

2007 BC Athletics Annual Awards Banquet  
January 20, 2007

TRACK & FIELD

**JUVENILE FEMALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Stacey Irvine**

**Club: Track 5450**

**Coach: Greg Peters**

2006 Best Performances and Ranking

Event: Pole Vault – 3.80m

Rank: BC Juvenile 1<sup>st</sup> in Pole Vault                      Canadian Youth – 1<sup>st</sup> in Pole Vault  
          BC Junior 1<sup>st</sup> in Pole Vault                      Canadian Junior – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pole Vault

Teams in 2006: BC Juvenile  
                    BC Junior

Accomplishments: BC High School Gold medalist  
                          Canadian Legion Pole Vault Gold medalist  
                          Canadian Legion 100m Hurdles Gold medalist  
                          National Juniors 9<sup>th</sup> place  
                          Set a BC Juvenile Record in Pole Vault

**JUVENILE FEMALE TRACK & FIELD NOMINEES:**

**Nicolle Fraser**

**Club Coquitlam Cheetahs**

**Coach: Tom Nielsen**

2006 Best Performances and Ranking:

Event: Javelin Throw - 44.10m

Rank: BC Juvenile – 1<sup>st</sup>                      Canadian Youth – 1<sup>st</sup>  
          BC Junior – 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Canadian Junior – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Juvenile  
                    BC Junior

Accomplishments: BC High School Silver Medalist in Javelin  
                          Gold Medal at the National Legion Championships  
                          Bronze medal at the National Junior Championships

**Jessica Smith**

**Club: Norwesters**

**Coach: Frank Reynolds**

Event(s): 800m 2:10.28 and 1500m 4:28.93 and 3000m 10:07.77

Rank: BC Juvenile 800m – 1st                      BC Juvenile 1500m – 1st  
          Canadian Youth 800m – 3rd                      Canadian Youth 1500m – 3rd

Teams in 2006: BC Juvenile and BC Junior

Accomplishments: BC High School 1500m Champion  
                          Canadian Legion National Champion 800m and 1500m  
                          Canadian Junior 6<sup>th</sup> 1500m

**Christine Lowe**

**Club: Coquitlam Cheetahs**

**Coach: Tara Self**

Event(s): 100m Hurdles 14.93 and 400m Hurdles 61.60

Rank: BC Juvenile 100m Hurdles – 2<sup>nd</sup>      Canadian Youth – 6<sup>th</sup>  
400m Hurdles – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian Youth – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Juvenile Team

Accomplishments: BC High Schools Gold medalist in the 400m  
Canadian National Legion Championships Gold medalist 400mH

## **JUVENILE MALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Trey Henderson**

**Club – Kajaks**

**Coach – Richard Collier**

Event(s): Hammer Throw – 67.45m and Discus Throw 49.07m

Rank: BC Juvenile Hammer – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian Youth – 1<sup>st</sup>  
BC Discus – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian Youth – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
BC Hammer Junior – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian Junior – 1<sup>st</sup>  
BC Discus Junior – 3<sup>rd</sup>      Canadian Junior – 6<sup>th</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Juvenile Team and BC Junior Team

Accomplishments: BC High School Gold medalist in the Hammer Throw and Discus Throw  
National Legion Champion in the Hammer Throw  
National Junior Champion in the Hammer Throw  
Canadian Youth Record in the Hammer Throw

## **JUVENILE MALE TRACK & FIELD NOMINEES:**

**Ryan Chester**

**Club: Kajaks**

**Coach: Mike Murray**

Event: 400m Hurdles – 53.92

Rank: BC Juvenile 400m Hurdles – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian Youth – 1<sup>st</sup>  
BC Junior 400m Hurdles – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian Junior – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Juvenile Team

Accomplishments: BC High Schools Gold medalist in the 400m Hurdles  
Canadian Junior 400m Hurdles – Bronze  
Canadian Legion Championships Gold medalist in the 4X400m relay

