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KYSA Hands Out 19 Awards To Deserving Members!



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LtoR: Select Coach of the Year Ryan Strank, Team Manager of the Year, Sarah Johnson, and House Coach of the Year, John MacLeod!

Some truly outstanding volunteers and youth soccer players were given special recognition at the 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Night, June 23, 2018.

Among them were Ryan Strank, Select Coach of the Year, Sarah Johnson, Team Manager of the Year, and John MacLeod, who was

chosen as the House Coach of the Year. The dinner attracted well over 200 attendees who enjoyed some excellent Italian food courtesy of La Cucina Catering, and an informative speech from TRU Men's Soccer Team Head Coach, John Antulov.

See Keith Liddiard's column for a complete list of winners.

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Congratulations 2018 KYSA Scholarship Recipients!

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Charlotte Hutchison—the McDonald's award recipient—with Community Relations Rep, Angela Seymour

Fortune Centre Branch Manager Troy Fenrich presents Parker Mills with his BMO-sponsored scholarship.

Forward Law Partner David Hughes with Tak Cox, the law firm's scholarship winner.



Denae Branchflower is the Lynn Burrows Memorial Scholarship recipient, here with Lynn's son Braeden.



Remembering...
Errol Wild

Lynn Burrows



The Errol Wild Memorial Scholarship recipient for 2018 is Jean Ramirez, seen here with Ciaran McMahon.



Store Co-owner Andrew Hansen with the Hansport 'Female' award recipient, Athena Louvros.



Sara King was awarded the Chopped Leaf scholarship, seen here with KYSA President Candace Dodson-Willis.



Hansport "Male" Scholarship Recipient, Sage Pavlovich, with Andrew Hansen!



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KYSA is a volunteer organization that is dedicated to offering youth in Kamloops a positive, fun soccer environment at the recreational and competitive levels, with coaches who are dedicated to the players and their development, while at the same time promoting sportsmanship and fellowship amongst all its members.

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What a great summer so far for the KYSA. We had the privilege of hosting the BC Soccer Girls Provincial B Cup championships in early July. We had 7 teams participating in this event; four teams as hosts and three winning the TOYSL playdowns to take a higher seed in the championships. Of those 7 teams our U16 and U18 girls took home the Silver, with our U14 and U15 girls winning Bronze. The KYSA also had strong performances (though no medals) at the Les Sinnott Boys Provincial B Cup Championships in Burnaby. Kamloops was represented by both U13 teams, one of our U15 teams, and the U18 team. Congratulations to all 11 teams who represented our club with pride and honour in these significant year-end events.

The KYSA also saw seven of our athletes chosen to play soccer for the Thompson-Okanagan Zone at the recent BC Summer Games. Amar Brown, Eric Swaine and Hayden Koppes won a Gold medal in an outstanding performance by the boys team. Hayden scored a tournament leading 8 goals, including the clincher in the final game. Maiya Zimmerman, Emma Mercuri, Anika Black and Kate Rattee represented Kamloops on the girls team, which I had the privilege of coaching along with fellow Kamloops coaches Sarin Warman and Nevada Woods. We lost the Bronze medal in penalty kicks, but are extremely proud of how the team performed throughout the event. It was exciting to see several other KYSA athletes participating in the Games in other sports. Liam Grover represented Kamloops well in canoeing, Jayse Matanovich and Kalie Saari had good showings in basketball, and Rachel Dixon did the same in towed motorsports. I am sure there were others from Kamloops representing our community across multiple sports—our

support and pride in your accomplishments go out to you all!

For those seeking soccer related challenges over the summer please consider the following: **FREE Monday Drop-in Soccer:** Our fully inclusive program sees an average attendance of 30+ participants. Our coaches have a great time working with each player to help grow their love for the game in a relaxed and positive environment. Only three sessions remain—Aug 13, 20 & 27 at McArthur Island #3 from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Everyone is welcome and each session is free, but by donation of a food item(s) to the KYSA food bank. **Soccer Camp:** The KYSA is running one last camp for the summer, August 20-24 from 9am to Noon each day on Mac #2. This camp is open to all participants with additional specialty programs for strikers and goalkeepers. Visit the KYSA for more info.

SOCCER CHALLENGES WITH YOUR CHILD:

Seeking ideas to grow your child's ability in the game? Consider these three challenges:
Breakaway Challenge: An attacker dribbles towards goal and tries to score on the GK. Rebounds are allowed. Parent and child can alternate roles. Play best of 21 or 99! Use two trees for goal posts or a pair of shoes. Adjust appropriately for your child's age and skill level.
Corner Kick Challenge: Players attempt to score a goal on a single shot, but they must start with the ball on the goal line (like a corner kick). Start closer, and a few yards off of the goal line for younger players. Advanced players can be further away and even behind the goal line for a greater challenge. Can you score without the ball touching the ground before it goes in the goal?
Crossbar Challenge: Players attempt to hit the crossbar by kicking, flicking or drop-kicking the ball from the 6, 12 or 18 yard or half-way lines (based on age). Younger players can attempt to pass the ball and hit the goal post (not the crossbar).

Executive Director, Keith Liddiard...



Caelan Atamanchuk and Marie-Claire Marshall have been selected to receive the top two KYSA Scholarship Awards for 2018. They are two of the ten players who were recognized this year. They each receive \$750 towards their post-secondary education. The other eight recipients receive \$500 each (see page 4)

The KYSA held its 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Dinner on June 23rd at St. Ann's Academy. Congratulations are extended to the award winners: **MINI-SOCCER PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: Addison Sun, Josh Valdal, Liam Zirnheld** **DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: Katherine McCleary, Rebekah Williams,**

Jonas Edstrom
HOUSE PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: Sarah Seymour, Logan Sales, Taryn Meixner
SELECT PLAYERS OF THE YEAR: Kate Rattee, Marie-Claire Marshall, Carson Pyle
TEAM MANAGER OF THE YEAR: Sarah Johnson
HOUSE COACH OF THE YEAR: John MacLeod
SELECT COACH OF THE YEAR: Ryan Strank
NOVICE REFEREE OF THE YEAR: Gavin MacGregor
FEMALE REFEREE OF THE YEAR: Allison Amy
MALE REFEREE OF THE YEAR: Blake Jahnke
The KYSA also recognized the outstanding contribution of former President **Graham Cope** over the last 12 years with a Distinguished Service Award.



Caelan Atamanchuk with KYSA President, Candace Dodson-Willis.

Marie-Claire Marshall receiving her award from KYSA Technical Director, Ciaran McMahon.

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