

2020 Squash BC awards and recipients

Allan Brown: Jack Larsen Award



Allan Brown has been a dedicated volunteer and advocate for squash in BC since he moved to Vancouver from England.

He was instrumental in helping raise the 1st \$200K for the 2020 Fund. Has been a strong advocate for post-secondary squash, and in particular at UBC working with John Hungerford to advocate for squash courts to be built on campus.

Allan is currently the chair of the Partnership Committee, who to date have raised commitments of over \$212K toward Squash BC's Growth Initiative to build greater participation.

Allan is a long standing and very active BC Jester. He has brought a wealth of experience to support and strengthen squash and will continue to work with Squash BC to achieve our Growth Initiative objectives.

The Jack Larsen Trophy is the highest honour and individual can receive from Squash BC, and is awarded in recognition of significant overall contributions to the development of Squash in BC.

The Jack Larsen Trophy is named for J.H.R. Larsen, who played squash in Vancouver on the 'Rogers Court' and at the Jericho Golf & Country Club.

Jack Larsen was part of the group that was instrumental in securing the original Vancouver Racquets Club Property at Pak at 25th in 1954.

Jack Larsen was also a three-time provincial Champion in 1950, 1951, and 1953, one of only two players to win the title more than once during that decade.

Shawn Zwierzchowski: President's Plate Award



Shawn Zwierzchowski has been selected for his ongoing contribution to the sport through volunteering, and his significant role in building the sport of squash up in the Fraser Valley.

We recognize Shawn for his efforts and regular volunteering on a number of Squash BC committees.

The President's Plate is awarded to a "great supporter" of our association. Since the inception of this award in 1978, the past recipients of this award have encompassed many different people including companies, whom have all supported Squash BC in fulfilling our mission of growing the game

Lucia Bicknell: The Massy Goolden Award



Lucia Bicknell entered the 4 BC Junior qualifying tournaments in the U19 category (BC Open, Alberta Jesters, Jericho Jesters and PNW) this season winning all of them including the 2 national events: the Alberta Jesters and the PNW.

She was runner up at the 2019 Canadian Junior Open and won the U17 2019 Canadian Junior Closed. Her consistent winning record clearly states that Lucia is deserving of this year's U19 Provincial Award.

The Massy Goolden Trophy is designated to honour junior players for achievement combined with sportsmanship.

Captain Massy Goolden was a truly dedicated squash enthusiast. In 1929, he constructed an English-sized court at his home “The Knole” in Vancouver.

The ‘Goolden Court’ was in constant use for many years, both for friendly games and tournament play.

Captain Goolden was also instrumental in establishing the Vancouver Squash League. Captain Goolden along with A.E. John Jukes, donated the Jukes-Goolden Challenge Cup, awarded annually to the winner of the Provincial Championships.

The trophy was later renamed and designated to honour junior players in the early 1970’s for junior achievement combined with sportsmanship.

Stuart Dixon (posthumously): The Kevin Kydd Junior Service Award



Stuart Charles Dixon had been a fixture of the local and national squash scene for decades. He was first inducted into Squash Canada’s Hall of Fame in 2010 for his coaching achievements.

In 1983, he and his wife Sandy Drever were instrumental in establishing the Victoria Squash Club.

Stuart has mentored many coaches over the years and coached hundreds of juniors from beginners to top Canadian and International players. “Stuart’s passion for life, squash,

friendship and laughter will carry on in many players’ hearts”.

The Kevin Kydd Junior Service award is presented to an individual who has unselfishly inspired, coached, or mentored junior squash players. This award was started and donated by Paul King and Family.

Lauren Wagner: Ernie Rogers Bowl Award



Lauren Wagner has demonstrated strong historic performance and participation in the sport over many years.

She has been a top female player in the province for more than 25 years (returning ~10 years ago after time off with her children). She has played on the Canadian Women's Team more than ten times, and in 2019 was a masters gold medalist.

The Ernie Rogers Bowl is awarded annually to the member of Squash BC who has the best record in national and international competitions.

Named after Ernest Rogers, who first played squash in the early 1920's on the John Fordham court. In 1927 he built the 'Rogers Court', the first North American court in Vancouver. After the closure of the DND courts in 1951, squash survived at the 'Rogers Court'. Irene Rogers widowed by this time, very generously made her court available to the active players at that time.

The Ernie Rogers Trophy was later established in appreciation of the contribution to squash made by both Ernest and Irene Rogers.