**Kyle Nielsen**

**Club: Coquitlam Cheetahs**

**Coach: Tom Nielsen**

Event: Javelin 66.34m

Rank: BC Juvenile Javelin – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian Youth – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
BC Junior Javelin – 2<sup>nd</sup>      Canadian Junior – 4<sup>th</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Juvenile Team and BC Junior Team

Accomplishments: BC High School Gold medalist in the Javelin Throw  
Canadian National Legion Championships Silver Medalist  
Canadian National Junior Championships Silver Medalist

## **JUNIOR FEMALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Elizabeth Gleadle**

**Club: Vancouver Thunderbirds**

**Coach: Laurier Primeau/Ron Bunting**

Event: Javelin Throw 50.86m

Rank: BC Junior – 1<sup>st</sup>; Canadian Junior – 1<sup>st</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Junior Team

Canadian World Junior

Accomplishments: BC High School Gold medalist in Javelin  
Set a Canadian Junior Championship meet record  
8<sup>th</sup> place at Mount Sac Relays International Section  
12<sup>th</sup> place at the World Junior Championships in Beijing

#### JUNIOR FEMALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE NOMINEES:

##### **Corri-Ann Campbell Fell**

**Club: Vancouver Thunderbirds**

**Coach: Laurier Primeau**

Event: 400mHurdles 59.22

Rank: BC Junior – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Junior – 1<sup>st</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Junior

Canadian World Junior

Accomplishments: Silver Medallist at the Canadian National Junior Championships  
17<sup>th</sup> place at the World Junior Championships in Beijing  
National Junior 4X400m relay team at World Juniors  
Canadian National Team Dual Meet with China

##### **Whitney Wellington**

**Club: Vancouver Thunderbirds**

**Coach: Laurier Primeau**

Event(s): 100m 12.01 and 200m 24.55

Rank: BC Junior 100m – 2<sup>nd</sup> Canadian Junior -5<sup>th</sup>  
BC Junior 200m – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Junior – 4<sup>th</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Junior Team

Canadian Junior

Accomplishments: 1<sup>st</sup> place at BC Juniors in both 100m and 200m  
2<sup>nd</sup> place at Canadian National Juniors in 100m  
Only athlete from BC to qualify for the World Juniors in more than one event  
Member of the 10<sup>th</sup> place 4 x 100m relay at the World Juniors  
40<sup>th</sup> at the World Juniors in 100m

#### JUNIOR MALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

##### **Reid Gustavson**

**Club: Vancouver Thunderbirds**

**Coach: Laurier Primeau**

Event: Decathlon 7080 points

Rank: BC Junior – 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Junior – 1<sup>st</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Junior Team

Canadian Junior Team

Accomplishments: BC Junior Decathlon record  
Canadian Junior Decathlon record  
Undefeated in Canada in the Decathlon in 2006  
National Junior Champion  
18<sup>th</sup> place at the World Junior Championships in Beijing China  
Nationally ranked in individual events – High Jump; Pole Vault; Long Jump and 400m

#### JUNIOR MALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE NOMINEES:

##### **Justin Marpole-Bird**

**Club: Vancouver Thunderbirds**

**Coach: Graeme Fell**

Event: 1500m 3:45.99

Rank: BC Junior – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian Junior – 1<sup>st</sup>  
BC Senior – 3<sup>rd</sup>      Canadian Senior – 12<sup>th</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Junior Team

Canadian Junior Team

Accomplishments: Silver Medallist at National Junior Championships  
BC High School Gold medalist in the 1500m  
Member of the Canadian National Team at the World Junior Championships

### **Curtis Moss**

**Club: Unattached**

**Coach: Don Steen**

Event: Javelin Throw 66.52m

Rank: BC – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian – 1<sup>st</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Junior Team

Canadian Junior Team

Accomplishments: Gold medalist at National Junior Championships  
Represented Simon Fraser University at NAIA championships  
Member of the National Team at the World Junior Championships in Beijing, China

### **SENIOR FEMALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

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### **FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Jennifer Joyce**

**Club: Kajaks**

**Coach: Chris Huffins**

Event: Hammer Throw 68.09m

Rank: BC – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian – 1<sup>st</sup>      World – 37<sup>th</sup>

