An Evening to Honour Athletes, Coaches, Officials & Volunteers

December 5, 2015 • Richmond, BC
On behalf of the Board of Directors, welcome to the 2015 BC Athletics Annual Awards Banquet.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the achievements of our athletes, coaches, officials, club executives and volunteers during the past year. They all contribute to the success of athletics in British Columbia.

I would like to thank the Province of British Columbia, viaSport, our business partners, and the Royal Canadian Legion for their ongoing support. Their involvement and participation in our sport enables us to provide a high level of programs and services to our members. BC Athletics offers so much to all levels and ages of its members. It is the support of parents, family, friends and volunteers that makes this all possible.

Congratulations to all. Enjoy your evening.

Greg White
Chair, Board of Directors
BC Athletics
**Midget 14 Female Award Winners**

**Corrales Nelson, Shiloh**
Club: Burnaby Striders Track & Field Club | BBYS
Coach: Winston Reckord
Events & Performances:
- Pole Vault, 2.50m (2nd) – BC Athletics Championships Jamboree

**Nijjar, Jasneet**
Club: Universal Athletics Club | UATH
Coach: Jesse Dosanjh
Events & Performances:
- 100m, 12.59 (1st) – Langley Pacific Invitational
- 200m, 25.42 (1st) – BC Athletics Championships Jamboree
- 300m, 40.43 (1st) – BC Athletics Championships Jamboree
- 800m, 11.92 (2nd) – BC Athletics Championships Jamboree

**Frederiksen, Gwyneth**
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Eric Frederiksen
Events & Performances:
- Shot Put, 11.71m (3rd) – BC Athletics Championships Jamboree

**Gabri, Dolly**
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Donald Allemeersch
Events & Performances:
- Discus, 45.29m (2nd) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships
- Hammer Throw, 46.15m (1st) – Hersey Canada Midget Youth Series – West Region
- Shot Put, 15.19m (1st) – BC High School Track & Field Championships

**Midget 14 Male Award Winners**

**Chong, Jarrett**
Club: Coquitlam Cheetahs | COQC
Coach: Tara Self
Events & Performances:
- Discus, 49.61m (1st) – Fraser Valley Jumps and Throws Meet
- Hammer Throw, 51.16m (2nd) – First Universal Track & Field Meet
- Javelin, 50.38m (1st) – Langley Pacific Invitational
- Shot Put, 14.60m (2nd) – Trevor Craven Memorial Track & Field Meet

**Haintz, Mateya**
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Brad Graham
Events & Performances:
- Discus, 33.38m (2nd) – Langley Pacific Invitational
- Hammer Throw, 49.73m (1st) – Jesse Bent Memorial Cheetah Meet

**2015 Track & Field Athlete Of The Year Nominees**

**Bhandal, Iqam**
Club: Valley Royals Track & Field Club | VRTC
Coach: Harold Williams
Events & Performances:
- Hammer Throw, 40.24m (3rd) – Trevor Craven Memorial Track & Field Meet

**Andersen, Marina**
Club: Nanaimo & District Track & Field Club | NTFC
Coach: Brenda Redman
Events & Performances:
- 1,500m Race Walk, 7:24.65 (2nd) – BC High School Track & Field Championships

**Bates, Brianna**
Club: Royal City Track & Field Club | CITY
Coach: Sean Dixon
Events & Performances:
- Javelin, 38.38m (1st) – First Universal Track & Field Meet

**Hansma, Trinity**
Club: Vernon Amateur Athletics Association | VAAA
Coach: Ian Cameron
Events & Performances:
- High Jump, 1.70m (1st) – Battle of the Border Invitational

**2015 Track & Field Athlete Of The Year Nominees**

**Heisterman, Madison**
Club: Nanaimo & District Track & Field Club | NTFC
Coach: Tyler Heisterman
Events & Performances:
- 800m, 2:11.41 (3rd) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships
- 1,200m, 3:31.46 (2nd) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships

**Janes, Giovanna**
Club: South Fraser Track & Field Club | SFTC
Coach: Luca Molinari
Events & Performances:
- Javelin, 37.25m (4th) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships

**Katzberg, Jessica**
Club: Nanaimo & District Track & Field Club | NTFC
Coach: Bernie Katzberg
Events & Performances:
- Hammer Throw, 48.58m (2nd) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships

**Kawai Herdman, Julie**
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: David Douglas
Events & Performances:
- High Jump, 1.68m (1st) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships
- Long Jump, 5.58m (1st) – BC Midget Pentathlon Championships
- Outdoor Pentathlon, 3109pts (3rd) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships

**Lew, Jasmine**
Club: South Fraser Track & Field Club | SFTC
Coach: Raquel Chin/Robert Esmie
Events & Performances:
- 100m, 12.45 (2nd) – BC High School Track & Field Championships
- Long Jump, 5.63m (2nd) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships

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2015 Track & Field Athlete Of The Year Nominees

Porpaczy, Alexa
Club: Ocean Athletics | OATF
Coach: Zbigniew Szelagowicz
Events & Performances:
- High Jump, 1.74m (1st) – Jack Brow Memorial Track & Field Meet
- 6.7m (2nd) – Fraser Valley Jumps and Throws Meet

Schulz, Kristen
Club: Norwester Track & Field Club | NORW
Coach: Elena Voloshin
Events & Performances:
- Hammer Throw, 53.77m (2nd)
- Discus, 48.90m (1st) – Ocean Athletics Summer Series #1
- Shot Put, 14.76m (1st) – Trevor Craven Memorial Track & Field Meet

Stroda, Muriel
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Verena Stroda
Events & Performances:
- 200m: BC Yth – 1, CAN Yth – 1
- 100m: BC Yth – 1, CAN Yth – 2
- 3,000m: BC Yth – 1, CAN Yth – 2

Vlahovic, Katarina
Club: Universal Athletics Club | UATH
Coach: Jessie Dosanjh
Events & Performances:
- 400m, 51.97 (1st) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships
- 200m, 25.36 (1st) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships

MacKenzie, Bryce
Club: Golden Ears Athletics | GOLD
Coach: Rick Lloyd
Events & Performances:
- High Jump, 1.88m (1st) – Langley Pacific Invitational
- Triple Jump, 13.41m (1st) – BC Athletics Championships Jamboree

Medrano, Diego
Club: New West Spartans Track & Field Club | NSWSA
Coach: Besnik & Tatjana Mece
Events & Performances:
- Heptathlon, 5406pts (CDN Yth Record)
- Long Jump, 5.69m
- Triple Jump, 11.51m
- Discus: BC Yth – 2, CAN Yth – 7
- Hammer Throw (3kg), BC Yth – 2, CAN Yth – 2

Ngo, Philip
Club: Racewalk West | WALK
Coach: Robert Solmes
Events & Performances:
- 1,500m Race Walk, 7:50.69 (1st) – Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships

2015 Track & Field Athlete Of The Year Nominees

Sammons, Benjamin
Club: Uvic Track Club | UVIC
Coach: Dacre Bowen
Events & Performances:
- 100mH, 14.33 (1st) – Elwood Wylie Track Meet

Schultz, Nina
Club: New West Spartans Track & Field Club | NSWSA
Coach: Tatjana & Besnik Mece
Events & Performances:
- High Jump, 1.79m
- Long Jump, 5.69m
- Triple Jump, 11.11m
- Discus: BC Yth – 3, CAN Yth – 8

Sim, Glynnis
Club: Vernon Amateur Athletics Association | VAAA
Coach: John Machuga
Events & Performances:
- 1,500m: 4:32.11
- 2,000m Steeplechase, 6:45.58
- 400m, 46.79 (CDN Yth Record)

Youth Female Track & Field Athlete of the Year Nominees

Bennison, Hannah
Club: Okanagan Athletics Club | OACS
Coach: Nathan Reiter
Events:
- 1,500m, 4:29.72
- 3,000m, 9:33.44
- Teams: IAAF World Youth Championships – 8th (3,000m)

Boots, Chanel
Club: Kajaks Track & Field Club | KJAK
Coach: Richard Collier
Events:
- Discus, 39.34m
- Hammer Throw (3kg), 63.10m
- Canadian Track and Field Championships – 4th (Hammer Throw)

Youth Male Track & Field Athlete of the Year Nominees

Aono, Michael
Club: Vancouver Thunderbirds | TBIR
Coach: Mary Chewning
Events:
- 100m, 10.68
- 200m, 21.28
- 400m, 46.79 (CDN Yth Record)

