

## **Volunteer of the Year Award presented by the Canada Games Legacy Fund**

**Greg Bieber (Speed Skating)** Greg Bieber has been an essential volunteer of Speed Skating Manitoba for over five years. He can often be found at provincial competitions as the announcer giving play-by-play of the races and creating an entertaining experience for spectators. Aside from announcing, Greg founded the Speed Skating Manitoba Sponsorship Committee in 2018 and Greg and his wife have partnered with Speed Skating Manitoba to host their annual Skate the Oval, a public event to raise awareness for the sport.

**Tammy De Jong (Baton Twirling)** Tammy De Jong's love and dedication to baton started over 20 years ago. She is the Chairperson of Manitoba Baton and the Treasurer of Aerial Fusion Baton. In 2021, Tammy insisted they find ways to keep their current athletes engaged and supported while recruiting new athletes. She researched grant opportunities and organized and ran many free online classes and community programs. Tammy helped organize Twirling to End Loneliness where athletes performed outside of seniors centres while their residents watched from inside.

**Rick McGregor (KidSport Manitoba)** Rick McGregor has been a volunteer with KidSport Manitoba for 6 years, including chairing the Winnipeg Volunteer Committee and the Provincial Advisory Committee. He played a role in the Mark Scheifele Golf Classic fundraiser, where they raised over \$300,000 over the course of five years. Rick is the longest standing committee member and in 2021 he continued to dedicate his time towards his passion for helping less fortunate kids get into sports throughout the entire pandemic. Rick was an integral part of KidSport's awareness and fundraising efforts across the province.

**Michelle Lee (Golf)** Michelle Lee has volunteered hundreds, if not thousands of hours over the last 25 years to promote and support golf in Manitoba. She joined the Board of Golf Manitoba in 2004 and had a variety of roles during her 10-year term. In 2007-08 she played a key role in the establishment of the inaugural Golf Manitoba Volunteer Distinguished Service Award, which she was the recipient of in 2021.

**Tony Staruch (Baseball)** Tony Staruch has been volunteering in the baseball community for over 15 years. In 2021, he went above and beyond to ensure that kids in all of Winnipeg could play baseball. Tony led the coordination of the Rally Cap and Grand Slam programs at South Winnipeg Community Centre. At the league level, he evaluated tryouts and single-handedly organized the 13U A playoffs for Winnipeg South. At the city-wide level, Tony is the Vice President of Grassroots, has been Winnipeg South's main contact on the Winnipeg Minor Baseball Board, and has served as the Chair of that board for several years.

## **Manitoba's Credit Unions Official of the Year Award**

**Amy Martin (Hockey)** Amy Martin has been officiating hockey for 14 years, is a Level 5 official, and the first-ever female referee in Manitoba Junior Hockey League history. Amy currently officiates U Sports women's hockey, the Capital Region Junior Hockey League, the Manitoba Female U18 AAA Hockey League, and the Manitoba Male U18 AAA Hockey League. In 2021, Amy received her IIHF License Tier B and was selected to work the IIHF Women's U18 World Championship. Amy supports Hockey Manitoba's Mentorship Programs by instructing courses and mentoring up-and-coming officials.

**Richard Mason (Weightlifting)** Richard Mason has been officiating for 15 years and has achieved the highest possible level in weightlifting. He is involved on the Weightlifting Canada Board as the Vice President Administration and Technical Officials Chair, International Category, and he also works with the International Weightlifting Federation. In 2021, Richard was selected to officiate at the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo. Richard helps the sport evolve in Manitoba by conducting workshops to train future officials and volunteers at the provincial level.

**Brenda Treleaven (Curling)** Brenda Treleaven has been umpiring curling events for Curl Manitoba and Curling Canada for nine years. She is a Level 3 umpire, provides training to timers for provincial events, mentors less experienced officials, and volunteers during the Manitoba Open. In 2021, she was the Head Umpire at the Manitoba Mixed Curling Championship and the Manitoba Scotties Tournament of Hearts Curling Championship. She was also a Game Umpire at the Provincial Junior Qualifier and the Everest Canadian Curling Club Championship.

