

A CELEBRATION OF MANITOBA'S BEST COACHES

Winnipeg April 11, 2010 – Manitoba coaches were honoured today for their contribution to sport, leadership, personal development and coaching effectiveness.

The Coaching Manitoba Excellence Awards, presented by Manitoba Lotteries, are an annual event established to celebrate Manitoba's best coaches. These awards are designed to acknowledge the contributions coaches have made to their sport and athletes over a number of years.

"These coaches put so much time, energy and dedication into making our athletes not only better athletes, but better people." states Jeff Hnatiuk, President and CEO for Sport Manitoba. "Our amateur sport system relies heavily on our coaches so it's a great honour to host this celebration of coaching excellence."

This year awards winners are:

Vince Leah Memorial Grassroots Award – Dan Noordman

Dr. Jack Hunt Memorial Developmental Award – Khadija Cutcher

Peter Williamson Memorial High Performance Award – Rob Meakin

Peter Dick School Systems Award – Jeff Laping

Sport Manitoba also honoured individuals who have been coaching a minimum of twenty-five years in the Province as well as coaches who participated at an international event in 2009. A full listing follows.

The Manitoba Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Council also recognized the winners of the 2009 Manitoba Aboriginal Coaching Award, Dana Riccio of Winnipeg and Anthony Mason of Fisher River Cree Nation.

The Coach of the Year award will be presented April 14 at the 2010 Sport for Life Gala hosted by Sport Manitoba.

Sport Manitoba is a not for profit organization and the lead planning, programming and funding agency for the development of amateur sport in Manitoba. Sport Manitoba partners with over 100 organizations to deliver sport in our province and is responsible

for programs including the Power Smart Manitoba Games, Coaching Manitoba, Team Manitoba, Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum and KidSport.

“Good coaches build better people!”

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COACH BIOGRAPHIES

Vince Leah Memorial Grassroots Award – Dan Noordman

Dan has been coaching Football, Hockey and Women's Self-Defense for the last 10 years. Along with his involvement with Football Manitoba, Dan also volunteers his time coaching at the Football Manitoba and Junior Player Development Camps, and also serves as the Nomads Club representative for the Manitoba Minor Football Association. As a coach of young athletes, Dan focuses on developing their skills at positions that suit their talent. He firmly believes in the rules of fair play that are key for team development. Knowing the importance of having children involved in sports, Dan constantly strives to teach them the significance of respect and responsibility.

Dan's teaching of how to graciously accept a win and defeat, and placing the teams' physical and social well being first, clearly exemplify the true strength of his character as a coach and mentor.

Dr. Jack Hunt Memorial Developmental Award – Khadija Cutcher

Having been the Provincial Head Coach for Synchro Manitoba, and the Canadian National Team Assistant Coach, Khadija is currently is the Head Coach for the Aquatica Synchro Club.

Khadija's technical training and creativity in developing opportunities for her athletes are second to none. Recently she arranged a training session with Bill May, a Cirque du Soleil performer from the synchronized swimming show "O". Always looking to stay ahead of the trends, Khadija diligently keeps up to date on new techniques and training methods. Every score earned is an opportunity for improvement. Khadija's holistic approach to training emphasizes the development of the whole athlete.

Well-respected for her skills, professionalism and drive to improve, Khadija is a role model for all in her sport.

Peter Williamson Memorial High Performance Award – Rob Meakin

An elite curler for over 25 years, Rob has been coaching provincial, national, and Olympic athletes since 2005, and is currently coaching the Kerry Burtnyk and junior women's curling teams. In 2005, he was presented with the World Curling Tour Ambassador Award for outstanding service to the sport of curling.

Rob is on the leading edge of incorporating sport science to positively impact performance. He challenges his athletes, demanding excellence, while caring deeply about fostering strong relationships and open communication. Rob has a keen ability to analyze and react in game situations, demonstrating respect with other athletes, officials, peer coaches and parents.

Rob's competitive experience, success, and determination to understand the theoretical and technical aspects of the game, has made him one of today's most respected coaches in the world of curling.

Peter Dick School Systems Award – Jeff Laping

For the past 12 years, Jeff has been coaching the varsity basketball team at St. Paul's High School, with his team consistently being ranked in the top 10. Most recently, Jeff coached the 2010 St. Paul's Crusaders Varsity Boys to the AAAA Provincial Finals. Jeff has been a member of the coaching team for the Canada Games Manitoba Basketball team and was also the recipient of the MCA Jim Bullock award for coaching excellence. Jeff is an excellent motivator and strategist, and strives to capture the strengths of his players to optimize them. His focus is on building a team that will be a team on and off the court, and works with his players to ensure that their academic and family lives are a priority.

Jeff is recognized among his peers as one of the top coaching resources in the province.

2010 Coaching Manitoba Excellence Awards

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Jack	Baturin	Winnipeg
Duane	Boutang	St. Germain
Jack	Brown	Winnipeg
Gerry	Falk	Morden
Michel	Labossiere	Brandon
Paul	Lagimodiere	Winnipeg
Jim	Lambie	Winnipeg
Gordon	Leduchowski	Riverton
Marilyn	McMullan	Winnipeg
Geoff	McMullan	Winnipeg
Raymond	Mutcheson	Morden
David	Olsen	Winnipeg
Garth	Pischke	Winnipeg
Ronald	Ramsey	Hamiota
Jerry	Sayer	CFB Shilo
Glennis	Scott	Minnedosa
Jean	Shady	Winnipeg
Walter	Tycoles	Reston
Keith	Warner	Roblin

INTERNATIONAL COACHING AWARDS

Janet	Arnott	Winnipeg
Ron	Brown	Winnipeg
Norm	Carriere	Winnipeg
Lucien	Casagrande	Winnipeg
Lorie	Charbonneau	Savage
Khadija	Cutcher	Winnipeg
Jack	Grassie	Winnipeg
Chris	Green	Thunder Bay
Patty	Hole	Virden
Arnd	Ludwig	Winnipeg
Rob	Meakin	Winnipeg
Ats	Odaguchi	Winnipeg
Keith	Pearch	Winnipeg
Kirby	Schepp	Winnipeg
Jim	Schreyer	Selkirk