Rogers, Camryn
Club: Kajaks Track & Field Club | KJAK
Coach: Richard Collier
Events:
- Discus, 37.81m
- Hammer Throw (3kg), 65.16m (CDN Yth Record)
- Shot Put (3kg), 15.23m
- Teams: IAAF World Youth Championships – 7th (400m)

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Coach: Nathan Reiter
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- 1,500m, 4:29.72
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- 400m, 46.79 (CDN Yth Record)
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Club: Kajaks Track & Field Club | KJAK
Coach: Richard Collier
Events:
- Discus, 37.81m
- Hammer Throw (3kg), 65.16m (CDN Yth Record)
- Shot Put (3kg), 15.23m
- Teams: IAAF World Youth Championships – 7th (400m)
## 2015 Track & Field Athlete Of The Year Nominees

### Bergman, Sean
Club: Okanagan Athletics Club | OACS
Coach: Nathan Reiter
Events: 3,000m, 8:31.42
1,500m, 3:51.17
3,000m, 8:37.88
Teams: IAAF World Youth Championships – 2,000m SC (10th)
Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships – 1st (2,000m SC), 5th (3,000m)

### Clare, Jason
Club: Nanaimo & District Track & Field Club | NTFC
Coach: Owen Clements
Events: Pole Vault, 4.66m
Teams: IAAF World Youth Championships – 1st (Pole Vault)
Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships – 1st (Pole Vault)
Legion National Youth Track and Field Championships – 1st (Pole Vault)

### Hoff, Brendan
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Heather Hennigar
Events: 800m, 1:53.42
1,500m, 3:51.17
3,000m, 8:31.42
Teams: IAAF World Youth Championships – 8H1 (1,500m)

## 2015 Track & Field Athlete Of The Year Nominees

### Junior Male Track & Field Athlete of the Year Nominees

#### Cheung, Jackson
Club: Vancouver Thunderbirds | TBIR
Coach: Mark Bomba
Events: 5000m, 14:11.99
1,500m, 4:05.24
Teams: Pan American Junior Athletics Championships – 5sf2 (800m)
IAAF World Challenge, Rieti – 2nd (1,500m)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 1st (800m)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 1st (800m)

### Senior Female Track & Field Athlete of the Year Nominees

#### Benson, Fiona
Club: Langley Mustangs | LANG
Coach: Mark Bomba
Events: 800m, 1:59.99
1,500m, 4:05.24
Teams: IAAF World Championships – 5sf2 (800m)
IAAF World Challenge, Rieti – 2nd (1,500m)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 1st (800m)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 1st (800m)

### Junior Female Track & Field Athlete of the Year Nominees

#### Akbarizadeh, Natasha
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Brad Graham
Events: Hammer Throw, 57.58m
Teams: Pan American Junior Athletics Championships – 1st (Hammer Throw)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 1st (Hammer Throw)
Western Canada Summer Games – 1st (Hammer Throw)

### Tjernagel, Raquel
Club: Coquitlam Cheetahs | COQC
Coach: Tara Self
Events: 200m, 23.34
400m, 52.52
Teams: Pan American Games – 2nd (200m)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 6th (200m), Sr, 6th (400m, Sr)

### Hutchinson, Nicole
Club: Hershey Harriers Athletics Club | HHAC
Coach: Cindy O’Kane
Events: 800m, 2:10.97
1,500m, 4:23.36
Teams: Pan American Junior Athletics Championships – 6th (1,500m)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 2nd (1,500m, Jr)

### Gay, John
Club: Okanagan Athletics Club | OACS
Coach: Nathan Reiter
Events: 3,000m Steeplechase, 9:15.79
5,000m, 14:56.43
Teams: Pan American Junior Athletics Championships – 5th (3,000m SC)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 3rd (5,000m, Jr)

### Stroda, Aaron
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Verena Stroda
Events: Hammer Throw, 62.94m
Teams: Pan American Junior Athletics Championships – 9th (Hammer Throw)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 1st (Hammer Throw, Jr)

### Kostiuk, Tyler
Club: Comox Valley Cougars | CXVC
Coach: Graham Morfitt
Events: 100mH, 14.11
Teams: Pan American Games – 1st (110mH)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 10th (110mH)

### Benning, Natasha
Club: BC Endurance Project, Prairie
Coach: Richard Lee
Events: 10,000m, 31:41.59 (CDN Record)
Pan American Games – 23rd (10,000m)
Pan American Games – 7th (10,000m)

