



News Release

Sport North Recognizes Outstanding Athletes, Coach, Official, Team and Contributors

YELLOWKNIFE (May 30, 2011) – The Sport North awards are given out each year to recognize athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers for their performance and contribution to sport in the NWT. The awards play a valuable role in supporting athletic success and recognizing the NWT's growing talent. Awards were presented at the Sport North Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 28, 2011. Sport North is pleased to announce the award recipients for this year.

Coach of the Year
Allan Cook (squash)
Yellowknife

Official of the Year
John Tram (gymnastics)
Yellowknife

Youth Female Athlete of the Year
Skylar Horton
Hay River

Youth Male Athlete of the Year
Devin Hinchey
Yellowknife

Junior Female Athlete of the Year
Pooja Chugh
Yellowknife

Junior Male Athlete of the Year
Joseph Lirette
Hay River

Senior Male Athlete of the Year
Coady Duncan
Hay River

Mary Beth Miller Memorial
Senior Female Athlete of the Year
Sarah Daitch
Fort Smith

Ruth Inch Memorial
Contributor to Sport
Pam Dunbar
Yellowknife

Delma Kisoun Memorial
Community Contributor
Pat Bobinski
Hay River

Team of the Year
NWT Rebels Ladies Broomball
Yellowknife

Corporate Contributor
Hay River Elks Club
Hay River

Richard Daitch, President of Sport North commented, "I was delighted that so many parents, athletes, corporate contributors and others who hold sport in such high regard were able to attend our Awards Banquet. I was particularly pleased that Commissioner George Tuccaro, Minister Bob McLeod and MLA Jane Groenewegen took time off from their busy schedules to join with us in celebrating the incredible achievements of our award winners for their commitment to sport in the NWT."

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The following individuals were also nominated:

Youth Male Athlete

Christopher Lirette – Hay River

Senior Female Athlete

Betsy Mawdsley – Fort Smith

Junior Female Athlete

Annah Hanthorn – Fort McPherson
Cassandra Mooney – Yellowknife
Gaylen Pischinger – Fort Smith

Community Contributor

Jessica Cox – Fort Smith
Amy Doerksen – Yellowknife

Contributor to Sport

Doug Swallow – Hay River
Betty Egberts – Yellowknife
Wayne Nesbitt – Yellowknife
Paul Gard – Yellowknife
Kirsten Bradley – Fort Smith

Senior Male Athlete

Andrew Matthews – Yellowknife

Junior Male Athlete

Zachary Sullivan – Yellowknife

Coach

Tracey-Lynn Robertson – Yellowknife
Chuck Lirette – Hay River
Lisette Kaip – Yellowknife

Corporate

Northern News Services
FSC Architects & Engineers

Team

NWT Squash Team

Congratulations to all award recipients and nominees.

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