Teams in 2006: Canadian Commonwealth Games Team

Accomplishments: Silver medalist at the Canadian National Senior Championships  
Silver medalist at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne Australia  
Bronze medalist at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene Oregon

### **SENIOR FEMALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE NOMINEES:**

**Diane Cummins**

**Club: Pacific Athletics**

**Coach: Brent Fougner**

Event: 800m 1:59.81

Rank: BC – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian – 1<sup>st</sup>      World – 19<sup>th</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Senior Team

Canadian National Senior Team for the Commonwealth Games

Accomplishments: Gold medalist at the Victoria International Meet  
5<sup>th</sup> Place at the Commonwealth Games  
Ranked under 2 minutes twice in 2006

**Stephanie McCann**

**Club: Valley Royals**

**Coach: Les Gramantik**

Event: Pole Vault 4.37m

Rank: BC – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Senior Team

Canadian National Team for Dual Meet with China

Canadian National Team member for the Commonwealth Games

Accomplishments: Canadian Senior Championships – Gold medalist

Commonwealth Games Bronze medalist

**SENIOR MALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR  
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MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Gary Reed**

**Club: Pacific Athletics**

**Coach: Wynn Gmitroski**

Event: 800m 1:43.93

Rank: BC – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian – 1<sup>st</sup>      World – 14<sup>th</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Senior Team

Canadian Commonwealth Games Team

Accomplishments:    Set a new Canadian Record in the 800m twice in 2006  
Member of the Canadian Commonwealth Games Team  
Currently ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the World in the 800m

**SENIOR MALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE NOMINEES:**

**Mike Mason**

**Club: Valley Royals**

**Coach: Laurier Primeau**

Event: High Jump 2.23m

Rank: BC – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian 4<sup>th</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Senior Team

Canadian National Team for the Dual Meet with China

Accomplishments:    National Senior Championships – Bronze medalist  
NAIA Gold medalist  
NACAC – Bronze medalist  
4 times in 2006 jumped 2.20 metres or better

**Dariusz Slowik**

**Club: Kajaks**

**Coach: Richard Collier**

Event: Discus 63.47m

Rank: BC – 1<sup>st</sup>      Canadian – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Teams in 2006: BC Senior Team

Canadian Commonwealth Games Team

Accomplishments:    Gold medalist at the National Senior Championships in Ottawa  
Bronze medalist at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne

**MASTER FEMALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**Avril Douglas**

**Kajaks Track & Field Club**

Avril Douglas scored an 87.58% average over her best 5 performances. She set W60 BC Records in the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m. Her best performances were in the 400 with a 69.57 as a 60 year old and a 68.58 at 59.

**MASTER MALE TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

**John Hawkins**

**West Vancouver Track & Field Club**

John Hawkins scored 94.58% for his best 5 performances. He won 8 Gold medals at the BC Championships, and 6 at the Senior Games. He won gold at the USA Decathlon Championships and Gold in the heptathlon at the USA Indoor Championships. His best performance was a 1.75m high jump.

## ROAD RUNNING

### **SENIOR FEMALE ROAD RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Lucy Smith**

**Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team**

Times Colonist 10k, Victoria, 1<sup>st</sup>, 35:09

Vancouver Sun Run 10k, 7<sup>th</sup>, 35:26

Canadian Half Marathon Championships, Edmonton, 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:14.25

Canadian 10k Championships, Ottawa, 1<sup>st</sup>, 33:45

### **SENIOR MALE ROAD RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Steve Osaduik**

**Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team**

- First Half Half Marathon, Vancouver, BC, 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:06:32, 1,905 finishers
- Times Colonist 10K, Victoria, BC, 1<sup>st</sup>, 30:16, 8,162 finishers, Third consecutive TC10K Championship
- Scotiabank Half Marathon, Vancouver, BC, 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:07:23, 3,424 finishers
- National Half Marathon Championships, Edmonton, AB, 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:07:21, 947 finishers, Canadian Champion

### **MASTER FEMALE ROAD RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Nancy Tinari**

**Phoenix Athletics Association**

Nancy Tinari was first in the F4549 category of the Timex Series with a perfect score of 210. She was fourth overall in the series. Nancy averaged 89.6% age graded for her five best road races. Her top performance was a 35:53 clocking in the Sun Run (91.5%).