### Nettey, Christabel
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Dan Pfaff
Events: 10,000m, 31:41.59 (CDN Record)
Pan American Games – 23rd (10,000m)
Pan American Games – 7th (10,000m)

### Della Siega, Joel
Club: Ocean Athletics | OATF
Coach: Zbigniew Szelagowicz
Events: High Jump, 2.06m
Teams: IAAF World Junior Championships – 1st (High Jump)
Canadian Track and Field Championships – 6th (High Jump, Jr)

### Hoff, Brendan
Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
Coach: Heather Hennigar
Events: 800m, 1:53.42
1,500m, 3:51.17
3,000m, 8:31.42
Teams: IAAF World Youth Championships – 8H1 (1,500m)
### 2015 Track & Field Athlete of the Year Nominees

#### Senior Male Track & Field Athlete of the Year Nominees

**Thorne, Benjamin**
- Club: Racewalk West | WALK
- Coach: Gerald Dragonim
- Events: 10k Race Walk, 1:19:57 (CDN Record)
- Rankings: BC 10K Junior Championships (3rd)

**Dunfee, Evan**
- Club: Racewalk West | WALK
- Coach: Besnik Mece
- Events: 20km Race Walk, 1:21:48
- Rankings: Canadian Track and Field Championships (1st)

#### Junior Female Track & Field Athlete of the Year Nominees

**Levins, Cameron**
- Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
- Coach: Marco Anzures
- Events: 5,000m, 13:20.68
- Rankings: IAAF World Championships (14th)

**Mason, Michael**
- Club: Valley Royals Track & Field Club | VRTC
- Coach: Zbigniew
- Events: High Jump, 2.33m
- Rankings: Canadian Track and Field Championships (3rd)

### 2015 Road Runner of the Year Nominees

#### Senior Male Road Runner of the Year Nominees

**Wodak, Natasha**
- Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
- Coach: Richard Lee
- Events: 10k, 2:37:11 (BC Record, 1:11:20)

**Watson, Rob**
- Club: Unattached British Columbia | UNBC
- Coach: Pete Watson
- Events: 5,000m, 13:20.68

#### Junior Male Road Runner of the Year Nominees

**Smith, Brennen**
- Club: Nanaimo & District Track & Field Club | NTFC
- Coach: Al Johnston
- Events: BC 10K Junior Championships (1st)

**Mussche, Brooke**
- Club: Langley Mustangs | LANG
- Coach: Dave Hetherington
- Achievements: BC Championships, 14 year olds (1st)

### 2015 Cross Country Runners Of The Year

#### Senior Male Cross Country Runner of the Year

**Kersey, Braden**
- Club: Vernon Amateur Athletics Association | VAAA
- Coach: John Machuga
- Achievements: BC Championships, 14 year olds (1st)

#### Junior Male Cross Country Runner of the Year

**Wykes, Dylan**
- Club: Point Grey Track & Field Club | PTGR
- Coach: Richard Lee
- Achievements: BC Half Marathon Championships (1st)

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### 2015 Cross Country Runners Of The Year

#### Midget 15 Female Cross Country Runner of the Year
- **Name:** Chloe Hegland  
- **Club:** UVIC Track Club | UVIC  
- **Achievements:** 2nd Place Canadian Youth Championships (1st BC athlete)

#### Midget 15 Male Cross Country Runner of the Year
- **Name:** Schmidt, Jordan  
- **Club:** Langley Mustangs | LANG  
- **Coach:** Dave Hetherington  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place BC High Schools Senior Championships (1st BC athlete)

#### Youth Female Cross Country Runner of the Year
- **Name:** Hannah Bennison  
- **Club:** Okanagan Athletics Club | OACS  
- **Coach:** Coach: Chris Johnson  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place BC Junior Championships (run up)

#### Youth Male Cross Country Runner of the Year
- **Name:** Thomas Nobbs  
- **Club:** Vancouver Olympic Club | VOCA  
- **Coach:** Besnik & Tatiana Meece  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place BC Youth Championship

#### Junior Female Cross Country Runner of the Year
- **Name:** Chloe Hegland  
- **Club:** UVIC Track Club | UVIC  
- **Coach:** Brent Fougner  
- **Achievements:** 5th Place BC Junior Championships (1st BC Junior)