## **Manitoba Dental Association Junior Athlete of the Year Award**

**Kaitlynn Anderson (Lacrosse)** Kaitlynn Anderson played on her first women's lacrosse team in 2019, and she is an advocate for getting people involved and learning the culture of lacrosse in Canada. Kaitlynn has been a true leader in helping develop female lacrosse in the province, and was named to the first female Team Manitoba lacrosse team to head to the Canada Summer Games in 2022. Kaitlynn is committed to play lacrosse at UMass Lowell in Fall 2022.

**Braxton Kuntz (Golf)** Braxton Kuntz won the Men's Junior and Men's Amateur Provincial Championships in 2021. With the amateur win, Braxton set a new scoring record in relation to par with an impressive 16-under par total. He became only the fourth golfer in Manitoba history to win both championships in the same year. Braxton was selected to participate in Golf Canada's Junior NextGen series and was also named the 2021 Male Amateur Golfer of the Year by Golf Manitoba.

**Leah Miller (Rowing)** Leah Miller achieved a personal best of 3rd place in the Junior Women's Category at the 2021 National Rowing Championship. She placed 13th overall for women and also won the Final C with open water and a six-second gap to second place. At a 5k race in Saskatoon, Leah won the Junior Women's Single, the Open Women's Quad, and was awarded the "Top Overall Women's Crew" of the Regatta. Leah was also named to CanAmMex, the Rowing Canada Junior Development team.

**Tyler Smith (Baseball)** Tyler Smith made his presence known in his rookie year with the Elmwood Giants, his mentality was infectious on the rest of the team and it only made them stronger and more confident as the season progressed. With a dominant presence on the mound, Tyler quickly earned the respect of his teammates and opponents through his work ethic and dedication. In the 2021 playoffs, he threw two complete games with an ERA of 0.00. His ability to set his team up for offense was a major factor to winning the 2021 Manitoba Junior Baseball League Championship. Tyler is currently attending Williston State College in North Dakota.

**Mia West (Swimming)** Mia West won an impressive 7 gold and 1 silver medal in 2021 at the Prairie Winter International, 3 gold and 1 bronze at the Danish Championships, and 3 silvers and 2 bronze at the Ontario Junior International. Mia pulverized her best times and set eight new 15-17 provincial records and 4 new senior provincial records in 2021 at only 15 years old. For the first time, Mia was identified by Swimming Canada to receive a Development Card.

## **Travel Manitoba Open Athlete of the Year Award**

**Kerri Einarson (Curling)** Kerri Einarson is a back-to-back Scotties Champion and 2021 First Team All-Star for the tournament. Playing with Team Einarson, she also won the Players' Championship, was a semifinalist at the Champions Cup, placed 4th at the Tim Hortons Curling Trials, and 6th at the World Women's Curling Championship which qualified Canada for the 2022 Beijing Olympics. 2021 was also Kerri's first time playing mixed doubles. Her team won the Canadian Mixed Doubles and placed 4th at World Mixed Doubles which also qualified Canada in this discipline for the Beijing Olympics.

**Leah Kirchmann (Cycling)** Leah Kirchmann races for the Canadian National Cycling Team, and she represented the country at both the Rio 2016 and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Summer Games. She finished with a season best 12th place finish in the individual time trial, and 36th place in the Road Race at the 2020 Games.

**Shae La Roche (Water Polo)** Shae La Roche was part of Canada's fourth-place finish at the FINA World League Super Final, scoring seven goals at the team's first competition in more than 18 months in 2021. In her Olympic debut at the 2020 Tokyo Games, Shae tied for second on the team with 10 goals as Canada finished in 7th place. Her combined 17 goals ranked her

3rd in goals for Team Canada. Shae was also the team's leader in defensive actions with most steals and blocks combined over the summer.

