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## **Saskatchewan Cycling Association awards 2014 achievers at AGM**

The Saskatchewan Cycling Association awarded trophies to its top volunteers during its annual general meeting held on Sunday, March 29, 2015

### **Outstanding Volunteer in the Road Sector Award - Winner Pedro Peralta Elgueta, Regina**

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding volunteer contribution in the Road Racing/Track/Cyclo-Cross sector.

In 2012 and 2013, Regina was absent from the Sask Cup Road Race Calendar. In 2014 Pedro Peralta Elgueta took the initiative to resurrect Regina's road racing scene, hosting the Tour de Prairie stage race and the Provincial 40 K ITT. Hosting any bike race is takes tremendous effort and dedication. Getting a race off the ground, either for the first time, or after a hiatus, takes even more. Congratulations Pedro!

### **Outstanding Achievement in Cyclo-Cross Racing - Winner Brad Kerr, Regina**

Brad took the silver medal in the Cat 1-2 provincial cyclocross championship, and went on to earn a silver medal at Cyclocross Nationals in the Master 30-39 category.

### **Outstanding Achievement in the Mountain Bike Racing - Winner Erica Musyj, Saskatoon**

In 2014 Erica Musyj won her fifth consecutive Provincial Elite Women's MTB championship. Erica also had an exceptional result at the Dakota Five-O MTB endurance Race, with a podium finish in the women's 30-39 age category and a fifth place overall.

### **Outstanding Volunteer in the Recreation & Transportation Sector – Winner Jeff May-Melin, Saskatoon**

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding volunteer contribution in the R & T sector.

In 2014, The Prairie Grand Fondo became the largest cycling event in Saskatchewan with over 200 participants. This year, helped by a listing in *Canadian Cyclist* as one of Canada's premier events, the goal is 500 participants. The Award for Outstanding Volunteer ion the Road Sector goes to Jeff May-Melin for spearheading the 2014



Ron Cooley presenting Erica Musyj with outstanding achievement in MTB

Prairie Grand Fondo.

### **Cameco Volunteer Award – Winner – Tom Landine, Esterhazy**

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding volunteer contribution in the Mountain Bike sector.

Since 2008 the "Granny's Oak Twister" in the beautiful Qu'Appelle valley, south of Esterhazy has been one of the most popular races on the Sask Cup Mountain Bike Calendar. The race offers some of the most spectacular scenery, and warm hospitality to be found anywhere. The race is unique in Saskatchewan—held entirely on private land--on trails developed and groomed by the small but dedicated East Q'Appelle Cartel, led by this year's outstanding volunteer in the MTB sector, Tom Landine.

### **Ken Wilson Achievement Award – Winner Bruce Kemp, Saskatoon**

This is awarded for an outstanding performance in any timed cycling event.

Bruce won Gold in the 2014 SCA Group 3 Road Race, outsprinting two fierce competitors at the finish line, to win the Master D category. Bruce was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease in 2001. Thirteen years on, he's still racing and winning, despite the severe toll Parkinsons takes on balance and fine motor control. Bruce is an inspiration to us all.

### **Wotton Bowl – Winner Shawna Ryan, Saskatoon**

This is awarded for outstanding achievement in road or track racing.



**Ron Cooley presenting Shawna Ryan with the Wotton Bowl Award**

With her new tandem partner, Audrey Lemieux, Shauna had an outstanding season, capturing two silver medals at Para cycling Nationals and representing Canada at the Para Cycling World Cup in Segovia, Spain, and the World Championships in Greenville South Carolina.

**President's Awards – Winner Jeff Hehn, Saskatoon**

The purpose of this award is to recognize outstanding volunteer contribution toward the overall development or progress of the SCA and can only be received once in a life time. This contribution may include development of a club, sector, committee, event, athlete or team, etc.

This year's winner has been a dedicated competitor and cycling volunteer for longer than I can remember. A triathlete as well as a cyclist, he is responsible for building bridges between the triathlon and cycling communities, recruiting SCA members to volunteer at Triathlon events and triathletes to volunteer as Sask Cup races. The culmination of this effort is Velopalooza a superweek of



**Ron Cooley presenting Jeff Hehn with the President's award**

participation-oriented competitive cycling events

now entering its fourth year. Jeff is also an incredible enthusiast for new directions in our sport, including gravel road racing and winter fat-tire riding. He is the president of the newly formed Fatlanders cycling club, and if he has his way, it won't be long before we have a Provincial fat bike championship. Congratulations, Jeff Hehn.

The Saskatchewan Cycling Association awarded plaques to three members, in recognition of long-term volunteer service. On Sunday, plaques were awarded to:

- Grant Thies, Regina – 10 years
- Tom Landine, Esterhazy – 10 years
- Ron Horn, Prince Albert – 20 years



**Shelley Horn accepting Ron Horn's 20 year volunteer gift**