#### Junior Male Cross Country Runners of the Year (JOINT WINNERS)
- **Name:** John Gay  
- **Club:** Okanagan Athletics Club | OACS  
- **Coach:** Chris Johnson  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place BC Junior Championships (1st BC athlete)

#### Senior Female Cross Country Runner of the Year
- **Name:** Natasha Wodak  
- **Club:** Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team | PIHR  
- **Coach:** Richard Lee  
- **Achievements:** 16th Place PanAmerican Cup (4th Canadian)

#### Senior Male Cross Country Runner of the Year
- **Name:** Lucas Bruchet  
- **Club:** Point Grey Track & Field Club | PTGR  
- **Coach:** Richard Lee  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place BC Championships (1st BC athlete)

### 2015 Masters Athletes Of The Year

#### Masters Male Road Running Athlete of the Year
- **Name:** O’Connor, Kevin – M45  
- **Club:** Vancouver Falcons Athletic Club | VFAC  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place Canadian Senior Championships; 8th Place Canadian Junior Championships; 61st Place CIS Championships

#### Masters Female Road Running Athlete of the Year
- **Name:** O’Neill, Taryn  
- **Club:** Unattached British Columbia | UNBC  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place BC Junior Championships; 17th Place Canadian Junior Championships

#### Masters Male Field Athlete of the Year
- **Name:** Glowacki, Marek – M75  
- **Club:** Greyhounds Track & Field Club | GREY  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place Canadian Senior Championships; 17th Place Canadian Junior Championships

#### Masters Female Field Athlete of the Year
- **Name:** Montgomery, Lenore – W85  
- **Club:** Valley Royals Track & Field Club | VRTC  
- **Achievements:** 1st Place Canadian Senior Championships; 21st Place Canadian Junior Championships

#### Masters Male Track Athlete of the Year
- **Name:** Dickson, Tom – M60  
- **Club:** Okanagan Athletics Club | OACS  
- **Achievements:** 4th Place Canadian Senior Championships; 1st Place Canadian Junior Championships

#### Masters Female Track Athlete of the Year
- **Name:** Bortignon, Christa – W75  
- **Club:** West Vancouver Track & Field Club | WVAN  
- **Achievements:** 5th Place Canadian Senior Championships; 4th Place Canadian Junior Championships

Highlights:
- **O’Connor, Kevin – M45:** In 2015, O’Connor won the BC Road Running Championships M45–49 category in the 5K, 8K and 10K. His best 10K performance (32.22) came at the Sun Run. Nationally, O’Connor is ranked first in the 5K, 8K and 10K (M45–49). O’Connor’s age-graded average for his best five performances was 90.5 per cent.
- **Glowacki, Marek – M75:** In 2015, Glowacki set new BC and Canadian records in the discus (28.48m) and the shot put (12.95m). She travelled to Sopot, Poland and set records in the discus (39.94m) and the shot put (13.95m). In October, Glowacki went to the European Masters Games and equalled her shot put record and set her Javelin record of 34.68m. Glowacki is ranked No. 3 in the world in the discus and the shot put.
- **Bortignon, Christa – W75:** Highlights: After turning 75 in September, Glowacki set Canadian records in the discus, the shot put and the javelin. She travelled to Sopot, Poland and set records in the discus (39.94m) and the shot put (12.95m). In October, Glowacki went to the European Masters Games and equalled her shot put record and set her Javelin record of 34.68m. Glowacki is ranked No. 3 in the world in the discus and the shot put.
2015 Masters Athletes Of The Year

Masters Female Cross Country Runner of the Year

Montgomery, Darcie – F4549
Club: Hershey Harriers Athletic Club | HHAC
Highlights: Darcie had the best combined age graded score for the BC and Canadian Championships. She finished first female master in the BC Championships and was fourth F4549 in the Canadian Championships in Kingston. Darcy was also the first female master finisher in the Vancouver Spirit Run.

Odermatt, Craig – M4549
Club: Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team | PIHR
Highlights: Craig had outstanding success in the BC and Canadian Championships this year. He finished first overall in both events. At the Canadian Championships in Kingston, Craig led for most of the race and pulled away on the last lap for a convincing victory. Craig was 3rd overall in the Run for the Mountain race in Nanaimo.

