

Sport NB announces Pitney Bowes Awards finalists

Fredericton, NB - Athletes who have represented New Brunswick throughout the world, coaches who have invested time and effort, and individuals who have volunteered countless hours were highlighted today, as Sport New Brunswick announced the names of the finalists for the 20th annual Pitney Bowes Sport Awards.

“Once again the selection committee had a difficult job in narrowing the field of nominees to our finalists; there were a number of very close votes.” said Darcy McKillop, Chief Executive Officer of Sport NB. “Among our finalists we have athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers who have been involved at all levels of sport, from grassroots to international competitions.”

The Pitney Bowes Awards recognize the accomplishments of New Brunswick’s top athletes, teams, coaches, officials, and volunteers in amateur sport over the past year.

“Over the past year each of these finalists has done New Brunswick very proud,” said McKillop. “These are the types of people who inspire others to be great, and help see the value in sport participation. New Brunswickers can be very proud of these individuals”.

Nominations were submitted by the Provincial Sport Organizations. Finalists were selected based on their achievements from October 1st 2012-October 1st 2013.

The finalists were announced in nine of the thirteen categories. They are:

Comfort Inn Female Athlete of the Year

Emily Dean, St. Stephen, Olympic Air Rifle
Samantha Stewart, Fredericton, Wrestling
Geneviève Lalonde, Moncton, Athletics

Comfort Inn Male Athlete of the Year

Caleb Jones, Saint John, Athletics
Mitch Quigg, Saint John, Athletics

BrunNet Team of the Year

2013 Canada Games Women’s 4x400 relay team (Amy-Lynn Grant, Grace Annear, Rachele McDonald and Sarah Myatt)
NB Men’s Triples Lawn Bowling Champions (Pat Beggs, Jeff Mulherin and Elden McLaughlin)
2013 Canada Games Baseball Team

Boston Pizza Female Coach of the Year

Krista Betts, Bass River, Wrestling
Bari Gourley, Fredericton, Golf

Boston Pizza Male Coach of the Year

Earl Church, Shediac Cape, Athletics
Mark Noel, Miramichi, Baseball
Patrick Scully, Rexton, Wrestling

Official of the Year

Judy Astle, Boistown, Golf
Seward Neilsen, Saint John, Basketball
Matt van Raalte, Douglas, Volleyball

Spirit of Sport

Christel Robichaud, Moncton, Athletics
Elizabeth (Bee) Fagan, Oromocto, Wrestling
Brodie Theriault, Galloway, Wrestling

President's Award Female

Elizabeth (Bee) Fagan, Oromocto, Wrestling
Emily Dean, St. Stephen, Olympic Air Rifle
Cassidy Richards, Fredericton, Swimming

Outstanding Media Coverage

Scott Briggs and Topher Seguin, Telegraph Journal
Stephane Paquette and Robert Lagacé, l'Acadie Nouvelle

PITNEY BOWES SPORTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS:

The following awards will be presented to the recipients listed below at the Pitney Bowes Sports Awards:

Corporate Award

Bulletproof Solutions, Fredericton

Bell Aliant Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award

David MacMullin, Harvey Station, Basketball

Volunteer Sport Administrator Award

Patrick Scully, Rexton, Wrestling

President's Award Male

Josh Shanks, Chance Harbour, Athletics

Congratulations to all finalists and recipients! To purchase tickets to the event please contact Sport NB at programs@sportnb.com or 451-1320. The awards take place November 23rd at the Crowne Plaza in Fredericton.

Sport NB is a non-profit bilingual federation. We advocate sport for all, from the grassroots level to high performance, and provide programs and services for all our members.

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