and won a silver medal. In 2008, Josh Struthers and Trevor Borland placed 6th at the Canadian Doubles Championships in Toronto. Josh is currently playing doubles at the A level in Manitoba. Josh has been instrumental in creating a buzz of the game of Doubles in Manitoba.

Josh was an assistant coach to Trevor Borland at the Winnipeg Winter Club for both adult and junior programs from 2002-2006. Josh was also the Assistant Coach of Manitoba's Junior Provincial Team.

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## JOSH STRUTHERS – SQUASH MANITOBA (CONT'D)

From 2007-2010, Josh was the Assistant Pro to Gene Turk at the Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club. Josh is a fantastic role model. Jake Hooker a member of Manitoba's 2011 Canada Winter Games was asked who his personal role model was and was quoted as saying "Josh Struthers, my coach, because of his level of dedication and hard work that he shows and pushes to do my best".

A back injury forced Josh to stop playing squash competitively in 2010. At this time Josh stayed heavily involved by being elected onto the Squash Manitoba Board and served as Director at Large. From there Josh became Vice President and is currently the President of Squash Manitoba. Josh is the humble, kind, hard working and intelligent. Josh's contribution to the Board of Squash Manitoba and to Squash in Manitoba is unmeasurable.

Josh's latest contribution is being on the 2018 Inaugural Squash Manitoba Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Committee. There were 8 inductees, Marnie Baizley, Charlie Ives, Alana Miller, Mike Nesbitt, Carolyn Russell, Henry Thiessen and Gene Turk. Josh tirelessly researched each inductee and his presentation to each inductee at the dinner was memorable.

Josh has not only been a great squash player but has given back to the sport in so many ways. Josh's positive attitude is contagious, and Manitoba will be forever grateful.

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## PHILLIPPE ROY – SQUASH QUEBEC

Phil started a league in Quebec called the Squash Super8 in 2014. The idea behind this league is that the highest ranked 8 players to register week to week would play 1 match, 1 evening, in different clubs around Quebec. The first year most clubs were in and around Montreal. However what it has developed into since has been many players will play, at all different levels. It is a pretty simple formula of 1 match on a Friday evening or Saturday afternoon. It started to reach out past Montreal also playing at smaller clubs. It has been a

fantastic opportunity for Squash Quebec in trying to expose clubs and players to a level they may not have seen. To encourage clubs to join SQ and these players to maybe try and play a tournament closer to the city.

All in all has really helped grow the sport in the region and continues to do so. Fully booked over a year in advance, continues in the summer, this league keeps players active all year, you can register week to week so there are no commitments to play every week, there are clinics before matches. It still continues to develop and grow to meet the

needs of players. It has been a great success, all because of the time put in by Phil.

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## KEN SAMPSON – SQUASH PEI

Ken Sampson has been secretary for 5 years. He is one of these efficient quiet types that will get things done immediately. An in the moment kind of guy.

Ken took over the handling of the new software (2 different platforms) when we suddenly needed a tournament chair. THERE WERE SO MANY INSTANCES when Ken went well above his call of duty to accommodate players and get them into a tournament. Ken dealt with a myriad of glitches and was able to push along and get things sorted.

Every organization needs a Ken who is superbly practical, realistic and an excellent sounding board for a new idea. Thanks for your help over the years, especially in running the Atlantic open and PSA events concurrently.

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## JO SPENCER – SQUASH PEI

JO has only been playing squash for 2 years. This is indeed hard to believe as she has moved up the rankings fast. She has embraced the sport with a passion and purpose! Not only has the energy gone into her own, but into helping others get connected with squash.

She serves on the executive and proved to be a major force in accomplishing tasks. Brought so many new players to the game. Played a huge role in our first PSA event on PEI. Helped sand the courts for the event. Re-Established a ladies night. Active on Facebook.

Jo, we really appreciate your kind and generous nature and all your hard work. Thank you!



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## LEONARD LYE – SQUASH NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Dr. Leonard Lye served as the VP for Squash NL from 2003-2004 and as President from 2004-2008. Under his leadership Squash Newfoundland and Labrador was extremely active at both the Junior and Senior levels of play. Our province held regular sanctioned tournaments, ranking lists were created and maintained, and leadership courses and clinics for both coaches and referees were facilitated regularly. Leonard as spent many years as a volunteer coach at the Aquarena

Squash Club as a Coach and Referee and continues to coach and referee at the Aquarena Squash Club. Leonard also currently volunteers his time as an Assistant Coach for the Canada Games Team and as a referee at numerous Squash Newfoundland and Labrador Sanctioned tournaments. Leonard is a fully certified Club Coach (Level II), and trained facilitator for Level 1. He is also certified as a level C-2 referee.

Dr. Lye's company Com-Adv, the creators of the "Footworker Pro" <http://www.footworker.ca/footworker/>, has sponsored over a dozen Squash Newfoundland and Labrador tournaments and he continues to sponsor at least one tournament each year and a team in the Aquarena Squash League.