**Desiree Scott (Soccer)** Desiree Scott has been part of the Canadian women's soccer team for years and has over 170 appearances with them. With two Olympic bronze medals, she had her eyes set on gold at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. After battling to a 1-0 semi-final victory, Desiree and her team took Sweden into overtime in the nail biting final game and won on penalty kicks. This is the first Olympic gold medal for the Canadian women's soccer team and for Desiree Scott.

**Austin Taylor (Archery)** Austin Taylor made his mark in the archery world in 2021 with five 1st place and one 3rd place competition finishes, earning himself the number one ranked All-American in 2021. Currently attending Lindsey Wilson College in Kentucky, Austin travels frequently across the border. Over the past year, the pandemic impacted the ability to travel to the various widespread competitions as well as making it home to Canada. Austin acts as an ambassador to the sport in Manitoba and abroad.

**Emily Tuttosi (Rugby)** Emily Tuttosi started playing youth rugby in Souris, and in 2021 she made her fifth appearance for the Canadian Senior Women's 15s where she started all matches in the 2020-2021 season. Dedicating 20-22 hours per week to the team Emily has earned leadership in her squad and acts as their game leader group. She was named the Coach's Player of the Season as well as the Player's Player of the Season for her dedication to the game in 2021.

**Kelsey Wog (Swimming)** Kelsey Wog swam her way onto the 2020 Tokyo Olympic swimming team, a team that is difficult to make due to the caliber of the Olympic hopefuls across the country. Kelsey set a provincial record in the 200M IM at the Olympic swimming trials where she won two gold and one silver medal, solidifying her spot on the team. She then competed at the 2020 Olympic Games finishing in 16th place in the 200m breaststroke, and 23rd place in the 100m breaststroke.

## **Calm Air Junior Team of the Year Award**

**Elmwood Giants (Baseball)** The Elmwood Giants are four-time Manitoba Junior Baseball League Provincial Champions, winning four consecutive championships. In 2021, the Giants continued to pursue the hard work required to defend the MJBL title and ended the season with a 19-1-1 record. The team overcame an extra inning game to remain undefeated in playoffs and capture the 2021 MJBL championship. The Giants have unfortunately not been able to travel to the Canadian Championships due to COVID-19.

**Westgate Wings (Volleyball)** The Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Wings are Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association AAAA varsity boys volleyball champions. The last time the Wings volleyball team was crowned the provincial champion was 43 years ago. The team finished the season with an undefeated record in league and tournament play, going 31-0. The team has a small roster of only 9 players, many of which earned awards throughout the season.

**Winnipeg ICE (Hockey)** The Winnipeg ICE are currently in first place in the Western Hockey League and have been ranked #1 in the Canadian Hockey League for eight weeks running. This Fall, their record was 26-5-2. In the Spring of 2021, they went 18-5-1 in the Western Hockey League East Division bubble. Teammates Carson Lambos and Gage Alexander were selected in the 2021 National Hockey League Entry Draft. Carson Lambos also represented Canada at the IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship and Maximilian Streule represented Switzerland.

## **Manitoba Hydro Open Team of the Year Award**

### **Team Einarson – Kerri Einarson, Val Sweeting, Shannon Birchard, Briane Meilleur (Curling)**

Team Einarson returned to the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in 2021 as Team Canada and won their second consecutive Scotties gold. They are the first to claim back-to-back titles at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts since 2013 and 2014. Team Einarson also made it to the semi-finals of the 2021 Champions Cup where they lost, but won the 2021 Players' Championship a week later. At the 2021 World Women's Curling Championship, Team Einarson secured a berth for Canada at the 2022 Olympics.