### **MASTER MALE ROAD RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Herb Phillips**

**Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team**

Herb Phillips scored 91.0% age graded over his best 5 performances. His best race was a 37:20 in the Sandcastle 10k. His most impressive result was a 29:41 in the Steveston Ice Breaker 8k in January under very cold conditions.

## CROSS COUNTRY

### **JUVENILE FEMALE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Justine Johnson**

**Pacific Athletics**

- October – 1<sup>st</sup> Place BC Athletics Cross Country Championships
- November – 1<sup>st</sup> Place BC High School Cross Country Championships
- December – 14<sup>th</sup> Place Canadian Junior Cross Country Championships

### **JUVENILE MALE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Mitch Culley**

**Valley Royals Track & Field Club**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place BC Athletics Cross Country Championships
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place BC High School Cross Country Championships
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Place Canadian Junior Cross Country Championships

## **JUNIOR FEMALE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Rachel Cliff**

**Vancouver Thunderbirds Track & Field Club**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Ontario University Cross Country Championships
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place CIS Canadian University Cross Country Championships
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place Canadian Junior Cross Country Championships

## **JUNIOR MALE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Justine Marpole-Bird**

**Vancouver Thunderbirds Track & Field Club**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Stanford Invitational Cross Country
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place Santa Clara Invitational Cross Country
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Canadian Junior Cross Country Championships

## **SENIOR FEMALE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Kirsty Smith**

**Kajaks Track & Field Club**

- 15<sup>th</sup> Place NACAC Cross Country Championships – Canadian Team Member
- 93<sup>rd</sup> Place IAAF World Cross Country Championships – Canadian Team Member - 8 km
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place BC Athletics Cross Country Championships

## **SENIOR MALE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Steve Osaduik**

**Prairie Inn Harriers Racing Team**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Place NACAC Cross Country Championships – Canadian Team Member
- 92<sup>nd</sup> Place IAAF World Cross Country Championships – Canadian Team Member – 12 km
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place BC Athletics Cross Country Championships
- 25<sup>th</sup> Place Canadian Cross Country Championships

## **MASTER FEMALE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Maureen de St. Croix**

**Ocean Athletics**

Maureen de St. Croix won the F5054 division in the BC and the Canadian Championships (leading the BC Team to another Blue Nose Trophy win). She was the top female age graded athlete in both races.

## **MASTER MALE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

**Rob Lonergan**

**Hershey Harriers**

Rob Lonergan won the masters race at the BC Cross Country Championships in a great time of 25:56. He was also the top age graded performer at 89.58%. He won the North Shore Cross Country Championship and the Remembrance Day Masters Only Classic and finished 44<sup>th</sup> in the Senior division of the Canadian Cross Country Championships in a fine time of 34:35.

## ATHLETES WITH A DISABILITY

## **FEMALE ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY**

**Michelle Stilwell**

**BC Wheelchair Sports - Athletics**

Event(s): 100m 200m

Coach: Peter Lawless

Teams in 2006: BC Senior

Canadian National Senior Team

Michelle raced to become a double medalist at the World Championships in the 100m and 200m. Michelle established a World Championship Games Record in the 200m (39.51). She won the Silver medal in the 100m in a time of 22.15. Michelle placed first in the Wheelchair Race Series here in BC.

## **MALE ATHLETE WITH A DISABILITY**

**Kelly Smith**

**BC Wheelchair Sports – Athletics**

**Coach: Peter Ericson**

Event: Marathon 1:29:34

10k – 21:02

Kelly was the top Canadian finisher at the Boston Marathon placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Men's Open Division. Kelly won the 2006 Vancouver Sun Run 10k, as well as the 2006 Forzani Mother's Day 10k; Kelly placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2006 Rolling Rampage 10k in Toronto repeating as the top Canadian athlete in the field. Kelly competed in the 2006 World Championships in Assen, Netherlands but was involved in a huge crash which damaged his wheelchair. Kelly managed to finish the race in 31<sup>st</sup> position.