In addition to his time and his company's financial support Leonard's largest contribution has been his energy, enthusiasm and genuine kindness he has shown toward all those who have shown any interest in our sport. He has created a sense of comradery and community to all players regardless of their skill level or experience. His heart and passion have served as a backbone to both our club and sport for many years.

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## MATT BISHOP/BISHOP WEALTH MANAGEMENT – SQUASH NOVA SCOTIA

Matt Bishop has continually set the bar for performance in squash in Nova Scotia both on and off the court for a number of years. Matt is now the back-to-back national senior men's gold medal winner for his age category the past two years, after a number of years coming up just short on the national stage.

Not only do Matt's placements stand out, but so do his contributions to the squash community. Matt's financial advisement firm, Bishop Wealth Management, served as the title sponsor for two tournaments in Nova Scotia this year, the SMUfit invitational and the Nova Scotia Open. As the squash community in Nova Scotia is relatively small, these contributions go a long way to maintaining and developing the sport in the region.

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## TEE BLACKMORE, DIANA LEE, MINA PATEL – SASKATCHEWAN SQUASH

In 2014, this group organized many volunteers, community members and sponsors, to host and run the very successful Canadian Women's Team Squash Championship at the Evolution Fitness Club in Regina. The participants were overwhelmed by the hospitality and the tournament experience.

This season, this group organized and ran the first PSA Women's event to be held in Saskatchewan, the Queen City Open. They took on an enormous task of gathering together \$15K in prize money, billeting all the players and galvanizing the entire Regina squash community to host this tournament. It was a resounding success.

This group then followed up the Queen City Open with our provincial championship, the Saskatchewan Open, at the same facility the very next weekend! They gathered just about the same crew of volunteers and committee members and involved a new generation of tournament organizers who may take over in the future. More squash players and more women are involved in our community as a direct result of this dynamic group of volunteers.

They have done so much to promote our sport, our community and squash for women at the same time being members of the Regina Women's Squash League and wonderful role models and squash players themselves. They have each served years on the Board of Saskatchewan Squash, as if the above wasn't enough.

Our appreciation goes out to them for all that they have done for Saskatchewan squash.



# AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

*Recognizing the efforts of those who have achieved excellence in squash internationally*

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**SAM CORNETT**

*5<sup>th</sup> WSF World Doubles Championships*

*5<sup>th</sup> XXI Commonwealth Games*



**NIKKI TODD**

*5<sup>th</sup> WSF World Doubles Championships*

*5<sup>th</sup> XXI Commonwealth Games*



**LAURA RAMSAY**

*Champion, Women's 65+*

*2017 World Master Games*



**GERALD POULTON**

*Champion, Men's 70+*

*2017 World Master Games*



**STEVE WREN**

*Finalist, Men's 50+*

*2017 World Master Games*



**DOMINIC WREN**

*Champion, U19 2017 Scottish Open*



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# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

*Recognizing the efforts of those who have made a significant contribution  
to the sport of squash in Canada*

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# CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

The “ONES WHO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN” our 2017-18  
Canadian Championship Tournament Chairs



RUTH CASTELLINO



BARBARA COOPER



BRIAN COVERNTON



DAVID DUNCALF



MATT EASINGWOOD



LOLLY GILLEN



LORI GRAHAM



WILLIE HOSEY



YVON PROVENCAL



OZZIE VALLEJOS



GRAEME WILLIAMS



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# CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

The “ONES WHO KEEP US HONEST ON THE COURT” our  
2017-18 Canadian Championship Tournament Referees

 JACK DALE

 GREG DESAULNIERS

 BARRY FAGUY

 STEVE FLUDE

 MURRAY HARPER

 BOB MANSBRIDGE

 NOMAN NADEEM

 VIANO OGHENEKEVWE

 TONY SWIFT





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# CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION


The “ONES WHO MAKE US SAY WOW!” amazing contributors to the game

 **DENNIS BISHOP** – SC Doubles Officiating Committee Member (2003-2017)

 **BARBARA COOPER**– Mayfair Clubs Lakeshore Squash Professional (1987-2018)

 **PAT RICHARDSON** – SC Doubles Committee Chair (2012-2017)


 **TAMMIE SANGSTER** – SC Doubles Officiating Committee Member (2003-2017)

 **TONY SWIFT** – SC Doubles Officiating Committee Member (2003-2017)

 **DR. DEBORAH DUGEON** – Member, WSF Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Commission

 **DR. CONNIE LEBRUN** – Member, WSF Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) Commission

 **YVON PROVENCAL** – Member, WSF Championships Commission

 **DR. ANNE SMITH** – Director, WSF Anti-Doping Commission & Chair, Medical Commission



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**CONGRATULATIONS** to all recipients!

**THANK YOU**

for making Canadian squash great!

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