### **Winnipeg Blue Bombers (Football)**

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are back-to-back Grey Cup Champions. Bombers offence ranked highest in the Canadian Football League in points, touchdowns, passing efficiency and average gain per pass. Bombers defense allowed only 15 offensive touchdowns in 14 games, forced a league-high 38 turnovers, and allowed just 13.4 points per game, the lowest total in 51 years, which lands them in the top 10 defences of all time. The Bombers went 11-3 in the regular season which is the club's best winning percentage in 59 seasons.

## **Calm Air Peter Dick Award – School Systems**

**Kathleen Muirhead (Rugby)** Kat Muirhead has been coaching for 22 years. After accepting a teaching position in the Minnedosa area, she was involved in the development of women's high school rugby in the Westman area. Kathleen's programs have produced many outstanding female players who have been named 'Junior Player of the Year' and some have gone to university programs where they have secured starting positions. This success reflects the quality of program she has developed and the quality of people exiting her program.

**Sarah King (Soccer + Volleyball)** Sarah King has been coaching soccer and volleyball for 10 years. She spends time with youth in her community playing soccer before school begins each day and at lunch. Sarah encourages her student-athletes to 'do it daily for life', to be lifelong movers, and follow a healthy lifestyle. When coaching, Sarah focuses on the fundamentals with her athletes. She encourages all her athletes to follow the seven teachings with a focus on honesty and respect.

**Parke Trann (Multi-sport)** Parke Trann has been coaching a variety of sports in Grand Rapids for over three decades. Coach Parke offers his student-athletes a safe environment both before school, at lunch, and after school. He has and continues to inspire First Nations youth by offering them a positive, safe space where they can learn about training the body, mind, and spirit.

**Tom Walls (Football)** Tom Walls has been coaching football for 28 years and in that time has started two regional programs: the Sunrise Coyotes Football Club and the Springfield Collegiate Institute Sabres High School Program. Tom knows that football is a unique sport where there is a legitimate place for each type of player and he fits each player to the position for them to have the most success, building confidence and joy in the sport every step of the way.

**Brian Yon (Rugby)** Brian Yon has been coaching rugby for many years. He is currently coaching the Brandon University women's team as well as the Souris Youth and Souris Sabres High School Rugby Club. Brian's contribution to the Souris Sabres is a combination of immense passion for the sport of rugby backed by countless hours of coaching, connecting, and thinking of new ways to push the program and the athletes forward.

## **Travel Manitoba Vince Leah Memorial Award – Fundamentals**

**Jared Boville (Football)** Jared Boville coaches in many capacities including coaching the Interlake Thunder Football Team. Jared constantly encourages youth to participate and embraces players of all sizes, skills levels, and abilities as he knows there is a position and place where everyone can contribute, excel, and feel included as part of the team. He invests in all his athletes and capitalizes on what they do great all while putting them in a position to succeed as individuals and as a team.

**Fiona Dunn (Rugby)** Fiona Dunn has been coaching rugby for four years. Fiona currently coaches Girl's Rugby which is a program designed specifically to meet the needs of young girls in rugby. She has created a safe environment with her girls-only program, constantly encouraging character building and team bonding. Fiona is a model of World Rugby's core values on and off the pitch, sets the bar high for her players, and encourages and supports them to excel.

**Yonatan Orlov (Baton Twirling)** Yonatan has been coaching baton twirling for six years and he always makes sure to include the fun in fundamentals. He accepts athletes at the stage they are in, helps them with their long-term goals, and creates a pathway of progression to help them achieve them. Yonatan is always willing to teach at grassroots outreach events in various communities as his ultimate goal is to increase participation in baton twirling in Manitoba.

**Mike Sosiak (Football)** Mike Sosiak has been coaching the Fort Garry Lions Football Club for over five years. He has shown a commitment to the players and the sport of football for over 10 years and has consistently focused on player safety and long-term player development. He does this by ensuring all coaches in the Fort Garry League are trained and qualified to serve as minor football coaches.

