**Swim PEI 2021 Annual Award Winners**

**Alex B Campbell Award**

*This award is for the most outstanding swimmer. Someone, male or female, who excelled at meets, was committed to their training, and showed leadership within their team. This person trained hard, improved their times, consistently attended, and placed at meets, and lead by example.*

This year’s recipient was dominant on the island in the 10 & Under age group, and set several provincial records. This swimmer rarely missed practices travelling to Montague to train in the fall of 2021. This year’s recipient of the Alex B Campbell awards is Charlottetown Bluephin, **Ivy Ban.**

**Barney Bree Award**

*This award goes to the swimmer who best demonstrated leadership, fair play, and sportsmanship both in and out of the pool. The recipient has shown his/her commitment to swimming by attending meets and consistently attempting to achieve personal bests. This person also was involved in additional activities such as other sports or clubs or volunteer work. He/she also maintained good grades at school.*

This year’s recipient of the Barney Bree Award is **Ashlyn Meisner** from the Summerside Dolphins Swim Club. Ashlyn best demonstrated leadership by guiding new joiners through the club in all aspects is to be considered! She is an early bird at morning practice, never late and pushing others to be ready for training and main sets!

Ashlyn shows fair play and sportsmanship by offering team rivals their chance to shine without giving away her own chances proving this way everyone can have a chance.  She will do demonstrations when needed or asked, without any fear or will even recommend another athlete if she feels someone else is better in the skill.

Ashlyn has shown her commitment to swimming by attending nearly all meets achieving personal bests, in many strokes! Working and volunteering with juniors’ groups, many times a week, with passion and commitment to the kids. Her dedication is an asset to the club!

Ashlyn also maintained good grades at school being a top student at her school for marks!   Being a great example of balancing sports and studies, she is also involved in music band at school. She is also involved in sailing, competing in other provinces! For those reasons, Ashlyn should be considered for the Barney Bree Award.

**Volunteer of the Year Award**

*This award recognizes the time and effort freely given by an individual. This person was involved*

*in the organizing/running of many events this swim season. Their willingness to selflessly*

*participate has ensured that swimming on PEI remains a positive experience.*

This year’s recipient navigated the pandemic restrictions to host five successful swim meets on the Island for the Charlottetown Bluephins. They worked tirelessly preparing and submitting operational plans to the province’s Chief Public Health Office (CPHO) and mapping out new processes for officials, coaches, swimmers, and volunteers to provide safe competitions. No doubt, PEI was the envy of the swimming community in Canada in 2020-21. This year’s recipient of Volunteer of the Year is **Jennifer Nickerson**, volunteer with the Charlottetown Bluephins.

**Coach of the Year Award**

*This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of a coach who has shown his/her commitment to the sport and the swimmers. He/she respects the abilities of the individual swimmers and trains all equally, recognizing that the medal count isn’t everything. He/she keeps up with rule and technical changes and is always on deck for practices. Where possible he/she attends clinics that will advance his/her skills and knowledge.*

Coach of the Year for the 2020-2021 season is **Jeremy Cameron** from the Summerside Club. Jeremy is a new coach to SDSC and came on last year with the intent of helping to coach his daughter’s age group.

Due to our head-coach having some unexpected health issues coupled with complications driven by the pandemic in his being able to obtain treatment, Jeremy stepped up and filled in a significant amount of time on deck to ensure that the swimmers were able to continue to practice and compete at any available meets.

Jeremy gave tirelessly of himself and due to his commitment and positive attitude we were able to maintain our practice schedule and keep the athletes in the water.

This year Jeremy has returned and is upgrading his Coaching credentials so that he can continue to support the swimmers and the Club. It is through Coaches like Jeremy that this sport continues to thrive and develop.

**Official of the Year Award**

*This award recognizes the outstanding contribution of one official. This person must have demonstrated fairness always and played a role that benefited the swimmers. He/she acted professionally, recognizing that their decisions are not always popular. Clear communication with other officials and everyone else on deck was a priority. Also, attendance at clinics to advance knowledge and skills is evidence of an official dedicated to his/her position.*

We would like to congratulate **DJ Welton** for receiving the Official of the year award.

DJ never says no, whether it is for official’s clinics, meets, practices, troubleshooting the electronics at the pool, or as a member of the Swim PEI Technical Committee, DJ can be counted on to be there. As our Clubs most qualified official, DJ is constantly coaching and mentoring newer less experienced officials and if given the chance to hold a course to bring more officials into the fold he will change his personal schedule to ensure that he can make the session happen. DJ is one of the stalwarts of swimming in PEI and always has the best interests of the sport at heart no matter where he is or what he is doing. He is a great ambassador for the sport and the province.

**Administrator of the Year Award**

*This award recognizes an administrator who is involved with swimming either at the club level or the provincial level. He/she had interest in advancing the sport of swimming for the benefit of the athletes. Their involvement helped to provide a well -run organization.*

Administrator of the Year goes to **Bonnie Payne** with SDSC for the 2020-2021 season. Bonnie continues to volunteer for the club even though she no longer has an athlete swimming with the club. She loves the sport and the atmosphere surrounding it.

