

# *Awards Night*



## *2016*

**Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre  
Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:30pm**

***~Welcome to the 41<sup>st</sup>  
annual Sport Yukon  
Awards Night!~***

# ***Program***

**Masters of Ceremony: Peter Grundmanis and Janet Clarke**

- **Special Presentation**

*George Arcand*

- **Ministers Speech**

*The Honorable John Streiker, Minister of Community Services*

- **Hall of Fame Induction**

Paul Butra

- **Sport Yukon Major Awards**

International Male Athlete of the Year

International Female Athlete of the Year

Administrator of the Year

National/Territorial Male Athlete of the Year

National/Territorial Female Athlete of the Year

Team of the Year

Coach of the Year

# *Hall of Fame Inductee*

## *Paul Butra*



For more than 30 years, Paul Butra has been integral in growing the sport of basketball in the Yukon, and on Thursday he'll be recognized with an induction into the Yukon Sports Hall of Fame. Butra will be inducted in the Builder category, joining more than 50 Yukoners who have made a significant contribution to the growth and development of amateur sport in the territory.

Since arriving in the Yukon in 1983, Butra has been a prominent figure

on the sport scene, immediately stepping in as an official for Basketball Yukon. He is now a Level 3 certified basketball official, and will be the Head Official for the 2018 Arctic Winter Games in Fort Smith-Fort Liard. He has previously held that position at several Arctic Winter Games, and also sat as Chair of Officials during the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

In his capacity as head official, Butra organized officials from participating jurisdictions, trained and worked with table staff, and ensured each venue had all the required equipment and floor markings.

Butra has spearheaded many referee training sessions and clinics in the Yukon by bringing in official CABO training facilitators, and also mentored many local referees on his own. He is a fixture in school gymnasiums during basketball season, and often can be found officiating games every night of the week.

Beyond his work as an official, Butra is also a certified Level 3 NCCP coach. He was the basketball coach at Porter Creek High School for four years, assistant coach for the Yukon U-19 rep team from 1999 to 2000, and the coordinator for the Steve Nash basketball program in 1999. Butra served as President of Basketball Yukon from 1989 to 2003, and was a member of Basketball Canada's President's Council from 1995 to 2003. He currently sits on Sport Yukon's Board of Directors.

His passion for sport in the territory, and in particular his dedication to the game of basketball and the officiating committee, have not gone unnoticed. Butra will officially be inducted into the Yukon Sports Hall of Fame as part of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Sport Yukon Awards on December 15<sup>th</sup> at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.

# ***Sport Yukon Major Award Finalists***

## **International Male Athlete of the Year**

Knute Johnsgaard-Cross Country Yukon  
Pelly Vincent-Braun-Yukon Canoe and Kayak Club

## **International Female Athlete of the Year**

Natalie Hynes-Cross Country Yukon  
Dahria Beatty-Cross Country Yukon  
Bryn Hoffman-Arctic Edge Figure Skating Club  
Nadia Moser-Biathlon Yukon

## **Administrator of the Year**

Ryan Norquay-Whitehorse Disk Golf Association  
Jan Horton-Cross Country Yukon  
Laura Eby-Yukon Curling Association  
Claude Chabot and Joan Stanton-Whitehorse Cross Country Ski Club  
Bonnie Love-Athletics Yukon

# ***Sport Yukon Major Award Finalists***

## **National/Territorial Male Athlete of the year**

John Storms-Athletics Yukon  
Etienne Geoffroy-Gagnon-Yukon Freestyle Ski Association  
Kyran Allen-Yukon Freestyle Ski Association  
Leif Blake-Yukon Orienteering Association  
Dylan Cozens-Hockey Yukon  
Bryce Anderson-Hockey Yukon

## **National/Territorial Female Athlete of the Year**

Cassis Lindsay-Swim Yukon  
Rennes Lindsay-Swim Yukon  
Brenda Dion-Athletics Yukon  
Mikayla Kramer-Arctic Edge Skating Club

## **Team of the Year**

U13 Peewee Mustangs,-Hockey Yukon  
U15 Bantam Mustangs,-Hockey Yukon

## **Coach of the Year**

Lisa Vowk-Alpine Ski Association

## ***Social Media Handles***

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***~Have a wonderful  
holiday season & we'll  
see you next year!~***