## **Konica Minolta Dr. Jack Hunt Award – Learn to Train**

**Jeff Bouchard (Baseball)** Jeff Bouchard coaches the 18UAAA Winnipeg South team. Jeff has a quiet demeanor, while still being able to lead a team effectively. He notably involves and mentors his young assistant coaches, which is a huge benefit to the Winnipeg South organization. Jeff was awarded the 2021 Baseball Manitoba High Performance Coach of the Year.

**Samantha Buchanan (Ringette)** Sam Buchanan has been coaching U14 Ringette for one year and has coached for 10 years total. She makes use of one-on-one time at practices, works with athletes to improve any specific skills they want to achieve, and creates a hard-working team-focused environment. Sam shows dedication to the teams she works with and is a true ambassador of the sport.

**Reece Cretton (Hockey)** Reece Cretton has been coaching hockey for over 15 years. In his current role as head coach of the U13 St. James Canadians, Reece adapted to the pandemic restrictions and offered virtual opportunities to his athletes. The virtual sessions focused on physical training, game strategy, mental health, and gender equity in hockey. His commitment to the team has shown athletes that you work as a team both on and off the ice no matter what challenges you are facing.

**Bonnie Loewen (Volleyball)** Bonnie has dedicated a large portion of her life to the sport of volleyball. She was instrumental in bringing the idea of club volleyball to Providence which eventually led to the creation of the Junior Pilots volleyball program. She is passionate in the development of every athlete she coaches and has coached and developed many athletes who go on to college or university.

**Sandra Page (Canoe-Kayak)** Sandra Page has been coaching canoe and kayak since September 2020. She has facilitated youth competitive programs, goal setting, and testing. Sandra's best quality is the care and compassion she has for her athletes.

**Pam Parker (Figure Skating)** Pam Parker has been coaching figure skating in the Pembina Valley region for over 28 years. She is a dedicated coach who leads her skaters with support, encouragement, and positive leadership. Pam has helped skaters compete at the local, provincial and national level with her dedication and guidance.

**Adam Porte (Rugby)** Adam Porte established the Pembina Valley Rugby Club after he brought rugby into communities in southern Manitoba where there was previously no community-based rugby. In 2021, his efforts brought new programs into the communities of Winkler, Morden, Plum Coulee, and Kleefeld.

**Sacha Skirzyk (Canoe, Kayak, Dragonboat)** Sacha Skirzyk has been coaching canoe, kayak, and dragon boat for two years. He has held clinics for youth and adults and promotes new skills, balance, technique and endurance. Sacha has actively engaged new athletes in the sport and has taught them the basics of kayaking.

**Leisha Strachan (Baton Twirling)** Leisha Strachan has over 30 years of coaching experience in baton twirling. She coaches from the recreation to world stage level, facilitates clinics and courses, and helped develop a Badge Program that is used across Canada for Baton Twirling Clubs. Leisha fosters an inclusive environment for all her athletes by creating a safe place where they can grow and excel. She is a big supporter for social and emotional development and is known for her respectfulness and empathy towards others.

**Kelly Wiens (Baseball)** In 2021, Kelly Wiens coached the 13U AAA Carillon Sultans and the 13U A Kleefeld baseball team. Kelly's coaching style is described as beneficial for all players, as he provides a solid learning environment in a relaxed atmosphere. His positive attitude and tremendous sense of humour is known to keep everyone's spirits up even through times of adversity. Kelly was awarded the 2021 Manitoba Baseball Grassroots Coach of the Year.

## **Manitoba Hydro Janet Arnott Memorial Award – Train to Train**

**Juan Campuzano (Diving)** Juan Campuzano previously coached in Cali, Colombia for 10 years before coming to Winnipeg, Manitoba, coaching for 5 years thus far. Since arriving in Winnipeg, Juan has mentored and supported many club coaches at Revolution Diving. He brings with him the ability to teach developing coaches a large diversity of creative drills and exercises for the development of young divers on the high-performance pathway. Divers who have trained under Juan's guidance have achieved incredible results at the Junior Development Nationals and Western Canada Games.