2015 Para-Athletics Athletes Of The Year

Para-Athletics Female Athlete of the Year

Stilwell, Michelle
Club: WC Race Series Society | WCRS
Coach: Peter Lawless
Events: T52 100m, 1:07.78
T52 200m, 29.88
T52 400m, 1:00.30
Teams: ParaPan American Games – 1st (T34/T51/T52/T53/T54 400m), 5th (T34/T51/T52 100m), 5th (T34/T51/T52/T53/T54 400m)
Rankings:
T52 100m: BC Sr – 1, CAN Sr – 1, World – 2
T52 200m: BC Sr – 1, CAN Sr – 1, World – 1
T52 400m: BC Sr – 1, CAN Sr – 1, World – 2

Para-Athletics Male Athlete of the Year

Dewitt, Nathan
Club: WC Race Series Society | WCRS
Coach: James Hustvedt
Events: T52 100m, 16.31
T52 200m, 29.88
T52 400m, 1:00.30
Teams: IPC Athletics World Championships – 9th (T34 100m), 13th (T34 200m, 400m)
Canadian Track & Field Championships – 1st (T34/T51/T52 100m), 2nd (T34/T51/T52 400m), 5th (T34/T51/T52/T53 200m)
Rankings:
T34 100m: BC Sr – 1, CAN Sr – 1, World – 9
T34 200m: BC Sr – 1, CAN Sr – 2, World – 11
T34 400m: BC Sr – 1, CAN Sr – 2, World – 15

2015 Excellence in Officiating Awards

Ian McNeil Award: Official of the Year
A registered Official who made an outstanding contribution to track and field and was conspicuous in their excellence in the calendar year. The recipient is automatically nominated for the ‘NOC Official of the Year’.

Vince Sequeira
Vince Sequeira has demonstrated outstanding leadership, attitude, effort and commitment to track and field on Vancouver Island, and continues to travel to meets outside his local area, and upgraded to National Level 4 in 2015. Vince leads the VIAA and shares the Zone 6 Regional Development Coordination duties for the Vancouver Island zone which involves overseeing the development of officials, scheduling and organizing training workshops, and the scheduling of officials at meets. The current increase in development of the officials program of Mid-Vancouver Island has been because of Vince’s efforts.

Mary Temple Award: Novice Official of the Year
A registered Official who, in his/her first 5 years, has focused substantial effort on learning to be an official as well as contributed willingly and unselfishly as a beginner Official.

Rose Hare
After retiring Rose tried paddling outrigger and dragon boats then tried her hand at some throwing events at the BC Senior Games. She started with shot put and discus. Once she was sure she wouldn’t fall down she tried hammer, weight throw and javelin. As the officials looked like they were having fun she decided to start to officiate. Rose now enjoys both competing and officiating.

Dave Coupland Award – Inspirational Award
The Dave Coupland Award is presented to a BC Athletics member who has been an inspiration for Officials; someone who has made it fun.

Richard Collier
Richard has been a longstanding member of the BC Athletics community. Always eager to chat with athletes, coaches and officials, Richard has always respected those who work hard to make our competitions great. Always one to joke around with officials, Collier is always sure to greet you with a smile, and make sure that you have as much fun as he does. Treating the athletics community like his adopted family, Richard embodies the inclusive atmosphere of the Athletics world, and is a great example of the values awarded with the Dave Coupland award.
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**2015 Coaching Excellence Awards**

**Steve Boylan**

Steve was a coach for many years with the Langley Mustangs, took a break and is now back with Coquitlam Cheetahs, which has since seen a major resurgence both in participation and performances. Steve is at every meet coaching and looking out for his athletes. He has in-depth knowledge and is an experienced coach who can coach any event. He is very encouraging and believes in the long-term athlete development model, which he puts into practice.

**Nathan Reiter**

Nathan has continued to build a strong group of athletes for the Okanagan Athletics Club. In 2015, two of coach Reiter’s athletes qualified for the 2015 IAAF World Youth Team. Sean Bergman qualified in the 2000mSC while Hannah Benson qualified in the 3000m. Both athletes also won the 2015 BC High School Track & Field Championships with Benson smashing a 31 year old record in the girls 3000m. Bergman would also go on to compete at the 2015 Canadian Youth Legion Track & Field Championships as a member of the BC/Yukon Command Team. While in Quebec, Bergman would go on to win gold with a BC Record performance in the 2000mSC. Nathan’s energy, enthusiasm and dedication to the sport has clearly rubbed off on his athletes.