## OFFICIALS

### **IAN McNEIL AWARD**

#### **2006 OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

**April Arsene**

A founder of the Valley Royals Track and Field Club, April Arsene turned her attention to officiating ten years ago. A woman with a remarkable level of expertise, April has become a finish line authority within this province, working proficiently in a team with other officials. In 2006 April completed the Level 4 National Officials Umpires criteria, was the Meet Director of the BC Senior Games in Abbotsford, and is a member of the BC Branch Official Committee. April brings energy, knowledge and a great deal of fun to meets of all levels throughout British Columbia, and is a very worthy recipient of the 2006 Official of the Year Award.

### **RALPH COATES MEMORIAL AWARD**

#### **2006 LONG STANDING SERVICE**

**Keith Newell**

An official with more than 30 years volunteer service to his province and country, Keith Newell is an excellent example of commitment at a very high level. Keith is a Starters Assistant, a Referee, a Starter and a regular member of a Jury at elite meets. A member, and currently Chair, of the National Officials Committee, Keith is a past Chair of the BC Branch Officials. He has demonstrated his proficiency as a Meet Director on numerous occasions, notably during the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria. Keith is a wealth of information, and willingly mentors other officials who appreciate his calm attitude and attention to detail. British Columbia is indeed fortunate to have the continual expertise that Keith Newell has brought to our province.

### **MARY TEMPLE AWARD**

#### **NOVICE OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR**

**Sandra Herd**

A volunteer with a keen interest in developing her officiating skills, Sandra has been a regular at track and field meets over the past 2 years. During this time she completed the Level 1 and 2 BC Officials courses, and though enjoying a sampling of all athletics competitions, Sandra has a particular interest in the jumping events. After spending years as a parent watching her own three athletes, she was drawn into officiating by the camaraderie and



expertise she saw modeled by other officials. A new official with a tremendous potential, Sandra has demonstrated four important traits: leadership, dedication, talent, and a great sense of humour!

## **DAVID COUPLAND INSPIRATIONAL AWARD**

### **Gerry Swan**

A long serving member of the Athletics Community, Gerry is a head coach, organizer, former athlete, and a founding member of the Valley Royals T&F Club as well as a long serving member of the Achilles Society. With the presentation of the Dave Coupland Award, Gerry is recognized for his appreciation of Provincial and National Officials, and the volunteer work they perform for the sport. Gerry is an advocate for officials, respectful of their expertise, always assuring they are acknowledged and awarded hospitality. A Freeman of the City of Abbotsford, due to his contribution to community sports and volunteers, Gerry is outspoken in his support of the role played by Athletics Officials.

## EXCELLENCE IN COACHING

### **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COACH**

#### **Larry Neilson**

Larry Neilson is the Junior Development Coordinator for the Valley Royals Track and Field Club. He tracks talented athletes attending school in the Abbotsford and Mission School Districts and does his utmost to enlist these athletes as BC Athletics members. Larry has his Level 2 Coaching Certification. Larry is a fantastic volunteer with the Valley Royals Track Club and helps to organize numerous school, club and provincial meets. He is a patient worker with parents of JD athletes.

Athletes:

Shayna Lauer

Event – Race Walk – BC Summer Games Gold medalist

Ranked first in BC

David Crumley

Event – 400m – Silver medal at the BC Summer Games

Ranked in BC – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dyson Barnes

Event – 300m Hurdles – BC Summer Games Gold medalist

Ranked in BC – 1<sup>st</sup>

### **SENIOR COACH**

#### **Laurier Primeau**

Laurier Primeau is the Head Coach and Founder of the Vancouver Thunderbirds. Laurier has been a very successful athlete, coach and club administrator over many years. He is a valued member of the Senior, Junior and Juvenile Track and Field Committee representing the Combined Events area. This past summer he was selected to be the Jumps and Combined Events coach on the National World Junior Team that travelled to Beijing China. His club program produced five of the 28 athletes selected to this team. The success of the club athletes is a testament to the hard work and dedication that Laurier provides his athletes.

