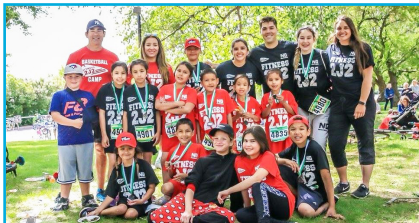


2018

Celebrating Excellence in Parks and Recreation



Saskatchewan
Parks and Recreation
Association



Today, we recognize the achievements of extraordinary individuals and groups who have left a lasting impact on the parks and recreation field. Sometimes in this busy world we live in, we forget to say thank you loud enough. Today we welcome the opportunity!

Master of Ceremonies

Royce Pettyjohn

Dinner

Classic Dinner Buffet with Beef and Turkey

Garden Salad

Spinach Strawberry Salad

Mango, Cucumber and Crabstick Salad

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Greetings

Mr. Doug Steele, MLA for Cypress Hills,
representing the Government of Saskatchewan

Her Worship Michelle McKenzie, Mayor of Maple Creek

Coralie Bueckert, President of the Saskatchewan
Parks and Recreation Association

Presentations

Communities in Bloom Awards

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Awards

Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association Scholarships



Dallas Burnett

Saskatchewan Polytechnic
Recreation and Community Development



Alex Watson

University of Regina
Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies



Claire McKenzie

University of Saskatchewan
College of Kinesiology

SPRA SCHOLARSHIPS

This program supports individuals pursuing careers in recreation by awarding scholarships to students enrolled in post-secondary Recreation and Leisure Programs across Saskatchewan.



COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM AWARDS

Communities in Bloom is a grassroots program that recognizes community participation in projects involving environmental awareness, heritage conservation and the maintenance and development of local green spaces.



Provincial Winners!

Population Category 501 – 1,000

Eastend, SK

Special Mention for Town Square



Population Category 1,001 – 2,000

Eston, SK

Special Mention for Fortitude of the CIB Committee



Population Category 5,000 and higher

Melfort, SK

Special Mention for Twenty Roadside Attractions



Provincial Participants

- Riverhurst
- Kyle
- Manitou Beach
- Craik
- Macoun
- Blaine Lake
- Rockglen
- Viscount
- Rural Municipality of Prince Albert
- Preston Park II Retirement Residence
- Eastend
- Three Lakes Economic Development Region
- Wolseley
- Aberdeen
- Springside
- Candle Lake
- Lashburn
- Eston
- Wynyard
- Ile-a la-Crosse
- Maidstone
- Rosthern
- Davidson
- Kerrobert
- Shaunavon
- Outlook
- Assiniboia
- Battleford
- Melfort
- Moose Jaw
- Humboldt
- North Battleford
- Weyburn
- Estevan
- Prince Albert
- St. Walburg
- Qu'Appelle
- Naicam

People, Plants and Pride - Growing Together!

National Participants

- Denzil
- Kinistino
- Maple Creek
- Indian Head



SPRA AWARDS

The SPRA Awards pay tribute to exceptional individuals and communities - who through their efforts and skills have made outstanding and extraordinary contributions to the parks and recreation movement in Saskatchewan.



Volunteer of the Year Award – Richard Thompson

Presented to a volunteer to recognize outstanding achievements in the improvement of recreation opportunities at the local level.

Richard has and continues to be a dedicated volunteer in the community of Bengough. Richard has been on the Bengough Parks & Recreation Board for over 50 years, 10 of which he served as Chairperson. He was even involved in the hiring of the first Recreation Director in Bengough in the 1960's. Richard is very committed to the Bengough Regional Park, contributing endless volunteer hours making improvements to the park facilities. He also volunteers on a number of boards, including the Community Centre, Twilight Centennial Home and the Bengough & District Museum Board, to name a few.



Youth Volunteer of the Year Award – Grayson Cherkas

Presented to a volunteer, under 18, to recognize outstanding achievements in the improvement of recreation opportunities at the local level.