**Kurtis Cullen (Racquetball)** Kurtis Cullen has been coaching in racquetball for four years. During the pandemic, Kurtis re-wrote the NCCP Community Coach Workshop and developed and wrote Racquetball Canada's Badge Program. Through Kurtis' enthusiasm, love of racquetball and continued coach education he has grown the Brandon Racquetball Association Junior Program from nine juniors to over 30 juniors!

**Jarett McLaughlin (Rugby)** Jarett McLaughlin has been coaching the Winnipeg Assassins men's rugby team since 2014. Jarett also coaches the women's senior team and is the assistant coach of the Manitoba Senior Buffalo and Manitoba Senior Classics teams. Jarett has been assuming coaching positions for increasing levels of competition, while pursuing completion of his World Rugby Level 2/NCCP Competition Introduction Certification. He has recently applied and been accepted to participate in the World Rugby Level 3/NCCP Competition Development Certification program.

**Scott Van Horne (Speed Skating)** Scott Van Horne has been coaching for over 30 years and is well respected across the speed skating community. He always demonstrates professionalism and respect towards fellow coaches, officials, and athletes and is seen as a true leader in the sport. He is the assistant provincial team coach and spends countless hours volunteering his time to coach the high-performance teams all while continuing to coach at the club level. His passion and commitment to coaching speed skating is unparalleled.

## **Manitoba's Credit Unions Peter Williamson Memorial Award – Train to Compete/Train to Win**

**Vlastimil Cerny (Swimming)** Vlastimil (Vlastik) Cerny has been coaching swimming for over 30 years. He was selected to be on the 2020 Tokyo Olympic coaching team and in 2021, he entered his 29th season as head coach of the University of Manitoba Bisons swimming program. In each of the past four decades, Vlastik has been named Swim Manitoba Coach of the Year. He is a well-respected Chartered Professional Coach (ChPC) who has helped numerous athletes reach their high-performance potential.

**Cole Grant (Water Ski)** Cole Grant has been coaching water skiing for 15 years. He is the Water Ski Junior National and Development Coach and supports the Open National team. He is a member of the Water Ski Canada High Performance Committee and was selected as the 2020, WSWC Coach of the Year. Cole works with athletes of all abilities and stages of development, encouraging them every step of the way, which promotes feelings of accomplishment in what they are achieving.

## **Manitoba Dental Association Active for Life Award**

**Jerome Seremak (Canoe-Kayak)** Jerome Seremak has been coaching for 45 years. He started the Manitoba Canoe & Kayak Centre as well as many paddling clubs in Manitoba. He has trained a wide range of individuals including the everyday paddler to Canadian National Team members. Jerome believes that paddling is a sport that can be done from any age and can be enjoyed in both a competitive and leisure capacity.

**David Simpson (Rugby)** Dave Simpson has been coaching rugby for many years. Three years ago, Dave took the leadership role in developing the Manitoba Grey Wolves which focuses on keeping older rugby players in the game. Dave's program creates a welcoming place where players can stay engaged in the sport they love and create lifelong connections. Dave has dedicated an immense amount of passion, effort, and support to the game of Rugby in Manitoba.

## **International Coach Recognition**

### **Vlastimil Cerny (Swimming)**

- International Swimming League – Budapest, Hungary January 10, 2020

### **Cole Grant (Water Ski)**

- 2020 Junior World Championships, Florida, USA, August 20-25, 2021
- 2021 Under 21 World Championships, Florida, USA, August 26-29, 2021
- 2021 Open World Championships, Florida, USA, October 12-17, 2021
- U14/U17/U21 2020 Pan American Championships, Chapala, Mexico, November 9-14, 2021
- Open 2020 Pan American Championships, Chapala, Mexico, November 9-14, 2021