Athletes

Reid Gustavson – established a Canadian Junior Decathlon record

Elizabeth Gleadle – set a National Jr. Championship meet record in the Javelin 50.86m

Corri-Ann Campbell Fell – set a new personal best in the 400m Hurdles 59.22

Justin Marpole-Bird – Ranked as the top junior in not only BC but also in Canada

Whitney Wellington – the only BC athlete to qualify in two events for the World Juniors

Rachel Cliff – Bronze medallist at the National Junior Championships

Katherine Digby

Erica Digby

Morgan Twitchell

Cloe Hewitt

Aaron Dixon

Mike Clapson

Ella Johnson  
Stuart Allester  
Joel Halcro

Katie Hewitt  
Jessica Olfert  
Joel Newbert

Jenna Nestman  
Geoffrey Law  
Tim Smith

## **HIGH PERFORMANCE COACH**

### **Peter Lawless**

#### **BC Wheelchair Sports**

Peter has contributed to the growth and development of Wheelchair Athletics in British Columbia for many years. He is the coach of the National Training Centre for Wheelchair Athletics in Victoria under the Integrated Performance System's National Wheelchair Sports Training Centre in British Columbia. Peter is involved each year in the BCWSA Annual Wheelchair Athletics Clinic for athletes and coaches. Peter's main focus is training his athletes, including World Champion Michelle Stillwell and National Marathon Silver medalist Alan Bergman. Peter has supported the development of Canada Summer Games and the Western Canada Summer Games team athletes for many years. Peter also works with provincial team athletes including Canada Summer Games hopeful Jessica Des Mazes and National Development Team member, Brad Skeats. Peter has travelled as a National Team Coach to the 2006 World Championships in Assen, in the Netherlands, and to the 2005 European Championships in Espoo, Finland.

## **EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR**

### **Local Arrangements Committee for the 2006 Legion National Track & Field Championships**

Lead by Sharel Fraser, the Local Arrangements Committee hosted and organized the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Legion National Track & Field Championships held at Simon Fraser University. Drawing from the Legion Branches throughout the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley, Simon Fraser University, BC Athletics Officials and Staff, Sharel forged a dedicated, dynamic and determined committee to lead the hosting of this National Legion Championship. Travelling throughout the province soliciting donations and commitments from Legion Branches, governments at all levels and businesses this team of volunteers pulled together the necessary resources to make this one of the most memorable Legion National Track & Field Championships ever held and provide Simon Fraser University with a legacy of Track & Field equipment. Cool under pressure was the motto for Sharel who despite the many challenges faced in the staging of this event could always be counted on to listen and help in whatever way possible. This was the approach adopted by all the Local Arrangements Committee members who together with the many volunteers and officials just did it!

## **BC ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME**

### **Iain Fisher**

When you mention the Fisher name in the Athletics Community in British Columbia you open the door to a treasure chest of volunteer commitment and dedication to the sports of Track & Field, Road and Cross Country Running. Carrying on the family tradition, Iain is now one of our longest serving officials in BC. He is an International level Starters Assistant and Call Room Manager, and has been invited to participate in many National and International Championships in Canada. In 2005 and 2006 he acted as a Technical advisor and Officials Manager for the Canadian Cross-country Championships. He was Chief Starters Assistant for the Harry Jerome International Track Classic, and for a full season of invitational and local meets. Iain is Chief Starter and Officials Manager for a regular series of "twilight meets" in Burnaby, which attracts recreational as well as International class athletes. In 2004 he was invited to act as a Major Official at the National Track and Field Championships, and at the National Junior Championships in Saskatoon. Iain was Co-Meet Director of the Royal Canadian Legion Championships in 2006. He has been a competitive athlete all his life, and trains for Masters cross country and road racing. Iain Fisher was the 2005 BC Athletics Official of the Year (the Ian McNeill Award).