Grayson has been an active volunteer and member of his local snowmobile club, the Kelvington Trailblazers for a number of years and is currently President of the Youth KAOS (Kids and Adults on Snowmobiles). Grayson assists with snowmobile safety classes, dedicates his time clearing trails, cleaning and maintaining snowmobile shelters and taking care of the Porcupine Provincial Forest in which he snowmobiles. Grayson has volunteered his time selling 50/50 tickets and volunteering at community events. He recently organized a group of 10 kids at the club's local derby fundraising/Provincial Festival, raising over \$2,000!



Facility Operations Award – Fred Meston and Allan Houg

Presented to a long-term practitioner whose leadership in the facilities sector demonstrates extraordinary achievement in the enhancement and operation of a recreation facility in Saskatchewan.

Fred and Allan are the ice technicians for the Skating Rink and Curling Rink in the town of Bengough. Fred has been the caretaker for the Skating Rink for the past 26 years. The Rink was built in 1950 and has undergone a number of improvements under the guidance and watchful eye of Fred.

Allan has been the ice technician at the Curling Rink for over 40 years. Due to his leadership and devotion, it has become one of the best kept and organized curling rinks in the area.



Parks and Open Space Award – Janie and Helen Rempel Community Garden

Presented to a private or public park, or open space, for excellence in the planning, design and development or redevelopment.

The Community Garden was developed in partnership with the City of Swift Current and S3 Enterprises the Rempel family, in memory of the late Helen Rempel and her daughter Janie. S3 provided the capital work while the city provided 12 lots, as well as the utilities and some service work. The community garden, which opened in the summer of 2017, features over 150 garden plots. The garden encourages cohesiveness by bringing together, a collective group to grow vegetables and flowers.



Community Achievement Award – Town of Leader

Awarded to a municipality and/or community group for substantial cooperative community effort with a large volunteer component.

The Leader Curling Rink was condemned in the Fall of 2016, which was a huge loss to the community. In 2017, Leader began the construction of a new facility for the Curling Rink. The curling club formed two committees for the project - the Building Committee and the Fundraising Committee. The Fundraising Committee has raised 60% of the required funds for the facility. Funds raised by personal and corporate donations make up 50% of the total funds raised to date. The community began curling January 2018 in the amazing new facility, which was made possible by great volunteers and community support.



Award of Merit – CPL Recreation

Awarded to a SPRA member for significant and distinguished contribution to recreation and parks at the local, district and/or provincial level.

In 2009, Lakeland Tourism successfully applied for SPRA funding, which allowed CPL Recreation to form. CPL Recreation is a partnership of four communities: the Village of Christopher Lake, Village of Paddockwood, R.M. of Paddockwood and the District of Lakeland. It was the first community-based sport, culture & recreation organization in Saskatchewan with an inter-community/agency partnership agreement. When funding ceased to exist, the member communities contributed the financial support to recruit and retain qualified, experienced staff in a Recreation Director position and continues to offer quality recreation programming.



Fitness Leadership Award – Joel Pedersen

Presented to a current SPRA Certified Fitness Leader who is a strong and successful promoter of fitness and physical activity in their community.

Joel's vision is to promote healthy and positive lifestyles for Indigenous people of all ages and abilities. He takes his fitness program to the inner city of Saskatoon and offers free training for everyone and anyone. He also takes his passion for fitness to northern and remote communities and other Indigenous communities in Saskatchewan. Joel was also instrumental in advocating for and creating a pre-fitness theory course for Indigenous people in partnership with the City of Saskatoon and the University of Saskatchewan. Joel's leadership in fitness is encouraging more people to become interested in creating a better quality of life for themselves and other Indigenous people.



President's Award of Distinction – Bill Samborski

Presented to an individual for their lasting achievement that has enhanced the public image and improved the services of parks and recreation provincially, districtly and/or locally.

Bill has been with The City of North Battleford for 25 years, beginning as Swimming Pool Manager and retiring as Director of Leisure Services in 2018. Throughout the past 25 years, Bill has promoted recreation municipally, provincially and nationally through many ventures and associations. He has served on various boards and committees including Canadian Red Cross Development Committees, the SPRA Facilities Advisory Board and has been active with Urban Directors, to name a few. Bill has mentored numerous employees, orchestrated several sporting and community events and left a legacy that will last far into the future.