### **Avril Hatherell (Archery)**

- 2020 ISAA Pro Am, Central Iowa, USA, January 3, 2020

### **Scott Koskie (Volleyball)**

- U18 World Championships, Durango, Mexico September 21-29, 2021

### **Larry McKay (Volleyball)**

- NORCECA Men's Championships, Durango, Mexico August 16-14, 2021

### **Andy Tough (Athletics)**

- U20 World Championships, Nairobi, Kenya August 17-22, 2021

## **Years of Service Recognition**

### **Scott Harland (Rugby)**

**Bob Isleifson (Special Olympics – 5 Pin Bowling)**

**Garry Ruff (Special Olympics)**

## **Manitoba Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council Awards**

### **MASRC Female Coach of the Year**

**Jill Fast (Football)**

Jill Fast made history in 2021 as the first-ever female varsity football head coach in the Winnipeg High School Football League, taking the reins of the Portage Collegiate Institute Trojans – which landed her a spot on Ace Burpee’s 2021 Top 100 Most Fascinating Manitobans list last year. As a player, she’s suited up for the Winnipeg Wolfpack of the Western Women’s Canadian Football League (WWCFL), Team Manitoba, as well as Team Canada. The linebacker started coaching with PCI in 2014 on the defensive side of the ball.

### **MASRC Male Coach of the Year**

**Kyle Prystupa (Hockey)**

Kyle is in his first off-season working with NHL defenseman Brady Keeper as his skills coach, and is also in his first season as a member of NHL Coaches Association BIPOC Coaches Program. He’s played an important role in the steadily growing and sustaining the RISE Hockey development programs – including supporting players to advance to U18 AAA, MJHL, and WHL through the programs. He’s currently supporting a strong group of U15 AAA players, he’s a participant with Hockey Canada National Skills Coach Certification, and he’s the Chair of Junior Hockey on Hockey Manitoba Board of Directors.

### **MASRC Female Athlete of the Year**

**Jocelyne Larocque (Hockey)**

Jocelyne Larocque is a three-time Olympian who won a gold medal with Team Canada at the 2014 Winter Olympics, a silver medal at the 2018 Winter Olympics, and a gold medal at the 2022 Beijing Olympics. She has represented Canada at eight IIHF Women’s World Championships (two gold medals, five silver medals, one bronze medal) and was named MASRC’s Indigenous Female Athlete of the Decade last year.

### **MASRC Male Athlete of the Year**

**Pine Creek Warriors (Basketball)**

After a long year of training in Pine Creek First Nation, the Pine Creek Warriors won the 16U 3x3 Hoop it Up National Championships in Tempe, Arizona in December 2021. The Warriors went

undefeated (6-0) in the 30th annual tournament. Phillip Desmarais, Kamdyn McKay, Rylan Chartrand and Mason Chartrand tried their hand at 3-on-3 for the first time earlier in the year in Winnipeg, and won that qualifying tournament. Each of the players have been invited to try out for the North American Indigenous Games in 2023.

**MASRC Female Volunteer of the Year**  
**Jennifer Chartrand (Basketball)**

Jennifer's two sons play basketball on the Pine Creek Warriors team that won the 16U 3x3 Hoop it Up National Championships in December 2021 - and she was the one of the driving forces that got them there. She supervised them in the gym so they could practice and stay active leading up to the big tournament, and she took care of the administrative tasks of registering for the tournament and creating player profiles. Jennifer is looking to further her support for sport by registering for upcoming coaching clinics to help with hockey in her community.

**MASRC Male Volunteer of the Year**  
**Kendall Robinson**

Kendall is a multi-sport volunteer who coaches wrestling, and both U16 girls and U16 boys softball teams. Kendall's love for sport and his desire to develop the youth and gain their respect has led to over a decade of coaching and changing lives. He's a key volunteer with the Indigenous youth mentorship program and is currently working on after-school programs for youth.