**Tara Self**

Coach Tara Self continues to produce some of BC’s most accomplished sprinters. In 2015, Tara’s athletes represented Canada at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto this past July. Under the tutelage of coach Self, athlete Nathan George continued his career as a National Team athlete, participating as a member of the Pan Am Games Relay Team. Also in 2015, Tara’s development of Junior Phenom Raquel Tjernagel also earned her a spot on the Pan American Games team in the 200m event. Raquel also ended the year with a BC Open and Native record in the women’s Junior 100m of 11.58. Both athletes were members of the 2015 BC Senior Team. Tara has been a long-time coach with the Coquitlam Cheetahs and resides in Coquitlam, BC with husband Paul and their 2 daughters.

**Gerry Dragomir**

Gerry continues to raise the bar at the High Performance level. In 2015, coach Dragomir’s athletes were named to 4 National teams, including the Pan Am Race Walk Cup Team, the World University Games Team, The Pan Am Games Team and the 2015 IAAF World Championships Team. On the international stage, Gerry’s athletes won 4 medals with a Gold and Silver Medal performance by athletes Evan Dunfee and Inaki Gomez at the Pan Am Games and a Gold and Bronze at the World University Games and IAAF World Championships by athlete Benjamin Thorne. Gerry has continued his quest to produce some of the world’s best Race Walkers and is highly respected amongst his peers.

**2015 BC Athletics Annual Awards**

**Tom Dingle**

Tom has acted as the JD Statistician for many years and is an invaluable member of the track community. As well as keeping track of all JD Performances and producing the annual awards nominations, he is a valued member of Peninsula Track Club, where he has coached for over a decade until very recently. He has been a guiding light on the island and the Vancouver Island Athletics Association.

**Jane Swan Award**

Jessie Dosanjh

As a founding member of the Universal Athletics Club in 2000, Jesse Dosanjh has continued to be a leader and builder of Athletics in the Universal Club, as part of the community of Surrey where the Club is based and Provincially with appointments as a BC Athletics Team Coach. Evidence of Jessie’s the leadership and commitment to Athletics can be found with the rallying of Universal Athletics to assist in the hosting with the South Fraser T&F Club in hosting the 2012 BC Summer Games Track & Field Competition and the hosting in 2015 of the inaugural Universal Athletics Club Track & Field Meet. This is over and above his role as a Coach with the Club which has resulted in athletes from Universal Athletics being named to BC Athletics Teams and recipients of BC Athletics Annual Awards.

**Executive of the Year Award**

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**2015 BC Athletics Hall Of Fame Inductees**

**Herb Gee – Athlete**

Born in 1941 in Montreal, Herb Gee from an early aged displayed outstanding skills in Hockey, Football, Downhill and Slalom Skiing all of which evolved to dirt biking to fulfill his need for speed. An accident and an eventual move to British Columbia 1996 opened another door for Herb when in 1997 he entered his first BC Senior Games (55+ Games) and 5 Gold Medals. The hook was set! During the next 12 years, as a member of the Tri-City Greyhounds, Herb continued his dominance including 8 Golds at the 2001 BC Seniors Games, 4 Gold at the 2003 Richmond Canadian Masters Track & Field Championships plus Gold and Silver in the 2009 Kamloops Canadian Masters Track & Field Championship at age 68.

Over his career Herb established 6 Canadian and BC records, some of which still stand today – Outdoor: M 55 plus 4x100m Relay; M65 100m; M60 4x100; Indoor: M 65 60m; 200m; Long Jump.

The World Masters Indoor Championship in March 2010 was Herb’s next major competition he had on his competition calendar when in November 2009 he was diagnosed with an illness he would not recover from. Herb passed away in February 2010 but left an outstanding legacy of performances, records and inspiration to many Masters Athletes.

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### Pan American Cross Country Cup
(Feb 22 – Barranquilla, Columbia)

**IAAF World Cross Country Championships**
(Mar 28 – Guiyang, China)

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### Summer Universiade (FISU)
(July 2-14 – Gwangju, Korea)

### Panamerican Junior Championships
(Jul 31-Aug 2 – Edmonton, AB)
### PanAmerican Games
(July 10-26 – Toronto, On)

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## Pan American Race Walking Cup
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