Bonnie serves as Club Secretary, Club Registrar, Club Officials Registrar (a new position last year), is one of our 2 meet managers, sits on the Swim PEI Technical Committee and last year, recognizing a need, took training to be eligible to be a starter for the club during meets.

Bonnie gives tirelessly of herself to ensure the future well being of the Club and the sport on PEI. Where there is a need Bonnie fills it through her desire to see the Club and the athletes succeed.

Bonnie is often heard to respond when thanked for her time “…it takes a village…” well Bonnie is a great example of what the phrase “It takes a village to raise a child.” is all about.

**Honourary Lifetime Achievement Membership Award**

*This award recognizes the many years of meritorious service to swimming in Prince Edward Island by an individual (or group). Through a long association with our sport, this person has shown leadership, been supportive and encouraging and has made significant contributions to the development and growth of swimming.*

For the past 25 years, anyone who has been a part of the competitive swimming community has met and worked with **Marguerite Middleton**.

Marguerite has been involved with the sport of swimming since 1996 and has been a swim parent, club board member holding an executive position as the Treasurer for over 10 years, a Swim PEI board member since 2008 holding positions as Secretary, Treasurer and President at different times and still holds an executive position today. In 2009 Marguerite assumed the role of Provincial Officials Chair representing PEI on the National Officials Committee and subsequently the Provincial Official Development Committee. Marguerite is currently the appointed representative for the Atlantic Provinces on the Officials, Competition, and Rules Committee for Swimming Canada. Marguerite has been and continues to be the person with the most experience and knowledge about the sport of swimming in the province when it comes to competition and officiating. She has given countless volunteer hours of her time to the swim community and is always ready and willing to help on the pool deck in any role.

Marguerite has been a certified level 5 Master Official since 2007 and was a key official for the 2009 Canada Summer Games held in Prince Edward Island. She has officiated at many National level meets specializing as Starter but has worked in various roles. She has represented PEI at Eastern & Western Canadian Championships, Canadian Summer Nationals, Canadian Junior Championships, Usports Swimming Championships and the Canadian Olympic and Para-Olympic Trials. Marguerite is the only Island swim official ever nominated to represent Canada at the international level and has had various appointments from 2014 – 2018. In 2017 Marguerite was awarded the Ken Filippelli Award of Excellence in Officiating” by Swim Canada.

With all this experience Marguerite has always been willing and eager to share her knowledge with officials new to swimming and with those following the Swim Canada Officials Pathways. Marguerite has mentored and trained every new official on PEI for many years. Her dedication and commitment to excellence has developed many swimming officials over the years and has raised the sport to a higher level in this province. Her years of dedication and commitment at the provincial level has elevated her to the point where she is known as the ‘go-to’ person in Prince Edward Island for all things competition and officiating. She is well respected by all the athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers.

The sport of swimming would not be where it is today in this province without her involvement, guidance, commitment, and dedication to excellence. She is a true volunteer and has made a big impact on the sport of swimming in our community over the past 25 years. It gives us great pleasure to award Marguerite Middleton with the Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award.

***Awards for the following categories are determined by FINA points accumulated over the season at swim meets.***

* Top 10 & Under Swimmer Award
	+ Female:

Gold: Ivy Ban, CBAC

Silver: Guanyi (Charlotte) He, CBAC

Bronze: Autumn Martin, SDSC

* + Male:

Gold: Chengen (Rain) Chang, CBAC

Silver: Ryan Reid, SDSC

Bronze: Isaac Steele, SDSC

* Top 11-12 Swimmer Award
	+ Female:

Gold: Sophie Corrigan, CBAC

Silver: Charlotte Oatway, CBAC

Bronze: Teagan MacEachern, CBAC

* + Male:

Gold: Keegan MacDougall, SDSC

Silver: Yuchen (Teddy) Lu, CBAC

Bronze: Avery Fleischhauer, CBAC

* Top 13-14 Swimmer Award
	+ Female:

Gold: Elena LeClair, CBAC

Silver: Leanne Yorke, SDSC

Bronze: Madison Brown, SDSC

* + Male:

Gold: Hercules Cheng, CBAC

Silver: Xitong (Tom) Ban, CBAC

Bronze: Aiden MacEwen, SDSC

* Top 15-17 Swimmer Award
	+ Female:

Gold: Elena LeClair, CBAC

Silver: Holly Nickerson, CBAC

Bronze: Courtney McBride, CBAC

* + Male:

Gold: Yifeng (David) Du, CBAC

Silver: John Roberts, CBAC

Bronze: Callum MacGregor, CBAC

* Top 18 & Over Swimmer Award
	+ Female:

Gold: Naomi Henry, CBAC

* + Male:

Gold: Omar Metwally, CBAC

Silver: William Bissett, CBAC